

## Advisory Committee Comments

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# Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee Meeting On 11/03/2022



AC1  
1 of 15

CBSA called to order by David Carl, Chairman @ 9:15am. David Carl asked if he was still the acting chairman to Savannah Hollingworth. She said it should be changed to Chairman of Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee.

David Carl told the group that if any of the members have something to say, they should say now.

Stan Atchak made a roll call, and there was 11 present and about 3 absent . 2 of the members were on tele-conference. The quorum was established.

	<u>Kipnuk</u> David Carl	<u>Chevak</u> Stan Atchak	<u>Chefornak</u> Tommy Kusaiak	<u>Goodnews Bay</u> Peter Julius	<u>Kwigillingok</u> Johnny Friend	<u>Newtok</u> Stanley Tom	<u>Nightmute</u> Stanley Anthony
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>X</b>
By Teleconference						<b>11/4</b>	
Absent				<b>X</b>			
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Quinhagak</u> Jaqueline Cleveland	<u>Tununak</u> Susie Walter	<u>Undesignated</u> Leo Moses Jr.	<u>ALTERNATE</u> <u>Mekoryuk</u> Samson Weston	<u>ALTERNATE</u> <u>Platinum</u> John Samuel	<u>ALTERNATE</u> <u>Toksook Bay</u> Simeon Moses	<u>Kongiginak</u> No representatio n
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
By Teleconference					<b>X</b>		
Absent			<b>X</b>				
Abs/Excused							

Stan Atchak read the agenda for the past meeting. Jackie Cleveland asked if some items were missing from the agenda.

She wanted to add the Fishery Board reports. Could put on the agenda.

Jackie Cleveland made a motion to add the Fish Board to the agenda, seconded by Simeon Moses. Motion passed to accept the agenda with additions.



Chairman David Carl explained that we could still talk in our native language since we have an interpreter with us.

Stan Atchak and Jackie Cleveland read the last minutes of 2/22-23/2022 line by line. Susie

Walter made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Motion passed.

David Carl reported about the hardships that we had in our villages. He talked about the CBS AC meeting stipend that was late in coming to us.

Jackie Cleveland reported that the king salmon were smaller, and chums were good but, not enough to store them in the freezers.

Aerial surveys were conducted by F&G on the salmon around the Quinhagak area. The pikes are invasive on the Kanektok river are many and the trouts are getting less because of them.

Jackie Cleveland reported that they were successful in hunting moose this year. The other years there were not much moose around their area.

She talked about the erosion happening in Quinhagak. She said there has been more erosion lately.

Chairman David Carl asked and responded by stating about the subsistence activities in their villages. He said the subsistence will not stop and will continue on fish and game at the villages.

The subsistence fishing is different nowadays like the tomcods are fewer than the other years.

Also, this is happening to the subsistence salmon we harvest. He suspects the climate change is the main reason for the changes.

Susie Walters reported that a good number of herring fish came along with the other different fish. They stored enough subsistence fish for the winter. She said the tomcods are slowly coming back. The berries were abundant along the coast.



The moose hunters were successful during their annual hunting. They caught the moose around their villages and didn't go to further places like they used to in the past.

Tommy Kusaia stated that he was cautious about subsistence hunting because of being regulated like restricted gathering for the villages.

Stanley Tom reported the subsistence on salmon wasn't very good at their villages. The ones that always go fishing got enough and the ones that didn't go didn't get enough.

Simeon Moses agreed with Stanley Tom's report.

Sam Weston, from Mekoryuk stated that salmon fishing was not plentiful during the summer.

Not too many salmon fish came around. He said that there are about 6 active fishing camps on the island and subsistence fishing has been not good for about 3 years.

Introductions: Savannah Hollingworth, Board Support Section from Fish & Game.

15 minutes recess.

Fisheries Report for the 2022 Fishing Season.

Yukon Report: Deena Jones, Summer Season Fish & Game Manager,

Sonar at Pilot Station for salmon count was less than 50,000, runs were low this year. The other salmon species were low on counting this year. The fishing for subsistence salmon was closed on June 2, 2022 for the Coastal villages and other Lower Yukon areas to preserve the declining salmon fish. The fishermen were told to use 4 inch or less to target fish other than salmon fish. Fall chum was the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest run than the other years. The other salmon species were record low on returning to our areas.

Holly Carol spoke about the Federal Qualified users information.



Nick Smith for the Kuskokwim Fisheries another low run and it was a record low on the chum salmon. Had the lowest on the head waters of Kuskokwim was the lowest on the record.

On Quinhagak area there was no commercial fisheries this year.

The question on proposal to allow more subsistence gear around their area. Proposal 91 on to include different fishing methods on the salmon fishing.

Jackie Cleveland asked if there will be more surveys other than aerial surveys. They will do different methods to conduct surveys and report to the villagers about their findings.

Stan Atchak asked F&G about the Coastal villages on the forecast for the coming fishing season.

He asked if the subsistence salmon fishing forecast for the coming season. Fish & Game responded that the fishing subsistence forecast will be available around April or May 2023 for the coming season.

Susie Walters asked if the beavers have an effect on the spawning salmon. Fish & Game responded that the beavers are getting more and more around our area and they do have some effect on the spawning. Fish & Game responded that the salmon and beavers have been living together for longtime.

John Samuel said that they haven't had commercial fishing for three summers. He said there was a spike in salmon numbers and he stated that when the water is low many salmon don't go up to the spawning grounds. For the commercial fishing there has not been a commercial fish buyer since 2015.

Johnny Friend stated that after the warm summer we had, the salmon and other fish like tomcods were dying. The climate affects the fish species which are dying in our areas.

12:05 LUNCH BREAK



Reconvene @1:48pm

Savannah Hollingworth report about the Advisory Comm. Regulation manual book. About the jurisdiction of the areas. She talked about the drug and alcohol during the meetings. The violators will be asked to leave immediately and reimburse the money spend before they could attend the meetings again.

The department staff will handle the drug or alcohol problem and solve it. The Boards Support in Juneau will ask the person to pay back the money used for the person. There are three conditions that have to be met before the person could attend the meetings.

David Carl stated that the persons that were asked to pay back haven't done yet.

Elections: Most of the Board's terms are up to date or outdated. Savannah Hollingworth encourages the communities to do elections for the Advisory Committees during the regular village elections.

Jackie Cleveland stated that the Tribal Elections need to go with the regular elections that goes on the villages. The voter turn-out might be low if they are electing a seat that they never heard of before.

Tommy Kusaia suggested the women on the board don't know much about the fishing and the bay how they are. The men know more about the situations about fishing and bays because they are the ones that go out and fish.

Johnny Friend stated that the women do the fishing in other areas and are dependable to be on the Boards. He supports the women because they have many talents and are smart to carry the duties of being a board member.



Jackie Cleveland defended herself and co-workers about them being resourceful and having lots of knowledge about the environment of villages.

Mr. Weston stated that he supports the non-discriminations of any sex to be on the board.

Stan Atchak supports Mr. Weston saying that to be non-discriminate on who serves on the Boards. He said some women know more about the fishing and hunting than the other men in the villages. He supports the women to be on the board or any other committees.

Johnny Friend talks about the women being a lot helpful than some of the men. He supports the non-discrimination of the people that sits on the boards or other groups.

Susie Walters stated that she grew up with her grandparents and worked on the subsistence catch. If you prepare the subsistence catches properly they will last for long time.

Savannah Hollingworth stated that all the Advisory meetings are public and open to be productive. They have a rule to non-discriminate the people.

Stan Atchak wanted to add Sargent-At-Arms to control the meeting, and to reduce the “story tellings”, and to have a smooth meeting. To control and keep off the people on “point of order”.

Canadian and Cackling Geese Discussions:

Last couple of years in lower 48 increased the bag limits and the geese population count got down.

In Alaska the daily bag limits got decreased. With the lower 48 bag limits got lower the geese increased. The avian flu got some of the geese which affects the populations decrease.

3:32 Break



Reconvene @3:50p

Open to Public Comment.

MS. Terese Schomogyi from the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission reported on the Kuskokwim River Salmon Situation Report. There is salmon decline on the population.

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57% of the fish were intercepted at the South Alaska Fishery. That is 1.2 million fish going to our area. This Commission is made up of several people from our area to work on the fish. They always meet, even during the fishing season.

The CBSAC talked about getting a full per-diem for the meetings and to talk to the Representatives for our area. This is because of the rising costs and inflation for our area.

Per-diem will continue if you are stuck until you go home.

The current for the per-diem payment is \$45.00 for travel, and \$60.00 for meeting.

David Carl & Jackie Cleveland will make a draft letter for the DOA Commissioner for a per diem increase to Paula R Vrana.

**Proposal #80**-Restrict subsistence king salmon in the middle and upper Yukon River.

Johnny Friend makes a motion for **No Action** on the proposal, seconded by Susie Walters.

Stan Atchak called for Question, All in favor for **No Action**, All in favor, passed for No Action.

**Proposal #81**

Johnny Friend made a motion to **accept the proposal**, seconded by Tommy Kusaiak. All in favor, motion passed.



**Proposal #82**-The nets without buoys are dangerous and Johnny Friend experienced during the summer. He supports the proposal.

Tommy Kusaik stated that when its windy or wavy the buoys are not very visible and the ropes needs to be longer.

Tommy Kusaik made a motion to **accept the proposal**, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal #84**-Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.

Susie Walter made a motion for **No Action** to the proposal, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, motion passed.

Johnny Friend Tommy Kusaik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Johnny Friend . All in favor, motion passed.

Adjourned @6:20pm. To resume tomorrow @ 8:30 am.

**11/04/2022**

CBSA meeting started @8:43am by Chairman David Carl. Roll call by Stan Atchak, with 8 present, and more coming. 10 members present when all had arrived.

**Proposal#85**-Modify Yukon Area personal Use Salmon fishery specifications gear types and gillnet mesh size for during time of salmon conservations.

David Carl asked the board if we were able to skip some of the proposals.

Chairman appointed the Vice-Chair Jackie to present the proposals.

The proposal would reduce the 7.5 inch to 6 inch and 4 inch or smaller.



David Carl stated that with a smaller mesh there is always a bycatch on other salmon fish and other fish.

Johnny Friend made a comment about the proposal to preserve endangered salmon on the Kuskokwim and Yukon rivers. He wanted the F&G talk with the elders from our area.

David Carl made a motion for **No Action**, seconded by Susie Walter, Question called by Johnny Friend, All in favor, motion passed.

Patrick Jones, F&G Wildlife Conservation, for the Wildlife Division.

Last winter they didn't conduct aerial survey, he reported that there are about 3,000 moose on the Kuskokwim area.

Yukon have 24,000 moose and still growing. Bulls and cow ratio were said. 1000 moose on the Yukon and want the hunters to get 4,000. The count is from the mouth of Yukon to around Russian Mission. From Mt. Village down river there are about 12,000 moose.

