

Bristol Bay Meeting

Anchorage | November 29 - December 3, 2022

On-Time Advisory Committee Comments

Anchorage..... AC1

Kodiak..... AC2

Lake Iliamna AC3

Lower Bristol Bay AC4

Matanuska Valley..... AC5

Naknek/Kvichak AC6

Nushagak..... AC7



Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

William Hernandez Fish Hatchery

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:06 pm.

(Advised Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)

2. Establish a Quorum: Quorum for 1/1/2022

Members Present:

1. Kevin Taylor, Chair
2. Martin Weiser, Vice-Chair
3. Willow Hetrick, Secretary
4. Neil DeWitt
5. Jim Nabulsi
6. Phillip Calhoun
7. Joel Doner
8. Georgeanna Heaverly
9. Scott Crowther
10. Ed Horton
11. Ernie Weiss

Members Absent Excused:

1. Matt Moore
2. JR Gates
3. Bryce Eckroth

Members Absent Unexcused:

1. Lynette Hinz
2. Rick Rogers

3. List of User groups present: None

4. Introduce Fish and Game staff present.

1. Travis Ellison (Naknek)
2. Lee Bordon (Dillingham)
3. Fari Sylvester

5. Public present:

1. Chase Waldron
2. Jackie Boyer
3. Kneeland Taylor



6. Approve the Agenda - Neil Dewitt motioned to approve the agenda, Ernie Weiss seconded.

7. Approve previous meeting minutes - Neil Dewitt motioned to approve the agenda, Ernie Weiss seconded.

8. Public testimony - none

9. Committee Reports

Game Chair-Ed Horton – handled proposals 55-100 during 10/25/2022 game subcommittee meeting. Will have at least one more meeting to get through the proposal book for this season.

Fish Chair-Georgie Heaverley – nothing additional to the proposals discussed in the fish committee that had split votes (see below).

10. Prepare comments for Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals

Proposal 11 – ADFG missed escapement goals 3 of the last 5 years; 55,000 is the lower end of escapement and lately it's been between 20,000 and 30,000. The new Portage Creek sonar (10-15 miles up the Nushagak) is designed for sockeye salmon and not kings well but this is the best they have right now. There are elements to the plan that are accepted and some that are not practical and cannot be mandated to the Department. Vote: 2 support, 8 opposed, 1 abstain. Reason for abstention was lack of knowledge.

Proposal 15 – The Department is neutral on this proposal; no biological concerns and efforts are expected to be low.

Proposal 17 – similar proposal submitted in 2018 but Board did not address so it's been re-submitted. This amounts to a limited entry fishery which the Board does not have the authority to create, it's a legislative process. Vote: 0 support, 11 opposed.

Proposal 19 - similar proposal submitted in 2018 but Board did not address so it's been re-submitted. Proposer wants to restrict the use of beads in the river system. The Department does not view beads to be any more harmful compared to other methods of tackle. Vote: 2 support, 9 opposed.

Proposal 20 – Wood River Lake system is popular and is not a heavily guided area. No biological concern over this proposal; the large amount of sockeye escapement has been positively impacting the other species in the system. Vote: 2 support, 9 opposed.

Proposal 35 – Local AC has proposed this action. There are conflicts in the field and increasing the distance between gear types could reduce in-field conflicts. Vote: 11 support, 0 opposed.

Proposal 36 - The Department is neutral on this proposal; no biological concerns. The proposed length of the towlines may be too short and impact smaller less efficient vessels. In times of abundance efficiency is a good thing. Vote: 6 support, 5 opposed.

11. Adjourn: 7:03pm.

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery at 6 pm.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals			
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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
<p><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></p>			
11	Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	11	<p><u>Oppose:</u> Additional prescriptive regulations such as these place restrictions on ADF&G area managers, limiting their ability to use situation-specific discretion to manage the fishery. We support management flexibility for area managers.</p> <p>It's important to note that escapement goals that have been missed are for king salmon and not sockeye. The sonar up-river on the Nushagak is designed for sockeye salmon and does not count well for kings. We understand this is the best method the department has at this time.</p> <p>An issue of greater importance that is having major implications on king salmon numbers is that of trawl bycatch. The committee feels that the bycatch issue rises to the top and needs to be addressed before considering sweeping changes to a state salmon fishery management plan. However, we understand this particular issue is not in the Board's current jurisdiction.</p>
12	Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest.		
Oppose	0	11	<u>Oppose:</u> The committee feels this regulation is unnecessary.
13	Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River.		



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Oppose	0	11	<u>Oppose:</u> We recognize the importance of king conservation but this is not the solution. Area managers already use time and area considerations to manage for sockeye harvest. In years of high abundance this provision does not make sense.
14	Reinstate provision that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas.		
Support	11	0	<u>Support:</u> The committee supports the Department’s efforts to reinstate management provisions.
15	Allow use of small fishwheels to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in the Ugashik Bay, Ugashik River, and Dago Creek drainages		
	2	8	<p><u>Support:</u> Fish wheels are a more effective harvest approach in-river than using nets. Secondary catch caught by fish wheels can be more effectively sorted out and less evasively released.</p> <p><u>Oppose:</u> This provision sets a poor precedent for other subsistence fisheries of the state, and its implementation may result in an extension of the harvest method to other districts. Bristol Bay is not a fishery that should implement the usage of fish wheels.</p> <p>1 abstain: lack of knowledge</p>
16	Repeal requirement that subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Naknek River Drainage may only be obtained at the King Salmon office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.		
Support	11	0	<u>Support:</u> The committee supports the Department’s efforts to increase availability of subsistence permits.
17	Limit guided angler access to sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River.		



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	0	11	<p><u>Support:</u> Support the intent of this proposal. In the past few decades this sport fishery has grown so that it is now overtaxing the resource. New sport fishing restrictions on this river are therefore needed to protect the fishery.</p> <p><u>Oppose:</u> We recognize the intent of these proposed amendments as a way to alleviate the issue of overcrowding on the river system.</p> <p>However, “overcrowded” is a subjective term and what is considered to be crowded in the Naknek river system may not compare to other more trafficked guided sport fishing areas of the state. This will be impossible to enforce and limit access to the resource. This may have negative economic implications for sport fishermen.</p>
18	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Oppose	0	11	<u>Oppose:</u> This is already implemented in Bristol Bay, and should not be a blanket prohibition for all river systems.
19	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River.		
	2	9	<p><u>Support:</u> Egg imitation alone can be harmful to a fish during the catch and release process. It is better to have an egg imitation attached to a fly or lure as proposed because they are less evasive during the catch and release process.</p> <p><u>Oppose:</u> This does not seem to be a concern in the Naknek River system or other fishery areas, therefore the stipulation is unnecessary.</p>
20	Prohibit the use of bait and barbed hooks in the Wood River Lakes system.		



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	2	9	<p><u>Support:</u> There is more pressure from out of state residents, and would support this condition statewide. There will be less harm to fish during the catch and release process.</p> <p><u>Oppose:</u> If there is no biological concern for Wood River rainbow trout or a need to implement bait restrictions then there is no reason to prohibit the usage of bait and barbed hooks. We are uncertain if there is reason to restrict in these specific areas, or if bait and barb hooks are restricted in other areas of the Bay.</p>
21	Prohibit harvest of rainbow trout by nonresident anglers in a section of the Naknek river drainage.		
No action			
22	Close Big Creek to sport fishing for salmon.		
Support	11	0	<p><u>Support:</u> We support the Naknek Kvichak Advisory Committee and recognize the Big Creek area is an important spawning ground. Other nearby areas of the river system are closed to sport fishing so this should follow suit.</p>
23	Allow retention of king salmon less than 20 inches in length in Big Creek.		
No action			See Proposal 22.
24	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
No action			We support the intent of king conservation but this decision should be left to the Department, therefore we take no action. It is worth noting that it is often challenging to discern female and male kings from one other. This would be difficult to enforce.
25	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
No action			See Proposal 24.
26	Close tributaries and upper section of the Naknek River to sport fishing for king salmon.		



