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**Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

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

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

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

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

I. Roll Call:

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

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

6 Members present

ADF&G

John Chythlook
Nick Smith
Sean Larson
Pat Jones
Keith Oster

USFWS

Christian Alexie Jr.
Emmit Nicori
Boyd Blihovde
Aaron Moses

Other:

Mary Mathias – ONC
Dylan Brooks - AWT

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



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



- XI. Other
XII. Adjourn

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

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

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

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

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

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

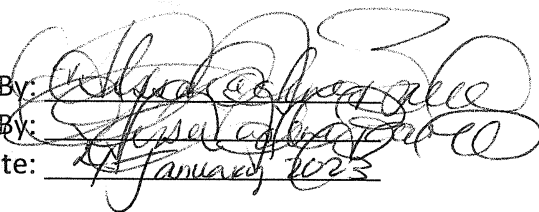
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<u>165</u>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion made by Alissa, 2 nd by		
O	0	7	This would be a good opportunity for an enterprising person to take out subsistence. This would be adding more regulations that are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

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 14 January 2023



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Simeon Moses agreed with Stanley Tom's report.

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

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

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

15 minutes recess.

Fisheries Report for the 2022 Fishing Season.

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

Sonar at Pilot Station for salmon count was less than 50,000, runs were low this year. The other salmon species were low on counting this year. The fishing for subsistence salmon was closed on June 2, 2022 for the Coastal villages and other Lower Yukon areas to preserve the declining salmon fish. The fishermen were told to use 4 inch or less to target fish other than salmon fish.

Fall chum was the 3rd lowest run than the other years. The other salmon species were record low on returning to our areas.

Holly Carol spoke about the Federal Qualified users information.



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

On Quinhagak area there was no commercial fisheries this year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12:05 LUNCH BREAK



Reconvene @1:48pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Canadian and Cackling Geese Discussions:

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

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

3:32 Break



Reconvene @3:50p

Open to Public Comment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposal #81

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11/04/2022

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

57 permits will be issued for the Nelson Island.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

David Carl asked what will happen on the caribou hunt. The population is about 12,000 and not growing. The hunt will not likely to happen for few years or more.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Proposal# 133 and Proposal# 134 – No Action

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

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

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

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



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

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

Proposal#138-Amend

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM



Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

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

- 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 Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Tim Zuakar	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
By Teleconference	X	X	X		X	X	X
Absent				X			
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Darlene Heckman	<u>Upper 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 15th, 2021
People had not received meeting packets with the previous minutes, so this item was tabled until the next meeting.
- VI. Reports



a. ADF&G

i. Fisheries Reports – Sean Larson from ADF&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 Kameroff 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

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: Dec. 20, 2022			
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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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90	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
S	5	2	Motion made by Tim Zaukar, 2 nd 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.
91	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
S	7		Motion made by Joe Kameroff, 2 nd 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
93	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.		
S	7		Motion made by Tim Zaukar, 2 nd 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
95	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 nd 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
96	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: Dec. 20, 2022			
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S	3	2	Motion by Joe Kameroff 2 nd 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.
97	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 nd . Motion dies
133-135	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.
136	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 nd 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.
137	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 nd 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



138	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 nd 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.
139	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 nd 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.
140	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 nd Darlene Heckman Redo the whole plan. The proposal is reducing the catch of Area M.
141	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 nd by Denny Thomas Limits net sizes and time limits and sounds like the proposer is looking out for people in our area.
142	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

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
S	7		Motion by Denny Thomas, 2 nd Joe Kameroff The AC feels that guide services goes against the idea of subsistence fishing and guided services should not capitalize on subsistence
167	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
O	0	7	Motion by Joe Kameroff, 2 nd 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., 2nd by Theresa Simeon-Hunter

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

The notes can be used for Denny's trip to testify on behalf of our AC here in Central Kuskokwim
Nick Kameroff
Chair
01-7 -23



**Chignik Advisory Committee
November 3, 2022
Teleconference / Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 1:11 p.m. by Jacob Shangin (Chair)
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: ; Jacob Shangin, (Chair) Ivanof Bay; Boris Kosbruk Jr, Perryville; Austin Shangin, Perryville; Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay; Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay; Natalie Lind, Chignik Lake; Ben Allen, (Vice-Chair) Chignik Bay; Raechel Allen, (Secretary) Chignik Bay;
[Clinton Boskofsky, Chignik Lake, joined post roll call]

Members Absent: Alfredo AbouEid, Tony Gregorio, Gene Carlson,
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carl Burnside, Chignik Area Management Bioilgist; Tyler Polum, Nick Sagalkin, Regional Manager; Heather Finkle, Research Biologist; Kevin Schaberg, Jeff Wadle, Cassie Whiteside, Amy VandeVoort, Subsistence; Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support
- IV. Guests Present: Earnie Wiess, Aleutians East Borough; George Anderson, Chignik Intertribal Coalition; Chuck McCallum, Lake and Pen Borough; Marty Takak, Chignik Lake; Axel Kopun; Earl Kryger; Peter Wesley
- V. Approval of Agenda -Motion (Ben) to approve agenda as amended.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair – Villages are reminded to keep the AC roster up-to-date and to vote.
 - b. Carl Burnside reported on the Chignik 2022 season.
 - c. Heather Finkle reported on new brood tables and new escapement goals in Chignik.

Public Comments/Discussion:

George asked when the AC could expect this info on paper. Heather-At the Board Meeting. Kevin- Next month or so. Ben asked how msy would be met if escapements were lowered? Kevin- The approach being taken is not to benefit either stock, rather acknowledging their interactions to try to benefit entire watershed, not one vs. the other. Ben asked about if there was an over abundance of smolt. Kevin- Productivity is shown to decrease(in models) since 1998. Both systems are showing density dependance. Productivity and density dependance are



hand in hand. Ben- How do you measure productivity? Heather- In models it is seen in (decreased) smy as fewer spawners. Ben- So it's (productivity) based on returns coming back and then the reductions in returns is basis for using the models? Kevin-yes. Ben-Is this a lake issue or could it be other factors? Kevin- We are looking at the freshwater more. Looking at smolt condition. Physical evidence of constraint at times. Chignik fish are harvested elsewhere and Igvak and SEDM are in the production model. Heather-The model takes into account WASSIP data. Ben- Is it correct that areas below 50% like Dolgios wasn't included? Heather- Correct. Anything lower than 50% introduces more variability in the data. Ben- How do we know the problem is in [Black Lake or Chignik Lake] the early or late run? Heather- We have some stock data but mostly other studies indicate Black Lake fish leave Black Lake in excellent condition but in Chignik Lake you can't tell the difference. Jennifer Griffith study shows Chignik Lake stock out competing Black Lake stock in September. Ben- Is this from competing or slower growth from size and colder temp. in the lower lake? Heather thinks it's more competition. Ben- What is the basis being used? Heather- It's based on the S/R model, from density dependence parameter increase, correlations between two stocks and how parental stocks interact. Ben asked about smolt studies and info. Keven said smolt estimates are hard to obtain, highly variable and somewhat skeptical. We are looking at S/R models- the adults and the subsequent recruits. Smolt outmigration measure is missing. We are looking at the out migration health. We see a consistent depression in condition across the system and then normalization before leaving the system. Ben asks what if the new merging of escapement is wrong and how will we know? It's a huge change to combine two runs with 100 years of studies. Kevin- the lower bound doesn't mean it's a maintained target. Usually it's mid-range. It does drop relative to the two separate goals. That's what we are identifying. The production has dropped, so yield (if # of spawners is kept the same and escapement goals are kept the same), and we are identifying this as a reduction in production your ultimately going to have a reduced yield. If we are wrong we'll have less yield. And if we are right, we'll normalize into a regular fishery with less yield because of less fish because production is down. It's a complex concept. There will be no red light that something went wrong.

Ben reported that shifts occurred at Board level around 2000-2004 and we were told that it could be changed back if there were negative impacts to Chignik. He thinks multiple factors were added in the marine paths and the management is changing the lake in response. More factors are becoming potentials (drum seining is a proposal now). Ben believes more study is needed before responding with a lower adjusted escapement.

Kevin assures that there will be more studies but being reactive to changes was important.

Axel -it seems like nothing can ever be proven (that this was the wrong decision); if the run comes in and 600k is caught then you will adjust the msy down saying so the lake carry capacity



is down and if it goes up then we were taking to many. Seems open-ended and you can't ever be wrong. We should be shooting for the msy we've had. Why mess with the escapement if you are going to adjust msy. The ADFG has no consequences but we in Chignik are losing family history, kids futures, the whole community, a definite loss for us. In 2018-2020 the department said nothing was wrong but now an abrupt turn?? Checks and balances are not seen.

Peter- What are the plans to insure the diversity in the system?

Carl- Changes will be in staff comments. Everywhere you see early and late run you can replace it with Chignik River system run. We will still will manage off a run curve. Still shooting for the middle escapement goal. Mid-June and July break points. Similar to how we are now.

Peter clarified that it is one cumulative escapement. Carl identified the biggest change as the overlap period. If one run is struggling and the other is not, fishing will still be able to continue.

Ben is very worried that this new management style could modify the run over time and kill off chunks of fish. It is like the department is just making fisheries happen but not keeping escapement/msy as a benefit to the state upheld.

Raechel is wondered why from 2002-2012, getting more than 650k was considered over escapement and the lower bounds of 550k were targeted. Yet now when the system is struggling, 800k is considered acceptable (healthy).

Kevin-If you look at the cumulative goals it is 850,000. 800k is and was still a healthy number to achieve sustained yield. The decrease in production is why it went from 850k to 800k. The same goes for the lower bound...if we aren't having the capacity to produce fish from lack of resource, competition and other things, it is not a benefit to yield to put in escapement above that. You don't get any return from that.

Jeff- acknowledged they tried to manage for the lower-end based on recommendation after a few years of over escapement because it could over escape quickly because the bounds were tight. Fish were showing signs of stress so we were trying to mitigate. The bounds were 350-450 and 200-250.

Ben-if we lowered our escapement before, how did that turn out? Jeff- didn't know the outcome and can't remember the harvest after those years but believes the smolt came back healthier. Heather added there was a lot of other things going on, too like temperature.

Ben asked is this [lowering escapement and merging runs] really the best way to create msy MSY in the Chignik watershed?



Kevin thinks there could be a misunderstanding of what msy stands for. We estimate smsy -the # of spawners to achieve that value. When we change the production, that changes the amount of yield that a particular level of spawners can produce. we are saying that if you have lower production, you don't have the capacity to keep yield at the same level that you may have expected previously and that changes how many spawners you need to achieve the new maximum sustained yield. MSY changes based on the # of escapement and the level of production that that escapement can produce.

Ben- So your saying our carrying capacity and the current MSY needs to be adjusted because there is not carrying capacity any longer so unless environmental factors change our msy will never return to what it was?

Kevin said not quite. We look at things from a lower production stand point, the current condition suggests that there is increased density dependance, and the environmental conditions in the watershed are not conducive to creating the yield seen in the past. We didn't just drop [new escapements/run merge] because of that. We are wanting, considering, and hoping that yield does come back up to those levels and that's why there is a different approach to estimating the upper bound to consider if the environmental conditions and production did rebound to more historic levels, that would also create the maximum amount of yield for the current conditions at the time. We try to consider that environmental conditions and the amount of production is variable and not in a completely depressed state or not in an optimistic unrealistic state.

Ben asked in the years before 2002-2012 what did you consider over escapement?

Kevin answered in the current recommendation, escapement over 800k gets to the point where losing the ability to maximize yield. Over escapement can be perceived differently and doesn't mean it will crash and never recover. It can mean it will hamper the level production of the run that the system can produce and won't get the maximum yield out of that run.

Ben- so the years managed for the lower end was because of over escapement?

Kevin- did not have knowledge of that time but if you have a couple years of over escapement then there are a lot of juveniles rearing in the watershed. The goals are in place to support two or three years of optimal escapement. When you have over escapement, you have more rearing in the lake so to not crash the system and have negative effect on the juveniles out-migrating, putting in fewer fish in subsequent years doesn't tax the freshwater as much. It does not mean the yield will be lower but just that it won't tax the rearing system.

Ben asks how do you decide to favor the first run over the second or is there a point that you would favor one vs the other?



Kevin answered we are not trying to prioritize one over the other and we reflect that through the escapement. We want to be conservative and aggressive equally to both runs. That's the management approach for nearly every other salmon run in the state of Alaska.

Raechel-Even though we are moving to one run, is there any data on which lake can support more juveniles?

Heather a lot of studies show that Black Lake has excellent fresh water productivity but it is density dependent and temperatures can get to warm and kill them or drive them out of the lake. That's why it's important to consider a single run because they do move out. We know that although it doesn't have stellar zooplankton, it does have robust aquatic insects. The fish rearing there leave in excellent condition. It's a great rearing habitat as long as they can stay in some biometric bounds not to be to [metabolically taxing]. Where as Chignik Lake is deeper and cooler, it can offer refuge but I don't think it can sustain a production, not as well as Black Lake.

George questioned why are we putting the cart before the horse and changing the run timing and goals before studies are conducted. NOAA requires the funds address the causes of the disaster. Is this just because we are in cycle and why couldn't it wait until next cycle?

- d. Cassie Whiteside- Super exclusivity remains in Chignik after the BOF ground fish meeting. The tanner season with a 400,000 lb quota is set to open January 15th in Chignik.
- e. Taryn- Call for Joint Board Proposals in future.

VII. Public Comment- Occurred after a staff report.

VIII. New Business

- Ben encouraged review of Chignik /Area M Finfish proposals for next meeting.
- Chignik Is Stock of management concern. Will look for staff to comment in a future meeting.
- Alternates to AC are sought. Marty Takak and Henry Erikson are nominated. Ben calls for unanimous consent. No opposition.

IX. Elections

- Jacob opens floor to nominations to all seats. Austin (chair) and Ben(vice chair) and Raechel (secretary) are nominated. Ben asks for unanimous consent to seat officers. No opposition.



- X. Set next meeting: December 6th, 2022 at 1 p.m. is set. Second meeting is tentatively for the first week of January. Reminder to email contact info to Taryn O-Connor-Brito at taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov for updates.
- XI. Adjourn: 3:09 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen
Minutes Approved By: Chignik AC
Date: 1/4/2023



Chignik Advisory Committee
12-6-2022
Zoom/Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 1:08 pm by Austin Shangin
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: Austin Shangin, (Chair) Perryville; Ben Allen, (Vice Chair) Chignik Bay; Raechel Allen, (Secretary) Chignik Bay; Gene Carlson, Chignik Bay; Marty Takak, Chignik Lake; Boris Kosbruk, Perryville; Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay; Natalie Lind, Chignik Lake; Alfredo Abou Eid, Chignik Lagoon; [Henry Erickson, (alt.) Chignik Lagoon; Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay; and Andrew Lind, Chignik Lake joined the meeting after roll call and before Proposals were addressed]
 - b. Members Absent: Edgar Shangin, Tony Gregorio
 - c. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
 - d. List of Communities Represented: Chignik Bay, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay, Perryville
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carl Burnside, Chignik Area Management Biologist; Kevin Schaberg, Research; Nick Sagalkin, Regional Supervisor; Jeff Wadle, Western Region Coordinator; Tyler Polum, Kodiak Sportfish AMB; Taryn O'Connor Brito, Board Support; John Gerkin, Fish and Wildlife; Sam Decker, Comm Fish, Fairbanks
- IV. Guests Present: Chuck McCallam, Lake and Pen Fisheries Advisor; Earl Kryger, Chignik Intertribal Coalition; Daniel Schindler, UW FRI; George Anderson, Chignik Intertribal Coalition; Axel Kopun, Chignik; Harry Kalmakoff, Chignik Lake; Mark McNeilly, Nelson Lagoon AC; Rome Abou Eid, Chignik Lagoon; Clem Grunert, Chignik Lagoon; Michael Grunert, Chignik Lagoon; Elliot Lind, Chignik Lake; Clinton Boskofsky, Chignik Lake; Marit Carlson-VanDort, BOF Chair
- V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to modify agenda by Ben. 2nd by Raechel. Move public comments to after new business. Unanimous approval given.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes are in process and will not be approved at this meeting. Ben-motion to table minutes. Gene 2nd. Unanimous consent given.



VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: Welcome and meeting guidance given.
- b. ADF&G: Carl-They are working on staff comments and action plans for sockeye and chinook. Staff comments will be published no sooner than January 17th. Also, the Chignik Season summary is posted to the website.
- c. Others: Chuck McCallum Lake and Pen reports on Bristol Bay BOF finfish meeting. King Salmon inadequate reporting was addressed by adding additional reporting form requirements. The Nushigak Chinook management plan was tabled until the Statewide meeting because the public felt there was not enough time to absorb the info.
 - i. Marit asked the Dept. when Chignik's action plan would be ready. Jeff- Three weeks out for the sockeye plan. Tyler- The Chinook plan will be ready early next year. Ayakulik and Karluk have action plans for Chinook already posted on the website that may be similar.

VIII. New Business: Proposals for the February Peninsula Finfish meeting, February 20-25, 2023, are addressed below in the provided form. Not all proposals could be addressed at this meeting.

Variations in voting numbers were provided by Board Support as calls and connections varied throughout the meeting. Please contact Taryn if you believe an error occurred.

IX. Set next meeting date: Tentatively January 4th, 2023

X. Adjourn: 6:57pm



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
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105	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
Tabled for lack of information (12-0)			<p>Ben asks for more information or details and the intent. The department explained basically that the verbiage identifying either Black Lake or Chignik Lake would be replaced with "Chignik River System" and dates would replace "transition period". References to "early" and "late" run would be removed. Raechel asks for a schedule of what the weekly or monthly escapement goals will look like. Department said the Staff Comments will contain that and an extensive report would be presented at the Finfish meeting containing specifics. It was felt the question went unanswered. Axel feels it is impossible, with virtually no information, to take action, although it could have implications on most every proposal. George asks if AWL and otolith info would still be taken and if there are any studies being discontinued where funding might be secured for continuation. Jeff mentioned there was no funding for genetics and present studies would continue. Marit asked verification that there would be no information for the public until Jan. 17th on the escapement goal changes being made. She expressed concern about not enough time being given for the public to weigh in and respond to the board. Ben clarified thru Taryn that the deadline for proposal comments was February 3rd. Ben thinks 1/17-2/3 is not much of a window to process information and then call an AC meeting and give public response. Austin notes similarity to Proposal 132 and</p>



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			<p>(105 continued) ...suggests tabling 105 until then. Ben motions to table 105 and 132 until later in the meeting. Alfredo 2nd's.</p> <p>The following was recorded after adopting 132: <i>Alfredo has questions and concerns that managing as one run has negative consequences. He opposes because it is two very different runs and this risks harm to both systems. Henry saw large first run fish and small second run fish this year. Axel points out that like 105, this is difficult to weigh in on without information. Ben is inclined to table or take no action for now and feels this is being rushed because the entirety of the plan has not been given for public notice or discussion. More information needs to be provided by the department. Alfredo notes when the idea was originally brought up at a past meeting everybody was against it and he will continue to oppose it. Ben motions to take no action on 105 and 132 until there is more information to make an informed decision. Alfredo believes we should oppose 105 and 132 until we have enough information. It is also poorly timed that the info comes out two days after the crab season begins. George requests the minutes to reflect that there was not enough time for public notice and public response as with 105. Ben motions to table 105 and 132 until we have more information at hand and that the unanimous objection presently should be noted. Steven 2nd's. Unanimous consent was given.</i></p>



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106	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver escapement of sockeye salmon prior to opening a commercial fishery by emergency order.		
Support	12	0	Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd . Axel explained the proposer's intent was to return to past management practice in place before the processors asked the department not to allow a buildup in the lagoon by opening the fishery on less escapement which resulted in interception fisheries opening earlier and poorer quality escapement. Alfredo supports 106 as Chignik has seen weekly escapements diminishing [opening the fishery on lower weir counts] through management and has been waiting for a proposal that would return the escapements back to what they were. Ben supports as this proposal will eventually move the run out of being a management concern as a healthier escapement is achieved. Call for unanimous consent.



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107	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow more commercial fishing time by opening commercial salmon fishing periods regardless of sockeye salmon escapement.		
Oppose	0	12	Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd . Department-Conflicts between Western/Perryville having to open concurrently with Lagoon, Central and Eastern need to be addressed. Ben opposes-This removes any burden of conservation to the Chignik watershed. Mike G.- This would be an Area M management style that would potentially catch the salmon before escapement was assured. The lack of conservation in South Pen fisheries has been observed for years. Alfredo is against.-This is the opposite of what we have tried to achieve [conservation for escapement] for fisheries. The practice in Area M is to keep going and killing salmon until there is nothing; this proposal would extend that style of fishing into Chignik. Henry- Chignik runs are in danger [poor escapements] and this is not for conservation but rather supports an intercept fishery. Henry is for preserving streams and yields in Chignik. Axel- This shows Area M's lack of understanding conservation and the practice of being managed on escapement and this proposal seems like a political ploy. Gene is against the proposal as it opposes everything people in Chignik have fought for. George would like to see interception fisheries support the departments ability to assess run strength through the support of genetic data collection instead of asking Chignik to go fishing when the escapement isn't being met. There are similar proposals like 107 from Kodiak. Mike G. notes that Kodiak is trying to build their runs. Why isn't the department trying to build Chignik runs? Ben feels the department and other areas are trying to shift our traditional fishery towards a cape style fishery and wants to know the direction or directive the department is taking. Jeff explains the 33 hrs openings are put in by the Board as a run assessment. The department has seen changes in the Chignik fishery earlier than 5 years



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			(107 continued) ...ago. The sockeye don't build up in the lagoon [they seem to keep traveling directly to and beyond the weir]. Management has concern about putting people fishing in the Lagoon, but are trying to provide fishing opportunity.
108	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to implement commercial salmon fishing periods in June.		
Oppose	0	12	Ben motioned to adopt. Stephen 2 nd . Mike asked for clarification of how 108 would work. It would be decided by the Board. Ben asked if it would then consider the Chignik fishery as "open" if 108 is implemented as written. Yes. Ben opposed because of implications from interception [outside of Chignik] would be devastating. Gene doesn't see how escapement will be helped and will not be in support. Alfredo feels this proposal and others like it would destroy the run. Axel notes the discrepancy between managing like in Kodiak by pointing out that the majority of sockeye in Chignik are Chignik stocks. Henry opposes because it moves away from conserving escapement which is needed to have a run in the first place.



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109	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to allow period openings to harvest more salmon in the Central District and repeal the inriver run goal in August and September.		
Support	12	0	Ben motioned to adopt. Marty 2 nd . George-This allows salmon to pass upstream. Pulse fishing and pulse escapement as done in the past is healthy for returning fish to all the tributaries. The effects of fishing non-stop after escapements are met is being seen now. Alfredo agrees with the proposal and thinks three day closures could be beneficial as well. Axel agrees that pulses allow a diversity of sockeye into tributaries. This will give an opportunity to harvest silvers as well. It will promote a September fishery once again while still preserving escapement. Ben sees diversity of races in escapement as very important and supports the proposal. George was informed that the escapement goals in Chignik were going to be lowered. But other than that, he had no other information/specifics before the proposal submission deadline to consider the full implications before making this proposal. Subsistence and if it was being met should be considered. Alfredo wants to have salmon in river for subsistence. Earl asked if having one overall escapement goal will impact subsistence returns and if the subsistence division is still collecting data to evaluate changes. Jeff explained a single run goal should not affect the # of fish going through the weir, the opportunity hasn't changed. The last subsistence studies were 2020. Mike stated the numbers of salmon enumerated through the weir are not evident to the locals through observation as used to be the case. Ben now relies on salmon from sources other than subsistence in Chignik as he feels the run is collapsing from under escapement. Gene notes that we fished for 20 consecutive days in the past and it contributed to the decline of the fishery. He sees heavy escapement of males and then openings on the females that follow as a destructive practice. Five days a week of fishing is enough during this time.



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110	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial fishing periods in Chignik Lagoon until the escapement goal has been met.		
Oppose	0	12	Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd . Alfredo opposes because the management already restricts the fishery. Ben sees a lack of understanding the Chignik fishery by the proposer. Axel points out our management already does what the proposal asks for.
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Eastern District in August.		
Support as amended	12	0	Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd . Alfredo supports the proposal. Ben sees the department as having authority to close the fishery if needed. Axel explained the intent was to harvest pinks and chum. Language needs to be added that if there are reds present with adequate escapement then the fishery could also be open. Ben calls ? Unanimous support given. It was pointed out that the new language could be added now. Ben makes a motion to reconsider. Jacob 2 nd . Unanimous approval to reconsider given. New language to amend is as follows at (c) (4): ...based on the abundance of <u>sockeye</u> , pink and chum. <u>In the case of low pink and chum abundance the department may protect those stocks in the bays while allowing fishing on sockeye if escapement is being met.</u> Ben motioned to adopt the additional language. Alfredo 2 nd . Unanimous consent given. Ben motioned to support as amended. Alfredo 2 ^{nd's} .
112	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to include a harvest cap in the Eastern District to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Oppose	0	11	Ben motioned to adopt. Steven 2 ^{nd's} . Axel opposes as the majority of sockeye are usually Chignik origin stocks. Ben points out the weir counts and management are already in place as Chignik's limiting factors.



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113	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action (10-0)			Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben makes a motion tabling 113 until 118 is heard for reason of similarity. Alfredo 2 nd . Unanimous approval given. After supporting 118, Ben motioned to adopt 113. Raechel requested taking no action based on 118 being so similar and having received unanimous support. Ben motions for taking no action. Jacob 2 nd 's.
114	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action (10-0)			Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Austin noted similarities to 111. Ben motions to take no action. Alfredo 2 nd 's.
115	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan so that pink, chum and coho salmon stocks in the Western and Perryville Sections of Registration Area L will be managed based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Stepovak and Shumagin Islands Sections of Registration Area M.		
Oppose	0	10	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Axel- The proposal makes no sense as Chignik has it's own pink and chum stocks that the department regulates for. All pinks and chum are not west bound. Ben agrees that it makes no sense. Alfredo points out how Chignik has many streams for pinks and chums.
116	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to manage the Western and Perryville Districts of Registration Area L based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) Section of Registration Area M.		
Oppose	0	11	Ben motions to adopt. Steven 2 nd 's. Axel opposes 116 and thinks they should look to shut the seiners in the Shumagins where the ability to catch and short-stop the fish is immense. George asked if the set netters have the ability to move from SEDM. Department answered yes.



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<u>117</u>	Amend the fishing districts, sections, and subsections to increase fishing time and area by creating new sections in outside waters of the Chignik Management Area.		
No action (11-0)			Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben recommends taking no action based on similarity to 111. Alfredo 2 nd 's.
<u>118</u>	Amend the districts, sections and subsections and the management plan to increase commercial fishing time and area in the Western and Perryville Districts in August.		
Support	10	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Axel explains this is to avoid sockeye harvest areas while allowing harvest on pinks and chum when abundant by giving the department more flexibility. Ben supports it in that it gives the department more latitude. Alfredo supports because previously a similar opening caught few reds.
<u>119</u>	Amend allowable gear in the Chignik Management Area to include troll gear, create a management plan to include a commercial troll fishery and amend regulations in Chapter 29 Salmon Troll Fishery to include the Chignik Management Area.		
Oppose	4	6	Ben introduced the proposal and that it is intended to harvest coho when seining was restricted because of low sockeye escapement or when processors were shut down. The intent is to add a gear type to the existing SO1L permits rather than creating another fishery. They permit holder could switch from seining to trolling if wasn't available. The CFEC had been contacted and agreed the board of fish was an appropriate place to bring this up. Steven motioned to adopt. Jacob 2 nd 's. Alfredo acknowledges that there is good quality coho to catch and few sockeye in September. Axel asks if the Board can create a dual permit. Ben answered yes because it's not bringing more people into the fishery. The CFEC's concern would be if the department could manage for it. Alfredo opposes based on potential gear conflicts. Axel asked what date this would apply. Ben explains this is intended for after the Chinooks are done escaping around September 1 st like when seining isn't available. Axel likes finding opportunity after processors aren't interested but thinks traveling kings might be an issue. George asked if the permit holder could switch back and forth between gear types? Ben explained that this isn't to restrict seining potential but to prosecute coho...



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			(119 continued...) when seining wasn't available. George inquired more about potential gear conflict if both types were in water simultaneously. Ben hadn't considered simultaneous fishing but is lead to believe it could be worked out in a polite manner. George agrees that something should be done about the coho predation on juvenile sockeye. Axel understands concerns for gear conflicts. Raechel asks if the department could open just one gear type. Jeff- the Board would have to direct that or limit periods for a gear type. Gene looks at this as growing conflict in the future. Alfredo is (119 cont...) concerned that this will invite future gear types and even more conflict. Earl notes that in SE the seiners fish in conjunction with trollers albeit in different areas. Also, King bycatch is successfully avoided by trollers. George speaks to need for more discussion to moderate coho escapement. Ben suggests limiting it to September to be more palatable. Jeff believes there will be a learning curve with obstacles but more data and money would be needed for surveys. Raechel suggests it may bring out latent permits and raise permit values. Ben calls ? Marty and Andrew had no response/dropped lines during roll call.
<u>130</u>	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time in the Northwest Stepovak Section.		
Oppose	0	10	Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Alfredo notes 130 doesn't consider Chignik stocks. Axel is opposed because a large component of Chignik sockeye are present as seen in WASSIP study. George adds that the 1983 tagging study showed 80% Chignik bound sockeye as well. Chignik sockeye migrate through the area. Ben points out that impact on Chignik hasn't changed. GSI studies confirmed WASSIP data. Raechel noted the Orzinski escapement is lowering this year [which lends to more interception].



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<u>131</u>	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear, and after July 11, purse seine gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area.		
Oppose	0	9	Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Alfredo points out they have other areas to be fishing. Next they will want to fish in Chignik. Axel recommends opposition as it gets rid of management plan and removes the allocation. They have the opportunity to fish elsewhere where while we do not. Chignik stocks are struggling and we understand SEDM frustration from not being able to fish as well. Interception fisheries need to be bound to allocation plans on the fish they intercept. Changing it now makes no sense. George-Removing the allocation plan removes ties to harvest preference given Chignik that have been in place for years. The burden conservation must be shared by all user groups. Ben questions the purpose of lowering the Orzinski escapement. Jeff verified it was reduced but offered no reason.
<u>132</u>	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
Tabled for lack of information. (10-0)			Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Alfredo has questions and concerns that managing as one run has negative consequences. He opposes because it is two very different runs and this risks harming both systems. Henry saw large first run fish and small second run fish this year. Axel points out that like 105, this is difficult to weigh in on without information. Ben is inclined to table or take no action for now and feels this is being rushed because the entirety of the plan has not been given for public notice or discussion. More information needs to be provided by the department. Alfredo notes when the idea was originally brought up at a past meeting everybody was against it and he will continue to oppose it. Ben motions to take no action on 105 and 132 until there is more information to make an informed decision. Alfredo believes we should oppose 105 and 132 until we have enough information. It is also poorly timed...



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			(132 continued...) that the info comes out two days after the crab season begins. George requests the minutes to reflect that there was not enough time for public notice and public response, as with 105. Ben motions to table 105 and 132 until we have more information at hand and the unanimous objection presently held should be noted. Steven 2 nd 's. Unanimous consent was given.
<u>133</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.		
Support	10	0	Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Axel worked with the proposer and explains that in 2004 this whole area (Dolgoi) was added to the June management plan under the Unimak area. This proposal removes it and would basically put in place what happened in the Shumagins last year (reducing time closer to historical levels). Alfredo supports it because the closures are needed to get fish out of the area and back to meet escapement. At least 3 days. Closures at night don't do much good. Fishing in the Shumagins should be on the east side of islands to target Bristol Bay stocks. Ben will be in support. Raechel notes the declines identified in Chignik align with the decisions made [ending the GHL] in 2001 and in 2004. Axel suggests this would not affect set netters and seiners can move to target eastbound salmon elsewhere.
<u>134</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.		
Support	10	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Axel recommends no action as it is left open ended. If it reduces time then it could benefit Chignik stocks. Alfredo thinks we should be supporting this proposal as AYK is suffering like we are in Chignik. Raechel thinks the change back to 20 years ago should include removing the Dolgoi area. Ben supports the intent and believes sideboards on this fishery will benefit the state.



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135	Amend the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
Support	8	0	<p>Ben motioned to adopt. Alfredo 2nds. Raechel speaks to the proposal explaining that before 2001 the GHL maintained a ratio of catch that was higher in Unimak than in the Shumagins which focused the harvest to the west and relieves some pressure on Chignik stocks in the Shumagins. 135 could be implemented as a sideboard along with other time and area guidelines. Alfredo asked what the ratio was last year. The department deferred as the info was not readily at hand. The AMR was in process of being published. Raechel thinks that with the additional closures to protect Chignik sockeye last summer, the ratio was close to what was being proposed. Axel asked the department how they would implement plan and has concern that the Shumagins might be opened to catch up during times when Chignik stocks were most prevalent. Jeff believes they would manage for it (depending on resources available) and guesses harvest information would likely be obtained from processors. Axel asked if there was a preference between managing for percentages or set closures. Jeff responded that it was up to the board and it could be managed for both. Alfredo asked if the ratio in 135 was historical or traditional because in recent years the ratio has been more like 40-60% in the Shumagins. Jeff suggested Lisa would be present at a future meeting to answer these types of questions. George asked what would protect Chignik stocks if the fleet shifted to Shumagins to catch up on the ratio? Raechel explained 135 as being in place in conjunction with other guidelines (time and area) and not to supersede. It is intended to be an added sideboard. Ben agreed that 135 was to keep the historical catch ratio between Unimak and The Shumagin fishery in June and could compliment any other directed plan. He noted that after 2001 the ratio dramatically shifted more like 50%- 50%. 2022 with a reduction in Shumagins fishing resulted in...</p>



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			(135 continued...) a more historical ratio and Chignik met escapements. Ben recommends implementing 135 along with another plan. Alfredo agrees a return to a more historical fishery would be beneficial to Chignik stocks as catching power has increased with gear/vessel advancements. Raechel clarified 135 was not intended to halt fishing but to shift effort toward Bristol Bay stocks.
<u>136</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
Support	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Alfredo supports because of the difficulties (dismal king and chum returns) in AYK and believes the burden of conservation must be shared. Henry agrees we should support AYK efforts as well.
<u>137</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	7	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. This would lower fishing time from 416hrs. This was seen as a positive for transient salmon and would help many areas. South Pen will fish somewhat less but by comparison Chignik fishes zero hours in June. Axel pointed out that Shumagins once fished about 270 hrs; after 2004 they fished near 570hrs. Alfredo believes the seine fleet in particular needs limited hours.
<u>138</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.		
No action	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben states that observers would help with enforcing chum caps but it would cost more. Alfredo is neutral.
<u>139</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Alfredo is in support. AYK isn't meeting escapements and subsistence needs aren't met. They need support. George asks how "Chinook and coho" will be incorporated into the revised management plan? Jeff doesn't have specifics. There was a coho cap. Ben wants to support intent but is unclear on specifics. George asks when the south pen genetic samples from last year...



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			(139 continued...) would be released. Jeff- It will be released prior to the Board meeting. Genetics were sorted in Anchorage. Amending was discussed but settled as supporting.
<u>140</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben- Chignik returns have had weakness ever since the change dropping the GHL and changes in 2004. We need to go back to some form of pre-2004 regulations.
<u>141</u>	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.		
No action	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Alfredo doesn't see the operational picture and is neural. Raechel notes it doesn't help conserve Chignik sockeye.
<u>142</u>	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.		
Oppose	0	8	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben opposes as it removes the windows of no gear in the water that were recently secured. Alfredo opposes as it adds to South Pen efficiency to take more. We are all trying to get fish through the area. George asks Ben to add clarification. Ben- While each gear type only fishes a portion of time, separating them creates a situation where there is constant gear in the water and never a time for unobstructed fish passage.
<u>143</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to close the set gillnet fishery in response to department immature salmon assessment.		



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Support	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben explained the problem expanded when minimum mesh size was removed for gillnets and now they can target smaller salmon even while immatures are present. Immatures were once somewhat protected because the prior minimum was 5 ¼ allowing immatures to pass through. It also became noticeable in the reported test fisheries that many immatures were being caught but not gilled so they weren't officially counted as immatures. Many are immature Chinook that can't gill but are biologically incapable of spawning. Immatures were also suspected in fisheries as weights would diminish. The week of testing does not cover the range of time when immatures are known to be present [extending through late July]. Alfredo states that the smaller mesh sizes can catch everything and need to be tied in to closures. Also, every immature in test fisheries should be counted. He supports 143. Raechel points out that gillnet leads are made of seine web and can negatively impact immatures regardless of gillnet mesh size and should also be closed when immatures are present. Alfredo sees setnetting as expanding when they ask to extend gear length or distance from shore.
144	Amend the Post-June Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to allow for fishing periods starting August 1 in the Southeastern and South Central Districts.		
Oppose	0	8	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben agrees this bypasses authority and doesn't conserve escapement. Alfredo sees it as just another way to get more fishing.
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula.		
Oppose	0	8	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Austin notes 145-146 are for increased fishing. Ben motioned to adopt 145-147 as a group. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Axel, based on wassip data, believes AC should oppose all three. Alfredo is opposed, and sees it as excessive greed.
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods.		



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Oppose	0	8	See notes for 145.
147	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.		
Oppose	0	8	See notes for 145.
148	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.		
Support	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben supports as it will help Chignik also. Alfredo supports as even subsistence is now negatively affected and needs help. Raechel sees 148 referenced actions taken in Chignik, notes those actions did help sockeye escapements, and will be in support. Ben- It may help Chinook that are listed as management concerns in both the Nushigak and Chignik.
149	Amend management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.		
Support as amended	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. George notes an opportunity for genetics testing in the proposal. Ben makes motion to amend proposal 149 to include "sockeye" with the language for chinook and chum [as pertains to genetics testing and stocks of concern]. Alfredo 2 nd 's.
150	Amend districts and sections, Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan and South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan by including the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District.		
Support	8	0	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben and Axel speak to the proposal. The intent is to incorporate the Dolgoi area, as it aligns, with SEDM. Alfredo supports 150 as the area catches the same sockeye before SEDM. The Dolgois kill Chignik many Chignik salmon. They should be one area and have burden of conservation with SEDM.
151	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow offshore anchoring of the up to 25 fathom seine web lead.		
Oppose	0	8	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. It provides virtually unlimited fishable area [nets can be set anywhere as long as



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			one end is shoreward and anchored] which will increase intercepted salmon taken. Raechel agrees this will increase impact on salmon.
152	Amend the closed water boundary in Stepovak Bay to increase commercial fishing area in the Stepovak Flats Section.		
Oppose	0	8	Ben motions to adopt. Alfredo 2 nd 's. Ben sees this increasing area fished for sockeye {it basically shrinks closed waters}. Alfredo opposes as it could impact Chignik stocks. Raechel points out the wind can push sockeye into bays and Chignik stocks will become more susceptible to interception.
120			Ben makes motion to adopt. Raechel 2 nd 's. Mark Mc Neley spoke in detail on the proposal suggesting Chignik AC consider giving support as there are similarities to difficulties experienced in Chignik. Chignik folks empathize with the plight in Nelson Lagoon. Ben noted Austin's connection dropped. It was decided to read the emergency petition first and then reconsider taking action at a later date. Tabled for more participation.