On the Kuskokwim he reported that most of the hunters had success.

Musk Ox on Nunivak and Nelson Island. Nunivak trophy hunt with 90 muskox.

57 permits will be issued for the Nelson Island.

Mulchatna Caribou is about 12,000. Will be closed for several years to get the population up.

They collared about 150 caribou. The wolves, bears, and eagles kill the caribou. The eagles kill the young ones for food.

Predator control on bears and wolves are done where the caribou calving area using helicopters. All of the Advisory Committees approved the predator control on the calving area.



Johnny Friend made a comment on the predator control and the caribou where the climate is affecting the young caribou. Can't do predator control on the Federal Land only on the State lands.

**Proposal#178**-To reauthorize antlerless moose on the Unit 18 area except the Kuskokwim. The Fish & Game wants us to support this proposal because there are too many moose around the Yukon area. This will help preserve the vegetation from depletion from too many moose.

Jackie Cleveland. asked if this proposal will become law and not to be voted every year. Fish & Game said "no" because we will have to look on this every year.

Tommy Kusaia made a motion to **support the proposal**, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, **motion passed**.

**Proposal#188**-For the brown bear to exempt the \$25.00 tag fees. It will be easier for the Fish & Game to have it without the brown bear tags for the hunters.

Tommy Kusaia made a motion to **support the proposal**, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, **motion passed**.

David Carl asked what will happen on the caribou hunt. The population is about 12.000 and not growing. The hunt will not likely to happen for few years or more.

The musk ox are spread all over and the ones in the Nome area are slowly coming time.

There is about 200 muskox on the mainland and when they reach 300 will probably have a small open hunt.

The proposals for hunting and trapping is coming for call for proposals, if anyone wants to change the trapping regulations.



**Proposal#86**-Require retention of sport caught salmon on the Yukon river. For the sport fish people to keep the salmon when they are fishing once they reach their bag limits.

Stanley Tom made a motion for **No Action** the proposal, seconded by Simeon Moses. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal#87**-Define eel stick to be added the gear type for the Yukon subsistence.

Johnny Friend made a motion to **support the proposal**, seconded by Susie Walter. Question called. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal#88**-Repeal and replace Yukon area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.

Tommy Kusaia made a motion for **support** the proposal, seconded by Johnny Friend. All in favor, motion passed. The **amend** to take off the 8-inch mesh size.

**Proposal#89**-Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with s single line attached.

Simeon Moses made a motion for **Support** the proposal, seconded by Stanley Tom. All in favor, motion passed.

**Proposal#90**- Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in Kuskokwim River.

Johnny Friend made a motion to **oppose** the proposal. All in favor, motion passed. We do not want to make things more difficult for future generations.

**Proposal#91**- Modify Kuskokwim Area Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.

Stanley Tom made a motion to take no action, seconded by Simeon Moses. We do not feel that the river is ours to make these decisions.



**Proposal#92-** Allow more subsistence fishing around commercial fishing periods.

John Samuel said less time restrictions would be good because we hardly have commercial fishing anymore. Simeon Moses made a motion to **Support** Proposal #92, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Friend, **motion passed.**

**Proposal#94-** Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jackie Cleveland, from Quinhagak, said that the end date should have been June 30. She suggests supporting this proposal with an amendment that the dates are changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>. Johnny Friend made a motion to **support as amended**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simeon Moses. Quinhagak knows their village and what happens there, so we should support them. **Motion passes.**

**Proposal#95-** When a federal special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainage wide escapement goal range.

To avoid confusion and political tensions.

Motion made by Johnny Friend to **support** Proposal#95, second by Tommy Kusaiak. **Motion passes.**

**Proposal#96-** When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11<sup>th</sup> when the projected escapement is within the drainage wide escapement goal range.



Motion made by Susie Walter to **support** Proposal #96, seconded by Johnny Friend. **Motion passed.**

**Proposal#97-** Establish when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet gear specifications and operation.

Beach seines catch everything, and this proposal does not seem like a conservation effort, but dipnet is better conservation. We are all from the coast, may be in the river it is experienced differently. It is hard to decide on this proposal because there are so many parts and different gear. A motion was made to **support the proposal with an amendment to not include beach seines** by Stanley, seconded by Johnny Friend. **Motion passed.**

**Proposal#165-** Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.

David Carl makes a motion to **support** Proposal 165, seconded by Johnny Friend. **Motion passed.**

Proposal# 133 and Proposal# 134 – No Action

**PROPOSAL#135-** Amend the South Unimak and Shumigan Island June management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.

Susie Walters made a motion for **No Action** on the proposal, seconded by David Carl. All in favor, **motion passed.**

**Proposal#136-** Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.

Johnny Friend made a **motion to support** the proposal, seconded by Simeon Moses. All in favor, **motion passed.**



**Proposal#137**-Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Island June Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.

Johnny Friend made a **motion to support** on the proposal, seconded by Tommy Kusaia. All in favor, **motion passed**.

**Proposal#138**-Amend

Simeon Moses made a **motion to support** on the proposal, seconded by Susie Walters. All in favor, **motion passed**.

**Proposal#139**-Recommended for no action by the other group

**Proposal #140**- Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.

Motion made by Johnny Friend to **support** proposal #140, seconded by Susie Walter. **Motion passed**.

**Proposal#141 & 142**- No Action. Savannah Hollingworth asks the Committee to choose which meetings and who to send to them. She recommends having alternates since weather is sometimes a problem and there is no remote testimony. She talks about how the Board meetings work, comments, and dates. The group decides to send someone to the AYK and Area M meeting with 3 alternates each.

January 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Board of Fisheries: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim meeting in Anchorage nominees: Samson Weston nominates Jackie Cleveland. Jackie declines the nomination. She is going to an NVK meeting. Samson Weston nominates David Carl. David accepts the nomination. John Samuel was nominated by Susie Walter. John declines. Jackie Cleveland nominates Johnny Friend. Johnny accepts. Jackie nominates Samson Weston, but Samson declines. Susie Walter



nominates Stan Atchak, but he was not there to decline and accept since he had to go for his flight. He can decline later if he needs to since his nomination is for a 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. Susie Walter nominates Stanley Tom.

Motion made to approve sending David Carl, with alternates Johnny Friend, Stan Atchak, then Stanley Tom to AYK Board of Fish meeting by Samson Weston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie Walter. Motion carries.

February 20-25 – Area M meeting. Susie Walter nominates Jackie Cleveland, David Carl 2<sup>nds</sup>. David Carl is nominated; Susie Walter nominates Johnny Friend. Susie Walter was nominated as the 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate. Susie Walter makes a motion to approve the nominations to go the Area M meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Friend.

The next meeting date – Jackie Cleveland suggests a teleconference in late January or early February to prepare for the Area M meeting and to hear about the AYK meeting.

Stanley Tom makes a motion to approve a February 1<sup>st</sup> teleconference meeting date. David Carl seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM



# Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

November 16, 2022

Delta Junction City Hall

I. Call to Order: 6:34pm by Jacob White

II. Roll Call

	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>				
	Jacob White	Mike Bender	Jeff Lipscomb	Carl Taylor	Alan Waldo	Vern Aiton	Tisha Kennell
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Absent							
Abs/Excused							
	Robert Matthews	Earl McNabb	Tim Webb	Jesse Cummings	<u>ALTERNATE</u> Don Quarberg	<u>ALTERNATE</u> Tony Williams	
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Absent							
Abs/Excused							

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: **6 -Quorum?** **YES**

III. Chair's Comments --- NONE

IV. Comments/Concerns of Public --- NONE

V. Comments/Concerns of AC Members ---- NONE

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, Bob Schmidt, Shane Ransberry, Sam Decker

VII. Guests Present:

Jack Windsor, Phil Kaspari, Neal Kelly, Dean Howtchin, Arthur Cummings, Kurt Schmidt. Kyle Campbell (Boards Support),

VIII. Approval of Agenda: Approved as presented, with addition of BOF Proposals 65-74.  
Motion to approve by Jacob White, Seconded by Mike Bender. Unanimous.

IX. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve as amended by Jacob White, Second by Mike Bender. Vern Aiton asked they be amended to show that additional Guests present at that meeting where Senator Click Bishop and his wife, as well as Representative Mike Cronk. Mike Bender asked the



minutes be amended to reflect that Rusty Craig did not resign from the AC, but was not re-elected. Minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

X. Old Business

Update on Bear baiting Agenda Change Request submitted by Delta AC

The ACR was assigned number 5. To be accepted or rejected at the Board meeting on 17 NOV.

XI. New Business

a. ADF&G Staff Reports

Bob Schmidt, Wildlife Conservation:

1. GSPE upcoming – half done with surveys
2. Suggest holding a moose seminar in January – recommend a Saturday like we did in 2006.
3. Bison hunt ends this Friday – each group has got their quota. 60-63 total harvest expected.

• Brandy Baker, Sport Fisheries

1. Reported that the Clearwater river Coho Salmon count was 1750, with an Escapement goal of 5K-15K. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row the goal has not been met.
2. The reporting app should be getting a confirmation number added. There was a way to tell by looking at the site – when it was working.

b. Discussion of selected BOF Proposals: 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85.

Shane Ransberry gave a summary of the fall salmon season. Chum and Coho have seen three years in a row low. Fall Chum the lowest on record, with fall Coho the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest on record. Canada tributary escapement goals unlikely to be met. Subsistence harvest expected to be lower than normal.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim			
January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o 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>			



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<a href="#">63</a>	Establish an annual bag limit of 20 northern pike and modify daily bag limit of fish greater than 30 inches in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
<a href="#">64</a>	Modify the daily bag limit to require retention of the first 10 fish caught and length limit for northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
<a href="#">65</a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Tanana River Area.		
Oppose	0	9	Jeff/Jacob 2 Abstentions: ambivalence. Majority opposed said good intentions, but cited potential conflicts with closures
<a href="#">66</a>	Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.		
Oppose	4	7	Vern/Tisha majority opposed based on catch and release mortality
<a href="#">67</a>	Prohibit retention of northern pike caught on set lines in the Tanana River drainage.		
No Action			
<a href="#">68</a>	Repeal setline prohibition and bag and possession limit for burbot in T Lake.		
SUPPORT	11	0	Jacob/Earl Continuity of regs
<a href="#">69</a>	Restrict the sport fishing season for Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River.		
No Action			
<a href="#">70</a>	Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River from June 1 to March 31.		
No Action			
<a href="#">71</a>	Remove the size limit for lake trout in Fielding Lake.		
OPPOSE	0	8	Jacob/Mike 3 Abstained
<a href="#">72</a>	Allow for catch-and-release fishing in Bathing Beauty Pond, Bear Lake, Moose Lake, Polaris Lake, Piledriver Slough, and Moose Creek.		
Support	10	0	Jeff/Jacob 1 Abstained
<a href="#">73</a>	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations.		
Support	11	0	Jacob/Vern
<a href="#">74</a>	Update the Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.		
Support	11	0	Rob/Jacob
<a href="#">75</a>	Modify Arctic grayling bag, possession, and length limits in the Northwestern Area.		
No Action			



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<a href="#">76</a>	Allow Kotzebue commercial salmon fishermen to leave their set gillnet gear unattended during commercial fishing periods.		
No Action			
<a href="#">77</a>	Establish an optimal escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence District.		
No Action			
<a href="#">78</a>	Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-ro, and food and bait fishing seasons.		
No Action			
<a href="#">79</a>	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.		
No Action			
<a href="#">80</a>	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
No Action			
<a href="#">81</a>	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		
No Action			
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
Support	11	0	Earl/Mike Safety
<a href="#">83</a>	After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.		
Support	11	0	Consistency & protects late kings
<a href="#">84</a>	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.		
No Action			
<a href="#">85</a>	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.		
No Action			
<a href="#">86</a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.		
<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		



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<a href="#">88</a>			Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.
<a href="#">89</a>			Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.
<a href="#">90</a>			Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.
<a href="#">91</a>			Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.
<a href="#">92</a>			Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.
<a href="#">93</a>			Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.
<a href="#">94</a>			Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15.
<a href="#">95</a>			When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.
<a href="#">96</a>			When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.
<a href="#">97</a>			Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.