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No action			We support the intent of king conservation, but until there is biological data from the Department that shows this is warranted then we cannot support the closure.
27	Create a nonresident annual limit for coho salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Oppose	0	11	<u>Oppose</u> : There are no coho conservation concerns on this river system. There is no annual limit for coho in other areas of the state so the provision should not be applied specifically in the Naknek River. This proposal is allocative.
28	Close the Nushagak, Mulchatna, and Nuyakuk river drainages to sport fishing for king salmon.		
No action			
29	Restrict the Togiak River king salmon sport fishery until a minimum king salmon commercial harvest is achieved.		
No action			
30	Create a youth-only sport fishery in the Naknek River drainage.		
No action			
31	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
No action			
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No action			
33	Increase maximum offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District.		
No action			
34	Increase minimum distance between units of drift and set gillnet gear in the Ugashik District.		
No action			See proposal 35.
35	Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear.		



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	11	0	<u>Support:</u> Increasing the distance between setnet and drift gear will alleviate detrimental impacts such as entanglement/wrapping gear, resulting in destruction of setnet gear especially. Drift gear that is set too close to setnet gear also intercepts incoming salmon heading to setnetters.
36	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet.		
Support	6	5	<u>Support:</u> This is a major issue in the drift fishery and a tows limit needs to be put in regulation. <u>Oppose:</u> This limit will negatively impact smaller, less efficient vessels.
37	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet.		
No action			See Proposal 36.
38	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 25 fathoms.		
No action			See Proposal 36.
39	Prohibit placement of set gillnet gear on the shore fishery lease site of another set gillnet permit holder.		
No action			We believe existing lease ownership regulations fall on DNR and are not within ADF&G jurisdiction.
40	Increase area available to set gillnet fishermen in the Graveyard Point area.		
No action			
41	Adjust seaward boundary for set gillnet gear near in the Nushagak District.		
No action			
42	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		



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Oppose	0	11	<p><u>Oppose</u>: The original intent of establishing the D permit system was to allow for vessel and net consolidation to alleviate pressure from so much gear in the water. The D permit system has successfully reduced this pressure.</p> <p>We feel the reasoning that the D permit system creates inequitable opportunities for fishermen is not relevant.</p>
43	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
No action			See Proposal 42.
44	Review provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
No action			See Proposal 42.
45	Provide drift gillnet vessels with a single permit holder onboard more fishing opportunity per opening than vessels with two permit holders onboard.		
Oppose	0	11	This appears to be an allocative proposal and the provisions and reasoning are confusing.
46	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		
No action			
47	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		
No action			
48	Delay the date at which fishermen may reregister to or from the Togiak District.		
No action			
49	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
No action			The committee supports the intent of a general district plan, but recognizes the resulting discrepancy that would arise in tracking fish taxes across districts so we are unable to support.



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50	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
No action			See Proposal 49.
51	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
No action			See Proposal 49.
52	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
No action			See Proposal 49.
53	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
No action			See Proposal 49.
54	Adopt an Eastside Bristol Bay late-season management plan.		
No action			
55	Align Naknek Section southern boundary line with Naknek-Kvichak District southern boundary line.		
No action			
56	Allow drift gillnet fishermen to make 'test sets' under certain circumstances.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: This is an unnecessary provision and would be highly unrealistic to enforce. Its implementation would open up too much opportunity for abuse.
57	Repeal set and drift gillnet allocations in the Naknek-Kvichak District.		
Support	11	0	Support: The allocation condition needs to be reconsidered based on current fishery participant numbers and stock abundance. When there are low participating vessel numbers in Naknek-Kvichak, and therefore lower effort from the drift fleet in the area the allocation percentage is not relevant.



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58	Provide increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Naknek River Special Harvest Area.		
Oppose	0	11	This is an unnecessary provision and unenforceable.
59	Repeal provisions directing the department to avoid continuous fishing with set gillnet gear in the Egegik District.		
No action			
60	Align the Ugashik District fall fishing schedule with the Naknek-Kvichak District and Egegik District fall fishing schedules.		
No action			
61	Require reporting of king salmon harvest by size class on fish tickets.		
No action			
62	Allow all commercial gear types to fish for herring simultaneously in Bristol Bay.		
No action			

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick & Georgie Heaverley

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor 11/9/22 over email

Date: 11/7/2022



Kodiak Fish and Game AC meeting

November 8, 2022 5:30 pm @ ADFG

Call to order: 5:33pm by Chair Chervenak

Roll Call:

Paul Chervenak, Chair	Julie Kavanaugh
Andrew Finke	Wallace Fields
Patrick O'Donnell	Nate Rose

Online:

Alexus Kwachka	Theresa Peterson
Rebecca Skinner	Ron Kavanaugh

Excused:

Garmin Squartsoff	Brandon Bartleson
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Absent:

Tyler Schmeil	Duncan Fields
Rolan Ruoss	Oliver Holm
Jon McElwain	Coral Chernoff

10 members present-need 8 for a quorum

Department: Taryn O'connor-Brito, Tim Sands

Enforcement: AST Josh Boyle

Public: Dave Hilty, Raymond May, Shawn Dochterman, Kavik Anderson

Approve Agenda: Motion-Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd-Alexus

Motion passes: 9-0

Chair Announcements: No correspondence

Old Business:

Proposal 161 creation of Board of Fish groundfish policy

Proposer: Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation

- Recognition of new language in proposal, general consensus to look at that language before taking any action.



Motion to table proposal: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd-Rebecca Skinner

Motion Passes: 9-0

New Business:

1) Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals

Proposal 36- Gillnet specifications and operations: Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet

Proposer: Alexis Kwachka

Move to Adopt: Julie Kavanaugh,
2nd-Theresa Peterson

Amendment: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd-Alexis

- Include, “and a max length of 12 foot from the end of the net to the bouy set up,” after the word net.

Amendment passes: 9-0

In support:

- Doesn't allow jetboats to set net in shallow and use towline to keep net in the shallowest possible water
- Long tows adds significant amount of space to an operation, space which is lost to other boats
- Risk of entanglement of other operations/boats
- Longer tows can cause allocative issues between setnet and drift fishers
- Longer tows promotes allowing one end of the net to be grounded while vessel is still in deep water and operational

Amended Motion Passes: 9-0

Proposal 37- Gillnet specifications and operations: Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet

- See AC comments from Proposal 36

Proposal 38- Gillnet specifications and operations: Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 25 fathoms

- See AC comments from Proposal 36

Proposal 62- Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan: Allow all commercial gear types to fish for herring simultaneously in Bristol Bay



Proposer: Raymond May and Robert Nelson

Move to Adopt: Alexis Kwachka,
2nd- Julie Kavanaugh

In support:

- Allows opportunity for both seine and gillnet participants to fish regardless of weather
- Very low participation in recent years, gear conflicts non-existent
- Allows the fleet to take fish whenever and wherever they are of best quality

Motion Passes: 10-0

Proposal 42- Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in Bristol Bay: Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard

Proposer: Timothy Gervais

Move to Adopt: Alexis Kwachka, 2nd-Julie
Kavanaugh

In opposition:

- The current structure provides opportunity for young entrants to buy a permit and work into an operation with an added benefit on top of a crew share
- The regulation currently helps to lesson a very congested fishery

Motion Fails: 0-10

Proposal 45- Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in Bristol Bay: Provide drift gillnet vessels with a single permit holder onboard more fishing opportunity per opening than vessels with two permit holders onboard

Proposer: Norman Gloko

Move to Adopt: Alexis Kwachka, 2nd-Julie
Kavanaugh

In opposition:

- This regulation would create a nightmare logistically for enforcement
- Fishers already have a difficult time discerning openers as is

Motion Fails: 0-10



Proposals 46 & 47- Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in Bristol Bay: Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery

Proposers: (46) Hayden Linscheid, (47) Douglas R. Elwell

Move to Adopt: Julie
Kavanaugh 2nd-
Alexus Kwacha

In support:

- Makes it easier to have the benefit of dual permits
- Many dual permits are already owned by one individual who places the second permit in either family or crew-members name. Big risk for those owners.
- Makes the Bristol Bay fishery more viable

In opposition:

- Takes away a ladder rung from entry opportunities for young entrants
- Will drive the price of Bristol Bay permits higher
- Once permits get stacked together there is little chance they will be sold separately, which limits opportunity for new entrants into the fishery

Motion Fails: 3-6 with 1 Abstention

Proposal 52- New Section: Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan

Proposer: Alexus Kwachka

Move to Adopt: Alexus Kwachka, 2nd-Patrick
O'Donnell

In support:

- This levels the playing field for those that want to continue to fish legally even after enforcement traditionally shifts resources elsewhere
- Gives everyone opportunity to spread out
- Lessens the burden on remaining enforcement

Motion Passes: 10-0

2) Motion for a single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on-time comment deadline of November 14th

Motion: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd-Andrew Finke

- Nate will do the minutes
- Alexus and Wallace will review the minutes
- Nate will approve and submit minutes



Motion Passes: 10-0

3) Committee comments

Motion to have Wallace or Julie represent the AC at the Bristol Bay finfish meeting Nov 29-Dec 3, 2022.