Adjournment: 6:57 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen
 Minutes Approved By: Chignik AC
 Date: 1/4/2023



Chignik Advisory Committee
January 4th, 2023
Zoom/Teleconference

I. Call to Order: 1:09 p.m. by Austin Shangin

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Austin Shangin (Chair), Perryville
Boris Kosbruk, Perryville
Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Andrew Lind Sr., Chignik Lake
Marty Takak, Chignik Lake
Natalie Lind, Chignik Lake
Ben Allen (Vice Chair), Chignik Bay
Raechel Allen (Secretary), Chignik Bay
Gene Carlson, Chignik Bay
Henry Erickson (alternate), Chignik Lagoon
*Axel Kopun (alternate), Chignik Bay (*added after elections for alternate)

Members Absent: Stephen Shangin, Tony Gregorio, Alfredo AbouEid (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. Approval of Agenda: Proposal 128 is added (Ben motions, Raechel 2nds). Ben motions to adopt revised agenda. Gene seconds. Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ben motions to approve the minutes from 11/3/22 and 12/6/22. Boris seconds. Unanimous approval is given.

V. Staff and Guests

- Fish and Game Staff: Jeff Wadley, Westward Region Comm Fish; Carl Burnside, Chignik Area Comm Fish; Forrest Bowers, Deputy Director Comm Fish; Lisa Fox, South Peninsula Comm Fish; Charles Russell, North Peninsula Comm Fish; Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support
- Guests: Mark McNeley, Nelson Lagoon AC; Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon AC; Angela Johnson, Nelson Lagoon AC; Darren Johnson, Nelson Lagoon AC; Shannon Johnson, Nelson Lagoon AC; Tim Heuker, Nelson Lagoon AC; Trevor Edwards, Nelson Lagoon; Marrit Carlson Vandort, BOF Chair; Harry Kalmokoff, Chignik Lake; Gayla Hoseth, BBNA; Cody Larson, BBNA; Rene Roque, BBNA; George Anderson, Chignik Intertribal Coalition; Gail K. Vick, Fairbanks AC; Jared Danielson, CAMF; Chuck McCallum, Lake and Pen Borough; Zack Wooding, Heather Thompson,



- VI. Elections for one Alternate: Nominations are opened. Ben nominates Axel. Marty nominates Harry Kalmakoff Jr. Harry declines. Ben motions to close nominations. Gene 2nd's. Axel becomes an alternate with no objections.
- VII. Updates
- Chair's report: Plan on creating a subcommittee for BOF meeting.
 - ADF&G: Jeff staff comments are still under review. Ben asks when staff comments would be released to public? Only 105 and 132 were released to the AC pre-publishing. Ben notes getting mail out in Chignik is slow. Dates are not set yet for public release of staff comments.
 - Others: none
- VIII. Public Comment: Harry Kalmakoff asks how much information do we have on subsistence use from the Department? Some residents in Chignik lake, including himself, reported difficulty getting subsistence in September and hardly any fish were at the traditional places (spawning grounds) where salmon are taken. The Dept. won't have data back until post bof meeting so reporting to the board is not necessarily planned. Ben asked of the frequency of subsistence data reported by the department. Data is in from 2021 however Ben points out that even while escapements are being met, a large reduction in the ease of procurement/availability is occurring. Raechel notes that lowering escapements discussed in Proposal 105 will make subsistence ever more difficult to find/procure. Marty states that the lack of subsistence in traditional location has existed for multiple years now and it has been brought up before (as recently as last April). Subsistence users are having to search for new locations further down river to find subsistence fish, but fish aren't accumulating.
- IX. Old Business:
- Board of Fisheries Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik Finfish Proposals
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105	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
Oppose	0	12	below
Ben motions to adopt. Marty 2 nd 's. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben requests a table of escapement distribution throughout the summer if escapements in 105 were implemented. He believes lower end escapement (in graph) appears 			



extremely low for the first run and possibly the second run. Lowering escapement numbers is frightening in part since subsistence users are already having difficulty finding fish.

- Axel doesn't see enough information on what 105 will do/accomplish. What are the "nuts and bolts"? There is no peer review, limited public process, and little science for a change of this magnitude. There is nothing proving this (merging runs and changing escapement) is necessary. This hasn't been done before and Bristol Bay management is a poor comparison. Chignik is manageable as two distinct runs. Chignik just got 2 stocks of concern designated for Sockeye and Chinook. Also, there is no way to tell if [merging runs with a wider escapement range] is working/helping. It is like a self-fulfilling prophesy where lowering escapements will get lower returns but the protocol was initially based a premise of lower productivity possibly due to system changes. He believes this should be postponed until at least next cycle. We were told the problem was the "blob" initially. Give a chance/more time to see what's really happening. [Merging runs and introducing wider ranges of escapements] is too much, too soon and adds more variables to what we already don't understand. More studies should occur first. No studies have even been done yet even on the 2018 disaster. Last years early run seemed to rebound. To throw out what has worked successfully for the last 70 years without comprehensive study is like throwing the baby out with the bathwater. We should postpone at least until next cycle.
- Ben doesn't see a greater negative impact [to run health] from 105 not being implemented, but there could be unforeseen consequences from adding changes/variables. He sensed circular reasoning from the department at the last meeting where it was presented that production is down [seen from algorithms] so therefore the lake is having a problem which is identified because production is down. There are other [interception] fisheries identified that aren't even counted in Chignik production figures. Are we sure the problem is at the production point or are salmon not making it back from the ocean? He concurs postponing until next cycle is prudent.
- Henry sees a potential danger of messing up the runs even worse. We have two runs and it is not always the same run suffering from year to year. He sees 105 as a blanket covering up the problems and it could hurt things rather than help things. We don't have the science to back it up.
- Edgar thinks it would be devastating to turn the Chignik River system into one run and it would not be right to do.
- Marty says he was always told /warned for years that the department would be turning the Chignik system into one run. Now it is becoming a reality unfortunately.
- Andrew agrees with AC members.
- Jacob would like to see it postponed for peer review.
- Natalie agrees [with AC views].
- Boris concurs with everyone's comments.
- Gene hears a "less is more" philosophy [from department]. If we had gone fishing from lower escapement thresholds in 2018 and caught another 20,000 sockeye, we would have wiped out another portion of the run. Back in the day when we were building back these runs, one run would get fished to hard and then the other . If we start hammering on the



second run to hard now it will die off, too. What saved the runs a lot of times in the past was fisherman being on strike and so there were big escapements and build-ups. One time the fishermen disagreed with the management that there was not enough escapement and stood down and it was the right decision. Cutting terminal fishery escapement will hurt the system.

- Alfredo shared his view with Austin earlier in the day and he is clearly not in favor of 105 and 132.
- Austin is not in favor of 105 or 132. It is playing with people's livelihoods and it could come back to bite us. Then we will all be sitting on the beach.
- George agrees with everything that has been said. Basically, all Chignik has is sockeye. CRAA has been invested with working with the department over the years in science. There may come a time when science will show this is the right thing, but for now, more time is needed to understand things and suggests moving forward cautiously.
- Ben believes an error has happened and a shift has occurred from a yield-based perspective to maintain fisheries through yield to one of pushing forward existing fisheries regardless of the impacts made. If Bristol Bay failed...the view would be considered one of dire jeopardy, [but that same view is not happening now with smaller fish stocks (implied)]. Nelson Lagoon for instance is also suffering with problems similar to Chignik. The fish are not making it back. But the department now takes a view looking at the entire fish migrating by, and that because the minimal escapement exists and as long as the river exists and somebody can go fishing, then it's okay. That's not how this was set up long before any of us were fishing (except maybe Gene). Our predecessors fought hard to bring these runs back (at statehood) and there were guarding rules that are getting manipulated away from. The goal should again be returning a higher yield. The attitude that the yield will be the yield no matter what the yield is is not any way to run things.
- Raechel notes the timeline that shows decrease in productivity (1998 on) also aligns with the 2004 regulation changes (affecting returns from 1998) in the south pen fisheries and interception is likely a driver in productivity decline. Another point is if we have lower escapement ranges it often makes interception fisheries able to fish sooner. And if interception fisheries have escapements that drop lower (which is happening), then they get to fish sooner. But how does dropping escapements and fishing sooner help the river's productivity especially ones that are struggling.
- Gene believes the problem started when we started fishing for days on end with no windows. What worked before when we built the runs back [60's and 70's and into 80's] is we would open for 3 days a week. That doesn't give a good mixture of salmon up the rivers- a lot of males and few females sometimes. A Monday, Wednesday, and Friday fishery would work but fish and game say it's not feasible for instance because they say boats outside need 48 hours at least. But that shouldn't be management's objective (how



long boats can fish). It should be to manage the fish not the boats and how long they can fish.

- Raechel asks the department what the new lower end escapement would be on June 30th? [approx. 150,000] and August 1st? [375,000]. This is concerning because of subsistence needs are already a struggle to meet [this would be less fish on grounds]. In the 80's when the runs were rebuilding, 400,000 sockeye was the minimum escapement goal attained by June 30th or July 4th. That Chignik has gone from 400,000 minimum sockeye around 6/30 down to 150,000 is startling at best. It's improbable that this could create productivity or a sustainable fishery by dropping the escapement this low. Having fished since the 80's it is disappointing to see [Chignik runs] being managed for a collapse.
- Ben calls question requesting unanimous consent to oppose.

[132](#)

Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.

Oppose

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Ben motions to adopt. Axel 2nd's.

- Ben notes language has been changed in the new plan version. "Expected to reach or exceed" vs "reaches or exceeds" and removing "25,000 sockeye salmon" is much less prescriptive.

The concerning language is: *(2) if the Orzinski Bay escapement is expected to reach or[REACHES OR] exceed [EXCEEDS] the upper bound of the sockeye salmon escapement goal range[25,000 SOCKEYE SALMON], the commissioner may, by emergency order, open the Northwest Stepovak Section, including all of Orzinski Bay with fishing periods as follows: .*

Management often changes the parameters of escapement goals and lowering the goals which effectively enables greater fishing/interception. If 132 were to be adopted, then in subsequent years the escapement team could adjust escapements lower [with little to no public say or other oversight] and if that were to happen, the interception of migrating stocks in the area would continue to increase (some of which would return to Chignik). 132 is removing sideboards. It appears potentially allocative. Proposal 132 doesn't pass the straight face test.

- Axel references all his comments from 105 to apply to 132.

Each member was polled individually and all opposed with most referencing the inclusion of statements made in 105 and/or the need for more studies and review.

Edgar was excused for an appointment.

- George notes it is not prescriptive enough and language is very open ended, adding latitude, and leads to managers interpretation.
- Comments from 105 are applied to 132.
- Ben calls ? and requests unanimous consent.



New Motion	Postpone escapement changes		
Support	11	0	
<p>Axel makes a motion to request the Board of Fish and the ADFG to defer the escapement goal changes until after the next board cycle to gather more information. Ben 2nd's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben comments that 2018 and 2020 disaster funds should be available for studying this so as to not make rash decisions. Axel requests comments from 105 be applied to his motion's discussion. <p>Ben calls ? and asks for unanimous consent. Motion carries 11-0.</p>			
120	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
Support	11	0	
<p>Ben makes motion to adopt. Axel 2nd's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark McNeley explained a emergency petition was submitted and contains what the NLAC wants from 120. It includes important closure windows (4 day windows). There is basically non-stop fishing on the North Pen. After July 15th the NL run is basically done. Ben sees North Pen, South Pen and Chignik lowering lower end escapements. He asks is productivity down in all these areas? Department was not ready to respond. Ben notes that if productivity is dropping everywhere except mainly the Bristol Bay run, outside areas fishing are advancing while traditional areas are struggling. George notes petition was voted down in the work session because the concepts were elsewhere in proposal form. Chuck notes the issues in the petition were believed to be covered in proposls. Mark explained that it wasn't comprehensive of all species affected. It needs to be stated that steady fishing is hurting Nelson Lagoon. Timespans were not comprehensive. A proposal from NLAC couldn't be submitted because the AC was in process of being formed. Not all of his comments were heard at WS. Gale Vick, chair of Fairbanks sub-AC, would like to give support to include relevant concerns from NL and Chignik in their proposals/amendments and are interested such language to consider incorporating. Gale agrees steady fishing is causing problems everywhere. Many non-terminal fisheries affect the AYK in the same way. Axel notes that NL/120 mirrors the problems in Chignik. The problem basically started in 2004 when the BOF created a new intercept when they opened the Dolgoi's in June and allowed basically non-stop fishing everywhere. When one gear group was open, the other was closed and vice-versa (always some form of gear in the water). Since 2004 Area M seine permits have increased in value, boats have gotten bigger. It only takes a couple of deep seines on a cape to knock off a serious stream of [salmon]. Weather isn't much of a limiting factor anymore with bigger boats and more carrying capacity. The killing power is more than it was even 20 years ago. Raechel's understanding of NL area is that they use smaller gear and typically smaller boats and it is a very traditional fishery, so while they are allowed to move to other 			



places, the gear/boats used in NL are not suitable elsewhere. NL issues mirror Chignik issues and will be supporting 120.

- Ben notes a future version is expected.

Ben calls ? asks for unanimous consent. Motion carries to support 120.

[128](#)

Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.

Support
w/optional
amend

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Ben moves to adopt. Boris 2nd's.

- There is a need to limit gear to conserve salmon.
- Angela's intent is to return to how gear was in the past when salmon runs to NL weren't depleted. It used to be 45 meshes. Also NL gear should remain at 29 meshes.
- Ben thinks it is appropriate to reduce nets in the water column to protect species like Chinook and Chum as well.
- Axel asked what year was the change to deeper than 45 meshes? (through the department: 1989 approx. at the board meeting before 1992) There might be other AYK proposals addressing gear depth.
- Ben looks a vehicle to shallow seine depth as well.
- Angela understands reasons to adjust gear on the South Pen and agrees her proposal could be adjusted for that purpose.
- Mark notes that boats have to be far off shore to not anchor a 90 mesh net with the leadline.
- Gale believes there are other proposals they are looking at for gear adjustments.
- Axel points out 149 may be a good vehicle for change. Shallowing [seine] gear on the south peninsula will help save chum and chinook most.
- Raechel will be in support as written but would also support a board generated change that makes gear more conservative and shallower in the South Pen.

Ben makes motion to support 128 and welcome adjustments to shallow other gear in Area M.

Marty 2nd's. Ben calls ? and requests unanimous support.



II. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals

<u>154</u>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Oppose	0	11	
<p>Ben motions to adopt. Axel 2nd's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axel's grandfather had a reel before they were banned. They were banned to keep crew employment up just after statehood. It was too heavy for his boat. They are common in other areas. • Ben believes this would make larger vessels out class smaller vessels and this would give unfair advantage. He is opposed to 154. • Raechel has literature by the state explaining that drum seining was also too efficient. This proposal reveals that boats and gear with power-wheels today have in fact become ever more efficient [more killing power]. • Axel doesn't have a problem with this one especially in SE. Seine efficiency is high already. • Raechel sees this would negatively affect struggling Chinook, Chum and Sockeye runs and is opposed. <p>Ben calls ? and requests unanimous consent to oppose.</p>			

X. New Business

- I. Select representative(s) for board meeting: An AC sub-committee is chosen. Austin, Ben, Raechel, and Axel will be at the meeting. A daily evening meeting is tentatively chosen. Minutes will be taken to be distributed at the following full AC meeting. Members are polled. No objection was given.
- II. Set next meeting date: Tentative time and place at Board of fish meeting in February to be set later for the AC sub-committee.
- III. Approval of meetings minutes. Ben makes motion for Austin or the current sitting chair to approve the minutes for on-time submission as a standing AC rule. It should be noted every meeting under Miscellaneous in the Agenda so members could would have opportunity to oppose. Boris 2nd's. Ben calls ? and asks for unanimous consent.
- IV. BBNA has a budget for travel arrangements (travel-hotel-meals) at the Board of Fish meeting for AC members (contact Cody Larson and Gayla Hoseth). Taryn confirms that the Department has funds for one AC representative. George offers direction to call himself or Chuck McCallum with the Lake and Pen Borough for travel assistance for non-AC-members.
- V. On-time comments are due February 3rd, 2023

XI. Adjourn at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen Minutes Approved By: Chairman Austin ShanginDate: 1/23/2023



Eagle Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes 2-1-2023

Eagle Village Tribal Hall

- I. Call to Order: 1:06 by Karma Ulvi
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Karma Ulvi- Chair, Steve Robbins- Vice Chair, Ben Juneby, Sonja Sager, Mike McDougall, Ruby Becker

Members Absent (Excused): Don Woodruff, Andy Bassich, Chalia Selman
Members Absent (Unexcused): Jackie Helmer,
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Christy Gleason, Shane Ransbury, Deena Jallen, Chuck Brazil (sp?), Sam Decker,
- IV. Guests Present: Gail Vick Fairbanks AC, Bruce Irvin-UAF
- V. Approval of Agenda: Steve motions to approve, Ben 2nd
This meeting is primarily to go over the AK Pen/Aleutian/Chignik BOF Proposals.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Steve motions to approve, Ben 2nds
- VII. Reports
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business: Previous meeting minutes question. Proposal 89: TNA
- X. New Business: Karma asks how to delegate Ruby as an alternate for this meeting. Kyle explains that a motion can be made and approved by a majority of AC member present. Also the chair can appoint an alternate with the approval of the members present to reach a quorum.

Karma motions to add Ruby (Michelle) Becker as an alternate for today's AC mtg.
Mike 2nds
Motion passes UNAM- So we have 6 voting members present today



Prop 98: (Steve motions/Ben 2nd)

Very little discussion as this is outside of our area and we don't know enough to make an informed decision or recommendation.

TNA

Prop 99-104: (Mike motions/Steve 2nd)

Same as above. Not enough information, No ADFG staff from this region present to answer questions or offer background information.

TNA

Prop 105: (Steve motions/Ruby 2nd)

Disc: Gail explains that this Department proposal basically combines runs (Kodiak region) into lower escapement goals. Fairbanks and Chignik AC's both opposed this proposal. Not in favor of lowering any escapement goals.

OPPOSE/UNAM

Prop 106: (Ruby motions, Steve 2nd)

Disc: Gail explains that Fbx AC supported 106 after their review.

Karma question for clarification. Mike-anything we can do to increase any escapements, limiting commercial fishing, and carcass decomp. on the spawning grounds.

Wondering about "low quality spawner" and if someone could define what that means.

Gail-size comparison

Increasing escapement # could counter balance the smaller fish size

Karma- malnutrition in fish and other diseases

SUPPORT/UNAM

Prop: 107 and 108 (Ruby motions/Ben 2nd)

This proposal will increase commercial fishing time in Area M.

Karma reads through Jim Simon's summary. Gail comments that the Fbx AC mirrored all of the comments, although their discussion and wording was different.

Fairbanks AC opposed.

OPPOSE/UNAM

Mike comments that any proposal that recommends opening commercial salmon fishing regardless of escapements he finds irresponsible.

Prop 109: (Ruby motions/Steve 2nd)

SUPPORT/UNAM



Prop 110:

Ruby motions to Take no Action, as it is something that is already in practice. Steve 2nds

Prop 111: (Steve motions/ Ben 2nd)

Gail explains Axel's proposal from a commercial and subsistence standpoint, also that Chignik and Nelson Lagoon on the northern side, have escapement goal management plan, the rest of Area M does not.

Fairbanks AC voted to support after presentation from Axel.

Mike Questions- If Chignik area management opens up windows to fish pink and chum, what are the chances they would intercept AYK bound chinook and chum?

Gail: my assessment would be that would be very low, area L fish come down in a very localized pattern. Very low chances.

Karma: Not sure how they could manage fishing for pink and chum, if sockeye isnt open and their escapement is unknown.

Steve: My concern would be anything that is opening for commercial, I am not in favor.

Ben: Not in support either

OPPOSE/UNAM

Prop 112-117: (Steve motions/ Ruby 2nd)

Very little discussion-All of these proposals would allow for more potential intercept of AYK bound salmon.

OPPOSE/UNAM

PROP 118: (Steve motion/Ben 2nd)

OPPOSE/UNAM

PROP 119 (Ruby motions, Steve 2nd)

TNA

PROP 120 (Ruby motions, Steve 2nd)

TNA

PROP 121-125 (Steve motions, Ben 2nd)

OPPOSE/UNAM

PROP 126: (Steve motions to take no action, Ruby 2nd)

TNA



PROP 127: (Ruby motions, Ben 2nd)

OPPOSE/UNAM

PROP 128-129 (Steve motions to take no action, Mike 2nds)

TNA

PROP 130-132 (Steve motions, Ben 2nds)

OPPOSE/UNAM

PROP 133-139 (Steve motions, Ben 2nds)

We support all proposals that reduce Area M commercial fishing time, but prefer to adopt Proposal 140, which is a compromise proposal.

All of these proposals are strong, but supporting 140 is the best option to reduce commercial fishing time and extend compromise to Area M commercial fisherman.

Gail Vick: Roadmap for Board mtg. shows 140 as #3 so it will come up very quickly.

Mike Question: 138 Observers- separate from Commercial fishing time.

Gail: Good proposal and we need it, but the board cannot obligate the department to financial obligation, it should go to the legislature.

Mike: How many observers would be required and where would the funding come from?

Gail: Quite a few vessels participate. Mostly targeted at the trawl fishery in the Bering Sea pollock fleet. If this went to the Legislature, it would likely be cameras on board each vessel. These boats are not as big as the pollock fleet, but they are still really big boats and they fish 24-7. Concerns about Chum chucking and other practices. Cheaper and would record activity.

SUPPORT/UNAM

PROP 140

We did vote on 140 at the last meeting, but did not have enough information for Discussion.

We are going to do the entire Proposal again.

(Ruby motions to approve, Steve 2nd)

SUPPORT/UNAM

PROP 141 (Steve motions, Ruby 2nd)

We support all proposals that reduce Area M salmon interception, but we prefer the adoption of Proposal 140, which is a compromise proposal relative to the others before the board of fish at this time.

SUPPORT/UNAM



PROP 142 (Steve motions to take no action, Mike 2nds)

TNA/UNAM

PROP 143 (Ruby motions, Steve 2nds)

This proposal serves to try to protect immature salmon, especially immature Chinook salmon.

SUPPORT/UNAM

PROP 144-147 (Steve motions, Ben 2nd)

OPPOSE/UNAM

PROP 148-149 (Steve motions, Ben 2nd)

We support all proposals that reduce Area M salmon interception, but we prefer the adoption of Proposal 140, which is a compromise proposal relative to the others before the board of fish at this time.

SUPPORT/UNAM

PROP 150: (Ruby motions, Ben 2nd)

SUPPORT/UNAM

PROP 151: (Steve motions, Ruby 2nds)

OPPOSE/UNAM

PROP 152: (Steve motions, Ben 2nd)

OPPOSE/UNAM

End of Proposals.

Karma asks if any AC members have other comments.

Steve would like to thank the chair for having this separate meeting, and not voting at the last meeting.

Mike thanks Karma for putting so much energy into these issues and comments that she is doing a great job.

We are building a great team, and are building relationships with other AC's and other villages.

Karma and Ben are going to BOF in Feb, Andy is going to represent the ERAC 20-25th of Feb.

Adjournment: (Ben motions, Steve 2nd) 2:08 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Becker

Minutes Approved By: Steve

Date: 2-6-23



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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>			
<u>98</u>	Modify waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon to increase access for subsistence users who are not commercial salmon fishery permit holders.		
No Action			Not enough information to support or oppose
<u>99</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon and establish closed areas in the King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No Action			Same as above. 99-104 Outside our area, ADFG staff present were unable to comment or offer background as it's not Yukon management area.
<u>100</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon and Milky Rivers and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No Action			
<u>101</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No Action			
<u>102</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and tributaries of Bear River.		
No Action			
<u>103</u>	Reduce the bag and possession limit for coho and sockeye salmon in the salt waters and freshwater drainages of Cold Bay.		
No Action			
<u>104</u>	Repeal the closed water provisions for salmon fishing in Swanson Lagoon within the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.		
No Action			
<u>105</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
OPPOSE		6	We do not support the combining of any salmon escapement goals, OR the lowering of any salmon escapement goals.
<u>106</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver escapement of sockeye salmon prior to opening a commercial fishery by emergency order.		



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SUPPORT	6		Supporting weir passage of 40,000 before commercial periods open. This proposal benefits escapement and subsistence needs.
107	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow more commercial fishing time by opening commercial salmon fishing periods regardless of sockeye salmon escapement.		
OPPOSE		6	We oppose increasing any commercial fishing time in Area M, as this cannot serve to reduce the interception of AYK-bound Salmon that are failing to meet established escapement goals throughout Western Alaska rivers, and where subsistence Salmon fishing has been closed or dramatically limited for many years. Increasing commercial salmon fishing times in interception fisheries is contrary to the precautionary management principle outlined in the Policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries (5 AAC 39.222), the Policy for management of mixed stock salmon fisheries (5 AAC 39.221), the Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals (5 AAC 39.223) and the Subsistence use and allocation of fish and game statute AS 16.05.258
108	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to implement commercial salmon fishing periods in June.		
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
109	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to allow period openings to harvest more salmon in the Central District and repeal the inriver run goal in August and September.		
SUPPORT	6		We support increasing getting more Salmon to the spawning grounds within the Chignik Management area, and the restoration of small Salmon tributaries.
110	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial fishing periods in Chignik Lagoon until the escapement goal has been met.		
No Action			This proposal asks for something that is already in practice.
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Eastern District in August.		
OPPOSE	6		We do not support increasing commercial fishing opportunities in Area M.



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112	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to include a harvest cap in the Eastern District to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
OPPOSE	6		See Comment on Proposal 107
113	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
OPPOSE	6		See Comment on Proposal 107
114	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
OPPOSE	6		See Comment on Proposal 107
115	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan so that pink, chum and coho salmon stocks in the Western and Perryville Sections of Registration Area L will be managed based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Stepovak and Shumagin Islands Sections of Registration Area M.		
OPPOSE	6		See Comment on Proposal 107
116	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to manage the Western and Perryville Districts of Registration Area L based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) Section of Registration Area M.		
OPPOSE	6		See Comment on Proposal 107
117	Amend the fishing districts, sections, and subsections to increase fishing time and area by creating new sections in outside waters of the Chignik Management Area.		
OPPOSE	6		See Comment on Proposal 107
118	Amend the districts, sections and subsections and the management plan to increase commercial fishing time and area in the Western and Perryville Districts in August.		
OPPOSE	6		We do not support increasing commercial fishing opportunities in Area M.
119	Amend allowable gear in the Chignik Management Area to include troll gear, create a management plan to include a commercial troll fishery and amend regulations in Chapter 29 Salmon Troll Fishery to include the Chignik Management Area.		
No Action			Not enough information
120	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
No Action			Not enough information
121	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods.		



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OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
122			Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
123			Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
124			Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
125			Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
126			Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.
No Action			Not enough Information
127			Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
128			Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.
No Action			
129			Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.
No Action			
130			Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time in the Northwest Stepovak Section.
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
131			Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear, and after July 11, purse seine gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area.
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107



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132	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.		
SUPPORT	6		We support all proposals which reduce Area M salmon interception, but we prefer to Adopt Proposal 140 which is a compromise proposal relative to the others before BOF at this time.
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133
135	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133
138	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133. Also some AC members raised the point that they strongly support the observer program, even if this proposal fails we would like to see the observer program and the funding required for it go to the Legislature. Strong concerns about practices like "chum chucking".
139	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133



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<u>140</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	6		We unanimously support Proposal 140. We feel this proposal offers the best option to reduce commercial fishing time while compromising with Area M commercial fishermen.
<u>141</u>	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.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133
<u>142</u>	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.		
No Action			Not enough information
<u>143</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to close the set gillnet fishery in response to department immature salmon assessment.		
SUPPORT	6		We support any proposal that serves to try to protect immature salmon, especially immature Chinook salmon.
<u>144</u>	Amend the Post-June Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to allow for fishing periods starting August 1 in the Southeastern and South Central Districts.		
OPPOSE		6	See comment on Proposal 107
<u>145</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula.		
OPPOSE		6	See comment on Proposal 107
<u>146</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods.		
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
<u>147</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.		
OPPOSE		6	See Comment on Proposal 107
<u>148</u>	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133



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149	Amend management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.		
SUPPORT	6		See comment on Proposal 133
150	Amend districts and sections, Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan and South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan by including the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District.		
SUPPORT	6		We support this proposal because this area had NOT been intercepting salmon from the 1970's until 2004 when the BOF dramatically expanded the Area M salmon interception fisheries. Passage of this proposal would restore some of those protections.
151	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow offshore anchoring of the up to 25 fathom seine web lead.		
OPPOSE		6	We oppose this proposal because it serves to increase the catch capability of nets and the seine web used for leads. These leads are killing immature salmon, especially immature Chinook salmon, when gilled in the seine web.
152	Amend the closed water boundary in Stepovak Bay to increase commercial fishing area in the Stepovak Flats Section.		
OPPOSE		6	See comment on Proposal 107

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Becker
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: 2-6-23



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee Fisheries Subcommittee
February 6, 2023
Comments to Alaska Board of Fisheries for
Alaska Peninsula / Chignik proposals

Minutes attached:

- (1) Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee January 11, 2023 delegating authority to the Fisheries SC for proposal commentary in order to meet deadline.**
- (2) Draft v. 2 FAC Fisheries SubCommittee January 23, 2023 deliberations on proposals. This draft will be discussed for approval at the February 8th FAC meeting.**

Preliminary comments:

- (1) The FAC is in full support of Proposal #140 as the preferred amendment – in its entirety - to the South Unimak Islands June Salmon Management Plan**
- (2) The FAC supports several other South Unimak amendments (as noted) only after #140 has been deliberated**
- (3) The FAC opposes all proposals related to increasing Area M fishing time and effort as antithetical to the discussion of conservation measures needed to get more chum and Chinook salmon to AYK spawning grounds**

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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>			



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98	Modify waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon to increase access for subsistence users who are not commercial salmon fishery permit holders.		
	ALL		Take no action
99	Prohibit retention of king salmon and establish closed areas in the King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
	ALL		Take no action
100	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon and Milky Rivers and Ridgerunner Creek.		
	ALL		Take no action
101	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
	ALL		Take no action
102	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and tributaries of Bear River.		
	ALL		Take no action
103	Reduce the bag and possession limit for coho and sockeye salmon in the salt waters and freshwater drainages of Cold Bay.		
	ALL		Take no action
104	Repeal the closed water provisions for salmon fishing in Swanson Lagoon within the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.		
	ALL		Take no action
105	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
	ALL		OPPOSE Not enough information has been shared with the public to take action
106	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver escapement of sockeye salmon prior to opening a commercial fishery by emergency order.		
	ALL		SUPPORT – This is a conservation concern
107	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow more commercial fishing time by opening commercial salmon fishing periods regardless of sockeye salmon escapement.		
	ALL		OPPOSE



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108	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to implement commercial salmon fishing periods in June.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
109	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to allow period openings to harvest more salmon in the Central District and repeal the inriver run goal in August and September.		
	ALL		SUPPORT
110	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial fishing periods in Chignik Lagoon until the escapement goal has been met.		
	ALL		OPPOSE – this is already in practice
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Eastern District in August.		
	ALL		SUPPORT
112	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to include a harvest cap in the Eastern District to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
113	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
114	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
115	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan so that pink, chum and coho salmon stocks in the Western and Perryville Sections of Registration Area L will be managed based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Stepovak and Shumagin Islands Sections of Registration Area M.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
116	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to manage the Western and Perryville Districts of Registration Area L based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) Section of Registration Area M.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
117	Amend the fishing districts, sections, and subsections to increase fishing time and area by creating new sections in outside waters of the Chignik Management Area.		

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	ALL		OPPOSE
<u>118</u>	Amend the districts, sections and subsections and the management plan to increase commercial fishing time and area in the Western and Perryville Districts in August.		
	ALL		SUPPORT
<u>119</u>	Amend allowable gear in the Chignik Management Area to include troll gear, create a management plan to include a commercial troll fishery and amend regulations in Chapter 29 Salmon Troll Fishery to include the Chignik Management Area.		
	ALL		Take no action
<u>120</u>	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
	ALL		Take no action
<u>121</u>	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
<u>122</u>	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
<u>123</u>	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
<u>124</u>	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
<u>125</u>	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
<u>126</u>	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
	ALL		Take no action
<u>127</u>	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.		



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	ALL		OPPOSE
128	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		
	ALL		Take no action
129	Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.		
	ALL		Take no action
130	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time in the Northwest Stepovak Section.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
131	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear, and after July 11, purse seine gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
132	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first
135	Amend the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first



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136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first
138	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first
139	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with no amendments
141	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.		
	ALL		SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred plan and should be deliberated on first
142	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.		
	ALL		Take no action
143	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to close the set gillnet fishery in response to department immature salmon assessment.		
	ALL		SUPPORT need for adequate testing for immature kings



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144	Amend the Post-June Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to allow for fishing periods starting August 1 in the Southeastern and South Central Districts.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
147	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
148	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.		
	ALL		SUPPORT
149	Amend management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.		
	ALL		SUPPORT
150	Amend districts and sections, Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan and South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan by including the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District.		
	ALL		SUPPORT
151	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow offshore anchoring of the up to 25 fathom seine web lead.		
	ALL		OPPOSE
152	Amend the closed water boundary in Stepovak Bay to increase commercial fishing area in the Stepovak Flats Section.		
	ALL		OPPOSE

Minutes Recorded By: Gale K. Vick

Minutes Approved By: Pending

Date: 2/3/23

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Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1/11/2022 Meeting Minutes
J.P. Jones Community Center
204 Rickert Street
Fairbanks, AK
&
Teleconference

I. Call to Order: Chair at 6:05PM

II. Roll Call:

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

III. Introduction of Guests: Diane & Lenny Jewkes, Al Barrette, Dave Kilbourn, Chris Bye, Tyrel Palmer

Fish & Game Staff Present: Andy Gryska, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Kristy Tibbles, Shane Ransbury, Mark Nelson, Dan Valentine, Mike Potter, Sam Decker, Kyle Campbell



IV. Comments

Chair Comments: none

Vice Chair: none

Trapping: none

Game: none

Fish: Good subcommittee meeting on Monday with some members of the BOF, including Stan Zuray and Mackenzie Mitchell. Presentation on Area M; initial review of BOF proposals with follow-up meeting on Jan. 23 to address Area M issues. Motion by Virgil Umphenour to delegate authority to subcommittee to support Fairbanks AC Proposal 140, negotiate amendments with other stakeholders, and submit comments on behalf of the AC; seconded by Mark Richards. Virgil Umphenour spoke to history behind this proposal and justification for delegation of authority. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Significant support throughout northern Alaska for Proposal 140, according to Gale Vick

AC Member Comments: Chuck Derrick would like to commend Gale Vick and Virgil Umphenour for their efforts on Area M issues and the Jan. 9 subcommittee meeting.

Public Comments: none

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approval of December 14 minutes by unanimous consent

VI. Approval of Agenda: approved by unanimous consent

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business:

Report from Dave Kilbourn on the Western Arctic Caribou Working Group's December Meeting: Dave Kilbourn provided handouts from WACH working group December meeting on management levels and census counts and gave brief overview of makeup of working group membership. Most recent herd census is 164,000 with declining population trend. There is no good estimate of harvest due to lack of reporting. ADF&G Kotzebue and Parks Service both count this herd, with questionable cooperation. Jeff Lucas asked if charts of migration patterns exist. Dave Kilbourn stated that maps based on collared animals are



available online.

Al Barrette asked about compliance with RC 907 permit. There is a proposal from the Kotzebue AC to change the caribou bag limit from 5 per day to 4 per season (1 may be a cow). This was endorsed by the working group. It is questionable how much difference this will make due to widespread non-compliance with permit conditions. Resolution was presented by Dave Kilbourn in support of better harvest data with engagement of locals in the count. Working group should be accountable for better data collection to inform decision making regarding management and harvest.

Discussion of Ambler Road by working group did not indicate unanimous position in support of or against construction.

Mark Richards asked about working group discussion of household subsistence reports. Dave Kilbourn stated that the onus of harvest reporting needs to fall primarily on local hunters and communities. Without this data there is not sufficient information to make management decisions. Kotzebue AC proposal on harvest limits was supported by the working group.

Chuck Derrick asked about establishment of subsistence harvest requirements if there is no good overall harvest data. If bag limit is reduced this is likely to result in claims that subsistence needs cannot be met.

Alaska Wildlife Troopers on Sublegal Sheep Citations: Trooper Potter gave overview of fall 2022 sublegal sheep harvest. 34 sublegal sheep harvested statewide; 16 citations, 15 warnings, 3 still under investigation. 12 of the sublegal sheep harvested by guided hunters; 3 cited, 8 warned, 1 case still pending. 22 sublegal sheep taken on non-guided hunts; 13 citations, 7 warnings, 2 cases still pending.

Question regarding what happens to guides in these cases. This depends on individual circumstances (guide may have directed hunter to harvest a different sheep, etc.).

Mark Richards asked for clarification on citations for guides. Trooper Potter stated that guides are usually cited. They may be cited under Title 8 in addition to any action taken by guide board.

Reasons for not citing hunters may depend on a variety of factors, including how close the sheep is to being legal, prior warnings/violations, and likelihood of winning the case in court.