#### Discussion on BOG action in March on Proposal 149

There are unintended consequences from passing this proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree of Kindred have less opportunity, while guided non-residents have a far greater chance of being drawn. Does the Delta AC want to send a letter to the board asking this to be addressed if ACR13 is accepted. Consensus was yes.

Other committee, fisheries, or wildlife related business as needed:

Arthur Cummings reported that there were 3 wrong-sex bison citations issued and 10 sublegal moose. Both lower than usual.

Earl McNabb Asked if there had been any observed impact on Bison from the caliber requirements changes. ANSWER: No.

Tisha Kennel asked if there is any different plan for Bison if we have another extreme winter. Answer: Continue snow clearing for diversionary paths and language is being developed to allow feeding if we experience a top 10% winter. Care must be taken there, as this presents potential to lose wild herd status if fed too much.

XIII Set next meeting date  
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XIV Adjournment: 8:20 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Lipscomb

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM by Delta AC Chair Jacob White**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Jacob White, Alan Waldo, Earl McNabb, Tisha Kennell, Jeff Lipscomb, Jesse Cummings, Mike Bender, Rob Mathews, Don Quarberg (alt), Tony Williams (alt)

**Members Absent/Excused:** Carl Taylor, Vern Aiton, Tim Webb

**ESTABLISH QUORUM                    YES – 10 members present**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**Don Bunselmeier**

**Jim Cummings**

**Neil Kelly**

**Kurt Schmidt**

**Jack Windsor**

**Jim Simon**

**Mark Richards (Vice Chair, Fairbanks AC)**

**John Wisniewski (Fairbanks AC)**

**Kyle Campbell (Boards Support)**

**Christy Tibbles (Executive Director, Board of Game)**

- **Chair's Comments - None**
- **Concerns/Comments of Public - None**
- **Concerns/Comments of AC members - None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: November 16th, 2022: As amended to include more comments on BOF proposals. Motion to Approve by Mike Bender, Seconded by Tisha Kennell. Passed unanimously. Proposals portion of last month's meeting as amended, are appended to these minutes, with changes/additions highlighted in purple.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: as amended to include Livestock feed issue under "Other fisheries and wildlife business as needed." Motion to Approve by Mike Bender, Seconded by Earl McNabb. Passed unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Last year's Board of Game Proposal 149:** Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters  
Carried 6-1  
**This item was moved to New Business as part of the discussion of the new, associated proposal 208.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Department Updates: Clint Cooper (Wildlife), Brandy Baker (Sport Fish)**

Brandy Baker: Ice still not very thick due to warm temps and insulating snow. Reminder to register ice fishing houses before placing them. Ms. Baker will miss the January AC meeting but will have a more in-depth report in February.

Clint Cooper:

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The moose population survey in 20D South was completed in NOV. The point estimate for population is 2530 moose – a 40% decline from the 2020 survey. Bull to Cow ratio is 25 to 100 – versus 24 to 100 in 2020. The calf to cow ratio is 25 to 100 – versus 32 to 100 in 2020.

Still want to have a focused moose management meeting in JAN. Clint suggested the 18<sup>th</sup> (regular AC meeting night) but more than half the AC will be absent that week. The 11<sup>th</sup> was suggested instead. Later in the meeting, this was changed to Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> due to the 11<sup>th</sup> being the regular meeting night of at least 2 other ACs. That meeting will begin at 6:00 PM to give a little extra time, since this will be a long meeting.

Tisa Kennell asked what the department is doing with regards to predators, given that the past year was a really good year for predators and a bad year for moose and bison. Clint recommended that question be addressed at the January meeting which will be focused on moose management.

Jack Windsor asked what about 20D North? Are there plans to do a wolf population survey in 20D North? Mr. Windsor stated that there seem to be lots of wolves and in his personal experience in the field this fall and winter, he has seen at least 40% less moose than usual. Clint answered that the wolf survey is not done every year, and when it is done, it is usually done in MAR. This is another question that will be addressed at the January Meeting of the AC.

Clint stated that the Delta bison hunt ended up very close to the harvest goal of 60 animals. The department is procuring some telemetry collars for Bison to allow them to track movement.

**Board of Game ACR #13/Proposal # 208 - Modify the nonresident drawing permit allocation for Dall sheep in Unit 14C and other Board of Game proposals as requested by AC members**

Jacob asked Don Quarberg to speak to this issue. Don stated that for many years, the department has held that a truly random drawing is the fairest way to distribute permits. While there has often been debate over this, it really is the fairest to all applicants. There should simply be 1 random draw for residents and 1 random draw for non-residents, with none of this 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kindred (2DK) versus other non-resident separation.

Other discussion ensued: the set aside of 10% of tags for non-resident dramatically improves the odds of a non-resident being drawn. Looking at historical numbers of non-residents drawn shows that while there has been a limit of “up to 10% of available permits” it has been rare that the number of non-residents drawn has been close to that. Proposal 149, submitted by Sheep guide Dan Montgomery and adopted by the BOG last year was supposed to balance the number of 2DK permittees and the number of other non-residents drawn. In the end, it guarantees a specific percentage of sheep tags are set aside for non-residents. Proposal 208, also submitted by Dan Montgomery, addresses only unit GMU 14C and effectively does nothing to solve the unintended consequences for the other areas affected by proposal 149, including the Delta Controlled Use Area hunts.

Jacob White moved that the Delta AC submit comments to BOG regarding proposal 208 for the upcoming session where it will be considered under ACR 13, and that we also submit a new proposal for next year’s BOG meeting to repeal proposal 149. Seconded by Mike Bender. The motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion on Board of Game Appointees

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Christy Tibbles let us know the basics but stated that she was not involved in the actual selection process at the Governor's office, so could not answer specifics on why certain choices were made on appointments. There are three seats expiring in 2023. Anyone can apply and the basis of qualification is available on-line. Ms. Tibbles read those aloud, and it seems to boil down to having expressed an interest and having knowledge of the subject. There is no readily available definition of what that knowledge/experience requirement entails, or what selection criteria are applied. In response to comments that it seems there is an imbalance of guides to non-guides on the BOG, Ms. Tibbles reiterated that she was not part of the selection process, but that the AC could send a letter to the Governor's office to voice our concerns.

- **Discuss having Delta AC member track BLM AK Resource Advisory Council**

Jack Windsor stated that he had asked this to be a topic for this meeting after reading an article in the Fairbanks News-Miner about the application period being open for appointments to the Council from the public. Mr. Windsor spoke in some detail about the similar committee that was formed in our area 10 years or so ago to be the community's voice and overwatch for what was going on at POGO MINE.

There was a good bit of discussion on this topic with some confusion initially about the difference between this BLM RESOURCE Advisory Council and the Federal Subsistence REGIONAL Advisory Councils, which are both referred to as RACs. Jim Simon provided clarity with information that there are ten Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, as opposed to one Resource Advisory Council.

Tisha Kennell volunteered to serve as the Delta AC's point of contact to monitor the proceedings of the Resource Advisory Council and report back to the AC on their actions/recommendations.

- **Discuss submitting proposals for 2023-2024 Board of Game meeting Cycle**

The submission deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. The AC decide that any proposals we wanted to submit should be ready for AC Decision at the February meeting. We know we will at least submit the proposal discussed earlier to repeal Proposal 149.

- **Discuss AC representative(s) for Board Meeting(s)**

Jeff Lipscomb will represent the Delta AC at the 17-21 March BOG meeting in Soldotna.

Tisha Kennell will check her work schedule and if it allows, volunteered to represent the Delta AC at the 14-18 January BOF meeting in Anchorage

- **Other fisheries and wildlife business as needed**

Jacob White read a newspaper article aloud regarding state funding to be provided to commercial livestock producers. This article was brought to the AC's attention by a citizen concerned that the article stated the funding for this program had been moved from Alaska Department of Fish and Game. No one in attendance had any knowledge of, or information on, this program or the funding question. The AC requested that ADF&G provide information on this at our next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Delta AC was set for THURSDAY, January 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM.**

**ADJOURN : Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM**

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<a href="#">63</a>	Establish an annual bag limit of 20 northern pike and modify daily bag limit of fish greater than 30 inches in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
<a href="#">64</a>	Modify the daily bag limit to require retention of the first 10 fish caught and length limit for northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
<a href="#">65</a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Tanana River Area.		
Oppose	0	9	Jeff/Jacob 2 Abstentions: ambivalence. Majority opposed said good intentions, but cited potential conflicts with closures
<a href="#">66</a>	Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.		
Oppose	4	7	Vern/Tisha majority opposed based on catch and release mortality
<a href="#">67</a>	Prohibit retention of northern pike caught on set lines in the Tanana River drainage.		
No Action			
<a href="#">68</a>	Repeal setline prohibition and bag and possession limit for burbot in T Lake.		
SUPPORT	11	0	Jacob/Earl This is to improve Continuity of regs, since this is the only body of water in the drainage with these rules.
<a href="#">69</a>	Restrict the sport fishing season for Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River.		
No Action			
<a href="#">70</a>	Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River from June 1 to March 31.		
No Action			
<a href="#">71</a>	Remove the size limit for lake trout in Fielding Lake.		