Nate Rose, 2nd-Andrew Finke

4) Set meeting date for next meeting

- Tentative Date of January 10th 2023
- Chairman will send out email to confirm

Motion to Adjourn: Wallace Fields, 2nd-Andrew Finke

Motion Passes: 10-0

Meeting adjourns at 19:55pm.



Lake Iliamna AC Meeting minutes 11:00 am 10-20-2022

- Roll call
 - Randy Alvarez, Kyle Aguiar, Karla Jensen, Ned Fowler, Jim Tilly, Bob Tracey, Sonny Lamont
- Approval of Agenda
 - Bob Tracey moved to approve
 - Kyle Aguiar seconds, Unanimous approval
- Introductions
 - Staff
 - Taryn O'Connor Brito, Lee Borden, Travis Elison, Tim Addock
 - Guests
 - Jeff, Jonathan Salmon, Greg Zackar, Rachel, Cody
 - - Bob Tracey nominates Jim Tilly, no further nominations
 - Bob Tracey moves to close nominations
 - Karla Jensen seconds, Jim seated with unanimous consent
- Election of Officers
 - Election for Chairman
 - Bob Tracey nominates Randy Alvarez
 - Bob Tracey moves to close nominations
 - Kyle seconds
 - Vote 7-0
 - Election for Vice Chair
 - Bob Tracey nominates Tinney
 - Bob Tracey moves to close nominations
 - Kyle Aguiar seconds
 - Vote 7-0
 - Election for Seceretary
 - Karl Jensen nominates Ned Fowler
 - Kyle Aguiar moves to close nominations
 - Ned Fowler seconds
 - Vote 7-0
- Updates
 - Chairman
 - Organize agenda
 - ADFG
 - Sport and Comm Fish available for proposals.
 - Other agencies
 - Cody Larson asks about a former proposal that was referencing an incident that happened in nondalton fish camp. This session the proposal will be active and asks if Lake Iliamna AC will support it.
- Public Comment



- None
- New Business
 - Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal
 - Lee Borden has the floor
 - Gives basic report on how the Bristol Bay fishery was for summer 2022. Everything has come back to prepandemic levels.
 - Proposal 18
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt Proposal 18
 - Karla seconds
 - Vote 0-7
 - Discussion: Local users use bait in the wintertime for ice fishing. Local people have always used bait and ice fishing would be very ineffective without using bait.
 - Discussion of Local fish numbers in Lake Iliamna
 - Randy asks Lee Borden if there has been any studies of Lake Trout in Lake Iliamna recently. Lee Borden says that there has not been. Randy Alvarez hopes that there will be because he has not seen as many lake trout in recent years as he used to and believes it's because of the higher number of freshwater seals in Lake Iliamna. Sonny Lamont also comments how in Newhalen he believes the same is true,
 - Proposal 35
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Ned Fowler seconds
 - Vote 0-7
 - Discussion
 - There is already a current regulation of drifters needing to remain at least 100 feet from set nets and increasing the distance would not help without more enforcement. The problem isn't the distance but lack of enforcement.
 - Proposal 36
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Randy Alvarez seconds
 - Vote 7-0
 - Discussion
 - Jet boaters dragging their nets decreases the value of fish and is unnecessary
 - Proposal 40
 - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
 - Bob Tracey seconds
 - Vote 0-7
 - Discussion
 - The setnets will be too far offshore.
 - Break: 12:45



- Return:1:01
- Proposal 42
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Ned Fowler Seconds
 - Vote 0-7
 - Discussion
 - There would be more nets in the water if this proposal went through.
- Proposal 45
 - Bob Tracey moves adopt
 - Randy Alvarez seconds
 - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 46
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt proposal
 - Kyle Aguiar seconds
 - Vote 0-7
 - Discussion
 - Committe is not in favor because permits would likely leave local area
- Proposal 49
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Ned Fowler seconds
 - Vote 0-7
 - Discussion
 - This proposal would negatively effect Kvichak escapement
- Proposal 50
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Ned Fowler seconds
 - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 56
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Kyle Aguiar seconds
 - Vote 0-7
 - Discussion
 - Proposal is note straigh forward
- 'Proposal 57
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Ned Fowler seconds
 - Vote 7-0
 - Discussion
 - Allocation is a weird and not consistent thing and has not been to state standards sine 2017.
- Proposal 58
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt



- Randy Alvarez seconds
 - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 122
 - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
 - Bob Tracey seconds
 - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 123
 - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
 - Bob Tracey seconds
 - Vote 0-7
- Proposal 126
 - Ned Fowler moves to adopt
 - Bob Tracey seconds
 - Vote 7-0
- Alaska Board of Game Proposal 187 brown bear tag fee
 - Bob Tracey moves to adopt
 - Randy Alvarez seconds
 - Vote 7-0
- Miscellaneous Business
 - Randy Alvarez (chairman) requests minutes
 - Cody Larson of BBNA asks if Lake Iliamna AC still supports Proposal 21 from 2018
 - Board assures Cody Larson that we still support that proposal in reference to sport fishing near personal use fishery
- Next meeting
 - Will be next year at a yet to be determined date
- Adjourn
 - Bob Tracey moves to adjourn at 3:41

Minutes recorded by: Ned Fowler
Minutes approved by: Randy Alvarez
Date: 11/14/2022



**Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee
November 2, 2022
Zoom meeting**

I. Call to Order: 17:13 pm AKT by Tracy Vrem

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mike Enright

Timothy Enright

Eddie Clark

Kim Rice

Catie Bursch

Tracey Vrem

John Christiansen Jr

Mary West

Jordan Dyer

Members Absent

-Brian Cato-excused

-Mitch Seybert- excused

-Gerald Olson- excused

-Jimmy Christiansen

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Seven (9 members at roll call)

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, Subsistence fishing, Subsistence Hunting, Guided hunting.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Approved by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracy Vrem. Adding Jon Clouse to agenda.
All in favor.

IV. Approval of Minutes from 4/7/22:

Approved by Catie Bursch, seconded by Eddie Clark. No discussion. All in favor. Moved to adopt minutes.

V. Introductions

Fish and Game Staff Present:



Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support Southwest Region Coordinator
Lee Borden ADFG BB Sports fish
Aaron Tiernen ADFG BB Egegik/Ugashik Com fish
Amy Vande Voort. BB Wildlife ADFG

Guests Present:

Chuck McCallum – Lake and Penn borough fish advisor
Jon Clouse – SW Region School District
Laura Zimin

VI. Elections for three undesignated seats with terms that expired June 30, 2022

Tracey Vrem nominated Catie Bursch, seconded by Maurice Enright
Mary West nominated Brian Cato, seconded by Eddie Clark
Tracey Vrem nominated Tim Enright, seconded by
Eddie made motion to close the floor for nominations. Tracey Vrem seconded.
Unanimous consent achieved to select the three nominees.

*Jimmy Christiansen replaced Gerda Kosbruk as Port Heiden community representative between the last meeting and this meeting. *

VII. Updates

-Lee Borden, ADFG - Kings in Nushagak cut bag limits in half last summer due to sharp decline.

-Aaron Tiernen ADFG- 79 million bay wide run total. Forecast not out quite yet for 2023. Kings and chum in smaller numbers. Discussion about how warmer habitats may have increased run size.... warmer winters, less ice results in more smolt. Also, higher escapement goals played a part.

VIII. Public Comments

– Jon Clouse reporting on Com Fish skills camp with SW Region School District. They would like to apply for Educational Fishing permit through CFEC again for 2023. Jon is asking for a letter of approval from the LBBAC to go to CFEC. Eddie Clark made motion for Catie Bursch to write this letter of approval. seconded by Eddie Clark. Vote was taken to approve a deputy to sign letter. Unanimous approval.

Note on vote counts:

Proposals not taken in order; votes count of 8 excluded John Christiansen who had to leave the meeting early. Vote counts of 7 excluded John Christiansen and Jordan Dyer who had to step away for part of the meeting. No abstentions.