Jeff Lucas asked about consequences of a warning for shooting a sublegal or questionable sheep. Trooper Potter stated that there is a record of this, but it



doesn't carry with it any legal ramifications. Trooper Valentine clarified that sheep is taken even if no citation is issued.

Levi Lewellyn asked if there is a specific demographic that is more likely to harvest sublegal sheep and would therefore benefit from better educational outreach. Trooper Potter was hesitant to speculate on this, but stated it was likely to be younger and less experienced hunters.

Game/Trap Subcommittee Meeting Date to go over Region II Southcentral BOG Proposals: February 1 at Fairbanks F&G office, 6PM.

Fisheries Subcommittee Updates & Set Next Meeting Date: Next meeting will be by Zoom on Feb. 23 at 6PM to go over proposals and get comments out.

Other: Gale Vick is looking for airfare and ground transport to go to the Area M meeting. Board Support should have funding to cover both Gale Vick and Virgil Umphenour to attend this meeting. Kyle Campbell asked for a written request for funding.

Jeff Lucas will be attending the BOG meeting in Soldotna. Kyle Campbell stated that there will be funding for this as well.

Al Barrette stated that the dept. will be coming up with a new planning team for the wood bison in the Upper/Middle Tanana on Jan. 25-27 in Fairbanks. Mark Richards and Jeff Lucas will be able to attend this meeting. Jeff Lucas will provide a brief on this meeting at the next Fairbanks AC meeting.

Mark Richards announced that Resident Hunters of Alaska will be having their first Fairbanks banquet on Jan. 28th at 5PM at Birch Hill.

IX. Adjourn: Chair at 8:05PM.

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Fisheries Subcommittee January 23, 2023
DRAFT Meeting Minutes¹
Teleconference/Zoom meeting 6:00pm**

I Call to Order: Gale Vick at 6:05 PM
Board Support: Kyle Campbell

II Members Present: (Roll call and quorum not assessed for subcommittee meetings)

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

III. Introduction of Guests:

Agency

Deena Jallen, ADF&G Yukon River summer manager
Christy Gleason, ADF&G, Yukon River fall manager
Sam Decker, ADF&G, Assistant YR summer manager

Board of Fish / Game

Al Barrette – Board of Game
Marit Carlson-Van Dort – Chair, Board of Fisheries

Public

Karen Gillis, BSFA
Chuck McCallum, Chignik
Axel Kopun, Chignik AC
George Anderson, Chignik
Jim Simon, TCC and KRITFC
Raechel Allen, Chignik AC
Craig Chythlook, Food Security Working Group, UAF
John Chythlook, ADF&G Fisheries Biologist Kuskokwim (as private citizen)
Chris Bye, Fairbanks fishing guide
Unidentified Tacoma area phone number

¹ Prepared by Gale Vick from video recording of meeting



Gale: At the last AC meeting (January 11, 2023) the full FAC delegated authority to the Fisheries Sub-committee to deliberate on proposals and submit comments to the Board of Fish before the public comment deadline. When the full FAC meets in February they will submit an RC to the Board of Fish, along with minutes.

Deena Jallen – Gave summary report on AYK Board of Fish action on proposals. (available separately). Proposal #82 (sinking of gill nets) deferred to the Statewide Board of Fish meeting in March. (See RC56) Statewide comments due by Feb 23rd.

Mike Kramer: definition of hook and line for subsistence gear, increased on the Yukon River but banned in Tanana drainage and road system. Question on distinction between Koyukuk and Nenana. Question related to traditional harvest use.

Deena: This came up as an RC at the AYK meeting. ACs have previously taken incremental approaches. Dahl River not included, mindful of sports fishing. (See RC55) . This will be discussed at the Spring pre-season meeting. Using caution on not extending to heavy sports fish areas.

Christie: RC56 (sinking of gillnets) I will be attending Statewide in March. Sinking gill proposal was supported up and down the Yukon, and with YRDFA amendment, which RC56 relates to. Delineates commercial from subsistence. Subsistence users in Districts 4-6 like to sink nets to avoid high water drift, about 4' below water. District 3 added in. RC56 is for Districts 3-6. Basically states that if you sink your net, you must have a red buoy on either end of the net, and if longer than 60', also in the middle of the net. Drift not as big an issue in Districts in 1-2, so they are okay with no sinking of nets (within time period.) Personal use salmon fishery in Fairbanks / North Pole similarly cannot sink nets during salmon season. Statewide meeting will deliberate on original (ADF&G) proposals and RC56.

Gale: Transitioning to Alaska Peninsula / Chigik meeting Feb 20-25th. Comment deadlines Feb 3rd². March meetings: Hatchery (March 9th) and Statewide Finfish (March 10-14th) Federal Subsistence Board meets January 30th – Feb 4th

Kyle: puts up proposal spreadsheet for Alaska Peninsula.

Unanimous consent unless otherwise noted

Prop 98 TNA

Prop 99-104 TNA – mostly regional

Prop 105 – OPPOSE - ADF&G Westward Region wants to lower escapement goals in Chignik, managing two runs as one – not enough information has been shared with public ** Stock of Concern designation issues. Chignik opposes. (Same for #132)

Prop 106 – SUPPORT - Axel Kopun discussed

² This was later changed by the Board of Fisheries to Monday, February 6th



Prop 107-108 – OPPOSE creates more commercial fishing time
Prop #109 – SUPPORT - establishes windows for localized fishing Chignik management area
Prop #110 – OPPOSE Asking for something that has already been in practice
Prop #111 – SUPPORT
Prop #112-117 – OPPOSE – all increasing Area M fishing effort
Prop # 118- SUPPORT
Prop #119 – TNA – voted down by Chignik AC
Prop #120 – TNA - George Anderson explained - Nelson Lagoon adopted language in Emergency Petition in October 2022 BOF work session, #120 and #128 had some language --- FAC members wanted to TNA because our input was not going to carry it and let local advisory committees handled it
Prop #121-125 - OPPOSE - increases Area M fishing time – include Mike Tinker’s comment that FAC opposes all proposals that increase Area M fishing time until we can get an understanding of how it will affect AYK subsistence
Prop #126 – TNA
Prop #127 – OPPOSE – increases area fishing time
Prop #128-129 TNA -northern peninsula, support in theory but we don’t have enough information
Prop #130- OPPOSE
Prop #131- OPPOSE
Prop #132 - OPPOSE linked to Prop #105

South Unimak Islands June Salmon Management Plan (Proposals #133-142)

Prop #133 – SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first Axel Kopun explained, would reduce fishing time in Shumagins, Chignik and Area M agreed to cut fishing time in half to get more sockeye to Chignik, this sets more in regulation and more closely related to historical. 2004-2018 there were NO closures in the June South Peninsula fishery for all gear types concurrently. 24/7 gear in the water. In 2019 I put in a proposal for the Shumigans (S. Unimak doesn’t have enough Chignik fish), Board applied to entire June fishery. I see this is as a back up to #140.

Gale Vick: This raises the question we are going to have on proposals #133-140. Some of these proposals are more stringent than #140. Proposal #140 has precedence as it was a management plan adopted by the Board of fish in 2001. Asking the FAC members on how to approach action so we do not jeopardize support for #140.

Virgil Umphenhour: (Explanation of #140) I’ve been involved in this Area M deal for over 35 years. Everything in the world has been tried in the past and the only thing that works is getting gear out of the water. Currently, boats fish more than 84 hours straight with 32 ours off. In proposal #140, the most that fishers will have is 16 hours at a time and no more than 2 16 hour periods consecutively and no more than 3 16hour periods in a week, resulting in maximum of 48 hours of fishing. In most (ADF&G) fishing areas, fishing starts out with limited (12hr / 2x a week) openings and then can be further increased by the Department or closed by emergency order of the Commissioner. This is in regulation for in-season management. This is to allow for “windows” so that fish can get up the river. Area M thinks they should be prima donnas and just go by unlimited fishing time in all of the June fishery and most of the July fishery. No one else in the state gets to fish on like this. Every other fishery gets openings based on in-season



escapement. In the Upper Yukon we haven't had any commercial openers since 2019. #140 needs to come up on the Board Road Map first and we need 4 votes and not having people conflicted out.

Gale: What is the preference of the FAC

Mike Kramer: I think we should only support #140 in our comments, only after #140 is deliberated can we support the others.

Gale: I am concerned about timing

Chris Bye: I wouldn't give them either or. I would just stick with #140. If you give them any wiggle room they will exploit.

Virgil: I recommend go with #140, and #133 only affects the Shumigans

Axel: I'd like to make a correction. There are more seiners in the Shumigans. Prior to 2004, most of the chum and sockeye were caught in S. Unimak, but since then more have been in the Shumigans and catching AYK chum. If you close down Unimak and the Shumigans stay open, they will still catch chum there. In WASSIP study they are same composition.

Virgil: There was a bigger allocation for S. Unimak in 2001. There used to be an allocation

Axel: When they threw that plan out (2004) there was increased fishing effort in the Shumigans. When Bristol Bay sockeye not as high, you will see a 50/50 split between S. Unimak and the Shumigans.

Virgil – I'm the one who got rid of that and went to the 3-16hr periods. Somewhere in the Shumigan the Troopers came in and videotaped seiners chum chucking. They made convictions in 2000.

Mike Tinker: The issue we want to get across we will be in support of anything that will reduce Area M fishing time. Our preference will be #140. Take up this first on the Road Map. They are opening themselves up to a lawsuit from subsistence users who cannot fish at all. Let's consider all these proposals under the #140 umbrella.

Virgil: We haven't said anything about king salmon. In one Area M June fishery, over 44,000 king salmon were caught. Fritz Johnson voted against mitigation on this.

Axel – that was 2016.

Virgil: King salmon (intercept) has not been addressed. In 2001, I finally got the Dept to print off discreet permits by stat harvest and date, you couldn't tell who the fishermen were but the same permit numbers going back 10 years. It showed that either the fishermen were throwing Chinook away or they were not being processed on the fish tickets. They weren't counting all the fish. Once they got back to 16hour periods, they weren't catching so many kings any more. Area M knows we are watching the king counts but they are not counting as many according to the Blue Sheets.

Virgil: We need to get the Board to bring up #140 first and if they pass it, the rest of these proposals will be take no action. If they don't pass it and vote it down, then we can the other proposals to rely on.

Gale: Since the Road Map is not in our control at the moment and we don't know what they will do, my question remains on how do we address these proposals

Mike Tinker: The FAC recommendation should be that the Board takes no action on the other proposals until they take up #140. After they do, they can pull these back up.

Mike Tinker: let's have them look at the big picture first. If they Road Map doesn't take #140

Al Barrette: You are submitting your comments before the Road Map is out.



Mike Tinker: any member can say table before they get to #140

Axel: The other proposals will be considered regardless

Mike: That's what I was trying to get to. Its not that we don't support the other proposals but #140 is our preferred

Virgil: We should support all proposals that are going to reduce fishing time in Area M.

John W: I agree

Mike Tinker: I agree

John Siegfried: Agree

Mike Kramer: Agree

Gale: Agree. Mark Richards and Chuck Derrick had both sent in their comments. Note that some of these proposals are more stringent than #140 and that #140 is a good compromise. I also note that we are getting a huge amount of support (in the AYK) for #140.

Support by unanimous consent with comment

Prop #134 SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first

Prop #135 SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first

Prop #136 SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first

Prop #137 SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first

Prop #138 SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first

Prop #139 SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first

Prop #140 SUPPORT – Preferred above all

Prop #141 SUPPORT with caveat that #140 is the preferred and should be deliberated on first

Prop #142 TNA Chignik AC did not approve

Prop #143 SUPPORT with comment

Raechel Allen (Chignik AC) spoke to this proposal. Test fishery results regarding immature Chinook, on one occasion over 3,000 immature kings caught but not being recorded because they weren't gilled. We would like that reviewed. Test fishery is only done for 3 days beginning in July. For the purpose of conserving future salmon this needs to be addressed.

Gale: My initial reaction is to not take action as this is a regional issue.

Axel: This is a conservation issue, immature chum and sockeye, a lot bigger than just a regional issue. No one knows where these fish are going.

Mike Tinker: I think Axel hit it right on the spot, we need to support.

Prop #144 -147 OPPOSE – all call for increase in Area M fishing time

Prop #148-149 SUPPORT with comment

South Peninsula. YDSRAC proposal. Axel noted that this was similar to a previous Chignik proposal that notes if the early run Chignik River sockeye escapement is not met, Area M fishing gets cut in half. Several options in addition.

Mike Tinker: They also support a genetic testing program.

Prop #150 SUPPORT

Axel noted that in 2004, Board action opened up a new area in Dolgoi, that had been closed since 70's, a big expansion of area. According to WASSIP, in July some days intercept as much as 75% of Chignik stock.



Prop #151 OPPOSE with comment

Axel – increases interception, would allow seine web lead to add to gillnet – more reach for gillnets. Rachel noted there is a concern we never brought up .. those leads are made out of seine web, immatures get caught when they are gilled in the seine webs, could complicate immature even more. Gale: I concur and strongly oppose this proposal. I also note that when you combined two gear types, seine with gillnet, I think you have a board (regulatory) problem. Virgil: What is the size of the seine lead? Raechel: Size is not enough marked. I don't think it is even in the regs. Virgil: a lot of fish can get caught in a 5" mesh web. Some Bristol Bay fishermen now fishing less than 5" mesh because the fish (sockeye) are getting smaller. Gale: standard for drift boats in Prince WM sound is 5 ¼" mesh, goes down in size if you fish pinks.

Gale – you are right about fish getting smaller. I think a lot of processors have had to recalibrate their machines because of this. I think the combination of gear types is very problematic.

Prop #152 OPPOSE increases fishing area

Gale: We should attach a commentary to any proposals seeking to increase fishing time and area. During this particular time this just seems outrageous. Based on a conservation concern.

Mike Tinker: just write that up in a sentence or two

Al Barrette: in regarding the Road Map, the Board groups, you need to petition the Board chair to put #140 first.

Virgil: on a big issue like this, the Board has to provide findings. The Board findings of February 2004 on the amendments to the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands June Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 09.365) Very troublesome. It infuriates me, the false statements about complying with Sustainable Salmon policy and precautionary measures. As one of the authors of that policy, along with Dr. White, having spent four years on working on that policy,

Mike Kramer: I think we have great notes on all these proposals and I will be glad to help you working up comments.

Gale: Process – minutes have to go with recommendations that must be submitted to the Board of Fish by Feb 3rd (later changed to Feb 6th.) Then we will bring to the full FAC at their February meeting to approve as an RC (record copy) to send to the Board of Fish.



Chris Bye: I want to say thanks to everyone on this committee, there is a lot of hard work that goes into these decisions. I recommend getting more information out to the general public on this process.

Craig Chythlook: Following up on Chris's comments, we really appreciate all the time and effort that this AC and other ACs have put into Board of Fish proposals.

Christy Gleason (ADF&G) – Thanks for all your work.

Gale: We appreciate everyone's involvement and comments. We do want to encourage public participation. This is an education for members as well all the time. Special thanks to ADF&G staff and to Kyle Campbell at Board Support.

Next schedule FAC Fisheries SC meeting: Feb 6th (later changed to Feb 13th.)

Meeting adjourned: 8:01PM



**Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk & Holy Cross (GASH)
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

Friday, February 3rd, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Web/Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: ~2:05 by Ken Chase
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Ken Chase, Nathan Elswick, Shirley Clark, Rich Freireich, Eugene Paul, David Walker, Chevie Roach, Roger Hamilton Jr., Bruce Werba
Members Absent: none
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Josh Peirce (Wildlife), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm. Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm. Fish), Lisa Stuby (Sport Fish), Sam Decker (Comm. Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm. Fish)
- IV. Guests Present: Kathy Chase, Matt Burkett, Carolyn Burkett, Ron Kruger, Cliff Hickson, Robert Walker, Alyssa Wulf, Don (Anvik Tribal Council), Renee Richardson (Anvik Tribal Council), Gale Vick (Fairbanks AC), Olivia Henaayee Irwin (Minto/Nenana AC), Jeremy Havener (USFWS), Sam Thorvilson (AWT)
- V. Chair's Comments:
- VI. Concerns/Comments of Public:

Cliff Hickson of the Anvik River Lodge wanted to know if Board of Fisheries proposal 140 was set in stone if it was adopted. Gale Vick responded that this proposal would be set for 3 years, but, if necessary an emergency order can be brought forward.
- VII. Concerns/Comments of AC Members:
Rich Freireich would like to have sub-units within 21E. This could be an agenda item for the next GASH meeting. Chevy would like to have the regulations looked at. Nathan would like the by catch discussed. Bruce would like to see someone locally to submit their name for the RAC board. Robert Walker spoke up and said that he submitted his name for that.
- VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: n/a (minutes from [2/9/22](#) & [2/15/22](#) have not been generated yet). The minutes from 2/15/22 were waived until the next meeting.



IX. Approval of Agenda as amended: Motion by Nathan Elswick 2nd by Bruce Werba; unanimous

X. New Business:

- a. Board of Fisheries AYK Meeting Recap/Update with Deena Jallen
- b. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposal #140 concerning the South Unimak and Shumagin Island June Salmon Management Plan and other Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish 2022-2023 Board of Fisheries proposals as requested by committee members (comments due February 6th):

Rich Freireich made a motion to support Proposal 140, seconded by David Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Wood Bison Restoration Project Update with Tom Seaton:
On the 28 Nov. 2022 150 bison were counted. Possible to open up a hunt in 5 to 10 years. Tom explained the system for hunting permits.
- d. Recommendations on Board of Game Proposals that will be deliberated on during the Southcentral Region meeting in Soldotna, AK March 17-22, 2023: (comments due March 3rd)

Josh Peirce introduced each proposal. Proposal 185 has to be reauthorized every year by the AC. He explained that the hunt is open to those that did not have a successful hunt in the fall. Hunting is allowed on all lands, State and Federal.

- Proposal 185 to reauthorize antlerless moose harvest in unit 21E
Rich makes a motion to reauthorize Proposal 185, seconded by David. Passed 9-0.

- Proposal 206 to reauthorize intensive management in unit 21E
Bruce makes a motion to keep this, seconded by Nathan. Roll call vote, supported unanimously, 9-0.

- Proposal 204 to close sheep hunting in unit 19C for 5 years
Eugene made a motion to support this, seconded by Rich, Proposal passed unanimously. 9-0

- e. Set date & agenda items for face-to-face meeting & election:
April 10th at 1:00 in Shageluk. Elections for Shageluk and Undesignated seats.



- f. Other fisheries, game, and committee business as needed:
 - i. Discussion of potential proposals to put forward to the Board of Game for the 2023-2024 meeting cycle (proposals due May 1st, 2023)
 - ii. select representative(s) for board meeting(s):

The GASH voted unanimously for Rick to attend the Board of Fish in Anchorage on the 20th of February 2023 to give testimony. Unanimous consent. Rich Freireich will represent the AC at the Board of Fisheries meeting Feb 20th – 25th

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn: 4:56 pm



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Opp ose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	9	0	

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023 Soldotna, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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185	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	
204	Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years		
SUPPORT	9	0	
206	Reauthorize the Unit 21E Intensive Management Plan		
SUPPORT	9	0	

Adjournment: 4:56 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase & ADF&G
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



**KODIAK Advisory Committee
5:30 PM January 10,2023
ADF&G Chiniak Conference Rm
351 Research Court, Kodiak Alaska**

- I. Call to Order:
5:33 PM; Acting Chair Julie Kavanaugh
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: **Andrew Finke, Wallace Fields, Patrick O'Donnell, Theresa Peterson, Oliver Holm, Rolan Ruoss, Rebecca Skinner, Julie Kavanaugh, Coral Chernoff, Nathan Rose**
Members Absent (Excused): **Paul Chernvenak, Tyler Schmeil, Ronald Kavanaugh, Brandon Bartleson, Garman Squartsoff, Alexis Kwachka; (NOTE: Ronald Kavanaugh arrived at 7:15 PM and Coral Chernoff departed at 7:45)**
Members Absent (Unexcused): **N/A**
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: **8**
List of User Groups Present: **Subsistence, West Side Setnet, Trawl, South End Setnet, Small Boat, Transporter, Citizen, At Large, Kodiak Seiners Association**
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: **Jeff Wadle- Salmon/Herring Management Coordinator; Kevin Schaberg- Westward Region Finfish Research Supervisor; Matt Keyse- Assistant Manager Biologist Area M**
- IV. Guests Present: **Virginia Adams, Adelia Myrik, Jeff Stephan, Marrit Carlson-Vandort (Board of Fish), Gerry Cobban Knagin, Darren Platt, Mark Beardsley, Josh Boyle-AkWildlife Troopers, Nathan Walsh-AkWildlife Troopers**
- V. Approval of Agenda **Motion to approve: Rolan/ Second Oliver Passed by consent**
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting **Minutes NA; Minutes approved by appointed members for timely submission.**
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report **NA**
 - b. ADF&G **N/A**
 - c. Others **N/A**
- VIII. Public Comment **N/A**
- IX. Old Business **N/A**



- X. New Business **See Template**
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting **Ron Kavanaugh-Move to send Nathan Rose to the Board of Fish February 20th meeting. Second Roland Rouss. Vote 10/0 Passes**
- XII. Set next meeting date **February 15th; 5:30PM @ ADF&G Chiniak Conference Rm**
- XIII. **Other:**
 - *Rolan Ruoss- Move to approve Theresa Peterson & Rebecca Skinner to approve minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting; for timely submission of written comments to the Board of Fish. Ron Kavanaugh- Second VOTE: 10-0 Passed**
 - * Report from Wallace Fields on Bristol Bay Board of Fish meeting;**
 - *Rolan Ruoss expressed interest in having the Transporter Work Group hold an initial meeting. An update will be added to the next meeting agenda.**
- XIV. Adjourn **Nathan Rose-Move to Adjourn at 8:48 PM; Andy Finke- Second Passed by Consent**



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<u>98</u>	Modify waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon to increase access for subsistence users who are not commercial salmon fishery permit holders.		
			No Action
<u>99</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon and establish closed areas in the King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
			No Action
<u>100</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon and Milky Rivers and Ridgerunner Creek.		
			No Action
<u>101</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
			No Action
<u>102</u>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and tributaries of Bear River.		
			No Action
<u>103</u>	Reduce the bag and possession limit for coho and sockeye salmon in the salt waters and freshwater drainages of Cold Bay.		
			No Action
<u>104</u>	Repeal the closed water provisions for salmon fishing in Swanson Lagoon within the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.		
			No Action



<u>105</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
Passed	10	0	Rolan Ruoss- Move to Adopt Andy Finke- Second *Dept proposal seeks to eliminate a two goal management objective with a single annual goal. Does not change overall or in river escapement objectives. *Early & Late runs overlap- some subjectivity on mixed runs requires in season genetic sampling. *Not allocative and little to no impact on Kodiak due to 2020 BOF action to increase the harvest priority to 600,000 * Noting that data on harvest in the Igvak District attributed 90% Chignik bound; Area M was 80% Chignik bound; but Chignik is considered 100% Chignik bound should be reconsidered. Refer to WASSIP Study. * A concern that Black Lake capacity issues are not being addressed; IE “overgrazing/harvesting continues) and working on resolving spawning and nursery grounds issues are needed *This a request for regulatory language to support a management decision.
<u>106</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver escapement of sockeye salmon prior to opening a commercial fishery by emergency order.		
			No Action
<u>107</u>	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow more commercial fishing time by opening commercial salmon fishing periods regardless of sockeye salmon escapement.		
			No Action



<u>108</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to implement commercial salmon fishing periods in June.		
108 as Amended	10	0	<p>Nathan Rose-Move to Adopt/Second Oliver Holm;</p> <p>*Department opposes due to concerns with regulatory language that requires concurrent openings in other districts/Concern when runs are weak and concurrent openings would adversely impact escapement.</p> <p>* KSA heard at previous meetings and in general that Chignik harvesters lacked opportunity in June. This provides that opportunity/ provides information on run strength/ and ability to put gear in water for testing.</p> <p>*At January 2020 BOF testimony given that Chignik was a local stock fishery/ but WASSIP shows significant harvest of non-local stock. See Tables 15-17 (pages 41-43 Attached)</p> <p>*Proposal highlights the concern of creating or expanding a fishery that harvests mixed stocks.</p> <p>Move to Amend Rolan Ruoss Second Nathan Rose</p> <p><u>“Change new paragraph c (1) as follows”</u></p> <p>(c) In the Eastern District,</p> <p>(1) From June 1 through approximately June 25th, as a mixed stock fishery directed on early-run sockeye salmon returning to Black lake; <u>if 20,000 sockeye salmon have escaped into the Chignik river, or if the department determines that a strong buildup of sockeye salmon exists in Chignik Lagoon and 20,000 sockeye salmon will escape into the Chignik River,</u> the commissioner shall may open, by emergency order, at least two commercial test fishing periods of 33 hours in length</p> <p><u>“And Strike new Paragraph (2)”</u></p> <p>{(1)(2) during June, the commercial salmon fishery shall open concurrently with the Chignik Bay and Central Districts, and the Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District, and the openings shall be based on achieving the Black Lake sockeye salmon escapement goals;</p> <p>{(2)}{(3)} from....</p> <p>*Amendment seeks to alleviate Dept’s concerns regarding concurrent district openings/ conservation concerns/ and regulatory language clarification. Department will consider effects for later comment Amendment Passes 10/0</p>



<u>109</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to allow period openings to harvest more salmon in the Central District and repeal the inriver run goal in August and September.		
			No Action
<u>110</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial fishing periods in Chignik Lagoon until the escapement goal has been met.		
			No Action
<u>111</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Eastern District in August.		
Failed	0	10	Nathan Rose- Move to Adopt / Rolan Ruoss – Second *The proposer describes the action as a means to harvest pinks and chums without affecting local sockeye escapement. Allowing unrestricted expanded harvest in the Eastern District creates and expands the target of mixed stocks. *Any consideration for such action should incorporate fair and equitable constraints that are utilized in neighboring Management Areas. *Stock identified in this area include North & South bound fish; including S AK Penn, Upper Station, Karluk, Ayakulik, Cook Inlet *There is no new WASSIP info or recent samples
<u>112</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to include a harvest cap in the Eastern District to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Passed	10	0	Rolan Ruoss- Move to Adopt / Nathan Rose – Second *Applies a harvest restriction that reflects recent and historical catch in Eastern District. Suggested cap would have low implementation unless sockeye harvest increased *Protects non local sockeye stocks and potential King Salmon interception *Western Perryville District has seen an expansion of 10,000 fish to 100,000 in recent years. *Pink & Chum harvest opportunities exist but aren't utilized. * Kodiak Area has cape to cape restrictions based on data consisting of a one-year anomaly



<u>113</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
Failed	0	11	Nathan Rose- Move to Adopt / Rolan Ruoss- Second <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department opposes as would inhibit management of all salmon species. Prefers historical July 31st date • Note WASSIP table 16 / page 42 • Harvest does not target Pinks & Chums. In 2014 Karluk had one of best sockeye returns on record see Chignik harvest in Western District (302,000) • Karluk has a 2023 projection of 63,000 / West side setnet fleet is hurting • Again concerned about expanding sockeye and King Salmon interception • New non traditional activity • (Ron Kavanaugh- present)
<u>114</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
Failed	0	10	Rolan Ruoss- Move to Adopt 114, 117, & 118 concurrently / Oliver Holm- Second (1 Abstain) See Discussion @ #113 Abstention concerned about the complexities in regards to sustainable salmon fisheries policy / allocation implications/ mixed stock policy
<u>115</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan so that pink, chum and coho salmon stocks in the Western and Perryville Sections of Registration Area L will be managed based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Stepovak and Shumagin Islands Sections of Registration Area M.		
			No Action
<u>116</u>	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to manage the Western and Perryville Districts of Registration Area L based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) Section of Registration Area M.		
			No Action
<u>117</u>	Amend the fishing districts, sections, and subsections to increase fishing time and area by creating new sections in outside waters of the Chignik Management Area.		
Failed	0	10	(1 Abstain) See Discussion @113
<u>118</u>	Amend the districts, sections and subsections and the management plan to increase commercial fishing time and area in the Western and Perryville Districts in August.		
Failed	0	10	(1 Abstain) See Discussion @113
<u>119</u>	Amend allowable gear in the Chignik Management Area to include troll gear, create a management plan to include a commercial troll fishery and amend regulations in Chapter 29 Salmon Troll Fishery to include the Chignik Management Area.		



Failed	0	11	Oliver Holm- Move to Adopt / Ron Kavanaugh- Second *Department will defer to Board of Fish direction if proposal moves forward *Not clear if CFEC can issue permit cards with two gear types. Cards are gear specific * Troll Permits are Statewide and opens Chignik to all Troll card holders *Initiates a King Salmon Treaty discussion *Creates a new class of permit *Multiplies Eastern Boundary change impacts *SE Troll depends on King Salmon harvest to be profitable/ concern for increasing King salmon interception/ harvest *Past Kodiak proposal requested a Beach seine to Troll conversion with similar challenges and was not supported *Is a “out of the Box” idea to address low returns of fish, but too many concerns to support. Not ready for implementation without additional work Member Chernoff was excused
120	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
			No Action
121	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods.		
			No Action
122	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		
			No Action
123	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.		
			No Action
124	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
			No Action
125	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
			No Action
126	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
			No Action
127	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.		
			No Action



128	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		
			No Action
129	Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.		
			No Action
130	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time in the Northwest Stepovak Section.		
			No Action
131	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear, and after July 11, purse seine gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area.		
			No Action
132	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
Passed	10	0	Proposal by ADF&G to move Chignik management plan from 2 separate escapement goals to one. *No change in fishing time or area * No allocative implications *No effect to Kodiak/ 600,000 trigger is an over arcing barrier that will continue to prevent a Kodiak/Igvak opener for the foreseeable future
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.		
			No Action
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.		
			No Action
135	Amend the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
			No Action
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
			No Action
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
			No Action
138	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.		
			No Action
139	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		



		No Action
<u>140</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.	
		No Action
<u>141</u>	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.	
		No Action
<u>142</u>	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.	
		No Action
<u>143</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to close the set gillnet fishery in response to department immature salmon assessment.	
<u>144</u>	Amend the Post-June Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to allow for fishing periods starting August 1 in the Southeastern and South Central Districts.	
		No Action
<u>145</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula.	
		No Action
<u>146</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods.	
		No Action
<u>147</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.	
		No Action
<u>148</u>	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.	
		No Action
<u>149</u>	Amend management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.	
		No Action
<u>150</u>	Amend districts and sections, Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan and South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan by including the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District.	
		No Action
<u>151</u>	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow offshore anchoring of the up to 25 fathom seine web lead.	
		No Action
<u>152</u>	Amend the closed water boundary in Stepovak Bay to increase commercial fishing area in the Stepovak Flats Section.	
		No Action



Adjournment: 8:48 P.M.

Minutes Recorded By: Julie Kavanaugh

Minutes Approved By: Rebecca Skinner/Theresa Peterson

Date: January 16, 2023



Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 11th, 2022 at 1:00 pm
Teleconference

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Prior to start of meeting: Rudy Moses from Allakaket appointed as alternate by Chair Jack Reakoff.
Harding Sam and Jared Sam's seats from Alatna declared vacant by Chair Jack Reakoff.

- I. Call to Order: 1:24 pm
- II. Roll Call: Jack Reakoff (chair), Darrel Vent (vice-chair), Vincent Simon, Charles Ned, Jack Wholecheese, Rudy Moses (alternate)

Absent: Wilmer Beetus, Hugh Bifelt, Shawn Huffman,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Lisa Stuby (Sport Fish), Deena Jallen (Comm Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm Fish), Jesse Coleman (Subsistence), Glenn Stout (Wildlife Conservation), Sara Longson (Wildlife Conservation), Jeremy Choleva (Wildlife Conservation)
- IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener (USFWS), Erin Julianus (BLM)
- V. Approval of Agenda – motion by Darrel Vent 2nd by Charles Ned
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: February 15th, 2022 – motion by Darrel Vent 2nd by Jack Wholecheese
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: Wrote the Dall Sheep letter of concerns to the Board. Listened into the statewide Board of Game meeting last spring, and that other AC representatives expressed concern about Dall sheep populations.
 - b. ADF&G Yukon Summer Season Summary report – Deena Jallen
Very low numbers for Chinook and summer salmon runs. Mentioned Ichthyophonous sampling project at Pilot station. Questions from Jack Reakoff on Ichthyophonous sampling, and Jack Wholecheese regarding where Chinook escapements may go in the Yukon drainage and the various sample projects at the Rampart rapids, answered by Deena.



- c. ADF&G Yukon Fall Season Summary report – Christy Gleason
3rd year in a row of falling below escapement goal for fall chum. Counted 243,000 fall chum, compared to historical run of 1,000,000. Coho count 102,000 with an average of 234,00 Second lowest fall coho run on record. Escapements for both species were not met, or Canadian agreements with full closures. Shejik sonar restarted, telemetry 350 in Coho salmon in the Yukon drainage, samples in fall Chum stress hormones, and marine studies showing warmer waters reducing food availability to first year Chum salmon. Questions from Jack Reakoff regarding strong returns to Kotzebue Sound in 2022, compared to Yukon weights. Chum salmon coming in the last two years are 1-2' smaller, but no fat indices taken. Discussion regarding projected Chum increase for 2023? Smolt out migration indices? Jack Wholecheese questions regarding by-catch trawl take. Discussion regarding Area M by-catch and the need to comment on BOF February. South Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian proposals. Christy & Deena answered all questions.

Deena Jallen shared information about the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's call for Alaska Native Tribes and communities to fill a seat designated for Alaska Native Tribal Members on it's advisory panel. To be considered, a candidate must be nominated by a Tribe and/or Tribal Consortium. Candidates should also provide a letter of interest with a description of their background, as well as any additional letters of support. All materials should be submitted through the comment portal at the link below by February 3rd, 2023, at 5pm.
<https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2960>

Area Biologist Glenn Stout was asked if he had a report or comments: ADF&G Wildlife report- Glenn Stout suggested holding another AC meeting for the Koyukuk River to discuss AC generated proposals for the Interior Region III ahead of the May 1st 2023 deadline. His reports will be provided at that time.

Chair asks if there were any public members on the phone for comments or questions. No response.

The Committee members were asked to make general comments.

Darrel Vent asked questions/made comments about trawling and hatchery stocks, concerned about over-injection of hatchery fish into wild stocks

Vincent Simon asked for reports on fish counts at Hinshaw or Alatna. Deena Jallen said Hinshaw did not operate this year because the weir needed to be repaired. Henshaw weir was damaged from high water in 2021 so did run in 2022.



Vincent and Jack Reakoff also shared concerns about contaminants coming into the river on the south side of the Brooks Range. Mud, iron, and copper sulfates from climate warming thawing ice masses. Need for assessments of water quality for spawning habitats PH and other impacts on fisheries. A comparison to previous work done by Alyeska before to TAPS construction is needed. Vincent asks if the minerals could be filtered. The sources are large scale and could not be stopped. Christy will try to get a report from habitat division for the next Koyukuk River AC meeting regarding this issue.

Vincent Simon concerned about the number of outside hunters coming up to central Brooks Range via the haul road would like harvest numbers provided by ADFG and USFWS. Chairman Reakoff lives in the area, responds that most caribou harvest I

Darrel Vent concerned about subsistence fish harvest opportunities, especially non-salmon as reliance shifts away from non-salmon species. Concerned about sheefish and whitefish sustainability in particular. Would like to get better numbers from ADFG on these non-salmon species. Deena Jallen provided an initial comment in response, household surveys show reduced non-salmon take due to incidental take in association to salmon closure. The recent take is about 30% of the average take in the household surveys.

Vincent Simon would like the Koyukuk River AC to meet up face to face. More input = more progress. Next meeting should be in person.

Charles Ned thanked Jack Wholecheese for bringing up trawler issue. These commercial harvests affect all of the communities upriver on the Yukon

Public Comment: none

VIII. Old Business: none

IX. New Business

a. AYK Board of Fisheries Proposals:

Proposal 79: SUPPORTED 5-0. Motion by Vincent S., 2nd by Rudy M.

Discussion with Denna Jallon explains the proposal parameters. Proposal allows Customary practices of taking fish with hook and line and poll.

Proposal 80: OPPOSED 0-5. Motion by Darrel V. 2nd by Jack W.

Deena J. ADFG presents the proposal answers questions from the committee Committee discussion regards clarifying intent. Committee feels ADFG has management authority to manage subsistence take of Chinook salmon for sustained yield. Subsistence users needs have variations due to house hold size.



Proposal 81: OPPOSED 0-5. Motion by Darrel V., 2nd by Jack W.

The Committee felt that small jacks are a natural part of the run. Jacks do spawn and contribute to the defense of the red from predation. Handling of fish to assess the marginal sizes, then releasing the ones found over 24 inches, may lead to subsequent mortalities.

Proposal 82: SUPPORT AS AMENDED 4-1. Motion by Darrel V., 2nd by Rudy M.

The Committee deliberated the intent of the proposal. What other fishers comments and modification suggested. The committee felt that placement of marking buoys to still allow submerged nets, to show where the net is placed, during the proposed dates would assist enforcement and in navigational hazards.

Amendment: Submerged nets from May 1 to September 30 shall be marked by bouys on both end of a 60 foot net or, nets over 60 feet shall have buoys placed on both ends, and a buoy in the middle of the net to define placement.

Proposal 84: SUPPORT 5-0. Motion by Rudy M., 2nd by Vincent S.

The committee discussed several aspects and clarified the proposal.

The changes will be beneficial to in season managers abilities to optimize conservation and harvest of subsistence fisheries.

Proposal 86: SUPPORT 6-0. Motion by Darrel V., 2nd by Vincent M.

The committee is supportive of reducing incidental harvest mortality of catch and release fishing especially salmon stocks of concerns.

Proposal 88: SUPPORT 5-0. Motion by Darrel V., 2nd by Charles N.

The Committee supports the Departments ability to surgically manage fisheries to benefit harvest of mixed stocks, and all users groups.

Proposal 89: TOOK NO ACTION. Motion by Jack W., 2nd by Darrel V.

Proposal 140: SUPPORT 5-0. Motion by Darrel V., 2nd by Charles N.

The Koyukuk River AC. Is very concerned about the high by-catch of Yukon Salmon stocks of concern, Chum salmon in particular, during the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands mixed stock fishery. Genetic analysis of all chum salmon taken is an important aspect in the management plan.

See table of actions and comments on proposals on following pages.