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OPPOSE	0	8	Jacob/Mike 3 Abstained. Majority opposed due to ease of access and the concern that removing the restrictions would lead to increased fishing pressure and a concomitant depletion of lake trout population in Fielding Lake
<a href="#">72</a>	Allow for catch-and-release fishing in Bathing Beauty Pond, Bear Lake, Moose Lake, Polaris Lake, Piledriver Slough, and Moose Creek.		
Support	10	0	Jeff/Jacob 1 Abstained. Delta AC supports ADF&G Housekeeping changes.
<a href="#">73</a>	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations.		
Support	11	0	Jacob/Vern Delta AC supports ADF&G Housekeeping changes.
<a href="#">74</a>	Update the Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.		
Support	11	0	Rob/Jacob. Delta AC supports ADF&G Housekeeping changes.
<a href="#">75</a>	Modify Arctic grayling bag, possession, and length limits in the Northwestern Area.		
No Action			
<a href="#">76</a>	Allow Kotzebue commercial salmon fishermen to leave their set gillnet gear unattended during commercial fishing periods.		
No Action			
<a href="#">77</a>	Establish an optimal escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence District.		
No Action			
<a href="#">78</a>	Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-ro, and food and bait fishing seasons.		
No Action			
<a href="#">79</a>	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.		
No Action			
<a href="#">80</a>	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
No Action			
<a href="#">81</a>	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		

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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
No Action			
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
Support	11	0	Earl/Mike Safety
<a href="#">83</a>	After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.		
Support	11	0	Consistency & protects late kings
<a href="#">84</a>	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.		
No Action			
<a href="#">85</a>	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.		
No Action			
<a href="#">86</a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.		
<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
<a href="#">88</a>	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.		
<a href="#">89</a>	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.		
<a href="#">90</a>	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		
<a href="#">91</a>	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
<a href="#">92</a>	Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.		
<a href="#">93</a>	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.		

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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#"><u>94</u></a>			Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15.
<a href="#"><u>95</u></a>			When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.
<a href="#"><u>96</u></a>			When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.
<a href="#"><u>97</u></a>			Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.



**Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Eagle Village Tribal Hall & Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 4:04 pm by Chair Karma Ulvi
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Karma Ulvi, Ben Juneby, Mike McDougall, Andy Bassich, Don Woodruff, Ruby Becker  
Members Absent (Excused): Chalia Selman  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Steve Robbins, Sonja Sagar, Jackie Helmer  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support Section), Lisa Stuby (Division of Sport Fish), Christy Gleason (Division of Commercial Fisheries), Deena Jallen (Division of Commercial Fisheries), Shane Ransbury (Division of Commercial Fisheries)
- IV. Introduction of Guests: Darcy Okada (National Park Service), Gale Vick (Fairbanks AC), Jody Potts Joseph, Jim Simon (Tanana Chief's Conference)
- V. Chair's Comments:
- VI. Concerns/Comments of Public:
- VII. Concerns/Comments of AC Members: Andy Bassich recommended moving straight into proposals beginning with Proposal 79
- VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – motion by Andy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike
- IX. Approval of Agenda: motion by Andy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike
- X. New Business:  
Board of Fisheries Proposals taken up: 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, & 140  
[for all of the proposals taken up, Andy made the motion and Mike seconded]  
Action and comments on proposals are in the table on pages 2-4.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Karma Ulvi will represent the AC during the AYK Board of Fisheries Meeting in January, Andy Bassich (tentative) will represent the AC during the Alaska Peninsula Board of Fisheries Meeting in February
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBA
- XIII. Other:  
During discussion of Proposal 81 Ben Juneby asked a question about special ceremonial harvest of king salmon during closures. Deena Jallen (ADF&G) explained that there is a process for this. To request special harvest for funerals or potlatch, contact Yukon Area Managers (Deena Jallen and Christy Gleason) to make the request.  
During discussion of Proposal 86 Jim Simon and Deena Jallen shared information about commercial harvest of eel/lamprey and research by Trent Sutton at UAF on this fishery.
- XIV. Adjourn: 6:49 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Ruby Becker & ADF&G Boards Support

Minutes Approved By: Chair Karma Ulvi (via email)

Date: 12/30/2022



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<a href="#"><u>79</u></a>	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.		
SUPPORT	5	0	<p>Unanimous support as written and <b><u>the Eagle AC recommends the Board amend this proposal to include the entire Yukon River drainage.</u></b> People have used willow and line to fish in the rivers around Eagle for hundreds and thousands of years. This is not in our area, but this could greatly benefit people in our area and throughout the Yukon so that sport licenses aren't required for subsistence practices. General Procedural Question: Is it possible for the AC to support a proposal as it is written AND also recommend amended/expanded language? ie: Can the language of this proposal be amended to include the entire Yukon drainage.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADF&amp;G) commented that passing this proposal will align Federal and State regulations.</p>
<a href="#"><u>80</u></a>	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
OPPOSE	0	5	The Eagle AC is adamantly opposed to this proposal. It would have dramatic effects on subsistence fishing on the Yukon. This proposal is divisive, disrespectful, and offensive; it pits lower Yukon communities against middle and upper Yukon communities. Communities must work together to conserve this resource.
<a href="#"><u>81</u></a>	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		



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OPPOSE	0	5	This would have been a good proposal 10 or 20 years ago, but given the current status of Yukon king Salmon we cannot support this proposal. Every king salmon that enters the Yukon is crucial to the survival of the stock. Currently King Salmon are on the verge of being extirpated in the Yukon. If the fishery rebounds to a sustainable level this could be a good idea again, but right now it sends the wrong message. Right now, it would be unwise to harvest any Yukon kings, regardless of size. Fish under 24" still contribute to the genetic diversity of the population overall. Every fish counts. Andy Bassich also voiced concern about the ability to enforce this proposal.
<a href="#"><u>82</u></a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
SUPPORT	5	0	The Eagle AC supports proposals that could help reduce the occurrence of illegal salmon harvest on the Yukon.
<a href="#"><u>83</u></a>	After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.		
SUPPORT	5	0	It's important that every Yukon king has the opportunity to get to their spawning grounds. Late running chinook salmon are usually large fecund females, and use of 7.5" gill nets in these mixed stock fisheries late in the season has the potential to catch these large female chinook and has contributed to the decline of Yukon kings. In response to complaints about 6" mesh nets downriver and elsewhere in the state filling up with chum or other smaller species- those types of comments don't show very much concern for the conservation of King salmon or subsistence users upriver that have fewer species and resources to target. We need to do everything we can for the conservation of Chinook Salmon on the Yukon and Tanana Rivers.
<a href="#"><u>84</u></a>	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.		



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SUPPORT	5	0	Good housekeeping proposal, provides more tools for the department to conserve king salmon and other species.
<a href="#"><u>85</u></a>	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.		
SUPPORT	5	0	Same as 84. Good housekeeping proposal, provides more tools for the department to conserve king salmon and other species.
<a href="#"><u>86</u></a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.		
OPPOSE	0	5	Concern about language in the proposal, specifically “any salmon removed from the water must be retained.” Cannot support this proposal during times of low salmon runs. Could be seen as a loophole by anglers/cause illegal retention of king salmon.
<a href="#"><u>87</u></a>	Define eel stick.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
<a href="#"><u>88</u></a>	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.		
SUPPORT	5	0	Good for conservation, builds more flexibility for managers to be able to manage during times of conservation.
<a href="#"><u>89</u></a>	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.		



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OPPOSE	0	5	<p>Concerned about fish handling/bruising and the inability to safely release king salmon caught using this method. For comparison, it took decades to develop methods for safe release using fishwheels. A dipnet on a line will allow for fishing deeper in the water column where kings tend to swim, and the potential for catching and harming kings using this method is concerning. More education and outreach on safe release practices during times of conservation is needed, and this method needs to be looked at more. Education and outreach on safe fish handling is needed in this commercial fishery. The most important thing is to protect the king salmon.</p> <p>Members of the Eagle AC all expressed concerns about this fishing practice, especially in terms of ethical fish handling and the viability of a fish being released back into the river after being caught and brought into a boat using a net in the manner described.</p>

## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">140</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	5	0	Comments on this proposal will be finalized during the January Meeting of the Eagle Advisory Committee.



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12/14/2022 Meeting Minutes  
J.P. Jones Community Center  
204 Rickert Street  
Fairbanks, AK  
&  
Teleconference

**I. Call to Order:** Chair at 6:02PM

**II. Roll Call:**

	<b><u>CHAIR</u></b> John Siegfried	<b><u>VICE- CHAIR</u></b> Mark Richards	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Virgil Umphenour	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Absent								
Abs/Excused								
	Levi Lewellyn	Austin Smith	Warren Guichici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Gabriel Davis	James Paine (alternate)
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>x</b>		<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>		
Absent				<b>x</b>			<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Abs/Excused								
	Lance Nelson (alternate)							
Present	<b>x</b>							
Absent								
Abs/Excused								

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Al Barrette (BOG), Chris Bye, Tim Hammond (BLM), Jen Yuhas

**Fish & Game Staff Present:** Tony Hollis, Trooper Valentine, Kyle Campbell, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Chuck Brasil (F&G), Shane Ransbury, Trooper Dirks, Sam Decker, Andy Gryska



#### **IV. Comments**

**Chair Comments:** First time as chairman; please be patient. There is a lot to cover this evening, please keep comments brief.

**Vice Chair:** none

**Trapping:** none

**Game:** none

**Fish:** none

**AC Member Comments:** Virgil Umphenour announced publication of "Dall Sheep Management" by Wayne Heimer.

**Public Comments:** none

**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** approval of November 9 minutes by unanimous consent

**VI. Approval of Agenda:** approved by unanimous consent

**VII. Old Business:**

**VIII. New Business:**

**Steese White Mountains Travel Management Plan overview with Tim Hammond (BLM):** Referred AC members to maps available at the meeting. White Mountains winter map shows approval for motorized access throughout almost all of the area, with exception of designated non-motorized trails intended for ski access to cabins. Summer map shows more extensive restrictions on motorized travel, color coded for differing restrictions. New areas may allow e-bike access. Accommodations for larger side by sides on some trails. Overview of Nome Creek map; highlighting differing OHV restrictions and restrictions on domestic sheep, goats, and llamas. Highlights of Steese winter map & proposed new motorized access as resources become available in the future. Summer Steese map; highlighting off-route game retrieval in areas otherwise closed to motorized access & proposed routes that depend on funding.

Jeff Lucas asked about using public to help out with new/extended trails. This will be part of the public outreach plan & depends on interest. There may be legal issues (insurance, etc.)



Chuck Derrick asked about repercussions of going outside of motorized boundaries. This would be a ticket and fine, but there are limited enforcement resources available throughout the area. Severe damage resulting from failure to follow travel management plan could result in trespass violation.

Mike Tinker asked about absence of trails on state lands on the maps. This was a conscious decision to avoid confusion and clutter on maps. There may be a forthcoming collaborative map that shows trails on both federal and state lands in these areas.

Mark Richards asked if horses are allowed in areas that restrict other domestic animals & about restrictions on feed. Horses are allowed. Weed-free feed is preferred. Improved signage will be installed to clarify all restrictions and boundary areas. Joint state/federal signs may be installed. Working on identification of approved route to Preacher Creek.

