

Sand Point Advisory Committee Meeting – February 23, 2023

Call to Order: 5:49 PM

Members Present: Emil Mobeck, Ben Mobeck, George Gundersen, John Foster, Patrick Brown

Members Absent (excused): Kylie Thompson

Members needed for quorum: 4

New Business**Proposal 140 - RC 104 – Discussion**

- Support Area M Seiners Association Adaptive Management Strategy
- This is the best alternative we have currently to ensure that chum catches in June are low, and that Area M fishermen are still able to make a living.
- We support the Seiners' effort in 2022 to find a solution to high chum catches experienced in 2021.
- We realized that CWAK stocks were low and we listened when AYK residents began publishing Op-Ed pieces in the Alaska Daily News, or adn.com, as well as other sources. They knew that conservation would be an issue, especially with environmental conditions changing and negatively affecting river conditions.
- Despite recent scientific data that shows the CWAK chums are significantly lower with respect to Harvest Rate in Area M, we still empathize with our neighbors and want to help reduce chum catches as much as possible in the month of June. However, we still rely heavily on harvest of sockeye salmon that are present and abundant in our fishery. We still need a livelihood too.

Conclusion: Proposal 140 is too restrictive and will bankrupt our region. We are willing to compromise but not at the cost of our livelihood.

Voted to Support RC 104: 4-0 (John and Kylie absent)

Proposal 110 - RC 70 – Discussion

Substitute language submitted by George Gundersen contained in RC 70.

- Chignik is having conservation issues in their river system and harvest within the terminus is directly contrasting to being conservative. Early run fish need to have a chance to escape in order to propagate the future generations.
- We want to help Chignik and see regrowth of the run, but they need to help themselves as well if this is going to happen.

Voted to Support RC 70: 5-0 (Kylie absent)

Proposal 132 - Seeking to rewrite the CMA management plan to reflect ADF&G's potential changes to management plan. – Discussion

- Eliminate first and second run language, reduce harvest guarantee to 200,000 before we can fish.
- Rationale: Less permits fishing, harder to reach trigger which allows allocative fishing time.
- We still can't fish if the harvestable surplus is projected to be below 600,000.
- Lack of fishing time for set net fleet in traditional fishing areas (SEDM).
- We would rather have concurrent fishing time irrespective of allocation.

Conclusion: Will submit RC 159 with language to reflect changes we wish to see.

Voted to support RC 159 (number pending) : 5-0

Recess at 6:53 until 5:30P, 2/24/23, move meeting site to Denaina Center, Kahtnu Room 1

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