- b. Schedule next Advisory Committee meeting & elections
 Darrel suggested holding next meeting in Fairbanks around March 20th.
 Glenn Stout suggested holding meeting in one of the represented villages.
 Kyle Campbell suggested holding a meeting with elections for expired and vacant seats for Alatna, Allakaket, Bettles, Huslia, and Undesignated seats.
 Rudy Moses informed the committee that Allakaket would likely not be able to host a meeting in March.
 Jack Reakoff suggested mid-March meeting in Huslia and hold elections. Date not finalized.
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Darrel Vent will represent the AC for the AYK Board of Fisheries meeting Jan 14-18 in Anchorage; tentatively Darrel will also represent the AC for the AK Peninsula Board of Fisheries Meeting February 20-25th.
- XI. Set next meeting date: TBD
- XII. Adjourn

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
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79	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.		
SUPPORT	5	0	This is a customary and traditional practice, and this proposal would make this practice legal for subsistence use.
80	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
OPPOSE	0	5	The department has sufficient tools to adjust management of salmon on the Yukon as needed.
81	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		



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OPPOSE	0	5	The Committee felt that small jacks are a natural part of the run. Jacks do spawn and contribute to the defense of the red from predation. Concerns about how feasible it would be to implement this proposal and overhandling of fish that are near 24 inches and then released.
<u>82</u>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	4	1	Amended language: Amendment: Submerged nets from May 1 to September 30 shall be marked by buoys on both end of a 60 foot net or, nets over 60 feet shall have buoys placed on both ends, and a buoy in the middle of the net to define placement.
<u>84</u>	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.		
SUPPORT	5	0	The changes will be beneficial to in season manager's abilities to optimize conservation and harvest of subsistence fisheries.
<u>86</u>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.		
SUPPORT	6	0	Support the safe release of sport fish caught salmon.
<u>88</u>	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.		
SUPPORT	5	0	The Committee supports the Departments ability to surgically manage fisheries to benefit harvest of mixed stocks, and all users groups
<u>89</u>	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.		
TNA			Not applicable to Koyukuk River AC region



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
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140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	5	0	The Koyukuk River AC. Is very concerned about the high by-catch of Yukon Salmon stocks of concern, Chum salmon in particular, during the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands mixed stock fishery. Genetic analysis of all chum salmon taken is an important aspect in the management plan.

Adjournment: 4:00 pm; motion by Darrel Vent 2nd by Charles Ned

Minutes Recorded By: Kyle Campbell & Jack Reakoff

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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 hasn't 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 netters 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 set netters 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
01/12/2023
Zoom

I. Call to Order: [5:07] by Mitch Seybert

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mitch Seybert

Mike Enright

Kim Rice

Catie Bursch

Tracey Vrem

Jordan Dyer

Brian Cato

Mary West

Members Absent (Excused):

Timothy Enright

Members Absent :

Jimmy Christiansen

John Christiansen Jr

Eddie Clark

Gerald Olson

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Seven (Due to vacancies or Egegik and Port Heiden)

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

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

- a. Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support Southwest Region Coordinator
- b. Jeff Wadley -ADFG Westward Regional Coordinator
- c. Aaron Tiernan ADFG BB Egegik/Ugashik Com fish
- d. Charles Russel – ADFG N. AK Peninsula Com fish biologist
- e. Lisa Fox – ADFG S. AK Peninsula Com fish biologist
- f. AK state trooper Travis Lons



- IV. Guests Present:
 - a. Dave Bendinger OBI seafoods
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion by Tracey Vrem. Seconded by M. Enright. Agenda approved unanimously.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's report – Thanks to ADFG staff for showing up in the evening. Looking forward to working together.
 - b. ADF&G staff – Aaron Tiernan on new BB BOF changes. Trooper Long on drift boat lengths. Charles Russel spoke on Chignik escapement goals and triggering SE mainland and Cape Igvak fishing. Lisa Fox answered questions on changing boundaries and WASSIP.
 - c. Others
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/ Chignik Finfish Proposals
 - b. Board of Fish Statewide Finfish Proposals



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
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98	Modify waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon to increase access for subsistence users who are not commercial salmon fishery permit holders.		
No action			
99	Prohibit retention of king salmon and establish closed areas in the King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No action			
100	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon and Milky Rivers and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No action			
101	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No action			
102	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and tributaries of Bear River.		
No action			
103	Reduce the bag and possession limit for coho and sockeye salmon in the salt waters and freshwater drainages of Cold Bay.		
No action			
104	Repeal the closed water provisions for salmon fishing in Swanson Lagoon within the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.		
No action			
105	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
No action			
106	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver escapement of sockeye salmon prior to opening a commercial fishery by emergency order.		
No action			
107	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow more commercial fishing time by opening commercial salmon fishing periods regardless of sockeye salmon escapement.		
No action			



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108	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to implement commercial salmon fishing periods in June.		
No action			
109	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to allow period openings to harvest more salmon in the Central District and repeal the inriver run goal in August and September.		
No action			
110	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial fishing periods in Chignik Lagoon until the escapement goal has been met.		
No action			
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Eastern District in August.		
No action			
112	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to include a harvest cap in the Eastern District to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
113	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action			
114	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action			
115	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan so that pink, chum and coho salmon stocks in the Western and Perryville Sections of Registration Area L will be managed based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Stepovak and Shumagin Islands Sections of Registration Area M.		
No action			
116	Modify the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to manage the Western and Perryville Districts of Registration Area L based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) Section of Registration Area M.		
No action			
117	Amend the fishing districts, sections, and subsections to increase fishing time and area by creating new sections in outside waters of the Chignik Management Area.		
No action			



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118	Amend the districts, sections and subsections and the management plan to increase commercial fishing time and area in the Western and Perryville Districts in August.		
No action			
119	Amend allowable gear in the Chignik Management Area to include troll gear, create a management plan to include a commercial troll fishery and amend regulations in Chapter 29 Salmon Troll Fishery to include the Chignik Management Area.		
No action			
120	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Brian Cato. Seconded by Tracey Vrem. We support the existing abundance-based management to allow management biologists to have more control over individual run
121	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Jordan Dyer. Concern this may take Nelson Lagoon fish while this run is in decline.
122	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Brian Cato. Fishermen from the local area have fished setnet and drift boats in Cinder River quite a bit in the past and had enough water to operate. It is not too shallow to fish. If two setnetters went in and fished they could take care of the over escapement in a very clean way without putting more demand on enforcement with new outer district and line fishery. This area would be too close to the terminal fishery of Ugashik and would result in large numbers of Ugashik fish being harvested in an interception fishery only 7 miles away.
123	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.		



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Oppose	0	8	Motion to open; Brian Cato. Seconded by Jordan Dyer. Fishermen from the local area have fished setnet and drift boats in Cinder River quite a bit in the past and had enough water to operate. It is not too shallow to fish. If two setnetters went in and fished they could take care of the over escapement in a very clean way without putting more demand on enforcement with new outer district and line fishery. This area would be too close to the terminal fishery of Ugashik and would result in large numbers of Ugashik fish being harvested in an interception fishery only 7 miles away.
124	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Brian Cato. Seconded by Mike Enright. Fishermen from the local area have fished setnet and drift boats in Cinder River quite a bit in the past and had enough water to operate. It is not too shallow to fish. If two setnetters went in and fished they could take care of the over escapement in a very clean way without putting more demand on enforcement with new outer district and line fishery. This area would be too close to the terminal fishery of Ugashik and would result in large numbers of Ugashik fish being harvested in an interception fishery only 7 miles away.
125	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Jordan Dyer. There is not any evidence or explanation how this pivot of the line would help make a more orderly fishery. The fishermen already have a system to call in on the radio to each other to coordinate. There will always be winds and tides that make it difficult to stay behind a line. Even though the area of OPH stays the same, we believe the interception of BB fish will increase with line moving up the beach to the North 1/2mile.



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126	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Support	8	0	Motion by Jordan Dyer. Seconded by Brian Cato. This proposal would put more fine-tuned attention on the salmon rivers along the N. Peninsula. These rivers now have smaller fish and less diverse age classes due to over-escapement. Quality would be increased by controlling over-escapement as the tenders wouldn't have to travel as far.
127	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Brian Cato. We feel that the upper end of the escapement goal would be a more appropriate trigger.
128	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		
Support	8	0	Motion made by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Brian Cato. We are in support of this proposal but wonder if there should be discussion about keeping the mesh at 29 deep in Nelson Lagoon?
129	Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Brian Cato. Seconded by Catie Bursch. Could change harvest to be more efficient.
130	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time in the Northwest Stepovak Section.		
No action			
131	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear, and after July 11, purse seine gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area.		
No action			
132	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
No action			



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133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.		
No action			
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.		
No action			
135	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
No action			
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
No action			
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
138	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.		
No action			
139	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
141	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.		
No action			
142	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.		
No action			



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
143	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to close the set gillnet fishery in response to department immature salmon assessment.		
No action			
144	Amend the Post-June Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to allow for fishing periods starting August 1 in the Southeastern and South Central Districts.		
No action			
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula.		
No action			
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action			
147	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.		
No action			
148	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.		
No action			
149	Amend management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.		
No action			
150	Amend districts and sections, Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan and South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan by including the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District.		
No action			
151	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow offshore anchoring of the up to 25 fathom seine web lead.		
No action			
152	Amend the closed water boundary in Stepovak Bay to increase commercial fishing area in the Stepovak Flats Section.		
No action			



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87	Define eel stick.		
No action			
153	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
No action			
82	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
No action			
154	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
No action			
155	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
No action			
156	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
No action			
157	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion by Catie Bursch. Seconded by Brian Cato. Although not the intent of the proposal, this could make too much opportunity for consolidation of permits to one individual.
158	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
No action			No action



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159	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
No action			
160	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
No action			
161	Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska <i>(To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting)</i> .		
No action			
162	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
No action			
163	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
No action			
164	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
No action			
165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
No action			
166	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
No action			
167	Require in-season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



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Oppose	0	8	Motion made by Brian Cato. Seconded by Mitch Seybert. Too much burden on rural residents to report their take within 5 days. Many folks fish at rural fish camps with no internet and must travel a distance to get to a post office. To have them travel to the village just to mail a report every 5 days is asking too much.
168	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
No action			
169	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
No action			

I. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Discuss committee representative(s) for board meeting
 - i. Motion made by Catie Bursch seconded by Brian Kato to approve Mitch Seybert to represent the LBBAC at the BOF for AK Peninsula cycle in March 2023. Approved by unanimous consent.
- b. Appoint individual to approve minutes for submission to BOF
 - i. Motion made by Mitch Seybert and seconded by Jordan Dyer to approve Jordan Dyer to approve minutes before next meeting. Approved by unanimous consent.

II. Set next meeting date

III. Other

Adjourn 8:12 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Catie Bursch. 1/12/23

Minutes Approved By: Jordan Dyer. 2/26/23



Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 & 26th, Beginning at 9:00 AM, 2023

In Person at the ADFG Office, 570 4th Ave., Bethel, AK

Draft Agenda

By Phone: 1(888)475-4499 **Meeting ID:** 861 0497 8893 **Participant ID:** 1

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86104978893?pwd=SHAzL1kwTmcYUm1PdkdzNVNLNUZ6dz09>

Call to order: Chair, Phillip Peter Sr..

I. Invocation/ Moment of Silence

I. Call to Order: Time – 1:00 PM by Phillip Peter Sr.

Roll Call:

	<u>Akiachak</u> Phillip Peter Sr.	<u>Akiak</u> David Gilila or Alternate	<u>Atmautluak</u>	<u>Eek</u>	<u>Kasigluk</u>	<u>Kwethluk</u> John Andrew	<u>Kwethluk</u>
Present	X						
By Teleconference		X					
Absent			X	X	X		X
Abs/Excused			No Rep	No Rep	No Rep	X	No Rep
	<u>Napaskiak</u>	<u>Napaskiak</u> Earl Samuelson Sr.	<u>Napaskiak</u> Richard Larson Sr.	<u>Nunapitchuk</u> Henry Parks	<u>Oscarville</u>	<u>Tuluksak</u>	<u>Tuntutuliak</u> Adolph Lupie
Present							X
By Teleconference		X		X			
Absent	X		X		X	X	
Abs/Excused	No Rep				No Rep	No Rep	

Michael Stevens and Nicholai Stevens called to represent Oscarville and discussed what would need to be done to place someone into the designated seat for Oscarville.

II. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5 ~5 members present (2 in person, 3 by teleconference)

III. Welcome and Introductions: Chair, Phillip Peter Sr.

- a. **ADFG:** Savannah Hollingworth, Board Support; Patrick Jones, DWC; John Chythlook, Sport Fish; Nick Smith, Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries Manager
- b. **Other:** None that announced themselves

IV. Approval of Agenda: Adolph Lupie made motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Earl Samuelson. Unanimous

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From November 16th and 17th, 2021. Motion made by Henry Parks, 2nd by Earl Samuelson. Unanimous.

VI. Reports

- a. Chair's report- Finally have a quorum! We finally can take actions.
- b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports – Nick Smith gave a report on the salmon in the Kuskokwim. Chinook – 140,000 estimated but still waiting for final subsistence numbers.



105,000 made escapement which meets the drainage wide escapement goals. Headwaters not so good: 1,300 past Pitka Fork weir when usually escapement is between 4,000-8,000 fish. Sockeye goal was met. Chum salmon had poor run and escapement. Coho salmon had worst run on record. Mid August to mid September, fishing was closed to help protect the coho.

1. Nick answered some questions about when estimates for the upcoming season will be ready, how the department finds the estimates and reasons the declines may be happening, and the smaller sizes of the fish coming into the river.
- ii. Wildlife Reports – Patrick Jones gave a report on wildlife in Unit 18. Musk Ox – Nelson Island herd above average with 550 animals. Permits for Nelson Island musk ox were distributed in Chefnak. The mainland musk ox are growing and the department would like to reach a count of 600 before opening a hunt for them. The caribou are managed out of Dillingham and are still at about 12,000. This is the 3rd season when we will not be able to hunt caribou. Disease, The Board of Game approved predator control and the department will start shooting bears and wolves in the calving grounds. Moose are doing good. About 24,000 below Mountain Village in the Yukon. More brown bear sightings have happened near the mouth.
 1. There were some questions about wolves and if they were monitored. Pat explained that wolves are monitored indirectly by investigating collared moose and caribou deaths. He added that as moose move closer to villages and towards the mouth of the river, the wolves and bear follow and explains why more are noticed by the villages.
- iii. Board Support Section Reports
 1. Participation and community elections, Advisory Committee Manuals, other items as needed
 2. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim meeting report

c. Others

- VII. Public Comment: Michael Stevens asked a question “whether it was right for Fish and Game to close down our subsistence fishing, unless they give us more days to fish for our families. Do you see any more opportunities for us to fish 4 or 5 days a week or month.” This comment leads to a conversation about the current lawsuit over the Lower Kuskokwim.
 - VIII. Old Business
 - IX. New Business
- See charts below



Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	5	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson; 2 nd : David Galila
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	5	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson; 2 nd : Adolph Lupie

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

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

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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 Shumagin Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.

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

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.

Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.

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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.

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.



S	5	0	<p>Earl Samuelson to vote on Proposals 133-142 as a block. 2nd by Adolph Lupie.</p> <p>Phillip Peter said that he supports all of the proposals because they address what we have been saying about Area M. He wants to support others in our area: other ACs, the RAC, KRITFC, ONC. Our voices are heard and I really appreciate the work.</p> <p>Adolph Lupie – NPFMC has not made any action on the Bering Sea bycatch. Traditional knowledge will help us. We want to combine scientific and traditional knowledge.</p> <p>Henry Parks – We all know our elders relied on salmon fishing. Fish camps to harvest for the winter. Now us. WE rely on the salmon. Other races to to live and make livlihoods. Som of them are commercial fisherman. They make lots of money. There is no commercial fish for us anymore, but we still rely on the salmon to feed us.</p>
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Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

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

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Op pose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
O	0	5	Motion: Earl, 2 nd : Henry
167	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



0	0	5	<p>Motion: Earl, 2nd: David</p> <p>We are overregulated already and counting fish already. The proposer should have kept it to his region. It is overburdensome to us. This would affect us drastically out here. We don't need our fish to be counted on top of the counting already done. USFWS & ADFG send us calendar to fill out, plus the surveys. It would also be hard to enforce. Some communities had KRITFC and fish techs that counted boats and number of fish coming in and surveyed people coming in and house to house with how many caught and how. If this one passes we are in trouble. We had a hard time reporting when we get a moose within 24 hours. Some people don't have a phone, especially not one that works out in the field or at fish camp.</p>
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- X. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Motion made by Earl, 2nd by David to send Phillip Peter Sr. to the BOF: AK Pen meeting
 - b. Motion made by David, 2nd by Earl to choose Earl Samuelson as an alternate.
- XI. Set next meeting date – At the Call of the Chair. Motion: Earl, 2nd David. Unanimously approved
- XII. Other
 - a. Henry Parks made a comment: “Members are not attending meeting. We need to reorganize and need to sit down and talk about duties. We are all volunteers and do not receive stipends. Gas and food prices are high. That may be the reason for low participation.”
 - i. David Gilila suggested writing a letter to the appropriate people by the next meeting.
 - b. Adolph Lupie said that weather issues make it hard to meet face to face. He will speak for others in general for others in his village, but if someone has specific things to say he asks for them to call in and participate.
- XIII. Adjourn: Henry moved to adjourn, 2nd by Earl

Adjournment: 5:28 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Phillip Peter Sr.

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 2/6/2023



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Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Herb Mansavage, Chair

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February 3rd, 2023

Alaska Board of Fisheries,

In support of Fishery Proposal 140

Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution

Section 3. Common Use

Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use.

Section 4. Sustained Yield

Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.

The large commercial harvest of Western Alaska chum salmon during June, near the Alaska Peninsula when Yukon and Kuskokwim River (a large subset of Western Alaska chum salmon) have been at record low number levels begs for adjustment. Consider, subsistence harvest has been given the highest priority and legal subsistence harvest in the Yukon River has been practically nonexistent because of a shortage of both king salmon and chum salmon returning to Alaska's largest river system. Also consider both low chinook and chum salmon numbers in the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers represent a conservation concern which should also have a priority over excessive intercept harvest in a mixed stock fishery far from the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. Further consider that this proposal would still allow substantial commercial harvest opportunity near the Alaska Peninsula similar to what was provided in the recent past.

Of additional concern to the Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee is harvest of nonlocal chinook salmon and chum salmon bound East of Kodiak Island that has been occurring in this same June commercial fishery, some of these fish are likely bound for Northern Cook Inlet streams. For more than a decade now chinook salmon sport fisheries in Northern Cook Inlet freshwaters have been greatly restricted and, in many cases, entirely closed to chinook salmon harvest, because of shortages of returning Chinook salmon. Anecdotally, Northern Cook Inlet chum salmon returns have also dropped in recent years, and this is also shown by recent years' chum salmon passage through ADF&G's Little Susitna River Weir.

While some intercept harvest in mixed stock fisheries, far from terminal areas, is bound to occur, we encourage Board members to create windows allowing nonlocal stocks to pass through this and other mixed stock fisheries, to provide better-shared conservation and harvest opportunities with Alaskans throughout the state. Please allow more reasonable common use for a larger number of Alaskans, while also providing for conservation needs for the vast and diverse number of salmon stocks in Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Herb Mansavage".

Herb Mansavage
Chair, Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee



**McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 27th, 2023 at 11:00 am
McGrath City Office & teleconference**

**Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/mcgrathACjan27>
Dial in: (669) 444-9171 OR (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free)
Meeting ID: 864 8685 0102
Passcode: MCGRATH**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call: Brett Gibbens (Chair), Jesse Grady (Vice Chair), Lewis Egrass, Ken Deardorff, Dan Esai, Daryl Petruska, Andrew Runkle, Jimmy Nikolai, Mark Cox, Clinton Goods
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff present
- IV. Chair's Comments
- V. Concerns/comments of Public
- VI. Concerns/comments of AC members
- VII. ~~Approval~~ Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/10/2021 [incomplete]
[audio recording available at <http://notice.alaska.gov/204517>]
- VIII. Approval of the agenda
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates
- X. Old Business:
 - a. Others
- XI. New Business
 - a. Discuss of Board of Fisheries Proposals 140 & others as requested
and review staff comments on Proposal 140 & others as requested
 - b. Discuss Board of Game Proposals 179, 204, 205 & others as requested
 - c. Discuss of Dall Sheep population and conservation strategies
 - d. Discuss 2023-2024 Calls for Proposals
 - e. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjourn



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

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/Op pose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	6	0	

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
204	Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years		
205	Change the Unit 19C moose hunt for nonresidents from a registration permit to a drawing permit, with up to 20 permits available		

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Mid Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday November 17th, 2022

In Person at the St. Mary's City Hall in St. Mary's, AK

- I. **Call to order:** ~~Chair, William Alstrom~~ *Acting Chair:* Vice Chair Stanislaus Sheppard
 Call to Order: Time - 10:14 by Stanislaus Sheppard

- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Vice-Chair, Stanislaus Sheppard*

Roll Call:

	<u>Andreafski</u> <u>Alternate</u> George Beans	<u>Mountain Village</u> Stanislaus Sheppard	<u>Pilot Station</u> Rex Nick	<u>Pitka's Point</u> William Riley
Present	X	X		X – Arrived at 10:18
By Teleconference				
Absent			X	
Abs/Excused				
	<u>Russian Mission</u> Basil Larson	<u>St. Mary's Alternate</u> Sven Paulkan	<u>Marshall</u> No current member	
Present		X	-	
By Teleconference	X		-	
Absent			-	
Abs/Excused			-	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4 – 5 members present, quorum has been met

Attendance/Introductions:

Mid-Lower Yukon Advisory Committee Members introduced themselves.

ADFG: Keith Oster, Wildlife in Bethel; Lisa Stuby, Sport Fish in Fairbanks; Sam Decker, commercial fishing summer assistant manager for Yukon; Fari Fernandez, regional coordinator assisting; Savannah Hollingworth, western regional coordinator; Jesse Coleman, division of subsistence.

Others: Ashley Johnson, AVCP; Christian Alexie Jr. YK Delta, USFWS; Emmit Nicori, USFWS

- III. Invocation led by George Beans
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by George Beans to approve the agenda, Seconded by William Riley. Approved Unanimously.
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 9th, 2022
 Sven Paulkan points out the adjournment time is not recorded. Stanislaus Sheppard said he can look at his notes.
 Motion made by George Beans to approve the minutes from January 9th, 2022 with the recommendation that the adjournment time be added. Seconded by William Riley. Approved unanimously.
- VI. Reports
- a. Chair's report: Tabled, since the chair is out on travel
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports: Given by Sam Decker, ADFG.



1. Fish came in even less than expected
 - a. Only 45,000 King salmon past Pilot Station sonar
 - b. Estimates based on Pilot Station did not reach Eagle
 - i. Only about 12,000 passed into Canada; lowest on record
 - ii. Summer chum: 470,000, up from 156,000 last year. Still not enough for subsistence, but allowed some small harvest with 4 inch mesh.
 - c. Emmonak, Pilot Station, Eagle and new Rampart station partnered with USFWS for ichthyophonus work.
 - d. No goals were met
2. Question about difference in estimates between Pilot and Eagle
 - a. Department thinks that it may be disease, prevalence of ichthyophonus first reported by subsistence users. Studying.
 - b. Please report if salmon seen spawning in place that they are not usually seen.
 - c. Absence of dead fish or evidence is unknown.
3. Member Basil Larson talks about how eels can be caught in 4 inch nets but haven't been any recently. Elders say when eels stop showing up, everything else follows. Hope the abundance of eels this fall means the salmon will follow in the spring.
4. Concern about smaller King salmon from members. Sam Decker says that the jacks can still spawn larger fish, but there is concern for jills (smaller female Kings) because they carry less eggs.
5. Stanislaus Sheppard asks about what the Yukon Panel, the treaty, and state says in regard to escapement into Canada.
 - a. False Pass and Area M makes no action but restricted here but it is known that the fish are intercepted. He feels that the difference is because there is no money involved in subsistence harvest. There must be action taken in False Pass and Area M. Harry Wilde, Johnny Sheppard, Johnny Thompson, John Hansen took action and we saw a rebound after.
 - b. Stanislaus Sheppard said that it was a high water freeze up and he got eels November 9th. He repeats that when the eels run, the salmon follow.
 - c. Sam Decker sympathizes and encourages people to contact the Board of Fisheries and participate in the Board



meetings. She talks about resources available and offers to talk and listen to people. She says Savannah has resources to help too. Sam gives her desk phone and the main office number to the group.

6. George Beans asks how much enforcement happens when the chum and Kings are running?
 - a. Sam Decker said that she does not know but hears there is good compliance.
7. Stan Sheppard asked how Federal takeover works with people who have moved away from their village returning to fish and with their families.
 - a. Sam answered that it would not matter in state waters, but in federal waters people who had moved away would not be able to fish. She stated that it is complicated.
8. Shane Ransbury gave a report on the fall chum and coho salmon on the Yukon.
 - a. Chum, 3rd lowest on record at 236,000. Coho 2nd lowest at near 100,000. Treaty unlikely to be met. Selective gear was opened. Expect near record low subsistence harvest. Three new research projects: stress hormone analysis, Sheenjek River sonar, and coho radio tags. Also, Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska research.
 - i. Questions from members about high water, freeze up, and water temperatures? Could run be late or changing? Shane said that salmon could be affected, but fall chum are more consistent in the areas they spawn.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports: Keith Oster gave a report.
 1. Surveys completed February 2021, Innoko downriver to mouth of Yukon. 24,000 moose, about half downriver of Mountain Village. On-going browse surveys and capture project show nutritional stress. Twinning and composition show moose population is growing.
 - a. Questions about outsiders hunting moose, enforcement, and predator control. Keith answered that there are about 200 non-resident hunters that are successful each year. Basil Larson made comment that many people and other animals are targeting moose because of the low salmon numbers. No counts on predators. Moose are overpopulated and continuing to grow so no need for



predator control. Predator control would need to be approved by Board of Game. Basil said he and others notice that bears are more aggressive. Ripple effect of no fish. He said he and others have also noticed more wolves.

2. Mulchatna caribou still closed. Numbers are consistent the last 4 years at about 12,000. There are talks of proposals for tier II, but for now closed.
 - a. William Riley expressed concern over lack of enforcement. Have noticed same day aerial shooting and headhunters. Himself and others have seen headless moose in the field. Buying antlers makes problem worse. We need more enforcement. Need to conserve now for the future.
3. Pat Jones talked about the antlerless moose and brown bear tag fee exemption proposals. He said that moose are overpopulated and are overgrazing. That could lead to a population crash because they are starving. Biologists are trying to figure out if it is because the habitat can't support the population or if the winter weather is making it hard for the moose to access the food available. Pat discusses what would need to happen for predator control to take place and said that he does not think that it will happen anytime soon.
 - a. A member of the public asks about high water and moose wading in the water to eat the algae. Pat answered that the moose like the aquatic plants because of the salt. They also like the horse tail.
 - b. Pat reminds everyone that a call for proposals will be announced soon and offered help to polish up any draft proposals and get them submitted.

12:04 Lunch break, reconvene at 12:42

4. Enforcement questions are discussed. Stanislaus Sheppard said that people worry that when they report they may be blamed and receive a ticket themselves. Members said they are concerned and would like to see more enforcement. Sven and Matt Waskey ask about how to report wanton waste on federal lands. Pat Jones promises phone numbers for both Federal wildlife enforcement and state wildlife troopers.
 - a. Alaska Wildlife Trooper Thorvilson from Aniak joins into the teleconference to address the ACs concerns about off airport landing and wildlife violations. More enforcement in the area is requested by members. Officer Thorvilson said that he will make more of an effort to cover the area



and states that AWT is trying to station someone in St. Mary's. Officer Thorvilson asks that people please report when they see wildlife violations and he said that the troopers would be happy to follow up on any reports made.

iii. Board Support Section Reports

1. Participation, membership and elections

Savannah Hollingworth gave an update on the AC – Pilot Station and Marshall need elections, she has been trying to get them to do their own. Out of term members, villages should also do elections for those seats. She asks for suggestions on how to support or ways to improve participation.

i. Stanislaus Sheppard would like to request a stipend or per diem.

2. He feels that the AC business is important, but most members sit on other boards or have jobs that they are paid to attend and he could be doing other things that are just as important and paid. AC meetings take volunteers away from their jobs and other activities. Educated and experienced sitting on committees. We make proposals and make decisions on proposals to help the communities. High cost of living and inflation has impacted our communities making it harder to participate.

3. Savannah Hollingworth states that the issue had been brought up by the Central Bering Sea AC as well. She suggests writing a letter to the DOA commissioner and the local legislature and says she can pass on contact information. This is what the other AC is doing.

4. Other members add comments that they feel that their time should be compensated. A question is asked how much the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game receive stipend and per diem and the point made that they do the same thing. All members are in favor. Local knowledge is important to fish and game laws and effect everyone in the region. The Board uses our recommendations when they come to decisions. Difficult to get any interest because it is volunteer and costs the members, either in trying to participate or by time off of their regular job. Feel that it would be in the general interest of the people.

c. Others

II. Public Comment

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Proposals



- b. Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Board of Fisheries: South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan proposals
- d. Antlerless Moose and Brown Bear tag authorizations
- e. Board of Game upcoming call for proposals in January

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: Dec. 30, 2022			
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80	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
S	5	0	Support equal harvest. There were some questions about subsistence harvest counts. Members feel that the counts may not be accurate since reporting is voluntary. They suggested doing counts of fish on racks.
81	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		
NA			The AC decided to take no action because the lower Yukon does not have a permit system and feels this proposal does not apply, does not address household, family, or personal permits and limits. Too vague and how would this affect the lower river?
82	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30. Motion Sven, 2 nd George		



S	4	1	Does not feel this is a practice in the Lower Yukon. It is dangerous and crazy that people would do this. Motion Sven, 2 nd George
84	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications. Motion William, 2 nd Sven		
S	5	0	There was a question whether people on the Yukon had 7 ½ inch nets to comply with this proposal. Sam Decker said that subsistence surveys indicate that most people do.
85	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation. Motion William, 2 nd Sven		
NA			
86	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area. Motion William, 2 nd Sven		
O	0	5	People will take advantage knowing that they will keep every fish they hook. Should not be any sport fishing if subsistence is closed or limited.
87	Define eel stick. Motion Sven, 2 nd George		
S	5	0	Eel sticks have been traditionally used for many generations. District 1 is not listed, but also traditionally use eel sticks; only Districts 2, 3, and 4 are listed.
88	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications. Motion George, 2 nd William		
O	0	5	Opposed to 6 inch commercial gear river wide. One member commented that they would like commercial fishing gear regulations consistent river wide, but not 6 inch.
89	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached. Motion George, 2 nd William		
S	5	0	
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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165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion George, 2 nd Sven		
S	5	0	Subsistence is for food not money.

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134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141	Motion made to address these proposals as a block. Motion Sven, 2 nd George		
S	5	0	Need fast action. Would like to support AFN action to deal with these issues that effect Yukon. We are overregulated here, but hardly any regulations there.



Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	5	0	
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	5	0	

- V. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. BOF: AYK January 14-18 – Basil Larson
 - b. BOF: AK Pen/Aluetian Islands/Chignik February 20-25 – Basil Larson
- VI. Set next meeting date: December 10th, 2023
- VII. Other
- VIII. Adjourn: Motion made by Sven, 2nd by George

Adjournment: 4:53

Minutes Approved By: Verbally approved by Vice-chair Stanislaus Sheppard

Date: 1/7/2023



**Middle Yukon River Fish & Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
January 10th, 2023 at 12:00 pm
Nulato Tribal Council Office & web/teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by Percy Lolnitz
Members Present: Percy Lolnitz (chair), Michael Stickman (secretary), Fred Huntington, Tommy Neglaska, Patrick Madros Jr., Georgiana Madros, Joe Turner, Arnold Demoski
Members Absent: Tom Kriska, Richard Burnham, Van Madros
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- II. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Glenn Stout (Wildlife), Sara Longson (Wildlife), Jeremy Choleva (Wildlife), Christy Gleason (Comm. Fish), Deena Jallen (Comm. Fish), Sam Decker (Comm. Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish.), Lisa Stuby (Sport Fish), Holly Carroll (USFWS), Jeremy Havener (USFWS)
- III. Guests Present: Maurice McGinty, Howard Beasley, Tyler Huntington, David Billings, Leo Lolnitz
- IV. Approval of Agenda: add Koyukuk CUA; Motion by Arnold, 2nd by Tommy N.; unanimous
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Patrick, 2nd by Arnold.; unanimous
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: AC has fallen behind because of Covid, good to have a face to face meeting again and hold elections and officer elections.
 - b. ADF&G: Glenn Stout, Christy Gleason, Deena Jallen, Lisa Stuby [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Public Comment: [yet to be transcribed]
- VIII. Old Business: N/A
- IX. New Business:
 - a. Elections for expired and vacant seats
Election results as follows:
Nulato: Tom Kriska, Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner
Koyukuk: Percy Lolnitz, Leo Lolnitz
Galena: Fred Huntington, Dave Billings, Tyler Huntington, Howard Beasley
Kaltag: Georgiana Madros, Patrick Madros Jr., Calvin McGinty, Tommy Neglaska
Alternates appointed: Michael Stickman, Maurice McGinty



- b. Officer Election Results:
Chair: Percy Lolnitz
Vice-Chair: Arnold Demoski
Secretary: Michael Stickman
 - c. Board of Fisheries Proposals
Proposal 79: SUPPORT 13-0
Proposal 80: OPPOSE 0-13
Proposal 81: SUPPORT AS AMENDED 13-0; Amendment- *cross out the part that says "annual limit"*
Proposal 82: SUPPORT 13-0
Proposal 84: OPPOSE 0-13
Proposal 86: OPPOSE 0-13
Proposal 87: SUPPORT 13-0
Proposal 88: SUPPORT 13-0
Proposal 89: NO ACTION
Proposal 140: SUPPORT 13-0
 - d. Board of Game Proposals
Proposal 184: SUPPORT 13-0
Proposal 186: SUPPORT 13-0
 - e. Koyukuk Controlled Use Area [yet to be transcribed]
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Tom Kriska & Tommy Neglaska
- XI. Set next meeting date: TBD
- XII. Other: [yet to be transcribed]

Adjourn Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
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Adjourn Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
79	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.		
SUPPORT	13	0	
80	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
OPPOSE	0	13	
81	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	13	0	Amendment- <i>cross out the part that says "annual limit"</i>
82	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
SUPPORT	13	0	
84	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.		
OPPOSE	0	13	
86	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.		
OPPOSE	0	13	
87	Define eel stick.		
SUPPORT	13	0	
88	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.		
SUPPORT	13	0	
89	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.		
NO ACTION			



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/O ppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	13	0	

Adjournment: _____

Minutes Recorded By: ADF&G Staff (multiple divisions)

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 6th, 2023 at 12:00 pm
Mitch Demientieff Tribal Hall in Nenana, AK & web conference**

- I. Call to Order: 12:40 pm by Victor Lord
- II. Members Present: Carl Frank, Cameron Winfrey, Victor Lord, ~~Steven Ketzler~~, Donald Charlie, Olivia Irwin, Eva Burk, Kathleen Demientieff, Larry Ketzler
Members Absent (excused): Charlie Titus Jr. (co-chair), Andrew Jimmie
Members Absent (unexcused): ~~Tim McManus, Mike Carson, Conrad McManus (alternate), George Wolfenbarger (alternate)~~
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Election Results:
Victor Lord and Donald Charlie re-elected; Olivia Irwin, Eva Burk, and Larry Ketzler newly elected to Nenana designated seats prior to start of meeting. Kathleen Demientieff elected to undesignated seat immediately after meeting was called to order. All re-elected and newly elected members seated immediately.
- III. Fish and Game Staff present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Tony Hollis (Wildlife), Mark Nelson (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish), Andy Gryska (Sport Fish)
- IV. Chair's Comments: N/A, chair(s) not present
- V. Concerns/comments of Public: N/A, no public members present
- VI. Concerns/comments of AC members: [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/17/2022 & 2/18/2020 - Motion made by Eva Burk, 2nd by Carl Frank
- VIII. Approval of the agenda – Motion made by Eva Burk, 2nd by Olivia Irwin
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates:
Deena Jallen – Yukon Summer Season Summary [yet to be transcribed]
Christy Gleason – Yukon Fall Season Summary [yet to be transcribed]
Andy Gryska – Sport Fish Report [yet to be transcribed]
Tony Hollis – Moose and Wildlife Report [yet to be transcribed]
Tom Seaton – Wood Bison Update and Discussion [yet to be transcribed]
-Wood Bison Planning Meetings scheduled in Fairbanks 1/25/2023 – 1/27/2023
- X. Old Business: none



XI. New Business

- a. Elections for:
5 expired seats (Nenana) and 1 vacancies (undesignated)
[See above]
- b. Officer Elections for:
Chair(s) - Olivia Irwin unanimously voted in as Nenana Co-Chair
Vice-Chair(s) - Kathleen Demientieff unanimously voted in as Vice Chair
Secretary/Records Keeper – Eva Burk unanimously voted in as Secretary
- c. Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals
~~Proposal 63: SUPPORT 8-0, Motion by Carl, 2nd by Olivia~~ [see 1/12/23]
Proposal 64: OPPOSE 0-8, Motion by Eva, 2nd by Kathleen
Proposal 79: SUPPORT 8-0; Motion by Olivia, 2nd by Donald
Proposal 80: OPPOSE 0-8; Motion by Olivia, 2nd by Eva
Proposal 81: TNA; Motion by Kathleen, 2nd by Larry
Proposal 82: DISCUSS FURTHER AT 1/12/2023 MEETING
Proposal 83: SUPPORT 8-0; Motion by Eva, 2nd by Cameron
Proposal 139: SUPPORT 7-0, Motion by Eva, 2nd by Kathleen
Proposal 140: SUPPORT 7-0, Motion by Eva, 2nd by Kathleen
- d. Discussion of future meeting schedule: [yet to be transcribed]
- e. select representative(s) for Board meeting(s)
Carl Frank will represent the AC at Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries Meeting. Motion by Eva, 2nd by Cameron. Unanimous.
Eva Burk will represent the AC at Alaska Peninsula Board of Fisheries Meeting in February. Motion by Kathleen, 2nd by Cameron. Unanimous.