Al Barrette asked about definition of “exposed soils” and logic behind closed area on south side of Birch Creek. This is a judgement call in research natural areas. Closed area is result of policy not to open areas without current demand/evidence of use. There is an adaptive management strategy, so this could change in the future.

Mike Tinker pointed out that historic trails have been removed from these current maps, which erases evidence of past/traditional use. There was discussion of RS2477 routes, but these cannot be dealt with in travel management plans under BLM policy.

John Siegfried asked about how weight of vehicles is determined? Also would like to know about access for tracked vehicles. Tracked vehicles are currently not allowed. This may change in the future based on more data. Weight is based on curb weight (manufacturers published weight with full fluids and fuel).

**Dept./AWT Update:** Tony Hollis reported on 20A moose survey. Chose to do the survey in order to compare to last year after the hard winter. Est. 11,028 moose (down from 14,000 last year). Objective in the area is 10-15,000. Bull/cow ratio was 28/100. Calf/cow ratio was 33/100. Harvest data is not yet complete but is anticipated to be about normal compared to recent years. Anticipate less yearlings as a result of last winter, but this has not been calculated yet.

Trooper Valentine reported that the end of the 40 mile caribou hunt was quiet with few citations. There was some increased harvest off the Taylor Hwy. Mark Richards asked about subsistence violations. Most of these have been qualified hunters who were on state land rather than federal.

**Fisheries Subcommittee Recommendations BOF AYK Proposals:** Gale Vick



asked for approval of 11/7 subcommittee meetings from members who were in attendance. Approved by unanimous consent.

Review of proposals discussed by the subcommittee (packet included in materials for this meeting).

Discussion of Proposal 81, allowing retention of 24" and under kings on the Yukon (dipnets & fish wheels only). Some concern that this undermines the message that "every fish counts" during current/recent run declines. Holly Carroll suggested that this could be determined by emergency order depending on harvestable surplus to provide equitable fishing/harvest opportunity.

Mike Kramer does not support this proposal. 24" kings are likely to be successful spawners and there is no evidence that they will produce more 24" fish. Proposal will lead to enforcement issues, catch & release mortality, etc.

Mike Tinker stated that Canadians believe that 24" fish are not viable spawners. Have U.S. managers made this determination. Deena Jallen stated that these fish have simply come back early and are likely to successfully spawn.

Virgil Umphenour provided brief history of discussion of similar proposals in the past and other rivers in Alaska. Does not believe that with current run sizes managers will not allow harvest anyway.

Chuck Derrick asked if fish wheels are required to have a live box & are they required to be closely attended. Deena Jallen stated that fish must be immediately released. Holly Carroll supports use of selective gear, which we are already doing, and leaving bag limit and size limit to managers. The current proposal needs work, but this could be a valuable management tool when there is a small harvestable surplus. Chuck Derrick asked for clarification of whether the department has the discretion to require fish wheels to be closely attended. Holly Carroll stated that the department can require this when fishery is open to selective gear in conservation mode. Deena Jallen stated that this can be done through emergency order or by regulation making it a requirement of the permit.

Mike Kramer believes it is unrealistic to think that people will deploy fish wheels to keep two 24" fish. Gale Vick stated that wheels will not be in the water unless there is a harvestable surplus of chums and that this rule would apply under a permit.

Mike Tinker believes this discussion needs to be had by the Board and that in order for this to happen we need to support moving the proposal forward. Gale Vick agrees that proposal should be moved forward with detailed comments reflecting the discussion by the AC.



Motion by Mike Tinker to modify proposal with size & bag limit set by emergency order and support Proposal 81. Seconded by Mark Richards. Motion passed by vote of 13-1.

Discussion of Proposal 84 regarding lawful gear/specs for Yukon River subsistence fishery. Mike Tinker supports this proposal with language cleaned up. Christy Gleason stated that 6" gear would avoid targeting the few larger fish in the run & will generally benefit subsistence fishermen. Deena Jallen asked for list of changes and discrepancies in proposal so that they can be addressed by the time the board looks at this proposal.

Discussion to clarify that the fish subcommittee opposed Proposal 63 with comments.

Motion by Mark Richards to approve all fish subcommittee recommendations not already acted on. Seconded by Jeff Lucas. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

**Game/Trap Subcommittee Recommendations on Region I BOG Proposals:**  
Mark Richards reviewed proposals discussed by subcommittee (recommendations included in packet for this AC meeting).

Motion by Mark Richards, seconded by Mike Tinker, to support recommendations of subcommittee. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

**Other:** Fish subcommittee will meet on Jan. 9. This meeting will be critical due to discussion of Area M.

Game/trap subcommittee will not meet in January.

AC will not send a representative to the BOF AYK meeting in Anchorage. Gale Vick and Virgil Umphenour will represent the AC at the BOF Area M meeting.

Hatchery meeting will take place on March 9.

Jeff Lucas will represent the AC at the BOG meeting in Soldotna March 17-21.

WACH working group meeting today and tomorrow. Dave Kilbourn is representing Fairbanks hunters. Mark Richards suggested inviting Dave to the next AC to report on this meeting.

**IX. Adjourn:** Chair at 8:34PM.

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC)**

**December 14, 2022**

**JP Jones Center and on-line**

**Fairbanks, Alaska**

**Record of Action on AYK Board of Fisheries Proposals**

**Public comment deadline December 30, 2022 <sup>1</sup>**

- I. Call to Order: 6:02 pm by Chair, John Siegfried
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: 14  
Members Absent (Excused): 2  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:**  
**List of User Groups Present:**
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Trooper Valentine, Kyle Campbell, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Chuck Brasil (F&G), Shane Ransbury, Trooper Dirks, Sam Decker, Andy Gryska
- IV. Guests Present: Al Barrette (Board of Game), Chris Bye, Tim Hammond (BLM), Jen Yuhas
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

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<sup>1</sup> Full minutes available on request



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o 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>			
<a href="#">63</a>	Establish an annual bag limit of 20 northern pike and modify daily bag limit of fish greater than 30 inches in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
	ALL YES		Support with amendment: Repeal the requirement from the winter subsistence management plan that restricts the summer sport fish bag limit. Reason: The existing winter regulation has a “trigger” that affects the summer sport fishery. The concept was for conservation and began when the population of pike was not well known. Subsequent studies have shown a much larger total pike population than originally estimated. The Department states that even the larger known population is from only a few sites within the available habitat. The new population estimates remove the need for reducing the summer season bag limit.
<a href="#">64</a>	Modify the daily bag limit to require retention of the first 10 fish caught and length limit for northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
		ALL NO	Unmanageable for enforcement
<a href="#">65</a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Tanana River Area.		
		NA	Moot issue until salmon stocks are rebuilt
<a href="#">66</a>	Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.		
	ALL YES		
<a href="#">67</a>	Prohibit retention of northern pike caught on set lines in the Tanana River drainage.		
		ALL NO	Would require regulatory change
<a href="#">68</a>	Repeal setline prohibition and bag and possession limit for burbot in T Lake.		
	ALL YES		Information from ADF&G in Delta states no abundance issue
<a href="#">69</a>	Restrict the sport fishing season for Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River.		
		ALL NO	Putting up signs in key river access areas to use only single hooks (by law) would resolve the issue
<a href="#">70</a>	Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River from June 1 to March 31.		



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	ALL YES		The limiting dates (June 1 through March 31) are outside the Spring migration periods and remove the exposure of concentrated fishing immediately after ice out. Only single hooks are allowed in this fishery.
<a href="#">71</a>	Remove the size limit for lake trout in Fielding Lake.		
	ALL YES		Department staff noted there would clarifying comments
<a href="#">72</a>	Allow for catch-and-release fishing in Bathing Beauty Pond, Bear Lake, Moose Lake, Polaris Lake, Piledriver Slough, and Moose Creek.		
	ALL YES		The FAC looks forward to an area stocking report
<a href="#">73</a>	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations.		
	ALL YES		ADF&G will correct to reflect Prop#72 language
<a href="#">74</a>	Update the Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.		
	ALL YES		
<a href="#">75</a>	Modify Arctic grayling bag, possession, and length limits in the Northwestern Area.		
		NA	
<a href="#">76</a>	Allow Kotzebue commercial salmon fishermen to leave their set gillnet gear unattended during commercial fishing periods.		
	ALL YES		Needs statute cited
<a href="#">77</a>	Establish an optimal escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence District.		
	ALL YES		
<a href="#">78</a>	Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-ro, and food and bait fishing seasons.		
		NA	
<a href="#">79</a>	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.		
	ALL YES		Clarify by saying hook and line for subsistence
<a href="#">80</a>	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
		ALL NO	
<a href="#">81</a>	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
	13 YES	1 NO	<p>This was supported with caution. Members were conflicted because even though this proposal was meant for a time of small harvestable abundance of Chinook, the current situation is so critical that every single fish counts in getting to spawning grounds. Members were trying to provide opportunity, via permit and with limited gear type (dip nets and manned fishwheels), for subsistence fishermen when, and only when, there might be a small harvest while still under conservation mode. A YR manager suggested size and time could be managed by emergency order. One FAC member felt that this option should be discussed by the Board for a future tool in Yukon River fisheries management.</p> <p>However, all members were clear that they supported expanded conservation measures during the current extreme low abundance of Chinook and other salmon species.</p>
<a href="#"><u>82</u></a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
	ALL YES		
<a href="#"><u>83</u></a>	After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.		
	ALL YES		Aligns personal use with subsistence and commercial gear regs
<a href="#"><u>84</u></a>	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.		
	ALL YES		This is a lengthy convoluted housekeeping proposal with what members felt contained needed changes. Members supported it with emphasis on the Department's comments at the end of the proposal.
<a href="#"><u>85</u></a>	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.		
	ALL YES		This proposal aligns Personal Use salmon fishery specs with other sectors



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#"><u>86</u></a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.		
		NA	This proposal effects the entire Yukon River drainage with the exception of the Tanana River drainage, which is addressed under Prop #65. The FAC took no action for the same reason – this is a moot issue until stocks rebuild
<a href="#"><u>87</u></a>	Define eel stick.		
	ALL YES		
<a href="#"><u>88</u></a>	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.		
	ALL YES		
<a href="#"><u>89</u></a>	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.		
	ALL YES		
<a href="#"><u>90</u></a>	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		
		NA	
<a href="#"><u>91</u></a>	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
		NA	
<a href="#"><u>92</u></a>	Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.		
		NA	
<a href="#"><u>93</u></a>	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.		
		NA	
<a href="#"><u>94</u></a>	Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15.		
		NA	
<a href="#"><u>95</u></a>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainage wide escapement goal range.		
		NA	



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">96</a>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainage wide escapement goal range.		
		NA	
<a href="#">97</a>	Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.		
		NA	

Adjournment: 8:34pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Oppe\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# STATE OF ALASKA

## FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### *Kotzebue Advisory Committee*

#### **Kotzebue AC Meeting Minutes**

**12/01/2022**

#### **Selawik National Wildlife Refuge**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:08 pm by Chair Lance Kramer

**II. Roll Call: Members Present:** Lance Kramer (Chair), Alex Whiting (Secretary), Cyrus Harris, Karmen Monigold, Hans Hansen, Michael Kramer, Aucha Kameroff, Thomas Baker  
**Members Absent:** Eugene Smith (excused), Hannah Loon (excused), Tommy Fields (excused), Enoch Shiedt Sr., Ess Scott Sr., Chad Sheldon (resigned prior to meeting), Seth Katner (resigned prior to meeting)

**Quorum established:** 8 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

**III. ADF&G Staff Present:** Alex Hansen (caribou biologist-Kotzebue), Christie Osburn (Area Biologist- Kotzebue), Joelle Hepler (Wildlife Biologist III-Fairbanks), Shawna Karpovich (Wildlife Biologist), Klaus Wuttig (Fishery biologist)

**IV. Guests Present:** Will Wiese (SNWR)

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with the correction of numeral listing and to add new committee proposals to the New Business.