IX. New Business:

I. Board of Fish Bristol Bay Finfish proposals (see table)



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<p><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></p>			
15	Allow use of small fishwheels to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in the Ugashik Bay, Ugashik River, and Dago Creek drainages		
Support	9	0	<p>Motion made to adopt proposal by Tracey Vrem. Seconded by Eddie Clark.</p> <p>Discussion included the fact that you could select the fish you kept for subsistence with a live box, where a gillnet is harder to be selective. Might be hard to do fish wheel on mudflats</p>
16	Repeal requirement that subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Naknek River Drainage may only be obtained at the King Salmon office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.		
Support	9	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Tracy Vrem.</p> <p>Can be hard to get permits in person. Offices seem to be short-handed.</p>
17	Limit guided angler access to sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River.		
Support	9	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Tracy Vrem.</p> <p>Looking out for the longevity of the Rainbows. Getting to be too much pressure on the river.</p>
18	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Support	9	0	<p>Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Mary West seconded. Vote taken.</p> <p>Don't want fish to swallow egg sac and get the hook down deep in fish and hard to get hook out.</p>
21	Prohibit harvest of rainbow trout by nonresident anglers in a section of the Naknek river drainage.		



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Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Tim Enright seconded. It would be nice to keep rainbows in good shape on the Naknek.
22	Close Big Creek to sport fishing for salmon.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Mary West seconded. A lot of boats are up in that creek and it has been taking a hit.
23	Allow retention of king salmon less than 20 inches in length in Big Creek.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracey Vrem If there is an allowance to keep small kings, people will be catching the larger kings too.
24	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Catie Bursch. We need to do as much as we can to stay ahead of the game to try and keep our kings.
25	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Mary West. We need to do as much as we can to stay ahead of the game to try and keep our kings.
26	Close tributaries and upper section of the Naknek River to sport fishing for king salmon.		



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Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright.
27	Create a nonresident annual limit for coho salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright. Bag limits don't need to be so large.
30	Create a youth-only sport fishery in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	7	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch, Seconded by Mary West.
31	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Oppose	1	8	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright. Commercial fishermen already are assigned to report king salmon on their fish tickets.
32	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Oppose	0	9	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tim Enright. Unanimously opposed. Commercial fishermen already are assigned to report king salmon on their fish tickets.
33	Increase maximum offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District.		



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Oppose	0	7	Motion to adopt this proposal by Maurice Enright, seconded by Catie Bursch. Could be navigational hazard with nets going farther across the river channel. Many sites around the Bay go dry on low tides. Hard to keep moving distances as sand/mud bars change locations from season to season.
34	Increase minimum distance between units of drift and set gillnet gear in the Ugashik District.		
Support	7	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch, Seconded by Eddie Clark. We feel this could be amended to be two separate proposals. One dealing with the 1000' distance and one dealing with the navigational waters.
35	Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Mary West.
36	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet.		
Support	6	1	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch seconded by Mary West.
37	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet.		
Support	6	1	Motion to adopt this proposal by Jordan Dyer, seconded by Catie Bursch
38	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 25 fathoms.		
Support	7	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Jordan Dyer seconded by Mary West
39	Prohibit placement of set gillnet gear on the shore fishery lease site of another set gillnet permit holder.		



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Support/Support as amended/Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Oppose	1	6	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracey Vrem. When set net sites are close together it is not unheard of for anchoring devices to be used on neighboring shore fisheries lease plats. Every district is different, and we understand this proposal is coming from Egegik. We found that this proposal was not clear on exactly what gear could or could not cross into the neighboring platt.
42	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Support	7	0	Motion to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch, seconded by Eddie Clark. No need to have D permits if we are not in economic hard times. We also hope this will help the drain of permits out of the state and local area.
43	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Support	7	0	see comments on Proposal 42
44	Review provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Support	7	0	see comments on Proposal 42
45	Provide drift gillnet vessels with a single permit holder onboard more fishing opportunity per opening than vessels with two permit holders onboard.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark seconded by Tracey Vrem
46	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion made to adopt this proposal and proposal 47 by Eddie Clark, seconded by Tracey Vrem.
47	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		



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Support/Support as amended/Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Oppose	0	7	See comments on Proposal 46.
49	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to adopt this proposal by Jordan Dyer, seconded by Eddie Clark. Prop 49-54 Bristol Bay salmon management is based on a terminal fishery. Also, there are other species that will be affected besides sockeye so can't assume they are getting to spawning grounds.
50	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
51	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
52	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
53	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for Proposal 49
54	Adopt an Eastside Bristol Bay late-season management plan.		
Oppose	0	7	
59	Repeal provisions directing the department to avoid continuous fishing with set gillnet gear in the Egegik District.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion made to adopt this proposal by Eddie Clark seconded by Catie Bursch Fish do not get up into the inner district because the fishery is so efficient. Need some gaps for escapement.



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60	Align the Ugashik District fall fishing schedule with the Naknek-Kvichak District and Egegik District fall fishing schedules.		
Support	7	0	Motion made to adopt this proposal by Catie Bursch seconded by Jordan Dyer Schedule will be aligned with other districts. More fishing time if markets and opportunity align.
61	Require reporting of king salmon harvest by size class on fish tickets.		
			Brief discussion, no action

II. Board of Game proposal 187 (Brown Bear tag fee exemption)

Motion made to adopt proposal #187 by Mary West seconded by Eddie Clark
Vote was taken. 7 support. 0 opposed. Approved unanimously.

X. Misc. Business:

Motion to have Tracey Vrem approve the minutes. Motion made by Eddie Clark, seconded by Jordan Dyer. Unanimously approved.
Discuss date and agenda for next meeting

XI. Adjournment: 22:58 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Catie Bursch
Minutes Approved By: Tracy Vrem
Date: 11/3/22



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
November 9, 2022
TCM Restoration**

I. **Call to Order:** 7:04pm by Herb Mansavage

II. **Roll Call:**

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused	Terms
Herb Mansavage-Chair	X		06/30/2024
Chad Schierman- Sec	X		06/30/2023
Chad Lipse-Fish	X		06/30/2023
Gene Sandone	X		06/30/2023
Robert Cassell		Excused	06/30/2023
Mike Barnett	X		06/30/2023
Melvin Grove	X		06/30/2024
Birch Yuknis		Excused	06/30/2024
Neil DeWitt	X		06/30/2024
Dom Nickles		Excused	06/30/2024
Dan Montgomery-Game	X		06/30/2025
Andy Couch		Excused	06/30/2025
Austin Manelick	X		06/30/2025
Aaron Bloomquist	X		06/30/2025
Hunter Hongslo	X		06/30/2025
Casey Dinkel- ALT		Excused	06/30/2023
Dan Lewis- ALT	X		06/30/2023

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9

List of User Groups Present: None

Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Sylvester

Guests Present: None

III. **Approval of Agenda:** Herb motioned, Chad Lipse seconded – Accepted without any objections.

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** To Be Approved At Next Meeting

V. **Public Comment:** None

VI. **Proposals:**



Alaska Board of Fish – Bristol Bay Finfish			
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
11			
Support	11	0	Support: Importance of the sustainability of King Salmon.
15			
Support	10	1	Support: Better control. Oppose: Concern regarding use of both methods. 1 Abstain (Not Enough Information)
17			
Oppose	6	6	Support: Increased traffic/pressure, long-term concerns. Oppose: Complex regulation, difficult to enforce.
19			
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Unnecessary regulation, no evidence of mortality/woundage issues with current bead regulations.
20			
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Difficult to enforce, unnecessary.
22			
Oppose	0	10	Support: King salmon sustainability. Oppose: Sportfish take is minimal compared to commercial, ability to close season if issues seen/expected. 2 Abstain (Not Enough Information)
35			
Support	12	0	Support: Driftnetters can go anywhere while setnetters are fixed, boat technology allows driftnetters to go shallow, proposed distance is reasonable, safety.
37			
Oppose	1	11	Support: Safety for setnetters. Oppose: 100' is not a lot of line, less control, safety concern. Limit may be good idea, consider maximum length.



Alaska Board of Game – ACR			
ACR Number	ACR Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
1			
Support	12	0	Support: Harvest Tickets should be available on January 1 st for hunts that calendar year. This avoids any confusion, chances of wrong tags in field, etc.
2			
Oppose	3	8	Support: The requirement of a paper Harvest Ticket in the field is unnecessary and serves little purpose. Mandatory reporting would be required. Oppose: Harvest Ticket is enforcement tool in the field.
3			
Support	7	4	Support: Harvest Ticket is redundant when Locking Tag is required and need to carry both does not service purpose. Oppose: Harvest Ticket is enforcement tool in field. Shows date of harvest.
13			
Support	10	1	Support: Department allocation differed from proposal that Board of Game passed. Intention of proposal was to allow opportunity for Guided and 2 nd Degree of Kindred non-residents but Department’s allocation takes away all opportunity for Guided non-residents in some areas.