XII. Other:

Cameron Winfrey requested agenda item for 1/12/2023 meeting: discussion of who will represent the Minto/Nenana AC at the Wood Bison Planning Meeting later this month.

Donald Charlie made a motion to support the Minto/Nenana AC submitting a proposal to the Joint Board of Fish and Game to allow 4 alternates on the Minto/Nenana AC; 2 from Minto and 2 from Nenana. Seconded by Eva Burk. Motion approved unanimously.
(current regulations allow for a total of 2 alternates on the committee)

XIII. Adjourn: 4:50 pm



Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 12th, 2023 at 12:00 pm
Mitch Demientieff Tribal Hall in Nenana, AK & web conference

- I. Call to Order: _____ by Charlie Titus Jr.
- II. Members Present: Charlie Titus Jr. (co-chair), Olivia Irwin (co-chair), Kathleen Demientieff (vice chair), Andrew Jimmie, Cameron Winfrey, Carl Frank, Larry Ketzler, Victor Lord, Eva Burk
Members Absent: Donald Charlie
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Guests Present: Phillip Titus, Alex Hannah
- IV. Fish and Game Staff present: Kristy Tibbles (Boards Support), Georgie Phillips (Boards Support), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish), Andy Gryska (Sport Fish)
- V. Chair's Comments: [yet to be transcribed]
- VI. Concerns/comments of Public: [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Concerns/comments of AC members: [yet to be transcribed]
- VIII. Approval of the agenda – [yet to be transcribed]
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates: [yet to be transcribed]
- X. Old Business:

Board of Fisheries Proposal 63 – The committee revisited their actions from 1/6/2023 and changed their position from Support to **OPPOSE**. Motion carried unanimously 9-0.

Board of Fisheries Proposal 83 - The committee revisited their actions from 1/6/2023 and modified their support to **SUPPORT AS AMENDED** [see below]

- XI. New Business
 - a. Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals
 - Proposal 63: OPPOSE 0-9
 - Proposal 65: OPPOSE 0-6
 - Proposal 82: SUPPORT AS AMENDED 7-0; Amended language: ***“In the Yukon Area from May 1 to September 30, gillnets in operation must have one red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats visible on the surface of the water at each end of the submerged net, and for submerged gillnets over 60 feet in length, a third red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats must be attached to the middle of the net.”***



Proposal 84: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 85: NO ACTION

Proposal 86: OPPOSE 0-6

Proposal 87: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 88: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 89: NO ACTION

- b. Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations: [yet to be fully transcribed]
Board of Game Proposal 180: OPPOSE

- c. Representation on Wood Bison Planning Group at Jan 25-27 Meeting:
Carl Frank and Victor Lord appointed unanimously to represent the
Minto/Nenana AC.

XII. Other:

Members discussed appointing Louis Titus to be an alternate for the AC representing Minto.

Members discussed harvesting a moose with tape worms, and requested information from ADFG on the cause.

Members requested written report from ADFG on moose populations in GMU 20A & 20B

Members requested information from ADFG on waterfowl in the region and avian flu

Members requested information from ADFG on impacts of climate change on local wildlife

XIII. Adjourn: 3:42 pm

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
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63	Establish an annual bag limit of 20 northern pike and modify daily bag limit of fish greater than 30 inches in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
OPPOSE	0	9	
64	Modify the daily bag limit to require retention of the first 10 fish caught and length limit for northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.		
OPPOSE	0	8	
65	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Tanana River Area.		
OPPOSE	0	6	
79	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.		
SUPPORT	8	0	
80	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
OPPOSE	0	8	
81	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		
NO ACTION			
82	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	Amended language: <i>"In the Yukon Area from May 1 to September 30, gillnets in operation must have one red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats visible on the surface of the water at each end of the submerged net, and for submerged gillnets over 60 feet in length, a third red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats must be attached to the middle of the net."</i>
83	After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.		
SUPPORT	8	0	
84	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.		
SUPPORT	6	0	
85	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.		



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NO ACTION			
86	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.		
OPPOSE	0	6	
87	Define eel stick.		
SUPPORT	6	0	
88	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.		
SUPPORT	6	0	
89	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.		
NO ACTION			

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
139	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	7	0	
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	7	0	

[DRAFT] Minutes Recorded By: ADFG BOARDS SUPPORT & _____
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



**Naknek, Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7 pm
Dolly's hall**

- I. Call to Order: William Reagan call to order at 7:06
- II. Roll Call William Reagan, Everett Thompson, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, Marc Watson
George Wilson Jr, Patricia Edel, Joey Klutsch
Members Present: 8

Members Absent (Excused): John Wise, Ralph Zimin

Members Absent (Unexcused): none

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Amy Vandervoort, Travis Ellison, Tim Sands, Jeff Wildly, Charles Russell, Tyler Lawson.

- III. Guests Present: None
- IV. Approval of Agenda Richard Wilson approves agenda, Marc 2nd passed
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Everett moves to approve minutes of 3/30/2022, Marc 2nd Richard asked about the local biologist that stated that commercial fisherman has been fishing later in the seasons because of
- VI. Reports
- a. Chair's report, the committee hasn't met yet because of the bay fin fish proposals. There is a lot of information out there with nothing definitive with what's the issues of king salmon. Everyone is pointing at the other user groups, but most are saying weather patterns and ocean conditions are to blame. Not the trawlers but to get creditable information is very hard.
 - b. ADF&G The area M deadline for comments was moved to February 6th and also, I believe that a joint board call for proposals because there hasn't been made in about 5 years. Amy introduced herself to the board as the local biologist for game in our region. She gave an update NAP caribou population is stable and healthy, moose as well. Richard said he thinks it great a local biologist here is great.
 - c. Others None



- VII. Public Comment

- VIII. New Business Board of Game proposal 187 Everett made motion to adopt, Richard 2nd.
Passed 8-0
- IX. Board of fish area M proposals- and statewide proposals

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting Hopefully Everett or George will be available to attend area M or statewide meeting in anchorage.

- XI. Set next meeting date sometime in end of September or early October

- XII. Other

- XIII. Adjourn 9:12pm



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105	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
No action	0	8	The local advisory apposed this because they felt they wanted to keep the stocks separate. Several members felt same way but it's out of our region and most felt the same way. The biologists wanted to update the management goals as they already manage it that way as a single goal. Member asked if any stocks of Naknek Kvichak stocks are affected otherwise I would like to take no action
120	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
support	8	0	Marc moved to adopted, Everett 2 nd . Department opposes mandatory closers and over escapement is possible with this proposal. Richard asked if there's numbers of Bristol bay sockeye stocks caught in this area. The biologist said it would reduce the overall catch of Bristol bay fish because of the mandatory closures. Richard wanted to know the % of Bristol bay stocks caught, biologist said the WASSUP report has a detailed species for rivers of origin.
121	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods.		
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopted, Marc 2 nd All of the members don't think area M fisherman need anymore fishing area or time. They already have miles and miles of area and have continues fishing for weeks at a time.
122	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		



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Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd William asked the biologist could the area M fisherman catch local stocks inside the district? The biologist state that yes they can but fisherman said it's difficult to fish and would like to move to the outside. Everyone said they don't need anymore time or area to fish.
123	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.		
No action	8	0	Everett moved to take no action as it's for set net. George 2 nd
124	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
oppose	0	8	Everett For the same reasons we didn't support proposal 121. Everyone in agreement
125	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
No Action	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd Richard asked if the line wasn't straight off shore and if we helped move the line would it have a negative impact on Bristol bay stock. Marc said that we should not take no action because we don't know the area of the real issue.
126	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Support	8	0	Everett moved to adopt Marc 2 nd Marc said we should support this proposal as it came from our lower Bristol bay advisory committee. All advisory committees here supported this proposal. Joe said he has seen escapement into meshik and Ilnik rivers varies from trickle to surge depending on the seasons in June and July as everyone knows
127	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.		



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Opposed	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd As the other proposals the area M fisherman do not need any more fishing time or area because of all the stock of concerns with King salmon and chums throughout Alaska. It doesn't make any sense.
128	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		
Support as amended	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd Everett would amend the inside Nelson lagoon to leave the net restriction the status quo. 2 nd by George
129	Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.		
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd The effectiveness of catching sockeye would be huge and increase the effectiveness of getting Bristol Bay sockeye.
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd The biologist said they harvest over 544,000 chums last June 2022, the department did a genetic study of those chums caught, 58% are Asian chums, 18% coastal western Alaska chum salmon.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

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157	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Opposed	2	6	Everett moved to adopt Richard 2 nd Everett feels that the younger fisherman may want to continue fishing in different areas of Alaska waters with another permit. George agrees that it the direction of the future fisheries. Richard feels that the rich will get richer and allowing those that own getting a monopoly of the fisheries, William can see that if a person owns multiply permits he will own one boat and fish different areas which would limit access.
158	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
No Action	8	0	For the reason stated in proposal 157
167	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Opposed	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Richard 2 nd The ability for those in rural Alaska to have to report at an office isn't realistic at all. No way those out in fish camp or hunting camps to return to camps to report in person.

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr

Minutes Approved By: Co-chairs William Reagan and Everett Thompson

Date: 2/6/2023



**Nelson Lagoon AC
September 16, 2022
Nelson Lagoon Community Building**

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 p.m. by Mark McNeley
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Sherman McNeley
Shannon Johnson
Melinda Johnson
Samantha McNeley
Trevor Edwards
Vice Chair-Tim Heuker
Chair-Mark McNeley
Darren Johnson
Secretary-Angela Johnson
Richard Rysewyk
Leona Nelson
Ray Johnson

Members Absent (Excused): Paul & Reanna
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
Brad Barr, CAMF
Ernie Weiss, AEB
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Bob Murphy and Charles Russel, Commercial Fisheries, Tyler Polum, Sport Fish, Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support.
- IV. Guests Present:
Butch Gundersen, Justine Gundersen, Theo Chesley
- V. Approval of Agenda: Angela Johnson 1st, Melinda Johnson 2^{nds}.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Samantha McNeley 1st, Mark McNeley 2nd.
- VII. Public Comment:



Leona Nelson makes public comment about her over 30yrs experience fishing in Area M and the affects she has seen from the Area M intercept fishery. “They work the line (Area M North Line), they work the beach, they cut everything off coming toward the village (Nelson Lagoon).” “The fish come around (Unimak Is.) all the way up into Bristol Bay and come back down.”

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

X. Agenda items will include the following:

XI. · Discussion of Fisheries Issues and proposals expected to be considered by the Board of Fisheries for the 2023 Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian Islands/ Chignik Finfish meeting.

Comment/Amend Mark’s proposal with a focus on conservation:

Proposal 120

Mark comments- it has been posted on his Facebook Page for a while.

Taryn comments- it has been posted on the ADF&G web site as well.

Theo comments- asking where the numbers came from in proposal 120.

Mark comments- all the numbers were found at the ADF&G web site. Much of the stats mentioned in proposal 120 (1962-2021) were given to Mark by Bob Murphy.

Bob Murphy commented- that he sent Mark the ADF&G figures (AMR).

Theo comments- that the numbers were thorough and a lot of information in proposal 120.

Mark comments- that also a letter for help is posted on his Facebook Page.

Mark comments- that he was informed only a couple days before proposal deadline that Nelson Lagoon did not have an active AC. He quickly did some research on what he knew, wrote and submitted a proposal so Nelson Lagoon would be heard this coming BOF.

Angie comments- she did the same for here proposal 128.

Mark comments- we could have put in more proposal for other issues concerning Area M.

Mark comments- since Nelson Lagoon AC was not active, and not able to submit a proposal of their own leaves the Nelson Lagoon AC with 2 options for a addressing our concerns.

1st, to comment on proposal 120 and agree on that comment to send in for the Nelson Lagoon AC.

2nd, to submit an emergency petition since we didn’t have an opportunity to submit a proposal from the AC. Is the only opportunity to have the Commissioner read about our interception issues before the BOF.

Mark comments- knowing what he knows now, he should have had better conservation language written in the proposal. 3day fishing 4days off/week all season long. If over escapements are a concern, having an added day of fishing/week. Possibly focusing on narrow open areas directly in front of the rivers being targeted. Not such a wide open area as now.



Mark comments- isn't targeting these northern streams the reason for these boats to be fishing so far north, and if in fact this is the reason, narrowing the harvests to focus on these streams to harvesting in a box immediately outside those streams. 1mi up, 1mi down and a mile out. Fish harvest are too broad of an area and not targeting these streams directly. Only extending the 3-day opening if Nelson Lagoon's escapements are high. If Nelson Lagoon is still failing escapement goals, then all the rivers and streams to be boxed.

Justine comments- if not for the rolling closures, Nelson Lagoon would be finished.

Mark comments- he did not agree with the rolling closures, he felt that it would not be enough, and that if anything, the rolling closures proved that any reduced fishing time or area would improve fish escapements in Nelson Lagoon. When Area M north fisherman were put on limit by the cannery (plugged the cannery) Nelson Lagoon thrived. Nelson Lagoon fisherman would pray for limits after seeing the dramatic increase in escapements in Nelson Lagoon. This obviously proves that any kind of a limitation to their catch (Area M North Fisherman) has an improvement on escapements.

Mark asks the Nelson Lagoon AC permission to write our concerns in a proposal in the form of an emergency petition.

Unanimous decision "Yes" to write proposal and submit as an emergency petition.

XII. Comment/Amend Angela's proposal with a focus on conservation.

Proposal 128-Lessen the depth of current net depth from 70md to 45md as was back in mid 80's.

Mark comments- this has been attempted before, but there was no language to identify that Nelson Lagoon was not to be 45md (remain 29md), only North Area M fishermen's nets.

Comment to be made on behalf of Nelson Lagoon AC will be to clarify that we do not want the mesh depth in Nelson Lagoon to exceed our normal limit (29md).

Suggestion to limit mesh size.

Unanimous decision: everybody agrees to submit a proposal on behalf of the NLG AC to change mesh depth to 45s.

Comment: Net must stretch to 4 and 7/8ths. No smaller than 4 and 7/8ths.

Mark comments- to address led line weights as well. Nets drag the bottom slower with the deep nets and heavy lead line.

Bob comments- lead line weights are not a big issue.

Tim comments- lead line weights not a big concern.

Mark wants to hold off on what the Nelson Lagoon AC decides before commenting on his proposal personally. He wants to have his comment mirror the decisions and comments made by the Nelson Lagoon AC.

· Other business as needed:

Discussion about other current proposals for Area M
Proposal 121



Mark comments-referring to areas being fished without a fish return or weir, needs to remain closed. No justification to harvest in these areas.

Mark comments- we need to focus our language on conservation.

Bob comments- three hills is managed by Bear River and Sandy River stocks.

Mark comments- any closure in the North Area M is going to be beneficial to Nelson Lagoon. Cohos are a huge concern later in the season.

Tim comments-to Brad Barr (CAMF) knowing Nelson Lagoon is not doing well, why would you propose more fishing?

Brad comments back- he did not sit in on the meeting that made the decision to submit the proposal.

Mark asked Brad Barr what is CAMF's mission statement."

Mark mentions that throughout the years, every proposal submitted by CAMF was to

increase fish harvests or harvests areas for your user group. Knowing all the problems Nelson Lagoon has had over the years, what is your goal?

Brad- comments back- he does not feel comfortable discussing CAMF at this AC meeting. "Goal to protect the regulations for the drifters in Area M."

Nelson Lagoon AC votes unanimous to not support this proposal and to make comment on the proposal to not support.

Proposal 122-open cinder river section.

Mark comments- this proposal again increases more fishing area for this particular user group. These earlier dates are when Nelson Lagoon's run passes thru this area.

Angie comments- adding more fishing area would only make more of a disaster for Nelson Lagoon.

Proposal 122 unanimously opposed.

Nelson Lagoon AC votes unanimous to not support this proposal and to make comment not to support.

Theo comments -Proposal 122 was submitted to "move the fleet even farther north to target the Bristol Bay stock."

Angie comments- with amount of boats fishing up there, they are going to be spread all the way up the coast.

Tim comments- depending on the time of harvest, would matter greatly to Nelson Lagoons salmon returns. "We all know we need windows."

Angie comments- that we don't need additional fishing areas north of Nelson Lagoon.

Leona comments- more fishing area will take away more from our community, we are all opposed.

Proposal 123-set net in cinder river area.

Mark asks- who would participate in this area if proposal goes thru?

Nelson Lagoon AC unanimously agreed to address this proposal at a later meeting.



Mark asks Bob- “would you say that, has no fishing been going on there (Cinder River) affected the escapement, over 5 years, has over escapement done anything to damage the fish escaping?”

Bob replies- “no, not that we know of over escapement implies there could be damage with too many fish up the river.” “There are probably not a lot of systems that you could over escape and actually hurt.” “No matter what you put up Bear River is not going to hurt it.”

Address this at another time.

Proposal 124- Cinder River to allow more fishing time.

Proposal 124 unanimously opposed.

Make opposed comment to proposal when commenting to BOF.

Proposal 125- North line will pivot to more perpendicular to the beach.

Theo- all this proposal does is house keeping and takes more gear out of the water.

Majority to table to another time and no comment

Proposal 126-amend closed waters in OPH section.

Bob- this moves the line down the beach, 2-3 miles.

Tabled for later discussion.

Mark comments- he hopes to hear more on this from Lower Bristol Bay.

Proposal 127- opposed. Unanimous.

Theo comments- earlier board cycles, CAMF was trying to get caribou flats open, and this proposal was a bargaining chip, a sacrificial lamb, setting it up for the BOF process.

Theo continues- “I don’t believe anyone in their right mind wants to open caribou flats, I certainly don’t want to see it open.”

Proposal 128- Regulate mesh depth in the north pen from 70 mesh deep to 45 mesh deep.

Mark comments- we addressed this earlier today and we just want to make clear that Nelson Lagoon is not included in a gear change. Nelson Lagoon will remain status quo (29md)

Proposal 129- allow use of monofilament net in norther district in set net gear.

Mark comments- allowing monofilament will only open the door for later expansion of monofilament in other gear types, namely drift nets.

Mark continues that there is a substantial dirt problem in Nelson Lagoon, but fish clean the nets, so if we had fish return, we would not have such a dirt problem.

Theo asks Mark- do you believe that monofilament net would enhance harvest in Nelson Lagoon.

Mark’s response is that we want more fish to return to Nelson Lagoon, not catch even more of the dribble of fish we get.

Proposal 129 Opposed. Unanimous.

Proposal 99-102 to make king salmon river and ridge runner creek establish catch and release areas.



Address these at our next meeting.

Tyler comments-99 to102 are similar to establish catch and release in the sport fishing.
Bob comments- Nelson River is probably one of our largest Chinook salmon runs, and is the only North Pen run that has a goal of 2400-5000 fish. This year 3800-3900 king salmon passed the weir, so we hit our escapement goal. King Salmon River used to have a run of 800-1200 fish, this year only a couple of hundred were seen in the river. Now days there are 2-3 lodges fishing these smaller rivers, and 1 lodge has a helicopter. Some of these rivers are not catch and release.

Mark suggests that we table 99-102 until next meeting and more information is acquired.

Theo comments- He not saying that the outside fishery isn't part of our disaster, that Nelson Lagoon AC needs to address all aspects of harvest including sports fishing on Nelson Lagoon River system. 14 months ago we had a meeting and addressed Bob about the triggers on the outside fishery (North Area M Fisherman), what does it take to shut that fishery down? We should have probably stopped fishing before the lack of escapement actually happened. When Nelson Lagoon has a crisis, it effects everybody. "We should have had closures earlier and Theo had addressed Bob about it." "There was a lot of fish on the North Side."

Theo asks- has Nelson Lagoon declared a disaster?

Ernie- last thru meeting Aleutians East Borough passed resolution 23-10 requesting the governor and secretary of commerce determination of fishery disaster in Nelson Lagoon sent to the governor and lobbyist in DC and Juneau.

Ray comments- he wants to address the size of the fleet in our emergency Proposal.

Mark comments- permit use today is more than what it was in the past. We could comment on that in our emergency petition.

XIII. Discussion of Nelson Lagoon Fisheries Association. Not activated as of right now. Speak more on this for next meeting.

XIV. Discussion of APICDA's and others support for Nelson Lagoon fishery.

What can APICDA do to help us with our current fishing issues when it comes to conservation? We need help with research and fact finding.

Gather more information for the next meeting.

XV. Address conservation issue for Nelson Lagoon fishery. (Discuss local history of fishery.) Not only are the red salmon being affected, so are the silvers. When we write our proposals we need to concentrate on conservation.

XVI. Discuss how to approach the lack of enforcement when it comes to illegal fishing practices in Area M.

Mark comments- that he received phone calls here are illegal practices happening out there where there isn't any authority from the fish and game to address these actions. Is there not enough funding to make this happen?



Butch comments- that everyone in the whole Aleutians East Borough makes money off that north line fishery and Nelson Lagoon is the only one that stands alone. If this is not going to be resolved, then our only choice is to restrict fishing time for the north line.

Address the governor? Can APICDA or the borough help with that?

XVII. Set next meeting date: 9-23-2022 at 1:00 pm.

XVIII. Other

XIX. Adjourn: Angela Johnson 1sts, Mark McNeley 2nds to adjourn the meeting and 7:22 pm.

XX. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Angela Johnson
Minutes Approved By: Mark McNeley
Date: 2/6/2023



**Nelson Lagoon AC
September 23, 2022
Nelson Lagoon Community Building**

I. Call to Order: Mark McNeley calls meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mark McNeley

Tim Heuker

Angela Johnson

Sherman McNeley

Dick Rysewyk

Paul Schaack

Darren Johnson

Melinda Johnson

Samantha McNeley

Trevor Edwards

Shannon Johnson

Leona Nelson

Ray Johnson

Reanna Heuker

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

None.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Charles Russel Fish and Game

Bob Murphy Fish and Game

Tyler Polum Sports Fishing

Taryn O Connor

IV. Guests Present:

None.



- V. Approval of Agenda: Angela Johnson 1sts and Darren Johnson 2nds
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Melinda Johnson 1sts and Trevor Edwards 2nds
- VII. Public Comment:
None.
- VIII. Old Business:

Discuss proposals that were tabled for this meeting.

Proposals 99-102

Tyler explains proposal 99-102

Proposal 99

To prohibit the retention of king salmon and establish closed areas in King Salmon River and Ridge Runner Creek. Makes them catch and release.

Proposal 100

Similar to 99 to prohibit the retention of king salmon in King Salmon River, Ridge Runner Creek and Milky River. Make them catch and release, and retain 1 jack/day (under 20in).

Proposal 101

To prohibit retention of King Salmon in King Salmon River and Ridge Runner Creek.
No retention of King Salmon.

Proposal 102

To prohibit the retention of King Salmon in King Salmon River and the tributaries of Bear River to include Ridge Runner Creek and Milky River.

Mark comments- what's the potential retention numbers?

Tyler comments- We don't get harvest information because we don't keep fresh water log books anymore. No harvest information directly from user groups. What information that they (ADF&G) do have, as a whole of Alaska 384 fish harvest (estimate).

Mark comments- what's the survival rate of catch and release?

Tyler comments- catch and release numbers that we (ADF&G) typically use are 7% mortality rate across all types of rod type fishing. The number one thing that effects the salmon is the handling. For these smaller systems, mortality is probably in the 10's or fish not 100's of fish.

Mark comments- are fish and game opposed to these 4 proposals?

Tyler comments- it is too early to tell because staff comments are not in yet. "We typically would oppose anything that restricts access to the fisheries if not a conservation concern."



Mark comments- these proposals that want to fish the drainage, that's outside the mouth of the river?

Tyler comments- "these are all in river fisheries."

Mark comments- these fish that they were harvesting would be for that river they fishing in.

Tyler comments – within that drainage for certain.

Mark comments- what's the potential for future increase in guides (more fisherman participating). Has impact been increasing over the years? Has that been a concern with ADF&G?

Tyler comments- there is little potential for guides (lodges) to be huge fisheries. However, there is nothing to limit the # of clients the lodges can have. Or the limit of how many guides and lodges there can be participating. "We don't know what the sustainable harvest is."

Tim comments- concerning the 7% mortality, what about the second, third and fourth time they are caught? "Is there a spot in the drainage that they cant fish?"

Tyler comments- currently there is no place that are off limits to fishing, as far as those places that fish might be safe, I don't know their movement in the drainage entirely. All of the rivers close by July 26th, because when they move into their spawning areas they tend to stay put. Salmon are extremely vulnerable when they are getting into that spawning area. For what happens to salmon released multiple times, he doesn't know of any studies for Alaska. Best we have is that mortality is pretty low.
Board votes unanimous no comment.

Proposal 125- will rotate the line to more perpendicular to the beach.

Board votes unanimous no comment.

Proposal 126: Change the outer Port Heiden section area and make it smaller.

Board votes unanimous support.

IX. New Business

Agenda items will include the following:

Discuss and vote on Mark's Emergency Petition Draft.

Mark comments- he did not write a proposal type attachment and hoped the emergency petition would sum up what NLG AC's would like.

Mark reads NLG AC emergency petition out loud.

Petition addresses: lack of salmon returns crisis because no windows and deep nets, continuous 24/7 harvests from June 20th to end of salmon season in North Area M. Conservation must take priority overall.

Aleutians East Borough (Area M Borough) submitted a Federal Fisheries Disaster Determination to the governor on behalf of the Native Village of Nelson Lagoon for FY2022 salmon season.

Native Village of Nelson Lagoon feels that several Federal Fisheries Disaster Declarations could have been submitted for several years prior to 2022.



Native Village of Nelson Lagoon and NLG AC strongly feel that salmon interception by Area M fishermen (outside Nelson Lagoon) are the main cause of our decline. Nelson Lagoon is a terminal fishery.

Any fishing outside of Nelson Lagoon is an intercept fishery.

Year after year ADF&G have failed to protect Nelson Lagoon salmon.

ADF&G quick to point out any other possible reason for Nelson Lagoon's salmon decline ignoring obvious ongoing salmon interception by Area M fishermen.

Proposal 120 addresses the Native Village of Nelson Lagoon's concerns of the dire salmon returns. NLG AC supports 120, but does not address strong enough language for conservation. NLG AC supports the windows in 120 for the North Alaska Peninsula Area M.

NLG AC wants to address the single most obvious common denominator every year is the interception of salmon by Area M fishermen.

Interception by Area M fisherman impact Chinook, Sockeye, Chum and Coho salmon. Conservation must be demanded for all salmon migrations.

"Rolling Closures" (1/2 area closing of 1 out of 4 open Area M Sections at any given Time) proved that any limited fishing time of Area M has a positive impact on Nelson Lagoon's salmon returns. Rolling Closures is not enough.

BOF please address ADF&G and Area M fishermen to focus on conservation and preservation of Nelson Lagoon's salmon system over profit.

Many contributing factors have impacted Nelson Lagoons salmon escapement goals over the years. 70md nets and unrestricted mesh size have enabled Area M fisherman to achieve 30,000lbs of salmon per day/boat. Over 150 boats harvesting/day.

NLG AC supports proposal 128, but it needs to be amended to exclude Nelson Lagoon from increasing Nelson Lagoon to 45md. Nelson Lagoon stays at status-quo of 29md.

Only those nets that are currently 70md max depth be reduced to previous 45md max.

NLG AC would like a complete shutdown of Area M in the way of windows.

Mandatory 4 day closure any given week throughout the entire salmon season to Ensure conservation of all Nelson Lagoon's salmon stocks.

Nelson Lagoon sees an impact 3-4 days later once June 20th harvest starts in OPH North Area M. The farther away the harvest, the longer it takes to be realized in Nelson Lagoon. Mandatory shutdown is imperative. Areas should only be opened if Nelson Lagoon has reached its periodic escapement goals. No fishing in Three Hills or Moller Bight because these sections do not have salmon harvest supporting streams.

BOF to consider pre 1980's management when lack of escapement was not an issue. Board voted on submitting emergency petition as is, unanimous approval.

Taryn comments- to submit emergency petition to Art Nelson, Henry Lesia and BOF comment email. CC Taryn as well.

Angie comments- Ray Johnson and Leona Nelson showed up right after meeting started. Comment deadline is February 3rd for proposals.

Mark asks everyone to comment on Proposal 120 and 128 at ADF&G web site.

Mark comments- are we able to attend the BOF work sessions?

Taryn comments- you can listen to work sessions and submit comments.

Mark comments- NLG Fisheries Association needs to be formed.

Mark comments- he was hoping that APICDA persons would attend to discuss goings on with the sports fishing up river.



- X. Set next meeting date: Not setting a next meeting at this point.
- XI. Other
- XII. Adjourn: Mark McNeley makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Angela Johnson 2nds at 3:52 p.m.
- XIII. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Angela Johnson
Minutes Approved By: Mark McNeley
Date: 2/6/2023



Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee

9998 Nelson Lagoon Drive

Nelson Lagoon, Alaska 99571-9801

Dear Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, Chairman Marit Carlson-Van Dort, and Board of Fish Members,

Please find Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee's emergency petition to address the salmon return crisis of Nelson Lagoon.

Consecutive poor salmon returns of all salmon species to Nelson Lagoon has resulted in an emergency situation. Repeated lack of salmon returning to Nelson Lagoon has diminished the seasonal returns to a dismal level, where conservation of the Nelson Lagoon Lakes and Rivers system must take priority over all.

2022 salmon season has resulted in Aleutian East Borough to submit support for a federal fishery disaster determination for the 2022 Nelson Lagoon Sockeye salmon fishery on behalf of Nelson Lagoon to the Alaska State Governor. It is felt by the Nelson Lagoon Community that this declaration could have been done many consecutive years prior.

The Native Village of Nelson Lagoon and Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee strongly believe that intercept fishing outside of Nelson Lagoon (Area M) is a direct cause of this issue. Nelson Lagoon Salmon System is a terminal system, and any harvests outside of Nelson Lagoon is an intercept fishery.

Year after year, Alaska Department of Fish & Game local management has failed to limit the 24/7 intercept fishing in North Alaska Peninsula Area M. Local management is quick to address anything but the intercept issue, when it is obvious to the Native Village of Nelson Lagoon Community, Nelson Lagoon local fisherman and Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee.

Proposal 120, submitted to the board of fish for February 2023, addresses much of the concern and problems that have made the dire situation of Nelson Lagoon what it is today. Although the Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee supports proposal 120 for the most part, the Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee feels that proposal 120 does not express enough to conservation of the Nelson Lagoon Salmon System. Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee supports windows in North Alaska Peninsula Area M.

Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee would like to address the single most obvious common denominator every year, is the fact that intercept fishing of Nelson Lagoon Salmon begins in June and continues throughout the salmon season nonstop in the North Alaska Peninsula of



Area M. This has affected escapement goals of Chinook, Sockeye, and later season Chum and Coho salmon. Therefore, a conservative approach to management must be demanded throughout all salmon species migration.

Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee would also like to point out that a complete shutdown of North Alaska Peninsula Area M has never been realized in over 20 years, regardless of the lack of escapement. Minor attempts to address the ongoing situation at previous BOF, such as rolling closures (partial closure of a harvest area), has only proved that rolling closures are not enough, and that any limited fishing time of North Peninsula Area M has a positive benefit to Nelson Lagoon salmon escapement.

Harvests in June in the North Peninsula Area M northern sections, has resulted in an alarming decrease over recent years of June escapements in Nelson Lagoon.

Please address local ADF&G management and all Area M fishermen to focus on conservation and preservation of the Nelson Lagoon Salmon System over profit.

As mentioned in proposal 120, many contributing factors have affected Nelson Lagoon salmon escapement over the years. Increase in Mesh Depth from 45md to 70md and un-restricted mesh size, has enabled North Peninsula Area M fisherman to achieve 30,000lbs per day/boat. With over 150 drift permits fishing North Alaska Peninsula any given day, unbelievable harvests are achieved in a 24hr period.

Proposal 128, submitted to the board of fish for February 2023, addresses the net depth concern. This proposal is supported by Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee, however, the proposal 128 does not state the fact that Nelson Lagoon's current mesh depth of 29md will not be increased to 45md. Only the current mesh depth of 70md of North Peninsula Area M will be affected. 70md reduced to previous mesh depth of 45md.

In a perfect world, a complete shutdown of all fishing in Area M would be optimal for ensuring conservation of Nelson Lagoon salmon. Considering that unlikely event, Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee would like to see a complete shutdown of North Peninsula Area M by way of windows. To ensure a direct conservation effort by ADF&G management, Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee would like to see a more probable outcome of...

A mandatory minimum of 4 day complete closure, of any given week, throughout the entire salmon season to ensure conservation of all Nelson Lagoon's salmon stocks. Since a decrease in salmon returning to Nelson Lagoon has been realized in Nelson Lagoon several days later after any commencement of harvests in any given area in North Peninsula Area M, the farther away the harvest, the longer it takes to be realized in Nelson Lagoon, a mandatory sufficient shutdown period is imperative.

Reduction of all 70md nets to a maximum depth of 45md (pre mid 1980's).



No salmon harvests in June of Northern Sections of Area M. Only allowing harvest in Bear River section in June, only 3 days a week, and harvests only if Nelson Lagoon has reached its periodic escapement goals.

No salmon harvests ever in Three Hills and Port Moller Bight Sections of North Peninsula Area M. These two sections do not have salmon systems to support salmon harvests.

Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee would like the Commissioner and BOF to consider pre 1980 North Peninsula Area M management when lack of escapement had not yet been such a dire concern as today.

Sincerely,
Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee



Nelson Lagoon AC
January 19, 2023
Nelson Lagoon Community Building

- I. Call to Order: 1:21 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Richard Rysewyk, Mark McNeley, Tim Heuker, Angela Johnson, Sherman McNeley, Shannon Johnson, Melinda Johnson, Trevor Edwards, Darren Johnson, Paul Schaack, and Reanna Heuker.

Members Absent (Excused): Ray Johnson, Samantha McNeley
Members Absent (Unexcused): Leona Nelson
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charles Russel, Jeff Wadly, Tyler Pollum, Will Middleton and Taryn O'Connor-Brito
- IV. Guests Present: Ernie Weiss-AEB, George Andersen Chignik, Curt Chamberline-Calista, Tim Schuerch-Calista
- V. Approval of Agenda: Angela Johnson 1sts and Trevor Edwards 2nds
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Darren Johnson 1st, Angela Johnson 2nds.
- VII. Public Comment: NA
- VIII. Old Business: NA
- IX. New Business
Agenda items will include the following:

Mark comments- that we had discussed much of the proposals at the past meetings, but did not take official action.
Mark comments- to bulk/suite/group proposals into a category for conservation (limits fishing harvest) to take action to support and a category for harvest increase (harvest area expansion, longer fishing harvest time, etc.) to take action to oppose.
Angela comments- we are going to go down the summary list of proposals and group them into one section for conservation and one section for expansion and then vote on it.
“Is everyone clear on that?”



Several “yes” response.

Mark comments- “is that going to be ok, Taryn?”

Taryn comments- if that is the way the AC wishes to handle it, just be clear about which proposals are in which group. Be sure to cover your comments on reasons for grouping them.

Mark comments- while Angie is tallying the proposal list, that we move on.

Proposal 120 and 128 adopt/amend

Mark comments- on proposals

Proposal 120:

Motion to adopt 120-Darren Johnson 1sts and Angela Johnson Seconds to adopt proposal 120.

Motion to amend 120, Angela Johnson 1sts Trevor Edwards 2nds.

Mark comments- to amend this proposal and make strong reference to read from NLG AC Emergency Petition of mandatory windows of 3 days harvest, 4 day closure per week, throughout the salmon season (May1-Sep 30) North Area M. Whatever contradicts the 3 days on 4 days off will be scratched/stricken.

Taryn comment- to be clear, you are to strike anything in the proposal that contradicts 3 days on 4 days off. Are you to state the area?

Mark comments- to include Nelson Lagoon (and all North Area M).

Mark comments- is this what we want, 3 days on 4 days off, no exceptions, no emergency orders, no added fishing time, for entire North Area M?

Mark comments- we all agree on that?

Angie comments- all in favor say “I”.

NLG AC votes unanimous.

Mark comment- we need to vote 120 as amended. All in favor say “I”.

NLG AC votes unanimous as amended.

NLG AC amended proposal 120 to scratch everything that contradicts a 3 days harvest and 4 day consecutive closure (windows) per week.

Proposal 128:

Mark comments- Angie’s intent when writing proposal 128 was to return mesh depth of the entire North Area M to 45 meshes deep (mid 80’s) from the current depth of 70md.

However, Angie did not state in her proposal that Nelson Lagoon would be excluded.

Nelson Lagoon does not want 45 meshes deep, and to stay status quo of 29 meshes deep.

Motion to adopt 128, Angela 1sts, Trevor 2nds.

Motion to amend 128, Sherman 1sts, Shannon 2nds

Mark comments- is it clear to you Charles (ADF&G) what we want?

Charles comments- when you say North Area M are you referring to the North Western District as well?

Mark comments- everything on the north side, 45 meshes deep.

Charles comments- your just talking about North Peninsula?

Mark comments- only the North Peninsula.

Charles comments- keep Nelson Lagoon status quo (29md), make north district and north western district Area M to 45 meshes deep?

Mark and Angela comment- yes



Mark comments- for the entire season.

Mark comments- past attempts to revert back to 45md failed because the proposal did not state to exclude Nelson Lagoon from becoming 45md.

Mark comments- do I hear a motion to amend proposal 128 to exclude Nelson Lagoon from 45md, to stay status quo 29md.

Paul and Darren simultaneously motioned to amend proposal 128, Trevor 2nd

Vote to support on the proposal 128 as amended, unanimous agreement.

NLG AC amends proposal 128 to exclude Nelson Lagoon from 45md, and to make North Area M Northern and North Western Districts (currently 70md) 45md for entire season.

Mark comments- Taryn, did we do that right procedurally?

Taryn comments- I think it is procedurally done, be good to ask ADF&G staff if amendment is clear to them.

Charles- Asks clarifying questions, confirms it is clear.

Taryn-You voted to amend it, and now it's time to support this proposal as amended.

AC votes to support proposal 128 as amended. All vote in favor, unanimous support.

Mark- now we have 120 and 128 amended. Was that procedurally done?

Taryn- I think so. The only oversight is we asked ADFG staff if they were clear on 128, but no chance for clarification on 120.

Mark comments- is there any confusion with 120 as amended?

Dick comments- how is that going to work?

Dick comments- what happens if we get a lot of escapement, are we still not going to get more fishing time?