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From meeting date 10/24/19 – minutes already signed and submitted - no action.

#### **VII. Advisory Committee**

- a. Nominations:** Unanimous consent to nominate all members present and absent member Eugene Smith (9 members total). Other interested persons can attend future meetings and be nominated at that time- up to 15 members.
- b. Elections:** Lance Kramer, Alex Whiting, Cyrus Harris, Karmen Monigold, Hans Hansen, Michael Kramer, Aucha Kameroff, Thomas Baker, Eugene Smith
  - 1 year - expire June 30, 2024:** Alex Whiting, Lance Kramer, Karmen Monigold
  - 2 year - expire June 30, 2025:** Thomas Baker, Cyrus Harris, Hans Hansen
  - 3 year - expire June 30, 2026:** Aucha Kameroff, Michael Kramer, Eugene Smith
- C. Election of Officers:** Lance Kramer (Chair), Karmen Monigold (Vice Chair), Alex Whiting (Secretary)

#### **VIII. Reports:**

**Chairs Report:** none



**ADF&G Reports:** Alex Hansen reported on the ongoing decline in the WACH (the latest count was 164,000), and the need to address the liberal harvest regulations to assist with halting decline. Christie Osborn discussed fall lower Noatak moose composition surveys and plans for spring abundance in the same area. Cape Thompson muskox abundance and composition surveys, and Delong Mts. sheep surveys and plans to continue with sheep study using collared animals. Joelle Hepler discussed Lower Kobuk moose survival study beginning spring of 2023 using collared animals.

**Other:** None

**IX. Public Comment:** None

**X. Old Business:** None

**XI. New Business:** Review Board of Game proposals 55-188 and Board of Fisheries proposals 75-97.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, Alaska			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Opposed	
55-187	These proposals were not addressed by the AC		
			No action.
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
	8	0	Support continued encouragement of brown bear harvest

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Meeting Proposals January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, Alaska			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Opposed	
75	This proposal was not addressed by the AC		
			No action.
76	Allow Kotzebue commercial salmon fisherman to leave their set gillnet gear unattended during commercial fishing periods.		
	8	0	Support this traditional activity of allowing fisherman to go back and forth from their net, while leaving it fishing during open periods.



77-97	These proposals were not addressed by the AC
	No action.

A motion was made to submit a proposal to the Board of Game changing caribou harvest regulations for GMU 23 to (4) caribou per regulatory year with a maximum of one cow caribou.

**Number Support: 8 – Number Opposed: 0**

Discussion: Given the continued decline in the Western Arctic Caribou Herd drastic steps are need by the community to reduce harvest significantly to allow for a higher potential for recovery to occur. It is seen especially as critical to drastically reduce cow harvest.

A motion was made to submit a proposal to the Board of Game changing the open season for brown/grizzly bears to no closed season.

**Number Support: 8 – Number Opposed: 0**

Discussion: Grizzly bears continue to flourish in the region and compete at varying levels for the currently low numbers of moose and caribou. At times situations occur during the closed season where people would harvest bears if not for the hassle of a DLP process. There is no conservation reason not to allow for harvest of bears at any time if people have the opportunity and desire to do so.

**XII. Select representatives to attend WACHWG:** Cyrus Harris, – Primary, Thomas Baker – Alternate

**XIII. Set next meeting date:** Call of the Chair

**XIV. Motion to adjourn:** 10:40 pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex Whiting, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Lance Kramer, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kotzebue Sound AC Meeting 12/01/2022



Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting  
12/19/2022 Monday

1. Called to Order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present ( Quorum to open meeting and start of agenda items. Tom Gray left meeting about 1:20pm – No quorum during part of public testimony – Jack Fagerstrom entered meeting during public testimony at about 2:00pm and re-established a Quorum)
    - i. Charlie Lean
    - ii. Brandon Ahmasuk
    - iii. Kevin Knowlton
    - iv. Jacob Mannix
    - v. Drew McCann
    - vi. Patrick Knodel
    - vii. Davis Lincoln- Telephone (Beginning 1:15pm to end of meeting)
    - viii. Tom Gray- Telephone (1:05pm to 1:20PM – left meeting during public testimony on Musk Ox)
    - ix. Jack Fagerstrom – Telephone (joined about 2:00pm)
  - b. Absent
    - i. Edward Stang- Resigned
    - ii. Charlie Saccheus
    - iii. Jack Fagerstrom (joined about 2:00pm)
    - iv. Henry Olanna Jr
    - v. Lloyd Kiyuktelluk
    - vi. Clyde Oxerok
  - c. Fish and Game Staff
    - i. Keane Richards- telephone
    - ii. Alicia Carson
    - iii. Sara Germain
    - iv. Tony Gorn
  - d. Members of the Public
    - i. Diana Adams- telephone
    - ii. Beverly Tran- Telephone
    - iii. Chelsea Hubert- telephone
    - iv. Peggy Darling- telephone
    - v. Jacob Martin
    - vi. Kristy Selesky
    - vii. Miranda Musich
    - viii. Neils Hahn
    - ix. Jeff Darling
    - x. Melissa Stuart
    - xi. Kamey Kapp-Worland
    - xii. Garrick Fuller
    - xiii. Deanna Hacker- Nome Nugget
3. Committee Approved the agenda with a motion to modify for public comment early.



- a. The committee heard significant testimony on the issue of Muskoxen near and within city limits and the problems they have caused Nome residents, including the recent death of a community member.
  - b. The committee approved a resolution to draft a letter after hearing the concerns from participating members of the public.
- 4. Alaska Board of Game Proposals
  - a. Proposal 188: Reauthorize the current brown bear tag fee exemption for Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.
    - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed
- 5. Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposals
  - a. Proposal 75: to modify Arctic Grayling bag, possession and length of limits.
    - i. Committee votes in favor. 5 support, 3 oppose.
  - b. Proposal 77: Establish escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence subdistrict.
    - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed.
  - c. Proposal 78: Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-ro, and food and bait fishery.
    - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed.
  - d. Proposal 165: Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.
    - i. Committee is opposed.
  - e. Proposal 167: require the reporting of subsistence caught salmon to be reported within 5 days.
    - i. Committee opposed unanimously.
  - f. Proposal 140: Reduction in Area M fishery seasons.
    - i. Committee supports the proposal unanimously.

*Paula Lee - chair*



Dear Commissioner,

At the scheduled Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, during public comment time, the committee heard from a number of residents of the Nome area describe in some detail the increased number of human and pet encounters with herds of muskoxen within Nome city limits as well as the surrounding area. These testimonials were mostly in response to a recent muskox to human encounter which ended in a human fatality. The public is asking that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game review the Nome area muskoxen management strategy with a focus of reducing human and muskoxen encounters.

Members of the public shared stories of daily encounters with muskoxen around their homes causing fear for the safety for children and pets/sled dogs. Increasing number of encounters have resulted in the muskoxen injuring or killing a number of pet dogs which were tied up in accordance to common practice and city ordinance, as well as sled dogs both in the dog lots and on the mushing trails in the area. One encounter resulted in a citizen using their vehicle to come in-between a herd of angry muskoxen and an ADF&G employee whom was attempting to run-off a herd from a residential neighborhood. The Nome local muskox population has also required major actions to restrict herd access to the Nome airport area. The fencing project was estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The muskoxen are now much less of a hazard at the main airport, but the smaller City Field is still very much in harms way for aircraft landing and taking off.

The public also shared stories of how the local muskoxen have become unafraid of human encounters requiring more and more aggressive tactics to get the herds to move off trails, or out of residential neighborhoods. One instance resulted in a resident taking lethal action towards a muskox in defense of life and property while in a heavily populated neighborhood, causing one home owner in the area to find pass-through bullets in the railing of their deck around their house. Thank goodness the bullets stopped there and did not hit someone sitting in their living room.

In follow-up to all of the public testimony the Northern Norton Sound Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly supports this public request for the department to review the current Nome Area Muskox Management Plan with a focus on reducing human/pet dog/sled dog encounters. Keeping in mind suggestions of reducing the herd size through allowing limited female harvest, more closely attaining the harvestable surplus by issuing more permits for the local Tier II hunt and considering a means of more evenly distributing the harvest over the season in TX095.

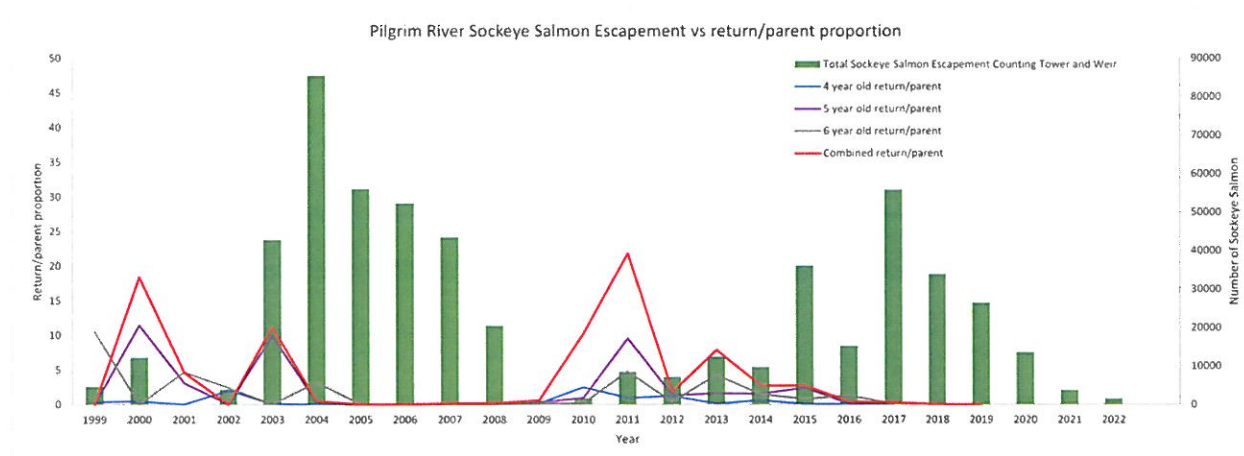
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Charlie Lean, Chair  
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee

cc: The Alaska Board of Game

## Comments in support of proposal #77

The proposal suggests a reduction in the upper limit of the red salmon escapement goal at Salmon Lake by using the OEG authority of the Board of Fisheries. This is intended to open a discussion of the management goal for this stock, which has been set using methodology intended to be solely reliant on a weak set of escapement data. This stock has not only escapement data, but also smolt health at out-migration, age at return, and plankton or freshwater food data. This stock has perhaps the best tracking history of all AYK salmon stocks, certainly the best of any stock north of the Yukon River. This data was used by the Department Limnology Lab to project a reasonable carrying capacity for the system and to set the amount of fertilizer for supplementing nutrients to support plankton and rearing salmon. The current upper limit of the SET goal is twice the limnologist's recommendation which was first made two years ago.