VII. **Set Next Meeting Date:** December 14th, 2022

VIII. **Other:**

- Neil proposed to have AC member on Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) working group as hunters outside area are underrepresented. Dan Montgomery is familiar with the area/herd and interested in taking part.
- Herb requested proposals to take up for Board of Fisheries Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish and Board of Game Southeast be sent in by 12/7.

IX. **Adjourn:** 9:26PM

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 11/09/2022



**Minutes
Naknek Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 7:00pm
and Monday October 3, 2022, 7:00pm
Dolly's Hall**

I. Call to Order: 7:23 by Regan

II. Roll Call-

Members Present 9/28/22:

Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr, Marc Watson, John Wise, Ralph Zimin, Joey Klutsch, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, Patricia Edel, William Regan

Members Absent 9/28/22:

Graham Morrison

Members Present 10/3/22:

Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr, Marc Watson, John Wise, Ralph Zimin, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, William Regan

Members Absent 10/3/22:

Patricia Edel, Joey Klutsch

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5 members

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards staff; Lee Borden sports fish; Travis Ellison Com fish; David Bump, Wildlife Troopers

IV. Guests Present: Cody Larson, BBNA

V. Approval of Agenda Thompson moved to approve, Watson 2nd passed unanimous

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Watson moved March 30, 2022, minutes, Thompson 2nd pass unanimous

VII. Elections for membership:

Everett Thompson nominates Ralph Zimin, William Regan Jr, John Wise, and Patricia Edel to retain their seats on the committee for another term and reports Graham Morrison not interested in running for another term. No further nominations. Members unopposed and retained by unanimous consent.



VIII. Reports

- a. Chair's report, Regan would like a letter sent off to the state board of fish to address or answer our questions that we have on our river system with concerns to king salmon, rainbows in regards to our board proposals to address the issues here.
- b. ADF&G Borden stated that the latest report done on the Naknek river system showed that the overall rainbow population is doing well and mirrors 1999 study done. Abundance of older large sized fish, mid-size was low and smaller class rainbows was doing very well too.

Ellison stated a record 2022 commercial fishery. Largest harvest and run on record. Discussed Naknek, Kvichak district catches and also allocation of setnet to drift permit harvest records. It has been trending towards setnet harvesting more than historic average but with the size of run and number of drift boats it's hard to manage.

Other board members talked at length over the king salmon decline and what has the state of Alaska done to limit the draggers and area M fisherman to limit their harvest of king salmon. Every commercial entity has given up some time, area or both in protecting the kings, why hasn't the other user groups in our region been held to the same level?

IX. Public Comment: None

X. New Business:

Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals (see table below).

AC called a recess on 9/28/2022 at 10:18pm following discussion of proposal 38 and returned at 7:00pm on 10/3/2022 to continue the agenda picking up with proposal 39.

XI. Everett Thompson selected to represent AC at BOF Bristol Bay meeting

XII. Next meeting date tentatively set for January 25th

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn 9:35pm



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11	Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan.		
support	10	0	Wilson stated that he was on this committee that drew up this proposal and all user groups were at attendance and had input in creating this. Full support
12	Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest.		
No action	10	0	Felt like proposal 11 did a better job.
13	Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River.		
Oppose	0	10	Wilson said that this person was in the previous working group that created proposal 11, I felt let down with yet another stab at commercial fisherman from the sport industry. We all have been getting along for years and with proposals like this it will continue a fight with no end.
14	Reinstate provision that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas.		
support	10	0	Full support with no discussion
16	Repeal requirement that subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Naknek River Drainage may only be obtained at the King Salmon office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.		
support	10	0	Board full support limited discussion
17	Limit guided angler access to sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River.		
Support	10	0	Klutsch felt that previous board cycle didn't address our issues and concerns for which this proposal is in front of us again to help address problem with too many operators on the Naknek river, full support from local ac committee members
18	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Oppose	0	10	No support from ac Naknek main river is close from March thru November to bait fishing anyway.



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19	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River.		
Support	10	0	Edel and Klutsch rainbows with swallow hooks deeper in mouth and mortality is higher with egg pattern hooks, Ideal tackle for targeting mid-size rainbows which are our future stocks which has been hit hard on our river
21	Prohibit harvest of rainbow trout by nonresident anglers in a section of the Naknek river drainage.		
Support	10	0	Borden stated only about 20 are taken by non-residents and about 160 rainbows are taken by Alaskan residents on the Naknek river systems. Not much of an issue
22	Close Big Creek to sport fishing for salmon.		
Support	7	3	
23	Allow retention of king salmon less than 20 inches in length in Big Creek.		
Opposed	0	10	Edel said this goes against what everyone has been trying to do in protecting our kings. Borden said jacks are the first fish into a new area of habitat also are spawners as well so they contribute to the overall population.
24	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	10	0	Klutsch said that sports hunters are having to distinguish between sex's or size limits from hundreds of yards away. Sports fishers should be able to tell between a male and female king. Difficult to manage and enforce
25	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	10	0	Similar to proposal 24 same action
26	Close tributaries and upper section of the Naknek River to sport fishing for king salmon.		
Support	10	0	Here is another local resident trying to help conserve kings for the future and will have ac full support
27	Create a nonresident annual limit for coho salmon in the Naknek River drainage.		



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Support	10	0	There isn't much data on coho population and local operators are seeing a decline in numbers. This is a good place to start.
30	Create a youth-only sport fishery in the Naknek River drainage.		
Support	10	0	There are other areas in Alaska that has this type of youth fisheries and is very much needed here. Across the board in all industries getting youth involved and excited about a field is difficult. This would provide much needed access without other commercial operators being involved and pushing out youth's from fishing
31	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Oppose	0	10	Wise said com fisherman are already required to report all kings caught. The sports commercial fishery needs to have reporting done.
32	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Oppose	0	10	Similar to proposal 31
34	Increase minimum distance between units of drift and set gillnet gear in the Ugashik District.		
Opposed	1	9	The area is upriver and getting into navigable waters
35	Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear.		
Oppose	1	9	Board member stated there are regulations already on the books for this matter we don't need to duplicate it
36	Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet.		
Oppose	3	7	Majority of the members felt the long tow lines are getting out of hand, needs to have something on the books. Another felt we don't need others to dictate how another individual fishes. We have enough restrictions on gear and length why this as well.



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37	Limit the length of drift gillnet toelines to 100 feet.		
Oppose	3	7	Same action as proposal 36
38	Limit the length of drift gillnet toelines to 25 fathoms.		
Oppose	3	7	Same action as proposal 36
39	Prohibit placement of set gillnet gear on the shore fishery lease site of another set gillnet permit holder.		
Oppose	0	8	There is regulation on the books as to requirements of set net gear.
40	Increase area available to set gillnet fishermen in the Graveyard Point area.		
Oppose	0	8	Ellison said it would open a little more area on the west side of Kvichak district and increase opportunity. A board member commercial fishes over the top end of Kvichak and there is no set net sites for at least a mile down stream. There isn't any reason to get more area that the set net fishers don't even use currently
42	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Oppose	0	8	A board member stated that original intent was to remove 100 fathoms of gear out of the water and allow another permit holder that didn't have a working vessel to fish with another and still participate in the fishery. Another felt both the management and processors don't want the conditions of weather they can have dual permit stacking change every three years. Hard to run a business with that uncertainty
43	Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Oppose	0	8	Similar proposal as 42
44	Review provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard.		
Oppose	0	8	There is dual permit system already in place. No need to change what is and has been working



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45	Provide drift gillnet vessels with a single permit holder onboard more fishing opportunity per opening than vessels with two permit holders onboard.		
Oppose	0	8	Difficult to inforce and making special area and time for single permit holders isn't reasonable.
46	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		
Oppose	0	8	Everyone feels like the current model has been working since it started, we don't need to change the dual permit stacking issueat this time.
47	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.		
Oppose	0	8	Same proposal as 46
49	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	2	6	Some felt this would allow those that want to fish late especially in Egegik district they can because a select few go way over the line and makes it in possible to fish without breaking the law. When troopers have less enforcement, it becomes a real issue. Others felt that those sockeye milling around have not headed up towards there rivers of origin and could be all caught there for harm a small river or stream system
50	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	0	8	This idea was tried years ago and harmed Kvichak river system for years, this is a bad idea. Early fishing is about conserving Kings
51	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		