Mark comments- No, is going to be regulated 3days on 4days off, we are taking the conservation approach to this.

Dick comments- how is fish and game going to manage that system.

Mark comment- is going to be 3days a week.

Dick comments- so we get a million fish up the system, we just let them go.

Mark comments- current management is strangling Nelson Lagoon.

Dick comments- Absolutely.

Mark comments- we would rather have 3 days of healthy fishing than a whole week of nothing.

Dick comments- right, I agree, but what happens if we get a big blast of fish and we cant go fishing. How are they going to manage that system then?

Mark comments- management has had Area M northern districts open even when escapements were not being met in Nelson Lagoon.

Dick comments- I am not against it.

Dick comments- ADF&G hands will be tied, cant let us go fishing if there are a lot of fish.

Mark comments- Bob Murphy stated in a previous meeting (09/16/22) that "There are probably not a lot of systems that you could over escape and actually hurt."

Mark comments- we want to get as many fish back to the system (Nelson Lagoon) and allow fish to get to other regions.



Dick comments- he agrees, “Nelson Lagoon has taken it in the shorts last 10 years.”

Mark comments- something needs to be cut and dried to where there are no complications, 3days on 4days off.

Dick comments- he is for it.

NLG votes to support proposal 120 as amended. Unanimous yes.

Angela comments- we are going at this for conservation, we need to conserve what we have. We cant control everything, we cant control trawling (interception), cant control climate change, or environmental changes, there are certain things we can control and that’s fishing time, how many nets are in the water at a time, and we are trying to do everything we can to make it fair. Nelson Lagoon is not getting any more fishing time, and maybe the north line (North Area M fishermen) wont be mad at us. We are trying to eliminate the complications of how we can get this to work. Many systems only get a certain amount of hours of harvest and then a 36hr closure (windows) before another 8hr opener or whatever. Where our area gets opened (June 20th, North Area M sections) are open to straight fishing (24/7). We tried in the past to close areas in North Area M, but we been denied and ignored. Bob Murphy wasn’t worried about over escapement. He said “No matter what you put up Bear River is not going to hurt it (09/16/22).” We haven’t even been getting our minimum escapements goals before we are open to go fishing.

Mark comments- to add to Angie’s comment, we never had anything longer than 24hrs of closure of the north line, and any closure has always been after the fish have already passed by. No length of time closure has ever existed in the last 30yrs. Before the mid 80’s in early June was 3days on 4days off. After the fish started to show up, then it would go to 4days on 3days off. To simplify things, to have it 3days on and 4 days off and give it a try. We know it will help (Nelson Lagoon). Its going to help dramatically. Currently Nelson Lagoon’s salmon have to get past 90 miles of nets.

Proposals 98-152 vote opposition or support with a conservation approach. Any proposals that increase fishing time or area are opposed; any that curtail increased interception are supported for conservation. These proposals are grouped accordingly. Some are removed and neutral for now until more clarification is available.

Summary of Following NLG AC Actions:

NLG AC Action	Proposal Numbers	Rationale
Take No Action (Neutral)	98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 125, 132 136, 141, 143, 144, 150	Insufficient information and discussion to take action.
Oppose	105, 107, 108, 111, 115, 116, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 127, 129, 130, 131, 141, 142, 145, 146, 147, 151, 152	These proposals increase Area M fishing time/area/harvest/gear type against conservation principles.
Support	106, 110, 120 as amended, 126, 128 as amended, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 148, 149	These proposals limit/reduce Area M fishing time/area/harvest/gear type for salmon conservation.



Mark- We want to oppose a certain amount and support a certain amount. We went down the list and decided. Everything (to the best of our knowledge) that includes increases in fishing time we oppose and everything that limit fishing we support. We believe that any restrictions on Area M harvests are beneficial to Nelson Lagoon, east of Unimak Island (Chignik) and everyone north of Unimak Island. There are a couple we aren't sure of. We can take a neutral stance on those.

Mark comments- to the NLG AC members on the phone, are you aware of the proposals for Area M (98-152)?

Tim comments- they are aware.

Mark repeats- we are supporting the proposals that limit fishing in Area M, and opposing those meaning to increase harvests.

Angie comments- are NLG AC members on the phone clear how and why we bulking the proposals?

Paul comments- Yes

Mark comments- the ones we are not completely sure of, we can take a neutral stance on, with the possibility of addressing them again later (at another NLG AC meeting).

Mark comments- to Taryn, for clarification on the way to vote on block/suite of proposals.

Taryn comments- a motion to take up a suite of proposals, list proposal numbers to be moved, need a second, be certain in your comments/minutes why these proposals are taken up in a suite, give room for NLG AC to give comment on that suite of proposals.

Proposals 98-104.

Mark motions to adopt suite proposals (98-104) as neutral comment, Sherman 2nds.

Mark motions to take a neutral stand, Trevor 2nds.

Taryn comments- suggests a discussion on 98-104 what they cover and why the AC wants to be neutral and to vote on the suite.

Justification from AC: Proposals 98-104 still not clear on (sports fishing proposals).

Would not be fair to take action without more discussion.

Mark asks for a motion to take a neutral stance (take no action) on proposals 98-104.

Trevor makes a motion, Angie seconds.

NLG AC votes unanimous to take a neutral stance on proposals 98-104 due to insufficient discussion.

Angie comments- to Taryn, asking clarity on voting procedures. We have a long list that we would like to oppose. Should we list off each proposal and why we oppose, or list numbers and explain why we want to oppose?

Taryn- Don't need to read the title of each of them, as long as it is clear to you. As far for suites of proposals to oppose, successful ACs have used a suite if the reason for opposing a proposal is the same and the comments made apply to all the proposals. If one is very different from the other and the comments made to oppose are different, not appropriate to put it in the suite and provide the general opposition comment. You may want to take it up directly and provide special comments on it.



Mark comments- These other proposals will be the same reasoning as proposals 98-104. They are: 109, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 132 and 136 grouped neutral (insufficient discussion or clarity to take a position).

Mark motions to adopt 109, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 132, 136, Angie 2nds.

NLG AC votes unanimously to take a neutral stance (take not action) on this suite of proposals because there is not enough clarification on the proposals.

Suite of Proposals to Oppose: 105, 107, 108, 111, 115, 116, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 127, 129, 130, 131, 142, 145, 146, 147, 151, 152.

Mark motions to adopt the suite of proposals 105, 107, 108, 111, 115, 116, 119, 121, 122 (on 09/16/22, NLG AC voted) to oppose unanimously), 123, 124 (on 09/16/22, NLG voted to oppose unanimously), 125 (on 09/23/22, voted no comment – switching this to opposition), 126 (on 09/23/22, voted to support unanimously – now voting to oppose), 127, 129, 130, 131, 142, 145, 146, 147, 151, 152. Trevor 2nds.

Mark- Now we want to make a motion to oppose that suite of proposals, the reason being they increase fishing time, area, or harvest for Area M. Trevor 2nds.

Taryn- note that at previous meetings you have comments on some of these. As long as you did not previously support them, you are good to go. Clarifying previous comments on proposals 122, 124, 125, 126.

Mark- we did not have the exact details on 126. Who was that put in by?

Taryn- Lower Bristol Bay AC.

Mark- now I remember; we were in support of 126. I agree with that, I was confused. So in the previous meeting, we supported 126; let's take out 126 and switch to support side. We were neutral on 125 to pivot the line. Let's leave it as is because we made that decisions.

Mark- clarify that 125 is moved to no action proposals, and 126 is moved to support.

NLG AC is voting opposition to this suite of proposals (**105, 107, 108, 111, 115, 116, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 129, 130, 131, 142, 145, 146, 147, 151, 152**) because they mean to increase Salmon harvest in Area M. Mark 1st Trevor 2nd Motion to oppose suite of proposals because they increase fishing time, area, harvest for area M. Unanimous agreement.

Note: 125 and 126 were in question because we previously made a decision on them and we are keeping that decision the same. 125 is moved to no action and 126 is moved to support.

Suite of Proposals to Support: 106, 110, 126, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 148 149.

Moving onto the proposals we want to support. All these limit fishing harvest in one shape way of form whether it's reducing fishing time, area, or even gear. Sherman makes a motion to support this suite of proposals and Darren 2nds. Unanimous support.

Remaining Proposals / Return to Neutral Proposals

Mark makes a motion to accept the neutral proposals that were missed (141, 143, 144, 150). Trevor 2nds. Unanimous agreement by the board.

Angela- Do we amend proposals through Taryn?



Taryn- The way the amendment process works: the proposal was submitted as the proposal. Confusion about what an amendment is. What won't happen is a proposal is not going to get taken offline and replaced with something else. What is looks like is submitted a suggestion to the Board that they amend these proposals through deliberations at the Board meeting. You will get comments to amend proposals, and when your representative is at the Board meeting, part of their job is to advocate for those changes. The most successful way is to talk with Board members and find a member willing to push an amendment forward; take advantage of AC comment time to move amendments forward; be present for the committee as a whole. But really, finding a Board member willing to take the amendment and work on regulatory language to submit as an RC. That's the language the Board member would take to amend the regulations, so submitting substitute language is important. So, you submit comments and RCs for amendments, but the proposal will not be taken offline.

Mark- so we submit a comment emphasizing the 3 days on, 4 days off.

Taryn- Yes. What I think this will look like is giving me the three sets of minutes that cover this meeting, we'll get them submitted together. Since you referenced the emergency petition in this meeting – and I suggest attaching that EP to these minutes so it's all there. You will get your time as the AC rep to speak, and you will have your sets of minutes. I would not read the minutes, but come up with a separate testimony that hits the most important points. Don't run away from the table but answer questions. During breaks, when Board members cross the line, talk to every member you can and drive home what things the AC needs changed are and your amendments.

Angela- what do you mean by substitute language?

Taryn- when a Board member makes a motion to amend, usually the best way to expedite that is to work with the Board member before it goes to deliberations on actual regulatory language as it would go in the reg book. We have staff at BOF meetings who can help, like the regulatory specialist whose job is to take these amendments and turn them into workable language. In order to do that, you need to find a Board member, find staff, and get out ahead of it. Get an RC with substitute language together and turned in before deliberations start.

Miscellaneous Items

Taryn- If you do not meet again before the comment deadline, the Board does not like unreviewed draft minutes. General advice is to appoint an AC member who is not the secretary to review the minutes and approve them for submission. If the AC wants to do that, will need a motion and vote at this meeting. Second, for my benefit, since I have funding for a representative, I need some indication of who you want to send and who I should work with for travel arrangements.

Mark- hoping to get all the AC members who can make it. Hearing there are scarce hotel accommodations. Hoping we can group together, fewer rooms. I am going regardless, so put me down. We have some fishery association funding to try and get a good amount of our board members out to the meeting. Need to vote on who Taryn will pay to go in?

Taryn- does not need to be a vote. Purview of the chair on representation.

Mark- Just put me.

Taryn- Okay. And since your travel will be funded by the state, you are taking point on AC testimony and making sure RCs and other things are submitted. Does not mean others can't take



part, but you will be the one with extra testimony time for the AC. And you do not give up the option to also testify on behalf of yourself, so you can drop two testimony cards.

Mark McNeley makes a motion that he will edit and approve NLG AC minutes before sending them to Taryn, and Darren Johnson 2nds. All in favor, unanimous.

X. Set next meeting date: January 27th 2023 at 1:00 pm.

Mark- want a meeting in next week to continue discussions and for a refresher of what we have done for AC testimony preparation; could be a community meeting. Want it before the comment deadline if possible. Do we need to vote?

Taryn- no, you have minutes, just make sure your AC rep comments are in line with the votes and will of the AC. Anyone else who goes (non-AC rep) for support does not have to be in line with the AC, can split up talking points with the AC rep, however you want to do it. For a regular meeting we need a 7-10-day notice. A 2 week notice is needed for elections.

Mark- can also discuss proposals we remained neutral on at this meeting if we have more clarification. We will also learn more about the meeting process the following week.

Angela- let's do Jan. 27

Taryn- if you do that date, I will not be there because of a False Pass AC meeting. I will notice it online; will need the date, time, call in numbers, physical meeting location (if any), and basic agenda.

Angela- will get that to you by end of today or tomorrow.

Taryn- to clarify, want your minutes from 09/16, 09/23, and your emergency petition since referenced here.

XI. Other:

XII. Adjourn: Mark makes the motion to adjourn the meeting Paul Schaack 2nds.

Minutes Recorded By: Angela Johnson
Minutes Approved By: Mark McNeley
Date: 2/6/23



**Nelson Lagoon AC
January 27, 2023
Nelson Lagoon Community Building**

- I. Call to Order: Mark McNeley calls meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Mark McNeley, Tim Heuker, Reanna Heuker, Trevor Edwards, Angela Johnson, Darren Johnson, Sherman Johnson, Melinda Johnson

Members Absent (Excused): Ray Johnson, Leona Nelson, Shannon Johnson, Samantha McNeley, Paul Schaack, Richard Rysewyk
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: N/A

IV. Guests Present: George Anderson, Theo Chesley

V. Approval of Agenda: Angela Johnson motions to approve agenda, Sherman McNeley 2nds. Mark McNeley motions to add proposal 133 to existing agenda, Sherman McNeley 2nds.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Darren Johnson motions to approve, Trevor Edwards 2nds.

VII. Public Comment: N/A

VIII. Old Business: Review/amend/adopt proposals that were left out at previous meeting; revisit proposals 109, 111, 118, 133, 136, 143, & 150.

Darren Johnson motions to adopt proposal 109, Angela Johnson 2nds. The last meeting, we voted to stay neutral on 109 and Mark is proposing to support proposal 109. All in favor, unanimous. Mark motions to amend the AC comments to support proposal 109, Darren seconds, all in favor, unanimous.

Darren Johnson motions to adopt proposal 111. Sherman McNeley 2nds. Mark reads the description of the proposal. Mark McNeley makes the motion to the AC comments to support proposal 111, Darren Johnson 2nds. All in favor, unanimous.



Angela Johnson motions to adopt proposal 118. Darren Johnson 2nds. All in favor, Unanimous. Darren Johnson motions to amend the AC comments to support proposal 118, Melinda Johnson 2nds. All in favor, unanimous. Mark McNeley motions to support 118, Trevor Edwards 2nds, all in favor, unanimous.

Mark McNeley motions to adopt proposal 133, Sherman McNeley 2nds. Darren Johnson motions to amend the AC comments to support proposal 133, Trevor Edwards 2nds. Mark motions to support 133, Darren Johnson 2nds. All in favor, unanimous.

Mark McNeley Motion to adopt proposal 136, Melinda Johnson 2nds. Mark McNeley motions to amend the AC comments to support proposal 136, Melinda Johnson 2nds, all in favor, unanimous.

Angela Johnson makes a motion to adopt proposal 143, Trevor Edwards 2nds. Darren Johnson makes a motion amend the AC comments to support proposal 143, Sherman McNeley 2nds. All in favor, unanimous.

Mark McNeley motions to adopt proposal 150, Trevor Edwards 2nds, unanimous, all in favor. Angela Johnson motions to amend the AC comments to support proposal 150, Darren Johnson 2nds. All in favor, unanimous.

IX. New Business

Agenda items will include the following:

Mark McNeley made contact with Jeff Regnart and he has offered to help us with our comments. The AC voted unanimously in support to have him help.

X. Set next meeting date: Saturday, February 4th at 3:00 pm.

XI. Other:

Theo makes a comment to start meeting 3:00 pm so it works for everybody. He is curious if we talked to the King Cove and Sand Point ACs. He understands why we want to support Chignik but thinks we should also talk to KC and SDP advisory committees. He says that Chignik's numbers are going up and they are gaining. "Something seems to be working, so that's good." He thinks that we need to be careful in restricting our own gear group. Brought up that the set netters might come and drop their anchor in front of us. "This has happened to Nelson Lagoon before. Be careful before putting in support." "You have 60 set netters on that side, it doesn't take nothing for them to pick up and drop a boat." Theo offers pointers on the committee process: "Not sure how many of you all have been to these meetings. Be curious to know that number. These testimonies that will be coming up, they'll be important for sure, but a lot of what happens in these meetings will be happening in a committee process, with Board members and all user groups. That's where the real work is going to get done."

Theo Chesley asks if anyone on the NGL AC has been a part of the Board of Fish Process. Tim Heuker confirms he has.

Tim asks Theo what he thinks CAMF thinks about the cinder river proposals.



Theo says he thinks “it’s a shot in the dark” and he’s “not sure where they are with their proposals.” Some of the proposals (i.e. for the caribou flats) were not put in by CAMF. He said that the Bristol Bay AC is against the Cinder River proposal, but there are plenty of fish up there. He believes that moving the fleet farther up and away from Nelson Lagoon would be better off for Nelson Lagoon and moving farther up would target Bristol Bay stock, which is likely why the proposal was put in. Theo says that the cinder river proposal might be pulled before the meeting; and if it is not pulled from the meeting, it likely will be discussed in committee and may not fly.

Tim said he reached out to everybody, including other user groups, and they have been aware of all of our meetings. “As far as any discussion with them on any positions, no.”

Theo responds that he was curious about the KC and SDP ACs and knows that CAMF is “adversarial.” He said that at some point we all need to meet and make a solution, meaning us and the rest of area m, whether or not it’s in committee or if it means going into the meeting with solutions. Theo claims that SDP and KC area have given up a lot in the last 3 or 4 years for Chignik. He said they do not support all of the proposals, but “they may be on board with some geographic or housekeeping stuff because they would like to make concessions for Chignik as well.” He said it has been a lot of dogfighting and finger-pointing the past few meetings.

Mark asks Theo to the possibility of other fishermen coming here from other areas; “we’ve already experienced that... The most recent time was when a handful of CAMF guys came over here after that rolling closure proposal went thru for North Area M.” “Vindictiveness” in corking off NLG. Theo agrees it was “vindictive and unnecessary.” He clarifies that he was not making a point about “the drifters coming in, but more about the set net fleet, since the Chignik proposals are all talking about KC and SDP set net fishermen on the other side;” that this is about locals on the other side of the peninsula who might go somewhere else to fish. He cautions to be careful in your AC about what you do to user groups in other areas.

Angela mentions that we need our AC members to let us know who wants to go to the Board of Fish meeting to start making travel arrangements. Mark says he talked to the Lake Clark(?) owner, who said there should be no problem with flights out of NLG except for folks not being able to all leave on the same day. Mark wants the names of everyone interested by the next AC meeting. Mark mentions that he is hearing to get as many people, both AC and public members, out there for the meeting; that would be the best thing.

XII. Adjourn: Darren Johnson motions to adjourn the meeting, Trevor Edwards 2nds. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:	<u>Angela Johnson</u>
Minutes Approved By:	<u>Mark McNeley</u>
Date:	<u>2/6/2023</u>



Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee
02/04/2023
Zoom

- I. Call to Order: Mark McNeley calls meeting to order at 3:15pm.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Mark McNeley, Darren Johnson, Samantha McNeley, Sherman McNeley, Dick Rysewyk, Trevor Edwards, Melinda Johnson, Angela Johnson

Members Absent (Excused): Tim Heuker, Ray Johnson, Leona Nelson, Paul Schaack, Shannon Johnson, Reanna Heuker
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- IV. Guests Present: Ernie Weiss, Jared Danielson, Karen Pletnikoff, Gale Vick, Raechel Allen, Alvin Osterback, David Osterback, Theo Chesley
- V. Approval of Agenda: Angela Johnson 1sts, Samantha 2nd.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Melinda Johnson 1sts, Trevor Edwards 2nds.
- VII. Public Comment:
- VIII. New Business: Discuss who is attending board of fish.

Mark: AC is paying my way in. Staying at Captain Cook from Feb. 18-27. Sherman can stay with me; don't mind bunking with anyone if there will be hotel issues. Haven't checked to see about vacancy.

Melinda: Don't know vacancy, but once we get a count of who is attending, I will start getting hotels ready. Just need a number to make up a budget, send to Mark and Angela, and start booking travel. Not worried about housing out there.

Angela: Go one at a time with everyone present to see who's going.

Mark attending. Sam is going and has a ticket paid for so she just needs hotel and per diem. Darren Johnson and Angela Johnson want to go and need travel + hotel + per diem. Dick Rysewyk is going and Derrick wants to attend as well.

Melinda says to have everyone make their tickets and the fishermen's association will reimburse them with receipts.



Angela: When do meetings start and end?

Mark: Hearing several things. Feb. 23 rings a bell, but not sure when the testimony and committees are.

Angela: Seeing Feb. 20-25 in Anchorage. Dick, Derrick, get tickets for day before and we'll take care of hotels.

Theo Chesley: There will be a staff report on the first day and then directly into public testimony. He says they usually convene on 9 in the morning. Usually there's 200 people that testify and then will go into possibly a committee process. He says whoever is testifying to be there early and be prepared.

Angela asks who else is wanting to go.

Mark: Can call Paul this evening after work. Tim and Reanna were planning on going when we talked a few days ago. Can call Tim this evening.

Angela: We'll check in with other AC members who did not attend today and go from there.

Mark: As for general discussion, hoping we can speak to stories of Nelson Lagoon. I know the majority of fishermen in Nelson Lagoon (NLG) are set netters, and the few drifters (that fish NLG) actually leave NLG.

Angela: For years and years and years, I've been watching my dad and a number of guys working really hard to do whatever they could to improve and save our fisheries. Throughout these years, it's been a real bad struggle for us. Now that I run the boat, am on the AC – our community has been hit very hard by poor fishing. When I was younger, the town was thriving. It didn't take long for complications to happen within our fishery and we saw an impact on more fishing area, more fishermen, more boats coming up to the North Line. Severe impacts on our fishery. In Nelson Lagoon, we don't have a store or year-round fishing. We only fish in the summer for mostly red salmon. We don't even get a silver season anymore. It's very difficult for us to navigate a solution for our problem in NLG. We are trying to do whatever we can. Most of us have lived here our whole lives. Other fishermen have been around a long time. Our fishery is so different; it's gone on for generations. My grandmother fished the spot I do, and passed the permit down to my dad and to me. That is how most of our fishing sites are in NLG. We have specific sites where specific families fish these certain spots. "For years, that's just how we run. It's a family thing, it's a cultural thing, it's what makes Nelson Lagoon, Nelson Lagoon. We have been struggling, no fish, our escapement is terrible." In a, I don't know what to call it, a fight, to try to do something to help us. Back in 2017, when we had that good fishing year, I had never seen fish like that in my life. It was like my dad's tall tales from when he was growing up. I witnessed what our river could do (NLG), and to see how good it could be for us. I had never seen anything like that in my life (abundance of fish) This was before the cannery burnt down in Port Moller, and that did not have as much capacity as we do now. The fishermen in OPH and other places (North Area M) were put on a 5000 lb limit in 2017 because there wasn't capacity (plugged the cannery). That's all it took: a 5000 lb limit and the fish started coming into NLG, because fishermen could not load up their boats above us (North Area M). Everyone could tell you how **only a limit** for a week or two let us flourish. "That was the smallest thing, to have just a limit on the north line to benefit us." "When it comes to our



proposals and discussions, we are only trying to save and conserve our fishery.” We need to conserve our fishery. We heard people say “what about sportfishing upriver (impacting NLG)”, but I know that my net down river is not catching any fish, so they certainly aren’t catching fish (whats not there). So when there are no fish (returning) in the river, it’s pretty obvious what is affecting us. There are things out of our control, like environmental changes, but there are some things in our control that we can do to help us. Local fishermen in NLG know what happens when the guys above us (North Area M) get put on a little limit. That benefits us incredibly. When I was growing up, we had a good amount of people (living in NLG), school, a lot of happiness. I watched that dwindle. We’re hurting. We need support, we need help to get back on our feet with our fishery. We can’t let our fishery die. We all know how the fish work (fish life cycle). Whats going to happen to us when it keeps dwindling. We are in dire straits. I graduated high school in 2012, and our school shut down because not enough kids to keep it open. That’s heart wrenching. It’s caused less and less people to live at home. Again, we do not have a store in Nelson Lagoon. We can’t just pop over and buy whatever we want. It used to be that every family in NL used to get bulk groceries to survive the winter. Now barely two families can afford that kind of order, and that’s with all their fishing money. We can’t afford to hire crews because of no fish. I couldn’t even get 30,000# last summer. Do you know how sickening that is? Especially when tenders say that guys on the north line are delivering 30,000lb/boat days? When I cant get 30,000lbs for the entire salmon season. It was so hard to hear the stories for North Line fishermen getting that number per boat in a small time. I am using a very old motor for my skiff but I can’t afford a new one because I can’t make enough fishing in my river, where my grandparents fished, my dad fished, got taught to do this work for my family. This isn’t a hobby or just a way to make money, this is our whole identity. We are just trying to conserve (NLG) what we have, and we don’t have much right now. We used to have to have 15,000 fish across the weir by the 15th of June, and then by the 30th (June) we had to have 30,000 fish past the weir. I don’t know what our escapements are supposed to look like but we are barely getting 100 fish up the weir by June 30th. That is scary. We ask local Area M management why cant you do something to limit these guys to see if more fish will get to the river (NLG)? “There is nothing in the book that says we have to do that, take it to the Board of Fish.” That’s it, that’s what we are left with. It is so frustrating to watch your village going down the drain and have people say “don’t know what to tell you.” “It’s not nice what we are going through.” I am disturbed because years ago, when we had the rolling closures, most of us didn’t think it was going to help (because the of the small area affected), people don’t fish in those areas at that time, and CAMF (Area M fishermen group) was really mad at NLG just for the imposing of rolling closures, so we had their boats coming in setting their nets in front of our (paid set net, local traditional sites) fishing areas. “We are suffering, and we need help to save our fishery. That’s the bottom line. We are trying to save our fishery from complete extinction. This is very serious for all of us.” “This is our family business, this is everything for us in NLG.” People have mentioned (to go against Area M fishermen) will force them to come into our river and set their net. Let them come, let them catch some flounders, let them catch the dirt and let us know what you think as to how we are doing that. We are suffering, we need help to save our fisheries. “And that’s the bottom line.” We are trying to save ourselves from complete extinction. This is very serious for us. We are trying all we can do to protect what we



have left. This is our family's business. "It's everything to us." "It's in our blood." We are having a hard time. I just hope that we are able to do something to help up out.

Theo: Just as information, the way these meetings work, testifiers will have 3 minutes and the Chair will have 5. I feel your frustration. If you put together a testimony, you will have to streamline your thoughts. Some history about the AC and rolling closures, Butch and I fought for the rolling closures. It was going up against staff and outside fishermen for the sake of NLG. There was a compromise that had to be made, and now things have gone back south again. I think the rolling closures did help. We told them in the rolling closures sunset in 6 years and things go back, we'll have to go back after them again. I had that explicit conversation with guys on the other side. Tough for me because I fish the outside as well, but NLG is in dire need for sure. Get everybody to the table and come up with solutions, whether its outside, environmental, sports fishermen, these things have to be addressed at the table. You have 3 minutes and they will shut you down in your testimony.

Mark: Always know that fish cycle in 3 to 5 years. Even if it is a slow run, those fish are coming back to NLG. Rolling closures, even though they weren't enough, they proved that any kind of curtailing the fishing (Area M) improves (salmon returns) for NLG. During the some of the Rolling closures, you had the limits (in addition to rolling closures) in there. These fish have always been coming back. You don't put escapement in like we do and nothing returns. The common denominator is they start fishing up there in June, then it takes 3-4 days for us to see the fish (decline impact) in NLG. Used to be (typical season) in the spring (June) you would see inclinings each day, regardless of the day of the week, Wednesday or Thursday would be better than a Monday, after a three day closure. The guys started fishing up there, and 3 to 4 days later, I would either start declining or (catch) plateau (stop increasing) and that would have been my best day of the season. Come July 4, when it was looking promising, it wouldn't happen. The limits made it like the old days fish coming in here (NLG), because there wasn't the impact out there (not so much interception), like I said before, these fish are always coming back. They just been getting stopped before the get here (NLG) With the rolling closures, as little as that was, showed even that little bit helps and putting them on the limits made it that much more. What gets me, is that we've always heard is that your into Bristol Bay's fish up there, the fish are going back and forth (milling), it's hard to believe that they are going back and forth as much as what I been hearing, Is because I fished up there, I watched you guys fish up there, you guys will wait all day for a set. Wait for that tide to start moving south, and you all set on that line, one wave (nets set from beach to 3mile limit) after another. If there are fish, You pull your nets fish and all, to hurry up and get back in line (take a number) for your next set, and you may be waiting all day again. Just the fact that everyone congregates on that line. When harvest moves to Ilnik (next north district section), everyone is on that northern line (fishing the same exact way). If fish are all over like everybody claims, why aren't you guys spread out over the entire area? Why are 90% of the boats on that line, half of them are sitting there waiting (on the north line in closed waters) to go fishing? "That raises some concerns right there." The water goes up more than it goes down (water scent); you get the fish coming around from Unimak (south Area M); maybe there's not a huge percent of NLG fish coming around because the numbers (of fish) are so big, but NLG fish go up past OPH then come back



down and Area M 24/7 boats get a second whack at our fish as they are headed south (to NLG). Watching you guys up there, fishing 24/7, it doesn't seem to matter where you are that coast (North Area M), is always the same thing. My proposal idea is to keep you closed down here (Bear River Section), so all the fish are coming down, and then when you are closed for 3 or 4 days, those fish would already be there. It wouldn't take them 3 or 4 days to get to NLG. All those fish above you (north of Bear River Section) would get thru. Right now, as soon as you start on June 20th up there, it puts a stranglehold on us. Most NLG fishermen don't fish all day long; you have a couple set and stake netters, but the majority of fishing is done at low water, when the flats go completely dry and there's just a sliver of river coming down thru here (NLG). When the fish are most concentrated in the channel. Lately, 20 fish/set is a good set (in NLG); takes me 15 minutes to catch and 30 minutes to pick them out, so a 45 minute period before my next set. When the fishing is poor, there's less effort, and when there is less effort, then more fish getting upriver. Whatever is getting by, like 60,000 in 2022 and under 90,000 escapements. In years past, our catch was about the same as escapement; now we're barely getting up there. The past few years we have been closed down here but the fishing at the north line is going 24/7. I was up at Ilnik when it was closed last summer (1 day), (local management) ended up closing it for a day and was blowing like hell. I came home and fished, and we ended up having 3000# that Monday. Up until that, we tried in the spring with 5-6 fish per set or even less, so we left. I've been here too long not catching fish hoping that something would come back. With all the fishing going on up there, no way that's going to happen. Years ago, it was 3 days on, 4 days off, and by June 15 or 20 went to 4 on 3 off, but it stayed like that the whole summer. We would go to Bear River when we were able to fish over there, and fish a few days while everyone was down the pass. When I fished with Danny in 1987, we had a good season in Bear River, but I remember that when boats came back from the pass (South Area M), they would never go that far (OPH), at least not that many. Now the whole fleet is up there, it is 160 boats any given day, catching 30,000# a day (per boat). That's just crazy. I wouldn't know what to do with that kind of fish. We used to get 100,000#s a season and be a highliner. But boats kept getting bigger. After I got my boat from grandpa, a guy came down from there (OPH), there wasn't any fish in NLG, so some of us were over there fishing (Bear River), this guy was telling me that he had 230,000lbs so far, and that everyone was getting that up there. NLG wasn't getting hardly anything. That guys asked me "what are you doing over here?" There are no fish in NLG, you expect me to sit there and do nothing? I am one of few from NLG that can go out of the river to fish. People here don't have the experience to leave the river, they don't have the equipment to compete up there (OPH). Average boat up there is 45' and very efficient. Some real fish slayers, with RSW. The best we can hope for is a slush bag with ice from canneries, and hope that the cannery still shares ice with us. Without that, we would not have any value added. Our nets are all 29 mesh deep. People (NLG) are not capable for the most part. The majority of fishermen in NLG are set netters. Anyone with a boat uses it for hauling fish up and down river. Our few drifters usually make one set a day. I don't know what you guys think goes on over here. All we are trying to do is make a living. We don't have year round barge service. Cost is over 145% over tariff if from Port Moller. Canneries don't front money any more because fishing is so bad.



Angela: Fishing is so bad now that they won't credit us anything with a promise we'll pay it off. If I want to order a motor in the spring, who's to say I'm going to be able to pay it off? That's now bad it is.

Mark: I read AEB resolution opposing Prop 130-140 – and you state that any kind of closure would be “undue hardship” to your community, but we are already there. Right where you don't want to be. You aren't sharing in the burden. There are so many communities north of us who are failing as well. When NLG is gone, you're going to be missing it. “How do you guys feel about that?” You could do something but you don't want to. We just want what we used to have. Most fishermen today don't know what it was like back then. There is something we could do, but pointing the fingers at everything else, doesn't help. It makes it all that much more important to conserve what is getting past everything out there – water temperature, lack of fish feed, sportfishing upriver. We had problems long before the sports fishing up river. That's just one more thing to bring up, that it couldn't possibly be the guys fishing 24/7 in front of the path of the fish. I couldn't possibly be interception. Is unfathomable for some reason. As soon as you guys are curtailed you yell. When talking about how (local area management) closed (it) on the 15th July, takes 3 to 4 days, backtrack from the 4th of July, the 1st would be our peek (at OPH). When (local area management) shut down Area M for 2-3 days - our fish were already long gone by then (you would not see an improvement in Nelson Lagoon). I know those fish are coming back here, they just don't get past you. The rolling closures weren't much of anything to be honest. The rolling closures (1/2 of 1 of 4 open harvest areas moving each day one district section south). Management would open OPH, then close that area, open the next area section south, open up Three Hills, then you were right back up to OPH and do it all over again. Your nets are always in the water. There is never any *not* fishing there. Some section was always open. Everyone is on that line. Very few boats used to be there. Going to Sandy Bluffs (Kape Katuzof), just above Sandy River used to be a long way away. Why the hell would you need to go that far away from Port Moller, nowhere to hide when the wind comes up. Now, with bigger boats, weather and distance aren't a factor any more, you don't even need to come in to port, and you can buy groceries from a tender. I would love to have a boat like that, but I can hardly afford to fix my boat. There's no store, we probably don't have enough people to keep a store open. People with permits don't come back anymore because it costs more money to get here than what they'll make to cover it and make back. One family (who moved away from NLG) had to wait for their PFD's to come in (Oct) so they could get out of NLG and to Kenai for the winter. I don't know what you guys think goes on over here? Some days we just struggle to have enough to show tender and cannery that it's worth keeping around. Peter Pan can't afford to keep the tender here; there's no money or fish in it for them. If you fished only 3 or 4 days a week, that would make sure our run was pass through there (Northern Sections). I don't understand how you guys think. I was raised that those fish go from north to the south. By congregating on any north line like you do, proves that those fish are moving from North to South. They are coming thru there (Northern Area M) in gang loads. You wouldn't be there if they weren't. Am I wrong about that? What do you guys think we do over here? You think we are partying and living it up? I heard one story that you think the reason why no fish are be delivered to the tender, is that we keep them all for subsistence. The reality is that we have to



sell the fish to make a living. (chose between selling your fish to keep tender here in NLG or eating).

Angela Johnson: last summer was so bad we couldn't even get our subsistence. I barely put away 10 salmon for myself. We had to get a donation (frozen salmon) to every household in NLG from Peter Pan. That's how bad it is.

Mark: Thank goodness for COVID money otherwise we would have really been done for. I work hard for my fish. I will set all day long (meager fishing) just to fill a bag. We aren't asking for the world... we are just asking for part of what we had. Rolling closures barely work, we need more limits. If we didn't have limits, we wouldn't see anything anyways.

I hear stories that you leave and don't change gear, just go right up to the North Line. That tells me you're fishing whatever you fish on the South side, without dumping and changing nets, not even stopping in Port Moller. You go past 4 miles, phantom fleets, long nets, have seen boats change out heaping net bags (certain 200ftms) to tenders and still have another 100 fathoms on the drum. You don't police yourself. We are left with creating limits. (I hear) Theo talked about getting local Area M management to shut it down, but you won't do it yourself. Too much greed out there.

Theo: A lot of discussion was had by the fleet to stand down, but ADF&G staff worried about over-escapement on other systems. (local Area M management)

Mark: local Area M management said at one of our last meetings that any over escapement was not going to make a negative impact on the. That's a bunch of hooey.

Theo: Might be hooey but that's what staff has been saying.

Mark: I didn't bother going fishing in 2021. There wasn't enough fish out here to put the boat in the water, so we scratched the whole season. I'm talking to Bob, and asked if closing down the guys for any amount of time would help? He said no, because we closed it down on the 1st for one day and didn't see any impact in NLG, and then for 3 days on the 15th. I'm like, Bob, last year when you called me on the 12th about what to do, I said it was too late; you should have done something in June as the fish came through, not when they've past.

Angela Johnson: We hear that when we are trying to get fish back to our system, ADF&G and north fleet hit us with denials that we are not catching NL fish. Over decades they see everything that the north fishermen do to us, but every time we get hit with denial We got a lot of people who say that its not our fault that our 200 boats are outside our waters... It is not environmental or BSAI by catch. The locals see exactly how that North fishery is affecting us. And you tell us "its not in the book." What is OPH? OPH is a highway for salmon headed to their streams; that whole fishery is intercepting everybody's fish. Don't know how you can deny that obvious fact.

Gale: Very similar stories to what we have up north on a regular basis. You can submit lengthy public comments with as many attachments that you want by the Monday deadline. Suggest you capture some of the powerful testimonies you and Angele have been saying. When you do



testimony, you can condense it. 10 minutes for AC, and 3 minutes for public testimony, but you can have unlimited public comments.

Mark: We keep telling the same story over and over and no one listens.

Darren: Agree with everything you're saying, not sure what more to add on.

Sam: You guys have covered everything I've thought about.

Angela: A lot of times we get hit with, "Where's the science?" What about the Traditional science and knowledge, the TK that has been with NLG fishing families for generations and generations? That is collective knowledge that has been passed down, researched, experienced. That is valid science there. People keep bringing us back to that WASSIP study; I am so tired of hearing about it; do that study 6 more times and then make a decision. Don't tell me about a study made over a decade ago. I learned everything from my dad, who learned from his dad. Should be taken into account as valid information of what we have been going through. When my father and I fished just him and I, we would be happy to get 23 fish in one set. We've been dealing with this for a long time. Needs to be a regulation put into that book that ADFG talk about that will help save us when things are going bad – and they are going bad right now. We are putting in emergency petitions, getting donations of fish because we can't get our subsistence fish. One of my friends had to smoke some of his donation fish because he couldn't get enough of his own salmon to smoke. That is sad. Need to compromise with those in our region who fish the north line. Don't know how to do that when all it took was a rolling closure for people to get mad at us. This is not a fish war, there's no ill will behind us trying to save our fishery. We just need support and help.