The graph of red salmon escapements, above, (green bars) shows the cyclic nature of returns over more than two decades. The cause of the vacillation is the boom and bust of the plankton the rearing salmon feed on. Over-escapement in the lake results in the rearing juveniles over-cropping the plankton which in turn results in a drop in survival.

The red line is the combined return per spawner from each parent year. This is the combination of the 4, 5 and 6 year-old returns. The best returns come from parent year strengths of the proposal's recommended escapement range. Escapements from the parent years numbering 13,000 and above are poor with one exception, 2003. The plankton levels in 2003 were high due to several years of fertilizer at the beginning of the fertilization rehabilitation of the stock, levels no longer supported by the Department oversight.

Excessive escapements result in non-sustainable population swings. The discussion of management will need to consider actions needed to attenuate these swings of abundance. Tracking the return and responding with harvest management action should be considered as well as the escapement goal.



## Minutes

### **Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference**

### **Monday, Nov.14, 2022 / 1:00P.M.**

#### Wildlife Safeguard – 800 478-3377 This was read to the committee

(Chair) "If meeting attendees want to report a game violation, they should call this number.

Meeting time is limited, and SHAC meets to discuss ways and means, habitat and other biological data for hunters and fishers to harvest wild animals.

**Call to Order at 1:08pm by chairman**

**Roll Call & Quorum established– 5 of 8 members present**

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer attended / Faron Bobby was absent.
- Stony River – David Bobby & Charlie Gusty were absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney attended / Frank Egnaty was absent - Susan Hubbard appointed to serve
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & Ruby Egrass attended

#### **Others Attending -**

Josh Peirce, Area Biologist

Later in meeting – ADF&G Nick Smith / SHAC alternate for Red Devil - Gail Vanderpool

#### **SHAC Members' Concerns**

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting? **None**
- Any proposals to discuss besides the ones listed? **None**
- Anything for future meetings? **None**

#### **Approval of Agenda –**

**Reading & Approval of Minutes** - from the Jan.20, 2022 SHAC meeting.

**Results of Statewide Meeting –**

- **SHAC's Proposal 171 carried** – Split 19A into 2 subunits
- **157 failed-** Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
- **Wolves and wolverine can be hunted using snowmachines.** The only restriction is that the animal can't be touched with the snogo.

#### **Doug Carney –**

SHAC Proposals for 2024 Interior BOG meeting / Proposal deadline - May 1, 2023

Discussion & approvals of committee on the following proposals

- Establish an ANS for GMU 19E – (return to pre-2006 inclusion in GMU19 ANS)
- No closed season for Brown bear resident hunting in GMU 19E – (fires & salmon decrease helping drive bears into villages to forage in dumps, smokehouses, and nets that are set - a Big safety issue in 19E villages.)
- Change the bag limit for Black bear to 5 bears in GMU 19B – (to be consistent with the rest of GMU 19.)

#### **Barb Carlson – led discussion of proposals for SHAC comments on BOF Meeting Proposals**

Proposals considered for –

- A-Y-K Finfish Meeting / Jan. 14-18 / comment deadline Dec. 30
- Proposals 90, 91, 93, 95, 96, 97



- AK. Peninsula Meeting / Feb.20-25 / comment deadline Feb. 6  
Proposals 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 148, 149
- ***Ruby & Gayle signed off before discussion on proposal 141, at 2:40, so there was no longer a quorum for voting. Also proposal 97 had been missed, was revisited, but not voted on, so there was "No Action" taken on 97, 141, 148, & 149. The committee still had discussions on these proposals.***
- Statewide Meeting / March 10-13 / comment deadline Feb.23  
Proposals 165, 167 – ***The remaining committee members discussed & strongly supported 165 & strongly opposed 167. There was no quorum, so "No Action" was taken on either proposal.***

Other Business - None discussed

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim

January 14-18, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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90	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		
Oppose	0	5	<p>Unanimous opposition by Stony Holitna AC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With this permit being available to use only between June 12-24 and openings both before this time and after for Chinook the chance to exceed the targeted amount for total harvest is huge. How could ADF&amp;G come up with a number of Chinook for permit holders to catch before they would know what the pre June 12<sup>th</sup> and post June 24<sup>th</sup> catch will be?</li><li>• All the moving parts in this permit system would make it unworkable, both for the user and ADF&amp;G</li><li>• Uncertainty as to which part of the river this permit would apply since it is dependent on which part of the river ADF&amp;G will control and which part USF&amp;W will control for the Chinook fishery in June.</li><li>• Previous household permit system was barely used, we cannot imagine that this much more complicated type of permit would be used to any greater extent.</li></ul>



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<u>91</u>	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
Support	3	0	<p>3 Abstentions – unsure that this would actually allow more access to fish, particularly in the headwaters area. There was a lot of anger expressed by how the 2022 Coho season was handled and doubt that this proposal would be a big improvement.</p> <p>Unanimous support by the voting members of the Stony Holina AC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allows many tools for managers to choose from during times of conservations for a specific species of salmon.</li><li>• By having these choices available it will prevent the total subsistence fishing closure that we saw from mid Aug to mid Sept. of 2022 , thereby allowing subsistence fishers access to some species of fish.</li><li>• Provides the tools needed for a mixed stock fishery to remain open to fishing for stocks not in need of conservation.</li></ul>



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
93	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.		
Support	5	0	<p>Unanimous support by the Stony Holitna AC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We support this proposal because of the strong support it has from those most affected living in Aniak.</li><li>• For years fishers and residents of this area have talked about finding some way to control the disturbance of spawning salmon and their eggs on the Buckstock and this seems to be a workable solution.</li><li>• As we watch our Chinook, chum and now coho numbers decline on the Kuskokwim River it is time to take proactive measures such as this to protect our most important spawning tributaries.</li><li>• Again, the fact that local subsistence fishers are willing to give up access to this tributary to protect the spawning stock speaks volumes about how important this proposal is to those it would affect.</li></ul>



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<u>95</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
Oppose	0	5	<p>Unanimous opposition by the Stony Holitna AC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The way this proposal is written it would not allow ADF&amp;G to provide any set gill net fishing periods before June 12 if the federal government is managing subsistence salmon fishing to ensure a federal subsistence user priority. It makes no mention about which part of the river this would affect.</li><li>• Therefore it could be interpreted to mean that even in that area of the Kuskokwim not being managed by the federal government (above Aniak) ADF&amp;G could not open any set net periods. This would mean that the upriver portion of the river would have no fishing opportunity at all since the federal government does not have jurisdiction to open fishing periods above Aniak either.</li><li>• We understand what this proposal is trying to do is to eliminate competing/conflicting openings in the portion of the river controlled by the federal government but the language does not clearly state this and could be construed to cause the portion upriver of federal control to have no openings to fish at all.</li></ul>



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<u>96</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
Oppose	0	5	<p>Unanimous opposition by the Stony Holitna AC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The way this proposal is written it would not allow ADF&amp;G to provide any directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 if the federal government is managing subsistence salmon fishing to ensure a federal subsistence user priority. It makes no mention about which part of the river this would affect.</li><li>• Therefore it could be interpreted to mean that even in that area of the Kuskokwim not being managed by the federal government (above Aniak) ADF&amp;G could not open any king salmon fishing periods. This would mean that the upriver portion of the river would have no fishing opportunity at all since the federal government does not have jurisdiction to open fishing periods above Aniak either.</li><li>• We understand what this proposal is trying to do is to eliminate competing/conflicting openings in the portion of the river controlled by the federal government but the language does not clearly state this and could be construed to cause the portion upriver of federal control to have no openings to fish at all.</li></ul>



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<u>97</u>			Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.
No Action			<p>At this point we had lost our quorum but still had a vigorous discussion on this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was concern that any commercial fishery should not be considered when so many salmon stocks were so low since people would be taking more than usual of the stocks that were more plentiful to make up for closures and inability to catch their normal assortment of salmon</li><li>• If commercial fishing with selected gear was allowed it needed to be strongly monitored.</li><li>• We supported standardizing dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.</li></ul>

Adjournment: 2:45PM

Minutes Recorded By: Barbara CarlsonMinutes Approved By: Doug CarneyDate: 11-14-22



## **Tanana Rampart Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00 pm  
Tanana City Office & Teleconference

**Call to Order:** 2:05 pm by Chair Stan Zuray

**Members Present:** Stan Zuray, Charlie Wright, Charlie Campbell, Thomas Hyslop, Cliff Whiel, Curtis Sommer (alt), Aaron Kozevnikoff Sr. (alt)

**Members Absent (Excused):**

**Members Absent (Unexcused):** Ray Woods, Patty Green, Gerald Nicholia

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 5

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Deena Jallen, Sam Decker, Shane Ransbury, Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Kyle Campbell

**Guests Present:** Gale Vick, Jim Simon, John Erhart, Kathleen Zuray

**Chair's Comments:** Last fall I started talking with people about, you know, what the future could be and if there's any proposals that we might be putting before the board in the next cycle, and one of the things that I talked to a few people about is the elimination of commercial fishing on the Yukon for kings. And, you know, I mean, if kings ever came back into large enough numbers you know, all it would take would be a board of fishery proposal to redo or change that back to the way it was. But right now every single person I have talked to which includes a lot of people that are meeting here, every general person I have talked to about this is in full agreement. Most of the people that I've talked to have commercial fishing licenses up here and every single person is in firm agreement that they would like to see the elimination of commercial fishing for kings. And the reason is when we've talked about it, it's not a matter that a small, limited, well-thought-out commercial fishery at times when there's enough kings in the river to allow for it would be something that could help the people and provide a little bit of money. It's that we do not feel that the commercial fisheries division - and we're not talking about the present managers of the Yukon River; we're talking about people above them, we're talking about the people that run Fish & Game - we do not feel that they have the ability to run a commercial fishery for kings without destroying the king fisheries and so that's something that we're going to be looking at in the in the future here if I continue to have support from that from people around here, so I just wanted to bring that up. That's my comment.

