

King Cove Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
King Cove Harbor House

Call to Order

Grant Newton called meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Roll

Members present: Grant Newton

Ken Mack

Gary Mack

Herman Samuelson

Bill Sager (telephonically)

Warren Wilson “

Alvin Newman “

Absent: Corey Wilson

Henry Mack

Harbor Master and community members as well as Ernie Weiss AEB.

Business: Review Proposals

The AC committee mostly supported the ADF&G staff when housekeeping the regulations, boundary lines, subsistence opportunities.

Prop #98 support-increase access for subsistence

Prop #99-102 No/action-Sport Fish

Prop #103 Oppose-There is not a conservation concern for the stocks in Cold Bay

Prop #104 N/A

The health of the Chignik salmon and environment is important to Area M as it often effects our own season opening and is a hardship for those fishers and communities. We support more opportunity for harvest when done in a manner that is not detrimental to the overall stock of concern.

Prop #105 Support-housekeeping

Prop #106 Oppose

Prop #107/108 Support-more fishing opportunity

Prop #109 Oppose-fishing closer to Chignik with no escapement goals

Prop #110-116 N/A

Prop #117-119 Oppose-westward migration of area m stocks in August

North Pen fishery is of vital importance to the drift gilnet fleet of Area M. Often it contributes more than 70% of the salmon season catch. It has several rivers that are managed individually, allowing the opportunity to spread the fleet out and not impact any individual system adversely.

Prop #120 Oppose-limits ADF&G ability to manage other river districts by their escape

Prop #121/122 Support-Align early openings/ability to harvest stocks that over escape

Prop #123 Oppose

Prop #124 Support-this would help stop over escape in Cinder River.

Prop #125 Support-would help north line fishery with perpendicular to beach line

Prop #126 Oppose-would cause shallow water hazard to fleet with no gain to stocks

Prop #127 N/A

Prop #128 Oppose-too costly to change gear specs/70 mesh limit since 1991

Prop #129 Oppose

The King Cove AC committee is unfamiliar with the SEDM fishery.
Prop #130/131/132-N/A

The South Peninsula June fishery has been our communities mainstay for well over a century. This has been our doorstep river of fish made up of mixed stocks from all over the North Pacific and Bering Sea. WASSIP has shown our impact to individual stocks is negligible. We have had to defend the baseless accusations of it's negative impacts to fisheries elsewhere in Alaska for decades. We have had run failures and miss fishing time battling the most severe weather of any fishery. We are regulated as heavily as other state fisheries by gear and fishing days. We are not in favor of any reduced fishing time because there is no evidence of any stocks that we harvest being noticeably impacted.

Prop #133-141-Oppose-all seek to reduce fishing opportunity in June South Pen
Prop #142 N/A

South Pen Post-June

Prop #143 Oppose-Setnets don't target immature salmon or fish small enough web

Prop #144-146 N/A

Prop #145 Oppose

South Pen

Prop #148/149 Oppose-reduces fishing time with no evidence of noticeably improving stock management in other areas

South Pen Gear/districts

Prop #150 Oppose

Prop #151 Oppose-Seine web lead is for near shore safety and efficiency

Prop #152 Support-Conservation of stock

Prop #154 Oppose-Drum seines are not for Alaska

Prop #161 Support-This will help marketing for ground fish

Adjournment

Gary Mack moved to adjourn, Ken Mack second. Meeting adjourned 11:00 AM