

## Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday November 1st, 1:00PM-5:00 PM, 2022

By Zoom or Teleconference

### Draft Agenda – NOTES VERSION

**By phone:** 1(888)475-4499    **Meeting ID:** 4952771108    **Zoom:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4952771108>

- I. **Call to order:** *Chair, Nick Kameroff*
- II. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- III. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Nick Kameroff*
  - I. Call to Order: Time - 1:09 p.m. by Nick Kameroff, chair

II. Roll Call:

	<u>Aniak</u> Nick Kameroff	<u>Aniak</u> Joe Kameroff	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Teresa Simeon- Hunter	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Patricia Yaska	<u>Crooked</u> <u>Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked</u> <u>Creek</u> Tim Zuakar	<u>Lower</u> <u>Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
By Teleconference	X	X	X		X	X	X
Absent				X			
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Lower</u> <u>Kalskag</u> Darlene Heckman	<u>Upper</u> <u>Kalskag</u> Billy Alexie	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> Vacant	<u>Undesignated</u> Mike Robinson	<u>Undesignated</u> Theresa Morgan	<u>ALTERNATE</u> Rebecca Wilmarth	<u>ALTERNATE</u> Ricky Ciletti
By Teleconference	X			X			
Absent		X			X	X	
Abs/Excused							X

- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7; 8 Present, quorum achieved. 1 member dropped off the teleconference during voting on proposals, but quorum was maintained with the minimum attendance of members of 7

Other Participants:

ADF&G: John Chythlook, Nick Smith, Sean Larson, and Chuck Brazil

USFWS: Aaron Moses, Chris Tulik, and Christian Alexie Jr.

NVN: Dan Gilikin

- IV. Approval of Agenda:  
Motion made by Joe Kameroff, seconded by Denny Thomas Jr.
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
People had not received meeting packets with the previous minutes, so this item was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. Reports

## a. ADF&amp;G

## i. Fisheries Reports – Sean Larson from ADF&amp;G gave a short update

1. Drainage wide run estimates were discussed and escapement numbers. King salmon numbers were as expected. Tributary escapements were discussed. Chum and Coho numbers were low. Chum salmon run was better than last year, but neither the chum or coho runs reached escapement goals.

## ii. Board Support Section Reports

1. Savannah Hollingworth from ADF&G gave a brief report and went over Board of Fisheries schedules and dates for comment deadlines and meetings and which regions regulations would be addressed this year.
2. She updated the group on the Board of Game proposal deadline in May and said that Josh Pierce would like to meet with the group.
3. She also promised the group a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order and Advisory Committee best practices and roles.

## b. Others – Nick Kameronoff asked that a meeting be scheduled for later in the season to discuss Board of Game proposals

VII. Public Comment – There were no public comments addressed

VIII. Old Business – There was no old business addressed at this meeting.

IX. New Business – Discussion of Board of Fisheries proposals

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<a href="#"><u>90</u></a>	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		
S	5	2	Motion made by Tim Zaukar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Joe Kameroff 1 Abstention The idea is to have household permits with no time or gear restrictions to restore traditional fishing practices. Opposition was due to concern over availability of permits.
<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.		
S	7		Motion made by Joe Kameroff, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robinson Multiple species of salmon now have conservation concerns, and we should allow flexibility for management. One member was muted and we could not hear his vote
<a href="#"><u>93</u></a>	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.		
S	7		Motion made by Tim Zaukar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Walter Morgan This proposal should close ALL fishing in the Buckstock River, not just subsistence. This proposal is only supported if sport fishing is also closed. Part of the proposal was cut off in the proposal book. Dates were chosen because of the passage of salmon in the Buckstock and to protect salmon spawning in the river. 1 Abstention
<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.		
O	1	6	Motion made by Joe Kameroff, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robinson The proposal does not specify boundaries and looks like the entire Kuskokwim River would be affected. One member worried that they would not be able to put a setnet out when the ice moves out. 1 Abstention
<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.		



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S	3	2	Motion by Joe Kameronoff 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robinson We would not be able to fish they we always have. The group would like a better explanation of this proposal. 2 Abstentions. The abstentions were because they were not sure if they understood the proposal or it's intent and did not want to cause conflict with others on the river.
<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			Motion made by Theresa Simeon-Hunter, No 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Motion dies
<a href="#">133-135</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear. Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan. Amend the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
NA			One member feels unsure about these proposals because there are no numbers or limits of how much they can fish, but we are limited on the Kuskokwim. There is no cap for how many fish they can catch.
<a href="#">136</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
S	8		Motion made by Walter Morgan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Denny Thomas We like that this proposal places a cap on how many fish can be caught. Some would like to see the cap lower than what the proposal states.
<a href="#">137</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
S	6		Motion made by Darlene Heckman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Walter ONC plans to discuss this proposal on Nov. 6, limits catch by time. 1 Abstention – does not know the hours that are being cut down. 1 members vote could not be heard, because of technical issues. 1 vote was not heard because of technical issues

<a href="#"><u>138</u></a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.		
S	7		Motion made by Theresa Simeon-Hunter, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Walter Morgan. Observers have a stressful job. The AC would like to support ONC. They do a lot of good work and the AC feels that solidarity on the Kuskokwim River is important.
<a href="#"><u>139</u></a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
S	6		Motion made by Darlene Heckman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Theresa Simeon-Hunter Similar to ONCs proposal 137. Would like to support Tanana chiefs 1 members vote could not be heard, because of technical issues.
<a href="#"><u>140</u></a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
S	7		Motion made by Walter Morgan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Darlene Heckman Redo the whole plan. The proposal is reducing the catch of Area M.
<a href="#"><u>141</u></a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to manage the June fishery by emergency order to close those areas within the management plan. Amend 5 AAC 09.330. Gear. to allow other gear types to be used in the commercial fishery.		
S	6	1	Motion made by Theresa Simeon-Hunter, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Denny Thomas Limits net sizes and time limits and sounds like the proposer is looking out for people in our area.
<a href="#"><u>142</u></a>	Amend South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and Post-June Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time for set gillnet gear only.		
NA			

## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Feb.23, 2022

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<u>165</u>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
S	7		Motion by Denny Thomas, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Joe Kameroff The AC feels that guide services goes against the idea of subsistence fishing and guided services should not capitalize on subsistence
<u>167</u>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
O	0	7	Motion by Joe Kameroff, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Denny Thomas Jr. Too much going on during fishing season. It's not reasonable for us to report within 5 days.

- X. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish meeting
    - i. Denny Thomas nominated and confirmed by unanimous vote
  - b. Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish meeting
    - i. Walter Morgan nominated and confirmed by unanimous vote
  - c. Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish meeting
    - i. The group only voted on 2 proposals and decided not to send anyone to this meeting.
- XI. The AC decided to meet again in the spring Late March or April to discuss wildlife proposals for next year and to get an update on moose surveys and other wildlife updates.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

Motion made by Denny Thomas Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Simeon-Hunter

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

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

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