Mark: To add to the magnitude of our struggle, I've said testimonies, and the local manager Bob Murphy gave testimony – I heard this audio – and said that ADFG could not support 45md in NLG. I wondered who said anything about NLG going any deeper than 29md. The fact that he didn't say anything to that, and was ready to point out anything but intercept fishing. We are so desperate now that we're including the South side with the North side because our fish have to come around through there. "You guys get two bites of the same apple, and we get what you spit out. That's a fact." It's very hard to see your potential being caught 90 miles away. I know those fish are coming back; you don't put 100,000 fish into a river for nothing. NLG came back from fish traps, Japanese fishing. We were rebounding. By the time we were getting healthy again, we got more impact from the north side. There are 20-30 lakes in NLG that have fish. I went up one time and there wasn't a lake that didn't have a fish. ... One year I had to get an octopus permit, we were making money on that to pay for groceries. We don't have anything else but salmon. People don't know anything but salmon fishing. ... Get the vibe that you guys don't want to try anything because you know how it's going to work.

Theo(?): You mentioned a resolution to not support some proposals. That's the first I heard of it. What was the resolution and the proposals?

Mark: It was after proposals came back or something. By the 15th of July, we knew we were done for, but Bob Murphy kept the weir in there for 2 weeks later than it ever had been. My



guess is he did that to get every single fish and get escapement above the disaster declaration mark. We've been so close to that every single year. What qualifies us for "dire straights?" We're at our wit's end. Have been messaging my proposal on Facebook to get all help we can get.

Mark speaks about the comment to his proposal from the management that there wouldn't be enough stock sold. "if that ain't profit over preservation."

IX. Set next meeting date: N/A

X. Other:

XI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Mark McNeley, Dick Rysewyk 2nds. 5:15 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Angela Johnson
Minutes Approved By: Mark McNeley
Date: 2/6/2023



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

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



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



Northern Norton Sound F&G Advisory Committee comment in support of Proposal 140

Chum salmon bound for eastern Bering Sea drainages are in decline. Not only are the local commercial terminal fisheries limited, but the amount necessary for subsistence (ANS) is frequently not met. Even more importantly, escapement goals are frequently missed. The largest of these stocks of chum salmon are designated by genetic work as the “coastal western Alaskan chums”, CWAK for short. A number of terminal fisheries and in-river fisheries have been established to sustainably manage these salmon. These sub-stocks all generally track together as to relative abundance, prospering or failing together.

The CWAK component of the June Area M chum salmon fishery has reportedly declined from 57% of the harvest to about 18%, a decline of two-thirds. Perhaps it may be that some of the other stocks have proportionally increased; that some of the CWAK decline has resulted from natural causes not studied; and that some of the Area M fishers’ attempts to avoid chum harvest could have played a role. Nevertheless, this declining trend is concerning, even catastrophic. Both WASSIP and the most recent 2022 study found significant Area M harvests of CWAK chum salmon bound for Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim (AYK) and Bristol Bay (BB) area rivers.

State statute, the state constitution and regulation all speak to sustained-yield or optimal-yield management of fisheries. Escapement goals are to be set with the intent of ensuring adequate reproductive potential to not only sustain a reasonable human use, but to ensure genetic depth. The resultant genetic depth helps to prevent inbreeding or loss of adaptations specific to particular habitat conditions. These concepts have been discussed time and time again: at statehood; when fishing districts were first set in the 1960s; once again in the late 1990s when regulations were refined to require management plans that incorporate escapement goals; and more recently as the science of management evolves. Mixed-stock fisheries with both weak and strong stocks present, such as we now have in Area M, have been a concern throughout this evolution. The reason there are so few mixed-stock fisheries in the state is that this concern developed early in the sustained-yield approach to management.

The northern districts of AYK began to see declining chum salmon returns in the late 1980s. By the late 1980s and the 1990s, runs were at their lowest points since tracking began around the time of statehood. Northern Norton Sound returns were very poor, and escapements and subsistence harvests were so bad that the first and only Tier II fisheries in the state were put in place. This chum crisis in Nome brought on Customary & Traditional as well as ANS determinations for many western Alaska subsistence fisheries, establishing a management standard to truly prioritize subsistence use.

Generally, these findings pertained to salmon as a group rather than a specific stock. At that time, it was determined that when one salmon species failed, people would move to an alternate salmon species. In Northern Norton Sound substitutes for chum were often coho, sockeye and, rarely, Chinook. Pink salmon were not considered equal to chum but were a supplement in a shortage. Unfortunately, coho and sockeye stocks are currently in decline, joining Chinook and chum, and essentially leaving Norton Sound residents with no salmon



species to turn to. At the AYK Board of Fisheries meeting this January, the Norton Sound Manager told members that the ANS for salmon had been attained only twice since the year 2000. This alarming statistic demands action as required by fishery regulation.

During the early salmon decline of the late 1980s and early 1990s, regulations were passed to slow the June Area M fishery by placing windows to allow salmon passage to more terminal fisheries and spawning grounds. The language in the current proposal 140 is a revival of that earlier language. Within a few years of the 1990s regulation changes, however, the June Area M fishery rules were liberalized even beyond the regulations of the previous decade. This coincided with the downward spiral of chum and Chinook fisheries to the north. With each successive board cycle, the Area M fishery has enjoyed some relaxation of the commercial fishery regulation. In the past 20 years, fishing time, fishing area, and gear depth in Area M have all increased significantly, while in the same time period the numbers of chum and Chinook returning to AYK did quite the opposite.

The wild chum stocks of AYK and Bristol Bay have trended down to the point of massive closures. This has not been true for the enhanced chum salmon stocks of the Gulf of Alaska and Asia, because they are much more stable, if not increasing. The Bering Sea wild salmon, of all species, are declining in size as well. This is likely a sign of food shortage or being out-competed by salmon from south of the Alaska Peninsula. The decline in number and size are classic signs of a weak stock. Overharvest of weak stocks results in extirpation. Delay in addressing the issue violates the “precautionary principles of sustainability” as noted several times through the state’s fishery regulations.

Certainly, the western Alaskan public is participating in conservation of these salmon stocks, often due to management actions. There are several examples of grassroot conservation efforts that demonstrate ownership in the resource. There have been voluntary reductions in fishing despite managers announcing openings. In Norton Sound, private funding exceeds ADF&G funded projects. Small, targeted enhancement projects have been developed. Much is at stake for western Alaska residents—local economies, food security and cultural stability, yet short-term sacrifices are currently being tolerated in hopes of a long-term solution. It is time for the other stakeholders in the chum fishery to ante-up.

Existing regulations that have already been passed by the Board of Fisheries speak of sustained-yield principles¹, avoidance of overharvest of mixed-stock fisheries², management plans based on attaining escapement goals³, the priority of subsistence⁴, and equitable sharing of resources by all users of fishery resources⁵. All of these regulations require action to encourage the return of chum to their natal western Alaska watersheds. The incidental take of western Alaska chum in the Area M June fishery is a known and controllable impediment to this regulated mandate. At what point do we see meaningful management changes to the June Area M

¹ 5AAC 39.222. Policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries. (c)(1)(G)

² Sec.16.05.251. Regulations of the Board of Fisheries. (17)(h); 5AAC.39.220. Policy for the management of mixed stock fisheries. (a), (b), (c)

³ 5AAC 39.222. Policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries. (c) (2) (A-H); (c) (3)(C); (c)(F); (c)((5)(A)

⁴ 5AAC 99.010. Boards of Fish and Game subsistence procedures. (c)

⁵ Sec. 16.05.251. Regulations of the Board of Fisheries. (17)(e)(1-7)



fishery in order to reverse and contribute to the conservation of the wild salmon runs of the Bering Sea? Proposal 140 is a logical starting point.



**Nushagak Advisory Committee
January 18, 2023
Dillingham City Council Chambers / zoom**

I. Call to Order: 9:36 by Chair Susie Jenkins-Brito

II. Roll Call

Members Present at roll call:

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dillingham, Chair
Travis Ball, Aleknagik, Vice Chair
Dan Dunaway, Undesignated, Secretary
Gayla Hoseth, Undesignated
Todd Fritze, Dillingham
Curt Armstrong, Dillingham
Tom O'Connor, Dillingham
Kenneth Nukwak, Alt At Large
Joe Chythlook, Dillingham (present until lunch)

Members Joining Late:

Moses Kritz, Togiak, (joined late 10:57)
Robert Larson Koliganek (joined after lunch)

Members Absent (Excused):

Barbara Moore, Manokotak
Mariano Floresta, Clark's Point
Lindsay Layland, Alt At Large
Chris Carr, Portage Cr.
Jimmy Coopchiak, Togiak Alt
Kay Andrews, Aleknagik Alt

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Joe Kazmirowicz, Ekwok
Rick King, Ekwok Alt
Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok
Wassillie Andrews, New Stuyahok Alt
Joe Wassily, Clark's Point Alt



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

List of User Groups Present: (taken from member activities)

Trapping	Sport Fishing	Fish Processing
Subsistence	Outdoors Person	Hunting
Commercial Fishing	Assoc./Corp.	

III. Fish and Game, & Trooper Staff Present:

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards	Jeff Wadle, ComWadle, Com Fish Kodiak
Tim Sands, Com Fish Dillingham	Carlton Burnside, Com Fish Kodiak
Lee Borden, Sport Fish Dillingham	Matt Keyse, Com Fish Kodiak
Lisa Fox, ADFG N. AK Pen Manager	Charles Russell, Com Fish Kodiak

David Bump, AWT Troopers

IV. Guests Present

Nick Dowie, Ekuk set
Bruce Ilutsik, drift
Jamie O'Connor, Ekuk Set
John O'Connor, Ekuk Set
Christine O'Connor, Ekuk Set
Jeff Regnart, BBSRI
Tony Zoch, BBEDC
Gary Cline, BBEDC
Renee Roque BBNA
Cody Larson BBNA
Craig Chythlook, drift & International Arctic Research Center Indigenous Liason
George Anderson, Pres. Chignik Intertribal Coalition
David Bendinger, OBI Seafoods
Axel Kopun, Chignik Seiner & Chignik AC member
Truitt Cawlfild, USFWS Togiak Refuge Fisheries
Kenton Moos, USFWS Togiak Refuge Mgr



IV. Approval of Agenda

Gayla Moved Travis 2nd Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

V. Reports

1) Boards, Taryn O'Connor

The Joint Boards will be calling for proposals on Board process, AC structure, uniform rules, AC manual etc. Expect proposal deadline to be May 1st.

Brief discussion if this call would be a place to request ADFG Subsistence to be restored as its own division? Likely under the purview of the commissioner.

2) BBNA

Cody Larson discussed the comprehensive subsistence survey for Dillingham. Joint effort with the City of Dillingham, ADFG Subsistence, UAF Bristol Bay Campus under the Polaris Project. 155 surveys conducted over 3 months in 2022. There was a brief summary of results - salmon the largest harvest, a high level of bird use from eggs to adults, restrictions to caribou harvest noted. Salmon harvest has shifted from kings to sockeye due to limited availability.

3) BBEDC

Gary Cline noted BBEDC may assist people to attend the Area M meeting.

VI. Public Comments

Chair asked for comment and noted public is welcome to comment as the AC works through the proposals. No comments at this point.

VII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

1) Address proposals for the BOF meeting February 20-25, Chignik and Area M salmon.

a) **NOTE:** These minutes only address Chignik, and Area M proposals chosen to be addressed by the committee. Minutes and comments deadline noted as Feb 3.

b) Chignik/AK Pen proposals were discussed before lunch. After lunch the AC discussed the draft stock of concern action plan for Nushagak King Salmon but could not complete the work during this meeting. The AC scheduled another meeting in early February to complete work on the action plan, king salmon proposals, and other statewide proposals. Minutes for this work will be submitted separately.

**X. Misc. Business**

- 1) Discuss approval of minutes for this meeting for ON Time submission to the BOF
Travis move Gayla 2nd for the secretary to write the minutes and submit to Chair to review, and to approve. The motion was to submit minutes only for Chignik / Area M.
Motion Carried unanimous consent.
- 2) Select representative to Chignik / Area M BOF meeting Feb 20-25.
Motion to send Travis Ball approved by unanimous consent.
- 3) Next AC meeting 9:00am, February 10, Dillingham City Council Chambers, with telecon.
 - a) Gayla noted Curyung Council meeting room may be available if City Chambers are not.

XI Adjourn 4:12 pm

Nushagak AC comments to selected Chignik and Area M proposals follow.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
<u>105</u>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		



OPPOSED	0	10	<p>Gayla move Tom 2nd</p> <p>ADFG introduced to make a single escapement goal for the Chignik sockeye run vs traditional 2 run management. Allocative criteria would be unchanged. Shifts fishing periods from June to July. No additional information offered when staff were asked the reasoning and scientific basis. Kodiak staff are awaiting reviews from Univ Washington FRI and ADFG in Juneau.</p> <p>A very extensive and vigorous discussion. Chignik AC member Kopun relayed their objections. Why the sudden change after 140 years? No peer reviewed science presented to stakeholders from ADFG. AC received information on very short notice. Chignik already has stocks of concern for king and sockeye - waiting 10 months for an Action plan while Bristol Bay had one in 5 weeks. Lowered escapement is very likely to disrupt June subsistence.</p> <p>BBNA Subsistence staff and AC members very concerned for the drastic changes, especially effects to subsistence; a 20K June goal vs 40k means fewer salmon are past the weir and available for subsistence before commercial fishing opens. (Chignik villages are part of BBNA). Chignik subsistence users voluntarily halted all take in recent seasons. Such a drastic change comes with very short notice and minimal information. Action Plans for king and sockeye won't be available for ACs to review before the Board meeting. It's hard for ACs to offer effective comments when Staff comments aren't available until the Board meeting.</p> <p>The Chignik Intertribal Coalition resolution was presented. Chignik AC and Lower Bristol Bay AC are unanimously opposed 105.</p> <p>Nushagak AC voted to unanimously support the CIC Resolution.</p>
122	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		
Opposed	0	10	Travis moved Tom 2nd to adopt 122 and 124.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
			WASSIP shows most of the catch in the district are Bristol Bay fish, up to 80% are Ugashik bound fish. This would be another intercept fishery. Why take 8 Bristol Bay fish just to take 2 fish for a small Cinder River "surplus"?
124	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
Opposed	0	10	SEE 122 122 & 124 were taken together.
125	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Opposed	0	10	Gayla moved Travis 2nd. 1/2 mile can be a very long way in commercial fishery. OPH should have never been opened in 2007, except for about 2,000 pounds one year OPH was closed from statehood.
126	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Support	10	0	Tom moved Travis 2nd. We should support our fellow ACs, Lower Bristol Bay knows what's best for the area. Some Nushagak residents' fish this area - set and drifters. The Nushagak AC supports terminal fisheries and management. See comments for 125.
128	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Support as amended	9	0	<p>Tom move Trav 2nd.</p> <p>Kings are a concern there too and shallower nets may help as kings often run deep. There have been king restrictions to sport fishery so minimizing commercial impacts could help.</p> <p>** Tom moved Todd 2nd to amend proposal to include: Regulations regarding mesh restrictions within Nelson Lagoon are to remain Status Quo</p> <p>"The intent is to keep nets used in Nelson Lagoon to a depth of 29 meshes from beginning of the season with no change to the regulations during the coho season." Amendment carries 9 to 0.</p> <p>It could help Bristol Bay kings if shallower nets were used outside of Nelson Lagoon.</p> <p>Nelson Lagoon AC submitted an Emergency Petition to keep the 29-mesh depth. Amending this proposal is likely a better avenue than a petition.</p>
132			Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.
Oppose	0	10	<p>Tom move, Trav 2nd Discussion of this proposal occurred during proposal 105. Please refer to comments for 105.</p> <p>Nushagak AC members and public share Chignik's concern that fishing the Area M SE District Mainland Plan could be triggered earlier by the reduced escapement goal in Chignik and is likely to be detrimental to all Chignik stakeholders.</p>



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2023 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
140			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.
Support	8	0	<p>Gayla moves Travis 2nd.</p> <p>ADFG introduced: Will reduce all gear types and fishing times and change the start date of commercial fishing in Area M. It is likely to reduce harvest of all species.</p> <p>This could help Nushagak chum and king escapements. Nushagak chums are so poor they might become another stock of concern for us.</p> <p>Nushagak River is the only Bristol Bay River with a chum goal - we don't know what's going on in our other rivers which may be as poor.</p> <p>Chum takes in South Peninsula has spiked far above 10 yr. average the last 2 seasons and needs to be reduced for Nushagak; and to help the Kuskokwim and Yukon people.</p> <p>Even the Kulukuk River with no commercial take was reported by a lodge to have very few chums.</p>

Adjourned: 4:12 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito
Date: 2/6/2023



Sand Point Advisory Committee

1/9/2023

Sand Point City Chambers

- I. Call to Order: 5:04pm by Patrick Brown
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present: John Foster, George Gundersen Sr., Patrick Brown, Emil Mobeck, Kiley Thompson
 - Members Absent (Excused): Benjamin Mobeck Sr.
 - Members Absent (Unexcused): N/A
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
 - List of User Groups Present: N/A
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Wadley, Matt Keys, Lisa Fox, Tyler Lawson, Charlie Russell, Taryn O'Connor-Briter, Will Middleton
- IV. Guests Present: Ernie Weiss (AEB Natural Resources Dept), Bill Barr, Jim Smith, Alvin Osterback, Andrea Woodson
- V. Approval of Agenda - Unanimous Consent - Ernie Weiss update at end
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Approved by George Gundersen
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report - Patrick Brown: Asking if any members of public may be interested in submitting nominations as there is lots of space left on the Advisory Committee.
 - b. ADF&G - Lisa Fox: Staff online. Data requests can be filled and staff can help with questions on proposals.
 - c. Others - N/A
- VIII. Public Comment - None for now, though welcome during proposal discussion
- IX. Old Business -



Election was discussed. Motion to renew terms by John F., 2nd by Kiley. Passes unanimously.

X. New Business

a. Proposal Discussions

- i. Proposal 98: Kiley Thompson moves to adopt, 2nd by John Foster, comments of general support by committee members. John calls question. Carries unanimously 5-0
- ii. Proposals 99-104: Kiley moves for no action, 2nd by George Gundersen. Carries Unanimously.
- iii. Proposal 105: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by Emil Mobeck. Discussion focused on Chignik harvest preference related to single-stock management. George calls question, proposal 105 carries 5-0.
- iv. Proposal 106: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Discussion focusses on the Departments opposition to proposal. John comments for SEDM, having them fishing early is better. Kiley calls question, Proposal 106 fails unanimously.
- v. Proposal 107: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Kiley says it was submitted by seiners association. Majority of fish caught in Western District and Perryville are westbound. Would allow a crack at Bristol Bay fish. Only guarantees 2 openers/month. Dept says they are neutral and if adopted would recommend changing "shall" to "may" to allow dept. flexibility. Kiley asks if what is caught in SEDM & Igvak allocation. Dept says yes, unless changed by the board. Kiley says the Dept. wants "may" incase of really bad Chignik year, normally fish don't get to fish western district early. Patrick Brown suggests supporting Dept. recommended language. Kiley agrees. Unanimous support to change "shall" to "may". Proposal 107 carries unanimously as amended.
- vi. Proposal 108: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Kiley moves to adopt proposal 108 & reference comments from proposal 107. 2nd by George. Dept says they oppose due to conservation concerns if run is weak in Chignik and could hamper the Depts ability to manage pink and chum stocks. Kiley says almost all effort for pink and chum salmon is in Western/Perryville Districts, and Kodiak wrote it somewhat similar to how they fish. Kiley calls question. Proposal 108 passes unanimously.
- vii. Proposal 109: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Dept. says they are opposed because it may lead to excess escapement. Kiley asks if they are fishing after September 15 in the lagoon for 2 days/week. Says its too much. John calls question. Proposal 109 fails unanimously.
- viii. Proposal 110: John moves to adopt, 2nd by Emil Mobeck. Dept says they are neutral, it is allocative. John asks how the proposal is allocative. Dept says it is historically an inside/outside fishery, so it is allocative within fishery, not between Chignik and SEDM. Kiley asks George if the intent



was to have them out of the lagoon all season, George said he wasn't sure. John thinks its too much to keep them out of the lagoon all year. Kiley suggest midpoint, and asks what the midpoint is. Dept. says its on a curve, 450,000 lower and 870,000 upper. George says he is willing amend with Johns help and submit RC. Kiley thinks making them wait until 450,000 is still too much, the dept needs to me able to react to a wall of fish. George asks about 300,000. Kiley asks about 150,000. Kiley suggest AC to take no action and asks proposer to gather comments and amend. Kiley says to pick a number, get everything moving, but don't keep them out indefinitely. Kiley moves no action, 2nd by John. Sand Point AC unanimously takes No Action on Proposal 110.

- ix. Proposal 111: Emil moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Kiley moves no action, 2nd by John. Sand Point AC unanimously takes No Action on Proposal 111.
- x. Proposal 112: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Kiley would support to protect Igvak & Karluk sockeye, but ok with no action. Kiley moves for no action, 2nd by Emil. Sand Point AC unanimously takes No Action on Proposal 112.
- xi. Proposal 113: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. No discussion. George calls question, 2nd by Emil. Proposal 113 fails 0-4 (Kiley was away from table)
- xii. Proposal 114: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Kiley calls question, 2nd by George. Proposal 114 fails 0-4 (John was away from table)
- xiii. Proposal 115: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Dept says this may result in significant loss in opportunity when local runs are poor. If Area M pink or chum high may allow fishing when stocks are poor, and it may be too late to protect a weak run of sockeye. Kiley asks if SEDM has to close for 36hrs after Aug. 1st. Dept says yes. Kiley asks if the dept. if they have comments on 48 hour closures in Western/Perryville. Dept. says they are opposed due to recused availability to manage fishing. Kiley asks if the Dept. would support doing away with 36 hour closures. Dept says its within the allocation plan, requires board action. Patrick asks Dept if there is effort in Western/Perryville. Dept says there is little but that could change with market. Patrick supports some issues in certain years not sure if it affects fish coming this way. Kiley calls question. Proposal 115 carries unanimously.
- xiv. Proposal 116: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Kiley moves to reference comments on Proposal 115, 2nd by George and Emily. Proposal 116 carries unanimously.
- xv. Proposal 117: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by Emil. Kiley moves to reference comments on 114, 2nd by John. Kiley calls question. Proposal 117 fails unanimously.



- xvi. Proposal 118: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Dept says they are concerned about Devil's Bay Subsection, would prefer it be based on sockeye escapement or pink and chum salmon abundance. Kiley says it is the absolute opposite of what we supported. Kiley calls question. Proposal 118 fails unanimously.
- xvii. Proposal 119: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Dept recommends deferral, needs significant direction with regard to Statewide trolling regulations. Kiley says Chignik to be stock of concern for chinook. Kiley calls question. Proposal 119 fails unanimously.
- xviii. Proposal 120: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Dept says it would institute windows and mandatory closures, would tie fishers to Nelson Lagoon (NLG) escapement, lost harvest and surplus would likely occur. Dept opposes. Kiley says it could be an effort to drag North Peninsula propositions around the consider. George calls question. Proposition 120 fails unanimously.
- xix. Proposal 121: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Patrick says this would give Dept. flexibility. Kiley calls question. Proposal 121 carries unanimously.
- xx. Proposal 122: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley will support, Cinder has large escapement and no directed fishery. Exceeded goal 19 of last 20 years. Kiley calls question. Proposal 122 carries unanimously.
- xxi. Proposal 123: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Dept is neutral on allocative proportions, supports harvesting opportunity. George calls question. Proposal 123 carries 4-0 (Kiley abstains due to gear conflict)
- xxii. Proposal 124: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Reference comments on Proposal 122. Kiley calls question. Proposal 123 carries unanimously.
- xxiii. Proposal 125: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley thinks straight line is better. Kiley calls question. Proposal 125 carries unanimously.
- xxiv. Proposal 126: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley opposes, too large of an expansion. Kiley calls question. Proposal 126 fails unanimously.
- xxv. Proposal 127: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. George says this will take away from NLG. Kiley agrees, right outside lagoon, we should oppose. George calls question. Proposal 127 fails unanimously.
- xxvi. Proposal 128: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley says there is lots of talk at Chignik AC meeting about doing this here too would cost drift 2 million and cost set netters too. Patrick thinks this is what used to be. Kiley doesn't think so. Patrick wants to know what is going on in NLG. George isn't sure if this will help drift, just moves closer to beach. George says super shallow area, fish still won't go under. Kiley calls question. Proposal 128 fails unanimously.
- xxvii. Proposal 129: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Patrick says would support in all sections. Kiley says he seines, knows what happens when



they can't see. John says dirty water, won't have same effect here. Dept gives background info saying they were used in Puget Sound, Kodiak, and Cook Inlet. John calls question. Proposal 129 carries 4-0 (Kiley abstains, not a gill netter)

- xxviii. Proposal 130: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Dept says guidance is needed from board if it should be managed on escapement. Kiley asks Jim Smith if this is changing Orzinski or only NW Stepovak. Jim Smith says Orzinski Bay only, 1st-25th. Not to exclude closure after July 25. Dept says the past season was open continually during allocation period. Kiley says proposal is already law, closure year before last was due to collapse in Chignik, recommended pulling prop so it doesn't used as vehicle for something else. Dept says with change in escapement goal they might be able to get more flexibility if board made minor changes to liberalize. Want it to be within upper range of goal. Kiley asked if the lower goal went down and suggests no action. Kiley calls question. Sand Point AC takes No Action on Proposal 112 5-0.
- xxix. Proposal 131: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George.. No discussion. Proposal 131 carries 5-0.
- xxx. Proposal 132: Emil moves to adopt, 2nd by Kiley. Dept recommends July 25 to be removed. Kiley says would remove closure days June 27 -July 8. Dept says biggest change us removing which has transition period. Kiley asks why is July 8 changed to July 10. Dept says because of genetics at weir and scale analysis. That fit best to describe early vs late run. 300/July 10 & 600/July 25 is how Chignik biologists would keep escapement spread throughout entirety of run. Would say July 10, but wouldn't need to close between June 27 and July 8. Kiley would still support removing harvest preference for Chignik go 300-600,000, not enough boats there to harvest it. Dept says around 30 last year, of 78. Kiley moves to amend 134 to remove Chignik harvest preference 300,000 by July 10 and 600,000 by July 25. 2nd by George. Proposal 132 carries 5-0 as amended.
- xxxi. Proposal 133: George moves to adopt, 2nd by Kiley. Kiley says in 2019 seiners pulled out of Pavlov to appease Chignik and there is no appeasing Chignik, Kiley opposes. George calls question. Proposal 133 fails 0-5.
- xxxii. Proposal 134: George moves to adopt, 2nd by Kiley. Kiley says there is no allocation plan and asks why this is allocative. Dept says June plan is mixed stock. Kiley points to WASSIP harvest rates, proposer is not clear which plan. Says Area M was at board 4 years in a row in the 2000s. Kiley calls question. Proposal 134 fails unanimously.
- xxxiii. Proposal 135: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. No discussion. Kiley calls question. Proposal 135 fails 0-5.
- xxxiv. Proposal 136: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Dept says that it is difficult to say if a chum cap would result in more return to AYK. Kiley says



- to self manage we need time and area, caps make bad decisions. Kiley calls question. Proposal 136 fails 0-5.
- xxxv. Proposal 137: Emil moves to adopt, 2nd by George. No Discussion. Kiley calls question. Proposal 137 fails 0-5.
- xxxvi. Proposal 138: George moves to adopt, 2nd by Emil. Kiley wants to reference Dept. comments, is curious why other areas release larger Chinook and Area M does not. Kiley calls question. Proposal 138 fails 0-5.
- xxxvii. Proposal 139: Emil moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley says in 2001-2003 management nearly bankrupt the entire region. Kiley calls question. Proposal 139 fails 0-5.
- xxxviii. Proposal 140: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. No discussion. Kiley calls question. Proposal 140 fails 0-5.
- xxxix. Proposal 141: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Dept is neutral but Dept can't differentiate on fish bound for AYK. Patrick says merits are sketchy. Kiley calls question. Proposal 141 fails 0-5.
- xl. Proposal 142: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John to put 132 on the floor. Dept is neutral. John and Dept. say that the Dept. can't open season for 1 gear group. Dept. says it would be board decision & Dept. would manage based off it, would prescribe schedule for set net. Kiley says it reduces June hours, and he's not a set netter. Jim says would like more time in July, not excited about losing June. Patrick says July usually seems like a good fishery. Kiley says proposals lose most of thunder when proposer pulls proposition at meeting. Patrick says pushback from other areas comes when openings are concurrent with seine. Kiley suggest no action, Jim can decide what to do in Committee of the Whole. John Agrees. Kiley calls question on no action, 2nd by Emil. Sand Point AC takes No Action on Proposal 142 5-0.
- xli. Proposal 143: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by John. Kiley says it punitive, we are the only ones with test fishing and set isn't catching immatures. Seine does everywhere in the state. Kiley calls question. Proposal 143 fails 0-5.
- xl. Proposal 144: Emil moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley says the intent is to have test fishery when the Dept. can't fly. Patrick adds when large forecast could provide opportunity, last summer 10 days or so with no surgery due to weather, and when they did fly they had already hit bottom end. Kiley calls question. Proposal 144 carries 5-0.
- xl. Proposal 145: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. No discussion. Kiley calls question. Proposal 145 carries 5-0.
- xli. Proposal 146: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley suggest no action, understands what proposer is trying to do but says this probably won't fly. Dept. says season could end in July, pinks. Kiley calls question. Sand Point AC takes No Action on Proposal 146 5-0.
- xli. Proposal 147: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by Emil. No discussion. Kiley calls question. Sand Point AC takes No Action on Proposal 147 5-0.



- xlvi. Proposal 148 & 149: Kiley moves to adopt proposals 148 & 149, 2nd by George. Dept. says would reduce fishing time by 50% if lower bound goal is not projected to be met. Yukon and Kuskokwim 149 proposes genetic program, board can't direct Dept to implement sampling program. Question called by Kiley for Proposals 148 and 149. Proposal 148 and 149 both fail 0-5.
- xlvi. Proposal 150: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley opposes. Kiley calls question. Proposal 150 fails 0-5.
- xlvi. Proposal 151: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Kiley doesn't want to shoot anyones proposition, will abstain. Emil calls question. Proposition 151 fails 0-3 (Kiley and George abstain, both unsure about intent)
- xlix. Proposal 152: Kiley moves to adopt, 2nd by George. Moves a little bit. Kiley calls question. Proposal 152 carries 5-0.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting - Taryn said there is funding to send one representative. Patrick Brown will represent and fly with state.
- XII. Set next meeting date - Not set yet, likely to occur week of Board of Fisheries meeting
- XIII. Other - Ernie Weiss Update: School District is look at hatchery and thinking about a marine biology class. Hatchery is owned by Borough. Mayor wants ACs opinion. AC offered support in any way they can.
- XIV. Adjourn: 9:27pm



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kiley Thompson
Minutes Approved By: George Gundersen
Date: 2/6/2023



Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G)
Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee

DRAFT Agenda

October 27, 2022 - 11:00am

Myles Gonongnan Aaron Panek Memorial Hall - Unalakleet, Alaska

to participate by teleconference dial:

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Jacob Ivanoff-Chair, Morris Nassuk-Vice Chair, Renae Ivanoff-Secretary
Wes Jones-Unalakleet; Gary Eckenweiler-Unalakleet
Matilda Hardy-Shaktoolik, Randy Takak-Shaktoolik
Johnny Richardson-Member; Leo Kobuk-St. Michael,
Kelsi Ivanoff-Unalakleet

1. Call to Order

Chair Morris Nassuk called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

2. Roll Call - 4 to make quorum

Present: Morris Nassuk (telephonic), Wes Jones, Renae Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy (telephonic)

a. Excused -

b. Unexcused - Gary Eckenweiler, Randy Takak, Leo Kobuk

3. Fish & Game Staff present - Kevin Clark, Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson, Georgie Phillips

4. Guests present - Fred Jay Ivanoff, Ron Pitka, Louisa Paniptchuk, Kelsi Ivanoff, Steve Ivanoff

5. Approval of Agenda

Wes Jones made a motion to approve to approve the agenda with ability to amend as needed, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. There was no opposition.

6. Election of Members

Johnny Richardson submitted a written nomination to fill an undesignated seat. Morris Nassuk (Koyuk), Wes Jones {Unalakleet}, and Matilda Hardy {Shaktoolik} were re-elected in their designated seats. Renae Ivanoff nominated Jacob Ivanoff to the vacant Unalakleet seat. Kelsi Ivanoff nominated herself to fill a fifth Unalakleet seat. All nominations were unanimously approved.

7. Election of officers

Chair - Jacob Ivanoff

Vice Chair - Morris Nassuk

Secretary- Renae Ivanoff

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Matilda Hardy to seat Jacob as Chair. Matilda Hardy moved to close nominations, no opposition. Matilda Hardy moved, seconded by Wes Jones to seat Morris Nassuk as Vice Chair. Wes Jones closed nominations. There was no opposition. Jacob Ivanoff moved, seconded by Kelsi to seat Renae Ivanoff as Secretary. Matilda Hardy closed nominations. There was no opposition. Wes Jones moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to approve the election of members. The question was called. There was no opposition.

8. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Wes Jones made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of February 20, 2020, as presented, seconded by Matilda Hardy. The question was called. There was no opposition.



9. Reports

a. Chairs Report

Jacob Ivanoff noted the 2020 winter and summer closure of the Norton Sound king crab in addition to Norton Sound related proposals that passed at the last Board of Fish (BOF) meeting cycle.

b. ADF&G

Kevin Clark gave an overview of three proposals (75 - sports fisheries, 77 and 78 - commercial fisheries) that will be presented at the BOF -Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim (AYK) Finfish for Norton Sound in addition to proposal 76 regarding the Kotzebue Commercial Fisheries.

Wes moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 78 with no action taken on proposals 75, 76, and 77 as these address areas outside of Southern Norton Sound. The question was called. There was no opposition.

There was a question regarding the deadlines for proposals and comments which lead to a subsequent discussion on proposal 140 which addresses the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan. Supporting proposal 140 could allow for the reduction of intercepted AYK bound salmon in the June fishery. Jacob Ivanoff added that a further, more in-depth discussion on proposal 140 should be advised before the BOF meeting after committee members have time to thoroughly look through and understand the proposal.

Wes moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 140. The question was called. There was no opposition.

A subsequent discussion on the opposition of proposal 167 took place as this proposal addresses in-season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. Wes expressed that this proposal would cause an extra burden and that a much better proposal can be crafted specifically for the region.

Wes made a motion to oppose proposal 167, seconded by Morris Nassuk. The question was called. There were no opposition.

Lastly, a short discussion was held on Board of Game proposal 188 regarding brown bear tag fee exemptions.

Morris Nassuk made a motion to support proposal 188, seconded by Matilda Hardy. The question was called. There was no opposition.

i. Spring 2023 Yearling capture - Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson

Sarah Germaine gave an overview of one of two possible surveys that will take place in the spring of 2023, a browse survey and/or a yearling capture study. She detailed the methodology of both surveys noting that the browse survey would be the preferred survey over the yearling capture study as it is less invasive. Fred Jay Ivanoff asked a question relating to the invasiveness of the study and Sarah Germaine explained that the calves would be under for 10 minutes where a reversal drug would be administered and within 1-2 minutes, the calves would be back to normal. A consensus was established that the browse survey would be the preferred method.



ii. **Moose survey 2021- Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson**

Sarah Germaine gave an update on the 2021 spring moose composition survey stating that the moose population was stable, noting 765 moose were observed and the ratio of bulls to cows were 122:100. This in turn increased the quota in unit 22A. Plans for future surveys near the Shaktoolik and Koyuk area will take place fall of 2023 and fall of 2024 for the Unalakleet area. Wes shared his concern with the high harvest rate continuously over the next several years comparing it to the 1980's when the moose population crashed. Morris Nassuk asked about the density map referring to the provided packet where Sarah Germaine explained that a neonatal project (in units 22C&D) was conducted where calves were collared and monitored. Results showed an 85% mortality rate within the first 5 months. In addition, Jacob Ivanoff and Morris Nassuk had general questions regarding the musk ox hunt. Sarah Germaine noted that a musk ox survey is scheduled for spring of 2024.

c. **Others**

There were no other reports.

10. **Public Comment**

Hunter and fishermen, Fred Jay Ivanoff, made two comments regarding subsistence hunts for musk ox and moose. First, for the destruction of musk ox horn: his suggestion was to allow subsistence users to keep the cut tip part of the horn for subsistence purposes instead of submitting entirety to the State. The second suggestion he made was having a minimum caliber restriction for moose hunting. A following discussion proceeded with a consensus in support of the two comments made. Topics within the discussion brought up concern regarding hunters in general using low caliber rifles, evidence of nonfatal wounds amongst moose harvested, often non-harvestable meat near and around the wound area and finding other solutions to minimize trophy hunts without the destruction of entire musk ox horn.

Alicia Carson asked if there was any way that ADF&G can help in relation to providing hunter education to the communities. Jacob Ivanoff and Wes Jones suggested that this course could be administered through the school that gears towards young hunters with the help of the committee members in Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, and Koyuk.

Steve Ivanoff gave a comment regarding the pink salmon commercial fishery, particularly opportunities for Stebbins and St. Michael community members to participate. Issues about past management were discussed and if this were to be proposed, who would be taking lead on such a proposal. In addition, he was also in support of having a minimum caliber restriction for moose hunting.

11. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

12. **New Business**

a. **Board of Game and Fisheries meeting Cycle/Schedule**

- i. November 29, 2022, Board of Fish - Bristol Bay Finfish, comment deadline November 14, 2022
- ii. January 14-18, 2023 **B o a r d** of Fish -Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish, comment deadline December 30, 2022
- iii. February 20-25, 2023, Board of Fish -Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish, comment deadline February 3, 2023



- iv. March 10-13, 2023, Board of Fish - Statewide finfish & supplemental issues, comment deadline February 23, 2023

Sarah Germaine gave insight to a potential commercial, non-resident moose hunt in unit 22. Jacob Ivanoff and Wes shared concern that this should be addressed as a community, resident discussion. In addition, Morris Nassuk shared that this would be a good economic resource for locals to obtain their commercial guide license but noted the difficulty in obtaining such license. It was recommended by Jacob Ivanoff to work with tribal entities to have such possibility. Sarah also recommended to come up with a backup or counter proposal in case that there is opportunity for a non-resident moose hunt. Jacob Ivanoff also brought up a point of extending the winter hunt dates in RM841 for additional moose harvest. Kelsi commented on potential tribal members to allow hunting during the federal hunt.

Lastly, Board of Game submission proposals dates were addressed for upcoming potential proposals discussed throughout the meeting.

13. Set the next meeting date

No set date, however, the next meeting is anticipated to take place spring 2023.

14. Other

Morris Nassuk requested to Board Support, Georgianna Phillips to advocate for in-person meetings for the future. Alicia Carson asked if there were any interest in the Department of Conservation being present in Unalakleet during the moose hunting season; there was a consensus amongst committee members agreeing that this was an appropriate time:

15. Adjournment

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Matilda Hardy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Approved minutes by Secretary, Renae Ivanoff and Advisory Member Wesley Jones.

Renae Ivanoff
Wesley W Jones



**Southern Norton Sound
January 27, 2023, 10:00am
Via Teleconference and Zoom
Call 1-877-853-5257
Enter Meeting ID: 827 7034 0034 & Passcode: 982752**

- I. **Call to Order:** Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.
- II. **Roll Call:** (6 Quorum)
Members Present: Jacob Ivanoff, Kelsi Ivanoff, Johnny Richardson, Gary Eckenweiler, Wes Jones, Morris Nassuk, Renae Ivanoff

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Matilda Hardy, Randy Takak, Leo Kobuk Jr.
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Brendan Scanlon, Shawna Karpovich, Alicia Carson, Kevin Clark, Carmen Daggert, Christopher Ta, Georgie Phillips
- IV. **Guests Present:** No other guests present.
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
Kelsi Ivanoff made a motion to approve the agenda with the ability to amend as needed, seconded by Morris Nassuk. There was no opposition.
- VI. **Approved Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 27, 2022**
Morris Nassuk made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of October 27, 2022, as presented, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler. The question was called. The motion passed.
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's report
Jacob Ivanoff did not have any current updates to report.
 - b. ADF&G
Kevin Clark gave two brief updates regarding salmon and crab. The 2023 salmon outlook is predicting to be comparable to 2022 with average pink runs for an odd year. He also noted that subsistence on the Pilgrim River will be closed until escapement is optimal. Lastly, Kevin gave an overview of the Crab Plan Team meeting stating that the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) has not been established yet; however, will likely be comparable to last year and is predicted to slightly increase from last year's GHL. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) is



scheduled to discuss the Norton Sound Red King Crab (NSRKC) on February 6; results from that meeting will be finalized by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) later that week. Lastly, the winter commercial season for crab starts February 1.

Brendan Scanlon gave a report on the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting that took place on January 14-18 noting that proposal 75, regarding seasons and bag, possessions, annual, and size limits for Arctic grayling was passed. In addition, for the upcoming BOF in February, there are three proposals relating to Norton Sound.

c. Others

No other updates.

VIII. **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

IX. **Old Business**

a. Musk Ox Horn proposal discussion and/or action

Wes Jones and Fred Jay Ivanoff have started preliminary measures to create a proposal to allow subsistence hunters to retain part of the musk ox horn for subsistence use. A draft proposal will be completed before the next meeting date.

b. Moose Hunt proposal discussion and/or action

A background summary was given by Wes Jones for establishing a minimum caliber for moose hunting in Units, 22A and 22B. A recommended minimum caliber of .270 was suggested. A draft proposal will be completed before the next meeting date. Lastly, incorporating hunter education in Unalakleet is still scheduled for spring 2023 which may also include other outlying villages.

c. Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish Proposals 98-152

Refer to Table below for discussions on the following proposals: 138, 139, 140, 142, and 147.

Brendan Scanlon provided a department stance for each proposal discussed.

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 138. The question was called. There was no opposition.

Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Wes Jones to support proposal 139. The question was called. There was no opposition.

During the meeting that occurred on October 27, 2022, Wes Jones moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 140. The question was called. There was no opposition.



Wes moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to oppose proposals 142 and 147. The question was called. There was no opposition.

Further discussion pertained to Chignik area not being a place of concern. Wes Jones advised that the advisory council should not be supportive of proposals that would expand fishing time in South Peninsula Fishery, especially during the June fishery and there was a consensus amongst committee members. Jacob Ivanoff suggested a future proposal regarding Area M to follow management strategy. As an advisory council there was a consensus to track yearly BOF updates while being proactive in writing proposals for management strategy.

X. New Business

a. Caribou

Morris Nassuk gave an update on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group meeting. There is on-going concern with the declining population. Morris noted calves are not to be harvested, non-resident hunts are no longer permitted, while federally qualified subsistence users are permitted to hunt on federal lands. There will be an upcoming Board of Game (BOG) proposal regarding harvest limits which includes an annual harvest limit of four caribou, of which totals three bulls and one female.

Georgie Phillips noted the call for proposals has not been released yet but is expected to be announced at the end of the month and the comment deadline is April 10, 2023.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Morris Nassuk moved, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler for Jacob Ivanoff and Wes Jones to attend the BOF meeting occurring February 20-25, 2023.

XII. Set next meeting date

There are four Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee (SNSAC) seats expiring June 2023. The next meeting date is set for April 5, 2023.

XIII. Other

Alicia Carson noted, if the SNSAC is concerned, to prepare a counteract proposal for a non-resident moose hunt that is likely to occur. She also confirmed that a moose survey will take place April 2023 following a browse survey. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

XIV. Adjourn

Morris Nassuk moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.



Minutes of January 27, 2023, approved by two concurring members on this 31st day of
January, 2023.

Debra Off
Wesley W. Jones



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik
February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
<u>138</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.		
	7	0	The presence of observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels at any level would give a better understanding of in-season harvest ratios, particularly, chum salmon. An observer program has the potential to provide a regulatory framework to present realistic data that is reflected in real time. With such data, managers can use the data collected to better monitor and manage a mixed stock fishery. To pursue further, implementing in-season genetic testing could identify stocks such as the Coastal Western Alaskan Chums (CWAK). These methods could mimic the Bering Sea pollock catcher vessels that are currently working to identify discrete chum salmon stocks through in-season genetic testing. An observer program onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels is more important, in lieu of genetic testing, however, will present and support together as one.
<u>139</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
	7	0	Supporting to restrict commercial salmon fishing time in the June Salmon Management Plan supports proposal 140 to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<u>140</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
	7	0	Regulatory measures highlighted in the State of Alaska Constitution and in state statute, including the policies in the Alaska Administrative Code have provided guidance establishing escapement goals to optimize sustainable yield. It also incorporates policy for the management of mixed stock fisheries. These policies outline the responsibilities for Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) managers and BOF to provide a general direction to meet and attain escapement goals including harvest for subsistence, and equitable sharing of resources by all users. Chum salmon bound for the eastern Bering Sea are in decline. The State of Alaska has not met the requirements in the Canada/Alaska treaty regarding salmon escapement. Though many variables are present and unknown in a mixed-stock fishery, it is apparent that more research and restrictions should be set in place to optimize sustainable yield. This could coincidentally be a significant factor in the decline of chum salmon bound for northern drainages. Reducing commercial salmon fishing time will in hindsight allow salmon passage to northern spawning grounds which includes the Coastal Western Alaska Chums (CWAK).
<u>142</u>	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.		
	0	7	Allowing more fishing time for set gillnet gear contradicts and does not support proposals 139 and 140 in restricting and reducing fishing efforts during the June Salmon Management Plan. The SNSAC unanimously opposed proposal 142.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<u>147</u>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.		
	0	7	Increasing commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear contradicts and does not support proposals 139 and 140 in restricting and reducing fishing efforts in the management area. The SNSAC unanimously opposed proposal 147.



Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference

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

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

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

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

Call to Order at 1:08pm by chairman

Roll Call & Quorum established– 5 of 8 members present

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

Others Attending -

Josh Peirce, Area Biologist

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

SHAC Members' Concerns

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

Approval of Agenda –

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

Results of Statewide Meeting –

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

Doug Carney –

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

Discussion & approvals of committee on the following proposals

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

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

Proposals considered for –

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



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

Other Business - None discussed

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<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>			
<u>134</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.		
Support	4	abstain	<p>Stony Holitna AC supports this proposal, but prefers the language used in Proposal #140 as it is more specific about how to achieve the goal of reducing the harvest of AYK bound salmon stocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Proposal #140 comments for specific reasons we see a need to reduce Area M June fishery's take of AYK bound salmon stocks. <p><i>One member abstained – did not have the knowledge to make an informed decision.</i></p>
<u>136</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
Oppose	0	5	<p>Unanimous opposition to this proposal by the Stony Holitna AC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although we definitely want to limit the number of chum taken in Area M, setting a cap is not the way to do this. Setting a firm cap on the number of chum caught before the fishery was closed could lead to fishers throwing away chum (chum chucking) to avoid reaching that cap and cutting short their fishing season for the other more desirable species, sockeye. Limiting time and place of fishing is much preferable to a hard cap to limit the number of chum caught in the June Area M fishery.



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<u>137</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	4	abstain	<p>Stony Holitna AC supports this proposal, but prefers the language use in Proposal #140 for its specifics on how to limit time and area of openings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Proposal #140 comments for specific reasons we see a need to reduce Area M June fishery's take of AYK bound salmon stocks. <p><i>One member abstained – did not have the knowledge to make an informed decision.</i></p>
<u>139</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	4	abstain	<p>Stony Holitna AC supports this proposal but prefers the language used in Proposal #140 as it is more specific about how to achieve the goal of reducing the harvest of AYK bound salmon stocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Proposal #140 comments for specific reasons we see a need to reduce Area M June fishery's take of AYK bound salmon stocks <p><i>One member abstained – did not have the knowledge to make an informed decision.</i></p>
<u>140</u>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Support	5	0	<p>Unanimous support for Proposal #140 by the Stony Holitna AC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are several proposals in this packet that address trying to reduce harvest of specific salmon species bound for the AYK rivers. This is the proposal our AC most prefers.• Subsistence is to have priority over commercial take of salmon. This should apply not just in river, but wherever those salmon travel that is within ADF&G jurisdiction.• The Kuskokwim has had poor chum returns in recent years and the past 2 years even with fishing restrictions we have not met escapement.• The Yukon has had even poorer chum returns with even more restrictions on their subsistence fishing.• This proposal goes back to the management plan that was in place in 2001-2003 to allow for recovery of chum numbers that had crashed back in the late 1990's.• We agree that this proposal's more restrictive openings, both in terms of time and place, are what is needed now to help our chum recover.• The AYK chum pass through this area as they return to their spawning rivers and are being caught in large numbers by the commercial fishers in this area.• Using WASSIP genetic data it has been shown that approximately 57% of the chum caught in Area M, the area this proposal addresses, are bound for the AYK rivers.• 2021 commercial chum harvest in Area M was a record 1.168,601 fish. This is in a year that neither the Yukon nor the Kuskokwim even made chum escapement with restrictions on subsistence fishing in place on both rivers.
AC NAME			



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<u>141</u>	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.		
No Action			Stony Holitna AC no longer had a quorum when we came to discuss this proposal. Those that were still present were unsure of how workable the solution of selective gear types would be for use in the commercial Area M fishery.
<u>148</u>	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.		
No Action			Stony Holitna AC no longer had a quorum when we reached this proposal for discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none">We did see this proposal as expressing important ideas for the need of ADF&G to change their management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula fishery so as to allow salmon needed for the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers to meet escapement and subsistence needs to get past Area M as they return from the Pacific to their spawning rivers.
<u>149</u>	Amend management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.		
No Action			Stony Holitna AC no longer had a quorum when we reached this proposal for discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none">We did see this proposal as expressing important ideas for the need of ADF&G to change their management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula fishery so as to allow salmon needed for the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers to meet escapement and subsistence needs to get past Area M as they return from the Pacific to their spawning riversThe need for a genetic testing program is a vital part of managing effectively to allow AYK stock to return to their spawning rivers.



Adjournment: 2:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: Barbara Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 11-14-22



Tanana Rampart Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

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

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

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

Members Absent (Excused):

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

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

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

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

Concerns/Comments of Public: none

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



New Business

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

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

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

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

Other committee business:

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

Adjourned at 2:44 pm

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



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

Minutes Recorded By: ADF&G

Minutes Approved By: Chair Stan Zuray (by email)

Date: 12/28/2022



**Togiak Advisory Committee
1/24/2023
Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order: [10:26am] by [Peter Lockuk]
 - II. Roll Call
 - Members Present: Ken Nukwak, Walter Kanulie, Mickey Sharp, Moses Kritz, Thomas Dock, Joe Alexie, Peter Lockuk, Kevin Lund, Jonah Lomack, Tessa Nickerson
 - Members Absent (Excused): Jimmy Coopchiak
 - Members Absent (Unexcused): Keith Fayer, Lester Moore, Roger Wassillie, Norman Gloko, Dan Nanalook
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
 - III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor -Brito (Boards), Tim Sands (Commercial Fisheries, Bristol Bay), Lee Borden (Sport Fish, Bristol Bay), Lisa Fox (Commercial Fisheries, South Pen), Tyler Lawson (Commercial Fisheries, South Pen), Matt Keyes (Commercial Fisheries, South Pen), Charles Russell (Commercial Fisheries North Pen), Will Middleton (Commercial Fisheries, North Pen), Carl Burnside (Commercial Fisheries, Chignik), Jeff Wadley (Commercial Fisheries Westward Region)
 - IV. Guests Present: Misa Webber (BB CTE Program), Sally Williams, Cody Larson (BBNA)
 - V. Approval of Agenda: M Kritz made a motion to approve the agenda, Thomas Dock made a motion to second, unanimously approved
 - VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: Peter L still having difficulty chairing due to hearing loss, would advise committee for replacement
 - b. ADF&G-Lisa Fox said lots of staff on line to answer questions about proposals or provide synopsis
 - c. Others-none
 - VII. Public Comment-none
 - VIII. New Business:
 - 1. BOF AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik Finfish Proposal
- Lisa Fox – any proposal you would like to discuss, we can read staff comments. We can read them when you ask us to.
- Thomas Dock – Taryn are there any related concerns for Togiak on this one? What did you see with these proposals.
- Taryn – I'm not in a position to tell you which proposals you should be concerned with. I can tell you which proposals other areas took up.
- Thomas – Can you give us an update from other AC's?
- Taryn – Which AC's would you like updates from?
- Taryn – Togiak AC wanted to schedule for a week after Nushagak AC meet in order to get to know which proposals they would be commenting on. They commented on 8 proposals. I could give a list.
- Thomas – Please do that.
- Taryn- -105,132,122, 124, 125,126,128,140.



Taryn – Other Bristol Bay AC's have met like Lower Bristol Bay, and Iliamna AC met. I have draft minutes if you are interested.

Taryn – Have AC members had the opportunity to look through these proposals?

Thomas – Proposal 105, is one I'm eyeing on, myself.

Taryn – Would you like to have staff read that proposal in? and explain it?

Time: 10:45 AM

Taryn – Through the Chair, I think the AC would like to have staff read Prop 105.

Carl Burnside – Reads Proposal 105...

Dialogue in Yupik...

Peter – Prop 105 reflecting the Nushagak AC – and their concerns. We can go along with the Nushagak AC's comments to make this proposal reflect the comments and intent from the Nushagak AC.

Taryn – Describes Nushagak AC comments to Chairman.

Thomas – Thank You, Taryn.

Taryn – Is proposal 105 something the AC would like to make a motion on, or move on to another proposal?

Peter – Togiak AC will be neutral on Proposal 105. We aren't going to make any statements at this time, until we hear what amendment the Nushagak advisory is recommending.

Taryn – This proposal wasn't amended by the Nushagak AC.

Togiak Teleconference on Mute...

Discussion in Yupik...

Taryn – There are AC member online that still need to be part of the conversation.

Thomas Dock – Taryn I have a question on these proposals? Are they new?

Taryn – They came out this fall and were written before April 10th. The book came out in September. The board will deliberate on Feb 20-25th. Comment deadline is Feb. 3rd.

Thomas – Thank you.

Peter – We can continue on.

Taryn – What is the next one to look at? Please don't mute the phone from the public and other AC members.

Peter – I believe that Chignik would not affect Togiak. I'm not sure if it's on the north or southside, but it's quite a ways out. I request we move on to other proposals that would affect Togiak.

Lisa Fox – Describes Area M area. Charlie Russel manages the Northern District.

Peter – Discusses Area M distance. Intercept concerns.

Lisa Fox – Subsistence proposal 98. And Six sportfish proposals and 15 Chignik Area Proposals 105-119. Ten proposals for North Alaska Peninsula. 120-129. 18 proposals for South Alaska Peninsula Areas. Proposals 130-152.

Walter – Chignik Area is on other side of the peninsula. On the Pacific side, so I don't know if we should comment. It's like... way down there.

Tessa Nickerson – As I was listening in, are we just commenting on these proposals? I don't know why we should be commenting on these proposals.

Taryn - The last Togiak AC meeting, AC said that they wanted to meet again to discuss these proposals. The main reason has to do with the fact that parts of Area M fishery is a mixed stock fishery.

Mickey Sharp – I was at the last meeting and recalled how the guys were ball-hogging that area, and intercepting some of the areas that were really hurting. Jimmy was there and explained how much Bristol Bay fish are coming this way. Something about the line from Ugashik to Togiak. I'd like to see those guys back off. They're mostly outsiders and want it to be for Alaskans.

Cody Larson – Suggest staff comments on Prop. 128



Kenneth – The Area M is intercepting the fish. I haven't read the proposals, and I apologize. I've been busy.

Walter – Looking at what Mr. Larson mentioned on Prop. 128. And the proposer is from the Nelson Lagoon Area. This would lessen the mesh to 70 meshes deep. It really effect Nelson Lagoon. It looks like she wants to reduce the depth. It effected the Nelson Lagoon Area.

Charles Russel – I manage Northern District. The prop. Would change from 145 meshes to 70 meshes. I can answer questions. – There are 10 proposals on Northern District area. Let me know if you'd like to hear about them.

Kenneth – The last Nush AC meeting had lengthy discussions on this. They will meet again mid-February. We have to be cautious on setting them aside. Lengthy discussions have to be done. They had a 7 hour meeting on these.

Walter – You know that gentlemen, would he mind on Prop. 129, and allowing the use of Monofilament. Up here, it eventually comes off of our gear. If the state allows monofilament web down there, we could consider it up here.

Charles Russel – Prop. 129 would allow Mono in the set gillnet, not the Drifters. Where they had some difficulties with algae build up on their net.

Chair – Maybe would could propose it up here also.

Peter – Question on Area M, why they say they open like I June. They are already intercepting salmon going around the Aleutian point. We normally start June 25. We don't catch much until that later time. I was just asked if there would be a way to get the dates back, or how. The point is, that how soon do they open up that area? Is it in the first part of June, or latter?

Lisa Fox – I believe the June fishery on the South Peninsula is what your talking about? June fishery is mixed-stock and start on June 6th for Set Gillnet only. Then June 10th for 88 hours, June 15th for 88, June 20, and June 25th for 88 hours. These are in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Management plan. There are many proposals related to the June plan. Some to increase, some to decrease. Those are the in the June Management plan.

Kenneth – I understand proposal 128, and what it's referring to. The proposals wants to reduce the depth of mesh, where the other fish can go underneath the net to escape. That's how I understand it. It here says that the 70 mesh explains that it is dragging the bottom. It's going to float higher and let some escape. We all understand that fish come through Area M.

Walter – It mentions 100 miles of deep net. That's a lot of miles.

Mickey – If it's going to stay open, let them start fishing in July. Be fair, don't be on their side.

Peter – 128, 129. Back and forth on those two.

Kenneth – I haven't read 129, but 128 Tessa Nickerson sent it to me.

Tessa – I'll send it Kenneth.

Kenneth –Where is Nelson Lagoon River located, where there is a fleet of 31? Did I say it right that Bristol Bay fish go through there?

Taryn – This is a question for fish and game staff, correct?

Kenneth where are they located at?

Charlse Russell – Describes Nelson Lagoon location.

Kenneth – and Bristol Bay fish? Am I understanding this correctly?

Charlese Russell – In the northern District, there are 6 sockeye producers. It's the southern most system. Drains into Nelson Lagoon. 28-30 set netters, and mostly Nelson Lagoon fish being caught in that fishery. It's a pretty clean fishery.

Kenneth – Do their fish escape the same route? Our fish don't go through Port Moller. Most of us understand that.

Charles – WASSIP study suggests that Nelson Lagoon fish are caught in neighboring sections. Caribou Flats has been closed since the 1980's. Some fish come from the North also.



Kenneth – I'll use my other tongue. Speaks in Yupik...

AC continues discussion in Yupik...

Kenneth – I agree with you Thomas. If we went with this 128. We would help these 31 set netters and help ourselves out too. 70 meshes is pretty deep. 45 mesh would allow some to escape. The only ones affected would be the ones with the deep nets, but we have to have something on our table.

Thomas Dock – Discusses Walter's discussion on monofilament. This would make it fair for both Set and Drift Gillnetters. Make it fair for all.

Tessa – Can we make a motion to support Proposal 128? I make a motion to support Proposal 128.

Kenneth – Seconds motion.

Chair – Comments? Question called. Calls for vote.

Unanimous Support Prop 128.

Walter – Could I ask Mr. Nelson about Proposal 140? Concern about the Kuskokwim/Yukon? Has to do with dates for fishing down there? Mr. Nelson

Taryn – I'm not sure who Mr. Nelson is. Is this question for Kodiak Staff?

Walter – I assumed that 128 was approved and over.

Taryn – Are you looking for staff?

Walter – They probably go along our area too, if they go up the Yukon area. I skimmed through some of it. They need help with this one. Anything that conserves for that area probably conserves for us too.

Taryn – We need to not mute the conference room phone. There are online members needing to be part of the discussion.

Peter – They have a seine fishery down there, and in Item F, and June 24th if the ratio of salmon is 2 to 1, or less for chum, the fishing period for seine and drift shall be 6 hours duration. There's 2 other ratio items being discussed on this one. The minimum was saying 16 hours. This is my own comment. I think it's too long of an opener. They're already catching lots when seining. That's my comment on this one. I believe the interception is too large for the chum salmon stock running up to the Yukon Kuskokwim area. They're being intercepted there.

Walter – Cody Larson said the chum run was reduced over there. I noticed here too that we haven't gotten a lot of chums in the past 2 or 3 years. I've noticed in the catch. Even though sometimes there's a large chum run, and it seems like one goes up. Sometimes both do. Red escapement is being met up the lake. That's good, but apparently people from Fairbanks have noticed what's going on. We've heard a lot of concerns from the Kuskokwim Area. I think it would be a good idea to go along with the Nushagak AC and approve this proposal.

Thomas – It's quite concerning of the wording, definitely in the seine and gillnet fishery. Maybe that seine fishery opener should be reduced quite a bit. I did notice on the Chum runs in Togiak Bay that their pretty low. There's hardly any. They do much upwards, and I feel for those Yukon fishermen relying on the Chums. The wording on the Seine opener should be reduced. There's a big difference between seine netting and gillnetting.

Walter – These wordings from wherever it starts. It's from the Fairbanks AC committee. I'm sure they did their research on their numbers and this is what they wrote. I don't have any idea on how much the seiners and drifters catch, but this is from the Fairbanks AC committee.

Peter – Going to be going back to this proposal, but at this time, I'd like to break for lunch. Come back at 1PM.

Thomas – Let me read this quickly first. Reads proposal 140...

Break for lunch.

Reconvene at 1:10

Peter Lockuk



At council office:

Joe Alexie

Thomas Dock

Kevin Lund

Moses is coming

Online:

Walter Kanulie

Mickey Sharp

Kenneth Nukwak

Jonah Lomack

Discussion in Yupik...

Walter – short translation on what the Fairbanks AC is trying to do on this proposal. I mentioned 3 other proposals from Bethel area and another by Tanana Chiefs Conference. Tried to translate my understanding of proposal 140.

Kodiak staff is available to answer questions.

Walter – These are all the submitted proposals on the peninsula?

Gayla Hoseth – Nushagak AC Member/BBNA joined the meeting, and available for questions. Kodiak staff is on the phone, and the staff could go through the proposal and staff comments on the proposal. It may be helpful for the AC.

Tyler Lawson – Cold Bay Biologist. Reads Proposal 140...

Walter – Discusses concerns about Yukon Salmon and Kuskokwim problems. I would support Prop. 140 because of the conservation problems in those areas. Togiak is experiencing chum problems and quite a few chum are caught on the south peninsula. Do we support the Fish and Game in not wanting to put this forward, because of the issues that we're dealing with currently?

Gayla – Mr. Chair, I may be able to help out. Thank You, if I can weigh in, and if Taryn has the other AC actions. Gayla describes Chum and Chinook on Nushagak. Discusses Chum escapement not reaching escapement goals. It may be helpful to understand.

Kenneth – I've been recording my subsistence fishing times since 2014. I haven't fished for King Salmon at protection point since 2014, because I haven't caught king salmon. 2014 on June 13th at Lewis point and June 10 206, 2017, June 15th at Snake River 2019 June 19, Snake River. June 19, 2021, June 15th was the first Kings into Wood River, but the last King Salmon I caught was 2021. I stopped fishing for King Salmon because of concerns for Dillingham. I love king Strips, but the past 2 years, I've been eating old salmon strips that my family made.

Moses – I'm not too sure why ADF&G is neutral on the proposal, because we're seeing King Salmon especially sooner or later it will be the Chum salmon. They are concerned of Stock of Concern, and I think it's wrong for Fish and Game to stand neutral on this. Maybe ADF&G is not really looking at it. It seems like every year, there is fewer and fewer chums. If we don't do anything, all of the rivers from Western Alaska might be looking pretty good right now, but we're all going to be looking at SOC's left and right. We really need to focus on the stocks from Kings, Chums to Reds, numbers-wise. Currently, the numbers are looking really healthy at this time and it's not good. Where do the scientists go to school to?

Gayla – Moses, those are things that we've been hearing as well across the state and at Nushagak AC.

Moses – Do we need a motion to adopt 140 currently?

Peter – Yep, I believe so. We might have to do it with a motion, unless there...

Thomas Dock – Question for the management group in regard to 140. What's the average opener in that area right now?



Lisa – for June, there's a schedule in regulations for hours. The first opener is for set gear only on June 6th for 64 Hours. The set gillnet fleet doesn't catch a lot. June 10th, it opens for all gear for 88 hrs. Again on June 15, and June 20, and June 25th for 88 Hours each. For all gear types in the last 4. There are 32 hours of closure between those openers, where there's no gear in the water at all, so a windowed fishery.

Thomas- - The emergency opener as stated on the proposal 140 (e). Can you clarify the emergency opener?

Lisa -On Proposal 140 (e), so it's trying to get the management plan back to the 2001 to 2003 management plan. That's different than the current management plan. On the proposal it's trying to back to the June 2001-2003 plan, only 16hrs per day only 70 hrs in 7 days, only. This plan is slightly different it was 4th of June this one looks to apply it to the whole month of June. The old one had sockeye to chum ratio's up to July 24th.

Thomas – Okay, Thank you. What dictates criteria for emergency escapement?

Lisa – Explains Emergency Orders. If it is in regulation, it is telling the Manager to open the fishery in the way that the plan states. It's not an emergency, but it's an action outside of the management plan.

Thomas – poor runs explanation

Lisa June fishery is mixed-stock and has opening and closing based on the Board of Fish allocation. Most of it is based on historical harvest levels, since the fishery has been occurring since the early 1900's.

Thomas – looking for clarity why the Dept. is neutral on this.

Moses – Talking about justification on the fishery, especially if it is intercept, it's not really justifiable. Any numbers you throw at me, and openers, it's not justifiable. You'll kill our rivers. The Yukon are not getting there salmon. I don't believe your justification on the lower portion of the peninsula. Especially ADF&G telling us that they are neutral on this proposal. I make a motion to adopt Proposal 140.

Thomas – Second.

Kenneth – Question.

Chair take call

Proposal supported unanimously.

Kenneth – I must leave for another meeting for an hour.

Taryn – Jonah is online with Kenneth's phone. We'll need to patch him back into the meeting.

Taryn – Okay Peter we have Jonah online

Chair – Proposal 141.

Kodiak staff – Lisa Fox reads proposal 141...

Chair – ADFG question – they allow seining salmon. Percentage records, which type of salmon are being caught?

Lisa – We have the records by gear type and area in our annual management report. I can look up those numbers.

Chair – When you seining, you can't tell which fish are caught in the seine. It could be chums or Kings bound for Yukon. That's my comment.

Walter – translates Nushagak agenda and proposals in Yupik...

Moses: Is that true Taryn?

Taryn – I need translation...

Moses – did the Nushagak AC take up Prop 141?

Taryn – No they didn't take up 141. There was one comment from the AC that they should only focus on 140 for south pen proposals.

Moses – I believe that Prop 141 is covered by 140.



Chair – Comments or questions?

Walter – what other proposals did they take up?

Taryn – 140 is the only proposal that they took up for south pen.

Walter – Okay, and the rest is up to BOF.

Chair – We already made a motion to adopt 140. So, there's not much for 141. Should we continue on with the others?

Walter – If we are done with 140, can we move on to the statewide finfish?

Chair – We'll continue on, move on. The rest of the proposals are of the eastside peninsula. It doesn't make sense.

Discussion on relevance of remaining proposals...

Moses – Taryn, how much more should we cover on the proposals?

Taryn – I can't tell you guys what proposals you should be taking up.

Peter – comment or correction as need be?

Taryn – Sorry, Nushagak didn't take up 120. I may have misspoken?

Peter – Which proposals did they take up?

Taryn – For North Pen they took up 122,124,125,126,128. Note that Gayla Hoseth had to sign off and go to another meeting.

Peter – What did the Nushagak AC do with Proposal 122?

Taryn – Reads Nushagak actions...

Thomas – A motion that we do not want Prop 122.

Chair – Motion to adopt.

Thomas – I'd like to take back my proposal, and not support.

Moses – Seconded

Chair – describes motion

Taryn explains procedures and BOF requests on motions... better to be affirmative. Less confusion.

Moses – I think there's a confusion. Thomas' motion to adopt 122. We discussed it amongst ourselves. Peter is in favor on that motion. We can vote nay on the proposal.

Taryn – I agree. I heard the motion, and then discussion that made me think the motion was not correct. I didn't understand Togiak's discussion.

Moses – Thomas' motion should have been to adopt the proposal. Well, the intent was to vote no on the proposal.

Walter – Question

Chair – We're back after discussion. Question is on the floor for proposal 122.

Walter – Just like Cinder River and down that way. It seems like the others, I know we're supposed to stick to 122, but the others are on the same area. Mostly it's cinder river and nelson lagoon area. I know we talked about 128. That's the 70 meshes.

Point of Order. We're working on motion to adopt 122. It was seconded, and the question is called for. We're ready to vote on 122.

Chair – Questions has been called for. All those of favor signify by aye – Opposed, same sign.

All opposed to 122. Motion carries to oppose 122.

Chair – Moving on to 124.

Charles Russell – Proposal 122 and 124 are pretty much the same. They will likely bring them forward together.

Kodiak Staff – reads Proposal 125...

Discussion in Yupik...

Thomas – Move to Adopt 125

Moses – Seconded



Chair calls vote:

Unanimously opposed Prop 125

Clarification on process...

Moses: Moving on to 126.

Charles Russell – Reads Proposal 126...

Moses – So this proposal will reduce fishing time in what areas?

Charles Russell – Wouldn't reduce fishing time but would reduce Area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.

Moses – What did the Nushagak AC do on this proposal?

Taryn – The Nushagak AC supported this proposal 10 to zero.

Discussion in Yupik...

Moses – I move to support proposal 126.

Thomas Dock – Seconded

Chair calls question: Proposal 126 supported unanimously. Motion carries.

Chair – Can ADFG read 128?

Charles Russell – Reads Proposal 128. The current regulation was 1991. Prior to that there was no mesh depth restriction.

Moses – Moves to support Proposal 128.

Thomas – Seconded

Walter – Translates in Yupik.

IX. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Discuss approval of minutes for submission to Board of Fisheries

Minutes approval for submission to AK Peninsula and BOF. Moses K. made a motion to have Walter K and Peter L to work on minutes, Peter to approve. Seconded by Thomas D. motion carried 8-0.

- b. Select representative for AK Pen Finfish meeting

Taryn-Funding available to send a member, meeting dates February 20-25, if no flights on Sunday could travel February 18th -27th.

Peter-Discussion needed AC will let Taryn know in couple days.

- X. Set next meeting date: Call of chair

- XI. Other: Taryn needs member forms from last election, received Jonah L.

- XII. Adjourn: Motion by Moses K, second by Joe A-2:45pm



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122	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to adopt by Thomas D, 2 nd by Moses K Discussion: AC wishes to oppose unanimously 8 present (Tessa and Kenneth offline)
124	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
N/A			Discussion: No action due to action on 122
125	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Opposed	0	8	Motion to adopt by Thomas D, 2 nd by Moses K Unanimous opposed 8 present (Tessa and Kenneth off line)
126	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Support	8	0	Motion to adopt by Moses K, 2 nd by Thomas D. Discussion: Would reduce fishing area. Unanimous support 8 present (Tessa and Kenneth off line)
128	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		
Support	10	0	Motion to support by Tessa N, 2 nd by Kenneth N. Discussion: 70 mesh is pretty deep. A reduction to 28 may help with not dragging on the bottom. Unanimous support
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		



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Support	9	0	Motion to adopt by Moses K, 2 nd by Thomas D. Discussion: There are other similar proposals. Nushagak AC supported this proposal by Fairbanks AC. Opinion stated that it is wrong for ADF&G to be neutral on this proposal. Intercept fishery on chums not justifiable with the situation faced by subsistence users on the Yukon. Opinion stated that 16 hours may even be too long for sein. Unanimous support 9 members present (Tessa offline)

Adjournment: 2:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: ____Walter Kanulie____

Minutes Approved By: __Peter Lockuk____

Date: ____01/30/2023____



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January 27th, 2023 at 4:00 pm
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Prior to meeting was called to order, nominations were called for to fill vacant and expired community designated seats as follows:

Fort Yukon: Walter Peter & Michael Peter; uncontested

Circle: Amanda Pope; uncontested

Beaver: Rhonda Pitka & Sly Blackbird; uncontested

Newly elected and re-elected members were seated effective immediately.

- I. Call to Order: 4:20 pm by Walter Peter [acting chair]
- II. Members present: Amanda Pope, Walter Peter, Michael Peter, Sly Blackbird, Rhonda Pitka (Rhonda left at 5:11 pm; a quorum remained)

Members absent: Jerrald John, Faith Gemmill, Charles E. John
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Fish and Game Staff present: Mark Nelson (Wildlife Conservation), Deena Jallen (Comm. Fisheries), Sam Decker (Comm. Fisheries), Shane Ransbury (Comm. Fisheries), Lisa Stuby (Sport Fisheries), Kyle Campbell (Boards Support)
- IV. Guests present: Ben Stevens, Joe Matesi, Jim Simon, Mark Bertram (Fish & Wildlife Service), Brendan [REDACTED] (Fish & Wildlife Service)
- V. Concerns/comments of Public:
- VI. Concerns/comments of AC members:
Walter Peter spoke about remembering and honoring the members of this committee that have passed away in recent years.
Amanda Pope and Rhonda Pitka thanked Walter for speaking in recognition of the members who had passed.
- VII. Approval of the agenda: motion by Amanda, 2nd by [REDACTED]; unanimous



VIII. Fish & Game Reports and Updates

- a. Deena Jallen (Comm. Fish) provided summary of 2022 Yukon Summer Season
- b. Shane Ransbury (Comm. Fish) provided summary of 2022 Yukon Fall Season
- c. Denna Jallen provided summary of 2023 Board of Fisheries Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Meeting and the proposals that were adopted.
- d. Mark Nelson (Wildlife Conservation) introduced himself as the new area biologist for the northeast arctic region and shared his contact information:
mark.nelson@alaska.gov (907) 459-7259
- e. Mark Bertram (Fish & Wildlife Service) answered AC questions about moose management

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business:

- a. Elections for vacant and expired seats as determined by the committee (see above; took place prior to meeting called to order).
- b. Officer elections:
Walter Peter elected as Chair
Amanda Pope elected as Vice Chair
Ben Stevens elected as Secretary (temporarily)
- c. National Park Service Proposal (RIN 1024-AE70) to amend hunting and trapping regulations in National Preserves in Alaska (more information available here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/09/2023-00142/alaska-hunting-and-trapping-in-national-preserves>)

Amanda spoke about the impact the proposed rule change would have and asked the AC to support a motion to submit comments in opposition to NPS proposal RIN 1024-AE70. Members wanted more time to review the issue and better understand the NPS proposal. Jim Simon provided information about the proposal, and Kyle Campbell offered to help with formatting and submission of comments from the Advisory Committee, and that he would invite Marcy Okada from NPS to attend the next meeting to provide further input to the committee.

- d. Board of Fisheries Proposals for the Alaska Peninsula Region

Motion to Support Proposal 140 by Amanda and seconded by
Motion carried 4-0; SUPPORT.



e. Board of Game Call for Proposal for the Interior Region 2023-2024:

Amanda said she has 10 or 11 ideas for proposals she would like the AC to consider submitting before the May 1st, 2023 deadline. She described one proposal she would like the AC to put forward that would require hunters cut caribou antlers in half when harvesting from the Fortymile herd. Walter and Michael said they would support that. Amanda said she will work on getting the ideas for proposals she has written up and shared with the committee for review and discussion at the next AC meeting this winter. Mark Nelson and Kyle Campbell offered to help Amanda with the language and formatting for proposals.

f. Other fisheries and wildlife business as needed

Walter asked that Kyle continue to work with village councils in Arctic Village, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Stevens Village, and Birch Creek to fill vacant seats by the end of March, 2023 and suggested April 10th, 2023 as the next meeting for the Middle Yukon AC, preferably face-to-face.

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn at 6:57 pm

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SUPPORT	4	0	

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