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Oppose	2	6	Tax base would become an issue and along with delivering of sockeye to tenders traveling from different districts. How can management distinguish their origin. Others felt that the open waters would make those that want to fish late have to find fish and become fisherman instead of sitting at district lines and be the first net in the water
52	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	2	6	Same as proposal 51
53	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.		
Oppose	2	6	Same as proposal 51
54	Adopt an Eastside Bristol Bay late-season management plan.		
Oppose	2	6	Same as proposal 51
55	Align Naknek Section southern boundary line with Naknek-Kvichak District southern boundary line.		
No action	8	0	Some discussion.
56	Allow drift gillnet fishermen to make ‘test sets’ under certain circumstances.		
Oppose	0	8	Management would complicate to manage. Other did like when you didn’t have to drop your registration card for district to fish until the 25 th .
57	Repeal set and drift gillnet allocations in the Naknek-Kvichak District.		
Oppose	0	8	Overall wanted to keep the current allocation management plan in place. There have been years that only one user group in the Kvichak district was able to fish, making an exclusive area. The districts need to be managed per there district allocation of drift to set net plans.
58	Provide increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Naknek River Special Harvest Area.		



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Oppose	0	8	No one on the ac wanted to fish in river again. Commercial fishing belongs out in the regular district.
59	Repeal provisions directing the department to avoid continuous fishing with set gillnet gear in the Egegik District.		
No action	8	0	Due to action on prop 60
60	Align the Ugashik District fall fishing schedule with the Naknek-Kvichak District and Egegik District fall fishing schedules.		
Support	8	0	It made sense to align all district late fishing to the same schedule.
61	Require reporting of king salmon harvest by size class on fish tickets.		
Support	8	0	we can see how complicated it would be to try and manage on a fishing vessel during a storm with loads of fish on deck. To try and make sure the size of kings caught and reported properly would be a huge issue.
62	Allow all commercial gear types to fish for herring simultaneously in Bristol Bay.		
Support	8	0	Any time we can help local fisherman keep what little they have left the better local resident fisherman will be in the future

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr _____

Minutes Approved By: _Everett Thompson_____

Date: __11/14/22_____



Nushagak ADFG Advisory Committee

November 9, 2022

Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, AK

I. Call to Order: 9:14 AM by Chair Susie Brito-Jenkins

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dlg, **Chair**

Travis Ball, Aleknagik, **Vice Chair**

Dan Dunaway, Und. **Sec**

Peter Christopher New Stuyahok

Joe Kazmirowicz, Ekwok, phone

Joe Chythlook, Dlg, phone

Tom O'Connor, Dlg, phone

Walter Kanulie, Togiak Alt, phone

Chris Carr, Portage Creek, phone

Robert Larson Sr. Koliganek, phone

Todd Fritze, Dlg

Curt Armstrong, Dlg

Mariano Floresta, Clark's, phone

Kenneth Nukwak, At Large Alt. phone

Members Absent (Excused): Gayla Hoseth, Barbara Moore

Members Absent (Unexcused): Moses Kritz, Togiak; Steve Perkins, At Large Alt.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9

List of User Groups Present:

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| 1. Trapping | 7. Processing |
| 2. Sport Fishing | 8. Personal Use |
| 3. Subsistence | 9. Outdoors Person |
| 4. Hunting | 10. Assoc./Corp |
| 5. Commercial Fishing | 11. Conservationist |
| 6. Guiding | |

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Sands, Com Fish; Phil Stacy, Com Fish; Lee Borden, Sport Fish; Tim Adickes Sport Fish; John Landsiedel, Wildlife; Evelyn Lichwa, Wildlife,

IV. Other Govt Agencies: AWT, Joe Wittkop; USFWS Togiak Refuge, Kenton Moos, Andy Aderman, Truett Cawfield



V. Guests/ Public Present:

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| Rick Wysoki, set | Reed Tennyson, drift |
| Gary Cline, drift, BBEDC | Lindsay Layland, set |
| Randy Sandvik, drift | Misa Webber, set , drift |
| Fritz Johnson, drift | Angelo Brito, drift |
| Jeff Regnart, BBSRI | Cody Larson, BBNA |
| Dave Bendinger, OBI | Craig Chythlook, drift |
| John O'Connor, set | Chris O' Connor, set |

VI. Introductions: All attendees in person and on phone introduced themselves.

VII. Approval of Agenda

Todd moves Trav 2nd to adopt an agenda. Peter Christopher asked to add a discussion on gear allocations at appropriate times with proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Joe C moves to approve minutes Tom and Peter 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Elections: SEATS Chair announced 3 open seats one undesignated and two at large alternates. Gayla was elected to the At Large seat. Kenneth Nukwuk and Lindsay Layland elected alternates. Since a couple AC members were absent, the alternates were then seated by unanimous consent for this meeting. OFFICERS: Trave moved Todd 2n to open nominations for officers. Todd nominated the slate of Susie Jenkins-Brito for Chair, Travis Ball for Vice Chair, and Dan Dunaway for Secretary. Nominations were closed and officers seated by 14 -0 unanimous consent.

X. Reports and Updates

- a. Chair’s report: Board meeting in Anchorage Nov 29 to Dec 3, on time comments due Nov 14. Recommended focusing only on proposals addressing the Nushagak and Togiak areas. May need another meeting to take up other districts.
- b. ADF&G: Lee Borden Sport Fish - sport effort rebounded to pre-covid levels. 2022 was poor for Nushagak king salmon. He issued 2 EOs. 1 to reduce Nushagak bag limits and 2 specified catch & release only, no bait. July 19 a third EO for all Bristol Bay sport king salmon: seasonal harvest restricted to 1 over 20 inches. At this time, Lee is planning for very conservative management in 2023 pending coming BOF actions; 1) declared Nushagak Kings a stock of concern, 2) the developing ADFG King Action Plan, and 3) BOF actions on proposals including Nushagak King Salmon Management Plan. Follow up comments included concerns for rainbows in the Lake Iliamna drainage. Several comments of concern about Nushagak king sport fishery including recent hooking mortality study (6.6% in lower Nushagak). A just completed study is in analysis and to be presented at BOF. The late and low numbers of silvers seen in the Nushagak this fall was mentioned. There were good silvers in Togiak and Alagnak.

Commercial Fish: Tim Sands: ADFG is working on run reconstruction. The Nushagak king escapement did not meet the goal even though there were strong



parent runs and forecasts suggested a run of 118,000 kings. Actual '22 King run was very weak and even if there had been NO commercial sockeye fishery, the king goal probably wouldn't have been met. ADFG doesn't count silvers and there was no real commercial coho harvest this fall. Mixed info on coho returns, small pulses and generally late. Biggest item ADFG recommended was that the status of Nushagak Kings should be considered a "Stock of Concern". BOF agreed at the October worksession. Now ADFG is developing action plans that won't be available until the Nov 29 meeting. These plans are being developed jointly among Commercial, Sport and Subsistence divisions. Tim sees 4 management options: 1) status quo. 2) Use the Wood River Special Harvest area to keep the fleet off kings but harvest Wood R. reds. 3) Cutting commercial district size and possibly change the upper district boundary. 4) Add mesh restrictions. Tim said BOF will choose options and will need public comment to help with decisions.

Discussion followed suggesting eliminating D boat fishing to reduce gear in the Nushagak Bay. A brief discussion whether the AC should delegate some AC members to be prepared to speak for the AC at the BOF meeting. More discussion on timing of red and king runs, the problem of accounting for commercial catch of kings as they are often sold as reds, and brief mention of trawler by-catch. Tim listed ADFG efforts to get better accounting of kings harvested in commercial catch including working with processors. Numerous comments on the short time until the BOF meeting and no time for the public to digest any data or action plans that may come out.

Tim also discussed the process used to decide early June commercial openers and efforts to protect kings. Concerns for Muklung R (Wood R tributary) kings if the fishery is put in the WRSWA.

Chums have been doing poorly too and ADFG considered adding them as a stock of concern but held off for now. ADFG is watching closely.

