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**Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
For Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery in Anchorage**

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:11 pm.

2. Establish a Quorum: completed by Chair.

Members Present:

1. Neil DeWitt
2. Joel Doner
3. Ernie Weiss
4. Phillip Calhoun
5. Georgeanna Heaverley
6. Kevin Taylor
7. Scott Crowther
8. Matt Moore
9. Ed Horton
10. Rick Rodgers

Members Absent Excused:

1. Martin Weiser
2. Bryce Eckroth
3. Willow Hetrick
4. J.R. Gates
5. Lynette Hinz

Members Absent Unexcused:

1. Jim Nabulsi

3. List of User groups present: None

4. Introduce Fish and Game staff present:

1. Fari Fernandez, Board Support
2. Luke Rogers, Assistant Wildlife Biologist, Wood Bison Restoration Project

5. Public present: none

6. Approve the Agenda: Neil DeWitt moved, Matt Moore seconded, carried unanimously.

7. Approve Minutes of January meeting: Neil DeWitt moved, Matt Moore seconded, carried unanimously.

8. Public testimony: none

9. Wood Bison Presentation: Luke Rogers

Luke Rogers attended via Zoom. Luke discussed the status of the Wood Bison restoration project for the Lower Innoko/Yukon River Drainage area. Luke also highlighted the ongoing planning meetings for management plans for

- Lower-Tanana River/Minto Flats State Game Refuge, January 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in Fairbanks



- Upper-Tanana River, February 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Tok
- Yukon Flats, February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fairbanks

The restoration project typically collects 30-50 yearling from Elk Island National Park near Edmonton, Alberta to transport to the site every two years. The bison go through a 'soft release' to help develop a home range – a process that ends in August.

The AC was very engaged in Mr. Rogers explanation of the project and Rogers thoroughly answered the many questions from the AC.

10. Prepare comments for BoF Statewide Finfish proposals: See below.

11. New business:

Matt Moore will attend the Board of Game Southcentral Region meeting in Soldotna that begins March 17.

Board of Game proposals are due May 1 for Interior, Arctic, & Western Alaska including Game Management Units 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Board of Fish proposals are due April 10 for Lower Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Upper Cook Inlet finfish management areas.

The AC may consider member submitted proposals at the March meeting.

The Anchorage AC will hold elections at the April meeting. There are 6 seats to fill.

Members with seats expiring:

1. Marty Weiser
2. Ernie Weiss
3. Matt Moore
4. Neil DeWitt
5. Phillip Calhoun
6. Vacant

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery in Anchorage

Adjournment: 7:24PM



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<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
No action			
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
No action			
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
No action			
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		



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Support	6	2	<p><u>Support:</u> It's hard to determine where to draw the line with this reasoning. Commercial fishing is a business and advancing the opportunity to have a more efficient operation should be allowed.</p> <p><u>Oppose:</u> Drums were prohibited in order to provide more employment opportunities for crew members. We understand the blocks are heavy and may pose safety concerns, but this appears to be more of a social issue. If this is instated it will take jobs from fishermen, especially the younger generation that is entering the fishery.</p> <p>Further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Concern if everyone will be able to afford outfitting their vessel with a drum. The fishermen that can will be able to take advantage of these benefits.</li><li>● We should not weigh in on managing the business side of fisheries, the resource side is what we should be focused on.</li><li>● Will it be more expensive for an operator to outfit this drum than to pay all the crew?</li><li>● Uncertainty over how many injuries were caused when drums were used.</li></ul> <p>1 abstain: lack of knowledge</p>
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
No action			
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
No action			



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<a href="#">157</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Support	8	0	<p><u>Support:</u> This provision would increase fishery participation and create economic benefits. Fishermen are able to hold both halibut IFQs and salmon permits so it would make sense to create the same opportunity for other fishermen.</p> <p>Concern that this could bring in more competition and drive the price of permits up.</p> <p>2 abstentions in fish subcommittee: lack of context, need more information</p>
<a href="#">158</a>	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			See Prop 157
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
Oppose	0	9	<p><u>Oppose:</u> If this is a conservation concern, it is worth noting that at times in-river areas are closed without the conservation element and instating a blanket closure is not necessary. There is not enough information in this proposal to support.</p>
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
No action			
<a href="#">161</a>	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> ).		