**Concerns/Comments of Public:** none

**Concerns/Comments of AC members:** continue conservation; continue closures to salmon fishing; Member Thomas Hyslop: I'm just concerned about the king salmon. We must do everything we can, cut back on drifting, maybe the next cycle we could submit something from Tanana to cut back on drifting. That's not a traditional use. Sidney Huntington said a long time ago that's not traditional. Everybody has got to work hard and do stuff the old ways. Set nets and fish wheels. I'm against drifting. We've got to conserve. No more taking king salmon until they come back (if it does come back).



## New Business

Discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposal #140 concerning the South Unimak and Shumagin Island June Salmon Management Plan and other Board of Fisheries Proposals as requested by committee members.

Curtis Sommer asked about when Yukon Chinook start their run, Deena Jallen said historically it was as early as June 10<sup>th</sup>, more recently the run begins around June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie Campbell motion to support Proposal #140, second by Thomas Hyslop  
Unanimous support (7-0).

Discussion of other Board of Fisheries Proposals: no action taken on AYK proposals, though comments provided on Proposal 81

### Other committee business:

Chair Stan Zuray declared two vacancies: Gerald Nicholia and Patty Green's seats.

**Adjourned at 2:44 pm**

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/O ppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
81	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		
No Action			<p>Could be unfair in application (excludes nets). Large mesh gill nets have caused overharvest of larger fish. Allowing harvest of small kings could help. Changing gear every time regulations change is prohibitively expensive for subsistence fishing.</p> <p>Chair's comments: It's my opinion that we've driven the size of king salmon down by selectively overfishing for the larger fish by using large mesh gill nets. With the river wide conversion of fish wheel fishing to large mesh gillnets, and stuff like that, if there was a way to harvest just the small King Salmon, that could be a driving force to genetically modifying the King Salmon to be big again but I think with the numbers of King Salmon that we're seeing in the river I don't see any of that possible anymore.</p>



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/O ppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	7	0	The Tanana/Rampart/Manley Advisory Committee is very concerned about the overharvest of salmon bound for the Yukon, and fully support proposal 140 and thank the members of the Fairbanks Advisory Committee for their work in putting this proposal together.

Minutes Recorded By: ADF&G Boards Support  
Minutes Approved By: Chair Stan Zuray (by email)  
Date: 12/28/2022

## **40Mile AC Meeting minutes 12/13/22**

Members Present: Leif Wilson, Jake Combs, Matt Snyder, Peter Talus, Patricia MacDonald, Frank Enstminger, Alexander Joe, Bruce Ervin, Darrell Kaase

Absent: Thor Jorgenson, Herman Gene

Guests: Cary Fremin (Dot Lake) Jim Simon, Jeff Burwell

ADF&G: Jeff Wells, Sue Rodman, Kyle Campbell, Jeff Gross, Jason

DOF: Kato Howard

AST: Russ Landers

7:01 Meeting called to order

Approval of Agenda, Motion by Peter, 2nd Patricia...unanimous approval

Approval for minutes: Jake Combs and Patricia MacDonald, Cary Fremin, Darrell Kaase names spelling corrections. Jake motion as amended, 2nd by Matt..unanimously approved

Chair Report: Letter to Governor from Leif about Bison supporting the program  
Northway not supporting the proposal due to lack of information.

ADF&G: Sue Rodman (Wildlife conservation) Prescribed fire Gold Creek and 9 Mile trail proposing reducing acres and not having the project on BLM lands  
project is at best two years out, looking at mechanical treatments as well  
plan to speak with the AC next year with a working project update

Unit 12/20E Moose update by Jeff Wells

Unit 12 Est 1 moose/sqmi , bull/cow = 30/100 (above mgt objective), Calf /Cow 15/100

Unit 20E Est 1.2 moose/sqmi, bull/cow = 38/100, calf/cow = 14/100

Browse survey: BLM funded, 30m circle,  
Est 28% off take, 2006 est 26% off take, so moose fairly moderate  
nutritional level

Unit 20E winter moose draw

10 permit, 5 reported, 4 hunted, 2 successful...planning on same permits  
next season

In Jan Tom Paragi can talk about IM if the board would like

New Business

Proposal 68 (TLake burbot limit) Jake makes motion to support, 2nd by Matt S. Brandi from Delta Fisheries no concerns...passes unanimously.

Call for proposals (interior region) announced in January and due May 1st 2023  
Bruce: TNWR ext season to 30th have people been seeing moose later in the season. Has the season changed? Should we ext the season?

Next meeting....Paragi available anytime after the 5th  
Jan 24th next meeting.

7 to 9th Bison meeting in FBX. Tom Seaton will be in contact with people regarding the Bison meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:52

**Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

Monday, December 12th, 6:00PM, 2022

In Person at the Yuut Elitnaurviat, 602 Akiachak Dr., Bethel, AK

**Draft Agenda****By Phone:** 1(888)475-4499 **Meeting ID:** 495 277 1108**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4952771108>

- I. **Call to order:** *Chair, Jaimie Kassman. Time:*
- II. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- III. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Jaimie Kassman*

## I. Roll Call:

	<u>Jaimie Kassman</u>	<u>Alissa Rogers</u>	<u>Mike Riley</u>	<u>Robert Lakander</u>	<u>Jerry White</u>	<u>Lucinda Alexie</u>	<u>Jon Lavalle</u>
Present	X		X	X	X	X	X
By Teleconference		X					
Absent							
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Rafe Johnson (alternate)</u>	<u>Robert Hoffman (alternate)</u>					
Present							
By Teleconference							
Absent							
Abs/Excused							

- I. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 6 Only 4 needed for quorum due to low membership. (only 7 full seated members.)

6 Members present

ADF&G

John Chythlook  
Nick Smith  
Sean Larson  
Pat Jones  
Keith Oster

USFWS

Christian Alexie Jr.  
Emmit Nicori  
Boyd Blihovde  
Aaron Moses

Other:

Mary Mathias – ONC  
Dylan Brooks - AWT

- II. **Approval of Agenda:** There is a motion by Mike Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry White to move all wildlife related items to the top of the agenda, immediately after wildlife reports. Approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From December 28th, 2021



- a. Mike Riley makes a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alissa. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. Membership Elections for 4 vacant undesignated seats:
  - a. Mike Gore was nominated for one of the 4 vacant undesignated seats and confirmed by unanimous vote.
  - b. No other nominations were made.
- V. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
    - i. Fisheries Reports – Sean Larson gave a brief report of the 2022 Kuskokwim salmon. King and sockeye salmon escapement goals were met, but there were poor returns of the chum and coho salmon.
    - ii. Wildlife Reports – Pat Jones gave a report on many game species in the area including moose and caribou and talks a little on predator control.
    - iii. Board Support Section Reports
      - 1. Participation – low participation in the area and are looking for ideas to increase. Jaimie said that he will pass on information to Ducks Unlimited state group. Savannah asks that members like and share posts on Facebook.
      - 2. Advisory Committee Manuals – brief introduction to new AC manual. Also, briefly mentions an upcoming drug and alcohol policy.
  - c. Others
    - i. USFWS staff gives the AC information about the Federal Zone 2 moose hunt that will start. They instruct people who would like to participate to call 543-1008 and leave their name, phone number, and where they are from, and someone will call them back.
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business – See charts below for voting results and justification.
  - a. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Proposals
  - b. Board of Fisheries: South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan proposals
  - c. Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals
  - d. Board of Game upcoming call for proposals in January
- IX. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. The AC decided to send Alissa Rogers to testify at the Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim meeting. Confirmed by unanimous vote.
- X. Set next meeting date: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023



- XI. Other  
XII. Adjourn

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support,  Support as Amended, Oppose,  No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 Motion made by Jon Lavalley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Lucinda Alexie		
S	6	1	The dissenting vote was because the member misunderstood and felt that it was too early to hunt for cows around Bethel.
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Motion made by Jon Lavalley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lekander		
S	7	0	Unanimous
Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023   Anchorage, AK   Comment Deadline: Dec. 30, 2022			
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<u>87</u>	Define eel stick. -Motion made by Jon LaValle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lekander		
S	7	0	People use them on the Kuskokwim
<u>90</u>	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		
O	0	7	Feel this would not be effective during federal special actions and we worry about the longevity of the tier II
<u>91</u>	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
S	7	0	This would allow for greater harvest during times of conservation
<u>92</u>	Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.		
S	7	0	This would allow greater flexibility and would help to align regulations with the rest of the area.
<u>93</u>	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing. Motion made by Mike Glore, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Robert Lekander		
O	0	7	Opposed because it's anti jet-boating restrictions, and we do not want to further limit subsistence.
<u>94</u>	Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15.		
O	0	7	It is already mostly catch and release on the Kanektok. There is minimal harvest and do not feel the need to add extra regulation.
<u>95</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
NA			
<u>96</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
NA			
<u>97</u>	Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation. Motion made by Jon Lavalle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Glore		
S	7	0	To align regulations with Yukon

**Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik**

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Jan. 30, 2022

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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<u>133-142</u>	<p>A motion was made to support any of these proposals that will help salmon get past the intercept fishery.</p> <p>Motion was made by Alissa Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucinda Alexie</p>		
S	7	0	We want to help the chum salmon return to the area but don't know enough about the area or the fishery to comment on any one proposal.
	<p>Mike Riley asked if any of the dates that had been proposed account for the fur seal gestation period.</p> <p>The did not feel that there was much of an impact on King salmon, but the worry is for chum salmon.</p> <p>Robert Lekander talked about Proposals 133-142 as a whole and how some adjust fishing times, some address how much fish caught. He believes that there is technology and ways to track and document the fish. He wonders why they are saving all the fish and not fishing here, when fishermen down there are just going to catch them. It is supposed to be subsistence first.</p>		

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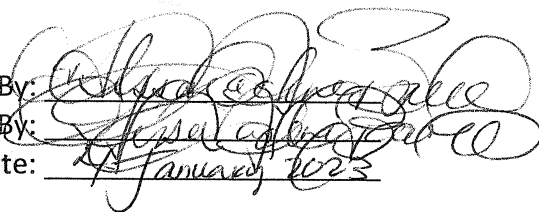
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<u>165</u>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion made by Alissa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by		
0	0	7	This would be a good opportunity for an enterprising person to take out subsistence. This would be adding more regulations that are not needed
<u>167</u>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. Motion made by Alissa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jon		
0	0	7	Too much during the busy season.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 14 January 2023