ADFG Wildlife Conservation. John Landseidel and Evelyn Lichwa. Dillingham office is now fully staffed with wildlife biologists after several years of intermittent staffing. John provided a thorough hand out summarizing Div Wildlife projects and data. Focus points on moose: documenting un-reported harvest, addressing low calf survival, interruption of long term data sets due to recent lack of staff. Moose population goal in GMU17C is not being met. The handout showed harvest data for moose and bears. No winter hunt planned for 17C, winter permits expected for 17A and B. Intensive Management (IM) for wolves will be available to local trappers and hunters. Bears have been added to the IM program and removal will begin next spring on caribou calving grounds. Heads hide meat will be salvaged. John spoke briefly on the cultural educational hunts for each of the Southwest Region Schools.

c. Brief Break 10:53 to 11:01

- d. USFWS Togiak Wildlife Refuge Andy Aderman presented: Note the refuge's fall report is available online. Noted 2022 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou counts estimate 359 animals up 100 from 2021 which was better than 2020. The



caribou committee recommended a 48 animal harvest with permits distributed to eligible villages. Estimated 41 bulls and 63 calves per 100 cows which is very good. The 17A moose survey is completed but in the analysis stage now. Aderman expects the moose population to be above objectives. During surveys ptarmigan have been observed in great abundance. There were no bear or wolf surveys.

- e. Alaska Wildlife Trooper Joe Wittkop reported. No patrol vessel available for herring or halibut work, some patrols done by air. Few issues with herring. Halibut enforcement is an assistance to the Feds. Enforcement is more educational. Main issues with halibut were difficulty complying with load reporting rules and lack of infrastructure to assist with compliance. Some tracking of the yellowfin sole fleet was done by air. Bear hunting is back to normal effort. There were plans to do more sport fishing enforcement, but the staff were redirected to drug enforcement. Spot checks done as time allowed. The commercial fishery enforcement included one extra pilot, one boat driver and an assistant. Violations were normal, closed period, and some line violations though with huge runs, line fisheries were not much of an issue. There were a few instances of failure to report lost gear. Some over length boats are appearing - AWT plans to draft a fleet-wide advisory letter. Under reporting of kings is a concern but hard to investigate. Late in the season there were a few instances of unattended gear. Fall Hunting: no wastage problems. Generally good compliance though a couple undersize moose were taken accidentally. DLP bears are not being properly reported or salvaged - 8 cases. DLP salvage and reporting requirements were discussed.
- f. Wood Tikchik State Park: Lee Borden is State rep on the advisory council in addition to his duties as Sport Fish Area Biologist. Council composition was described. Borden reported the council reviewed some proposals to BOF - soliciting comment from park users. It's part of Park responsibility and council by-laws to consider uses occurring in the Park. Proposals weren't formally addressed but proposals 18, 20, 28 were discussed. Borden outlined Park discussions which are noted in the proposal comments in this report.
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- i. Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, Gary Cline : Fewer halibut fishers participated in spring 2022 due to lack of processor participation.

XI. Public Comments: Public comments were encouraged and allowed throughout the meeting.

XII. New Business:

I. Board of Game Reauthorization

BOG 177 Reauthorized antlerless moose in GMU 17A.

Trav moved to adopt Dan 2nd.

SUPPORT, 14 Yes, 0 No - Unanimous.

ADFG supports reauthorization. Moose population likely above goals according to ADFG and USFWS.

We support it as a prime source of meat to communities and are biologically sustainable.

BOG 187 Reauthorize brown bear tag exemption in GMU 17.

Trav mov Dan 2nd.

SUPPORT, 14 Yes, 0 No -Unanimous

ADFG explained this is a Dept proposal and BOG requires annual reauthorization.



ADFG supports.

We think anything to facilitate the taking of bears is good, we have too many, they prey heavily on moose and caribou. This makes it easier for locals to harvest opportunistically and without cost. One commenter wished this could be made permanent and not require annual reauthorization for GMU 17.

LUNCH BREAK Approx 12:00 - 12:47

Chair re-announced: on time comments are due to Board Support November 14. May be submitted electronically.

Members present after lunch: Mariano Floresta, Tom O'Connor, Bobby Larson Sr, Chris Carr, Travis Ball, Lindsay Layland, Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dan Dunaway, Peter Christopher, Todd Fritze, Curt Armstrong, Kenneth Nukwak, & Walter Kanulie.

Proposal #28: Joe Chythlook arrived.

Proposal #31: Walter Kanulie Signed off, 13 present.

Proposal #35: Chris Carr unresponsive at time of vote.

Chair noted on time comments are due to Board Support November 14. May be submitted electronically.

Chair asked AC members to focus on Nushagak and Togiak proposals due to the limited time the meeting place was available for that day.

II. BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS

SEE TEMPLATE BELOW.

In all cases, the appropriate ADF&G biologist would introduce the proposal and provide information to the AC. ADFG has not completed their official comments so the biologists were limited in how much they could provide.

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

AC could not complete all proposals at this meeting due to meeting place time limits. The AC decided to end this meeting after completing the following agenda items to allow these minutes to meet the On Time Deadline.

I. Select person(s) to review, approve and submit minutes.

Travis moved and Dan 2nd to: Secretary to write up minutes for today's meeting and submit to Taryn for review then, Susie to review and approve and submit to Boards by the On Time Deadline Nov. 14.

Vote 14 for - 0 opposed motion approved..



XIV. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Todd moved Lindsay 2nd to appoint Chair Susie to represent Nushagak AC at the BOF meeting. Travis to be first alternate in the event Susie is unable to attend.

Vote 14 for - 0 opposed motion approved.

XV. Set next meeting date

Meeting scheduled by zoom for 4:30 PM Monday Nov 14 to address remaining Bristol Bay proposals to the BOF. Minutes to be submitted as an RC.

XVI. Adjourn: 4:28 PM



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
11	Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan.		



<p>NO ACTION Request BOF to Defer to March Statewide Board meeting</p>			<p>Tom O moved, Todd 2nd to adopt. Jeff Regnart explained the history of the draft plan and planning group. Group continued even after BOF dropped it. Goal to conserve kings. Extensive discussions and concerns expressed. Given Nushagak kings are now a stock of concern and ADFG is developing action plans that aren't available - how do we make any decisions? Many concerns for how the King Management Plan and Action plans work together. Need to take all these as a whole. With so little information it's hard to get specific recommendations. King assessment tools and data are poor, research aspects are as critical as management. How does the plan address if all efforts fail - an off ramp is needed. Triggers are hard to set. This plan sought to have a more robust management language. Section 2: guides ADFG to achieve lower escapement goal 85 % of the time, is too aggressive & more likely to harvest more kings not less - its counter to the plan intent. Management should hit a lower goal 30%-40% of the time not 85%. This needs rewording. Concerns for enforceability of sport seasonal and bag limits. Lack of enforcement personnel is a concern. Why should there be consistent sport opportunities when we are trying to conserve kings? Some believe sport harvest is part of the problem. In former King plans, sport fishing sought to set extremely conservative rules at the outset to minimize impacts and avoid sudden in-season closures that devastate the lodge operations. A key point to the commercial fleet is how much of the red harvest should be sacrificed to save kings?</p> <p>Todd moves Trav 2nd to ask BOF to defer any action on 11 until the March Statewide meeting when there will be more time and information available. Just too much to take in, too many problems, and not enough information for decisions at this time. Unanimous support for asking BOF to defer to the March meeting.</p>
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12	Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest.		
NO ACTION			The AC was informed the authors have requested to withdraw this proposal.
13	Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River.		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Trav Mov Tom 2nd to adopt.</p> <p>This focuses on the B2 section of the current King plan. Speaks of maintaining natural run. B2 entered the King plan in 1997. At the time a lodge operator was concerned about the size composition of king escapement. ADFG says this proposal is impractical. At the time of writing there was no expectation of huge red runs in the Nushagak River .</p> <p>It conflicts with other regulations directing time or tide stages when opening commercial fishery. Discussion how large harvests, possibly excessive, could occur during a 12 hour openings This may result in sockeye over escapement in times of huge runs.</p> <p>Others see some merit in allowing pulses of fish upriver. Discussion how early in the run there seem to be more small males while later in the run the bigger males and females tend to appear.</p> <p>This could tie management's hand too much.</p> <p>Anything that comes out of King plan and Action plans could affect allocations</p>
14	Reinstate provisions that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas.		



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Support	13	0	<p>Trav move Dan 2nd to adopt</p> <p>This proposal seeks to close an accidental loophole that was created by other regulation changes last BOF cycle.</p> <p>Trav This a housekeeping proposal.</p> <p>Dan: I support cleaning up accidental, unintended regulations changes. Maintains "normal" rules.</p>
18	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Oppose	0	13	<p>Todd moves Dan 2nd to adopt.</p> <p>This is too general and broad.</p> <p>There are / should be places in our fisheries with bait where there are no conservation concerns. Even the Rainbow Trout Plan accommodates bait in some areas.</p> <p>When other areas were closed to bait to protect a population there was an angry outcry.</p> <p>This would be a problem around villages especially for children where bait is commonly used.</p> <p>Wood Tikchik Council noted there are waters near or within the Park where Chinook salmon are a concern. Some Park stakeholders support 18. Council noted there are no known biological issues in the park.</p>
20	Prohibit the use of bait and barbed hooks in the Wood River Lakes system.		



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Oppose	0	13	<p>Dan moves Trav 2n to adopt.</p> <p>Dan noted ADFG has resisted barbless hook rules due to an Idaho study showing little biological gain for considerable loss of social license. He noted the Rainbow Trout plan sought to diversify tackle restrictions across the whole Bristol Bay area.</p> <p>Enforcing barbless, especially pinched barb regulations can be difficult and seem arbitrary at times.</p> <p>Borden confirmed there are no barbless regulations anywhere in Alaska at this time. Noted study is Shill and Scarpella 1997.</p> <p>There can be issues defining barbless as well as enforcing.</p> <p>Lindsay noted the author may be unaware of the number of locals who really use the area described, many who highly value catching and harvesting fish.</p> <p>Several AC members expressed strong opposition to the discriminatory nature of fly only regulations for whole area. We use spin gear. Fly gear is difficult for young children. We want to hook and hold a fish for harvest.</p> <p>We can use barbless or pinch them by choice but don't want to impose on others.</p> <p>Wood Tikchik Council this proposal got the most discussion at their meeting. Concerns were noted for the discriminatory nature of it. A couple stakeholders supported eliminating bait, but several lodges and individuals strongly opposed tackle restrictions.</p>
28	Close the Nushagak, Mulchatna, and Nuyakuk river drainages to sport fishing for king salmon.		



Support	13	1	<p>Dan moved Trav 2nd to adopt Todd likes the proposal, keep out of the spawning areas. A lodge may oppose, but kings are our mainstay. If they can fly to these locations, they can go elsewhere.</p> <p>Sport Fish estimates an effort of 700 angler days on the Upper Nushagak, 700 on the Mulchatna, and 300 on the Nuyakuk - overall relatively low effort. Catch and harvest of kings in these areas are estimated to be low: 50 caught on the upper Nushagak, 70 caught, 0 harvested on the Nuyakuk. Mulchatna is a little higher with 1,400 kings caught and 35 harvested.</p> <p>Trav has done a few tours as a guided fisherman in the area and lodges "hopscotch" among king spawning beds.</p> <p>A couple members noted the Stuyahok and Kuktuli, Upper Nushagak, other smaller rivers are the prime king spawning beds for kings.</p> <p>Dan asked if this closure would totally disenfranchise some of the smaller river based lodges who don't fly around. Sport Fish thought there were 3-6 lodges in that area. They also noted sections of these upper reaches are already closed and existing regulations close the remainder on July 24.</p> <p>The kings need places of refuge, especially the spawning areas. With the coming action plans and possible restrictions on the commercial fisheries this may be necessary for the sport fishery.</p> <p>Some concern expressed for boat motors disturbing eggs in the spawning beds.</p> <p>Roll call vote 13 Support, 1 opposed.</p> <p>Wood Tikchik Council: There was not a lot of discussion but Royal Coachman lodge in strong opposition. It was noted by ADFG that effort is relatively low and approximately 200 kings are harvested annually from the proposed closed areas and is not a biological concern.</p>
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29	Restrict the Togiak River king salmon sport fishery until a minimum king salmon commercial harvest is achieved.		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Trav move Lindsay 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Introducing the proposal Lee of Sport Fish noted that this proposed trigger point usually occurs before the sport fishery has gotten under way. The commercial harvest never achieved 2K kings in 2011, '14, '20, '21, '22. In years when 2k were achieved the dates were June 3, July 1, 5, 8, 10. - generally early July.</p> <p>Com Fish - adds complexity and commercial harvest hails are somewhat delayed. The 10 year commercial harvest averages about 3,500 kings annually but only 1,000 in recent years.</p> <p>Togiak AC had not met.</p> <p>It is unclear to the AC what this proposal accomplishes? The commercial fishery gets first shot at the fish out in the bay, the sport fishery occurs up river. This will do nothing for the commercial fishery.</p> <p>Efforts to get the proposal author to call in were unsuccessful.</p>
31	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		



Opposed	0	13	<p>Trav moves Dan 2nd to adopt 31 and 32; they are identical.</p> <p>Walter Kanulie signed off</p> <p>ADFG Com Fish reviewed current reporting requirements for the fishery bay-wide, which most felt is sufficient. ADFG doesn't need or want length data and already collects some data in its own programs. It's not likely to aid management.</p> <p>ADFG Sport Fish - this may essentially revive guide log books that were dropped in 2018. Log books had not provided any in-season utility as they were turned in at the end of the season. There weren't always funds to analyze the books, data was chronically late and some data has never been analyzed.</p> <p>Set Netter: We already keep records and it's a constant hassle at time of delivery. There are regulations already in place.</p> <p>It was clear discussion the AC felt reliable Sport Fish data is needed.</p> <p>We often heard how the log books were nearly a fantasy as guides were often too busy during the day and completed at the end of the day. Many believe much of guide book reports were made up or approximations.</p> <p>Sport Fish was asked about removing kings from the water, Lee noted only harvested fish were measured.</p> <p>Short discussion on accuracy of Statewide Sport Harvest Surveys and on river angler surveys when there are critical data needs. The larger the fishery and greater the participation the more accurate it is due to sample size. Real small fisheries are less so.</p>
32	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Opposed	0	13	SEE 31 ABOVE
35	Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear.		



Opposed	4	8	<p>Trav moves Lindsay 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Set netters would like drift nets to be farther from set gear. This would only apply to some portions of the Nushagak district, not all. Some areas drifters can "bump set buoys".</p> <p>Set Netter: As a set netter I'd like to support it but I realize it's unrealistic; some set back is needed; maybe a compromise can be found; the goal is to reduce tangling.</p> <p>Set netter: In reality the way it works now drift nets can be legal at only 25 feet off the set nets; I've had several tangles with drifters; our set net sites must be 450 feet apart, it's fair to keep drifters 300 feet away.</p> <p>Drifter: I do all I can, I want to avoid tangles too and stay off "guard" buoys.</p> <p>Set net: we follow the incoming tide with our nets, there should be a way to word this to help set netters at Igushik and Coffee Point.</p> <p>In the early morning I see drifters fishing in between the set nets when no enforcement is around.</p> <p>Several concerns expressed that big jet boats especially, get right on the beach at high water; very often at Clarks and Ekuk and it's so bad, set netters couldn't get to their nets to pick them. The really big smooth bottom boats this summer made the problem worse.</p> <p>This is more of an enforcement issue.</p> <p>Drifters were asked how this might affect their harvest responses were: 1) fish are often hard on the beach 2) I can tell if I'll be able to avoid the set net buoys - I really don't want to tangle their gear or mine but I'm concerned how to be sure to comply. 3) we try hard to avoid tangling 4) this might be an enforcement issue 5) This proposal could have allocative implications</p>
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			<p>Set net: My site is in the zone where it's legal to "bounce buoys", and the boats slide over my buoys. Annually I average losing 1.5 buoy sets per year and when my buoys are cut by a drifter I'm liable to get a citation for unmarked gear- but I might not be able to get out and replace my buoys right away. I feel like the local drift fleet tries harder to be nice but some boat operators don't care.</p> <p>This issue is worse in the seasons with huge fleets when competition is fierce.</p> <p>300 feet is too extreme - I don't want to wreck my gear -maybe there is a happy medium. There will always be jerks.</p> <p>I'd like to add the beach from Clarks Point to Etolin to this proposal.</p> <p>Roll call vote 4 Support, 8 opposed - motion Fails. Chris Carr unresponsive at time of vote.</p>

Discussion started on Proposal 36, 37, 38 regarding Drift Vessel Tow Line Lengths, vote tabled to subsequent meeting.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway secretary
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito, Chair
Date: 11/14/2022