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Support	9	0	<u>Support</u> : We recognize that this policy would benefit management and help improve the value of the fishery with third party certifications.
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
Support	9	0	Support the Department's efforts
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		



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Oppose	0	9	<p><u>Oppose</u>: It is standard to use a guide in the PU fisheries, many people do not have their own boats and rely on this service for access to the fishery. Cannot support this as a statewide regulation.</p> <p>Discussion on guiding in personal use fisheries as a form of commercialization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If assuming PU guiding is commercialization then we have to extend this label to other fishing-related businesses as well – such as selling services, information and other resources. These services are no different than other forms of commercial businesses according to the proposal reasoning.</li></ul> <hr/> <p><i>The following is the Anchorage AC comment for a similar proposal from the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet meeting, the AC vote for this proposal was in support 6-5.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Support</u>: A line must be drawn as to which fisheries are for-profit. If guiding is allowed and this becomes a for-profit fishery, then that is considered commercial fishing. The intent of the PU fishery is for Alaskan residents to fill their freezers, not profit off the fishery.</li></ul> <p><u>Oppose</u>: Allow for economic opportunity and professionalism in the fishery. This alleviates safety concerns as guides are more knowledgeable of the fishery and it is much safer to dipnet from a boat than the bank.</p>
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		



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Oppose	0	9	<u>Oppose</u> : Personal use guides and transporters should be registered in accordance with the requirements already in regulation, but cannot support the proposal as written. There are too many details in this proposal, including the part about reporting. It is more appropriate for the client to report, not the guide.
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Oppose	1	8	<u>Oppose</u> : The subsistence fishery is recognized as a priority and this would cause issues for people obtaining their food. It would take away resident opportunity.
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	9	0	<u>Support</u> : There should be a cap, and the Board can determine this number. We recognize there is a lot of waste in the fishery.  Discussion that if it's not a stock of concern then we question its relevance. It would be difficult to determine what this bag limit would be because there is no number given.  1 abstention in fish subcommittee
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



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Oppose	0	9	<p><u>Oppose</u>: There are parts of the state where this timing is unreasonable, as some areas are without cell service. There should not be a “one size fits all” rule for reporting requirements.</p> <p>We would support this, but only if it is dependent on the areas on the road system that have connectivity, such as the Kenai River.</p> <p>1 abstention in fish subcommittee</p>
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
No action			
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
No action			

Minutes Recorded By: Ernie Weiss and Georgie Heaverley

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor

Date: 2/\_10\_/2023



## 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 Lavalley</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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023



- XI. Other  
XII. Adjourn

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023   Soldotna, AK			
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178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 Motion made by Jon Lavalley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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>	A motion was made to support any of these proposals that will help salmon get past the intercept fishery. Motion was made by Alissa Rogers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Lucinda Alexie		
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.
	Mike Riley asked if any of the dates that had been proposed account for the fur seal gestation period. The did not feel that there was much of an impact on King salmon, but the worry is for chum salmon. 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.		

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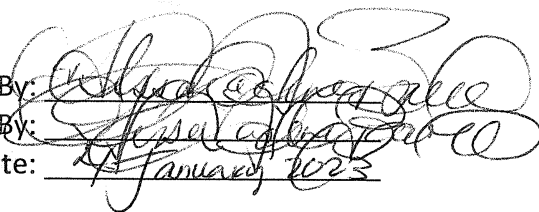
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<u>165</u>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion made by Alissa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by		
O	0	7	This would be a good opportunity for an enterprising person to take out subsistence. This would be adding more regulations 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 <sup>nd</sup> by Jon		
O	0	7	Too much during the busy season.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 14 January 2023

# Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee Meeting On 11/03/2022



AC03  
1 of 15

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	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>X</b>
By Teleconference						<b>11/4</b>	
Absent				<b>X</b>			
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	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
By Teleconference					<b>X</b>		
Absent			<b>X</b>				
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Kusaik 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 Kusaik 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Friend, **motion passed.**

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

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 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>. Johnny Friend made a motion to **support as amended**, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susie Walter. Motion carries.

February 20-25 – Area M meeting. Susie Walter nominates Jackie Cleveland, David Carl 2<sup>nds</sup>. David Carl is nominated; Susie Walter nominates Johnny Friend. Susie Walter was nominated as the 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate. Susie Walter makes a motion to approve the nominations to go the Area M meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
People had not received meeting packets with the previous minutes, so this item was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. Reports



a. ADF&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

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<a href="#">90</a>	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		



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S	5	2	Motion made by Tim Zaukar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Joe Kameroff 1 Abstention The idea is to have household permits with no time or gear restrictions to restore traditional fishing practices. Opposition was due to concern over availability of permits.
<a href="#">91</a>	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
S	7		Motion made by Joe Kameroff, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robinson Multiple species of salmon now have conservation concerns, and we should allow flexibility for management. One member was muted and we could not hear his vote
<a href="#">93</a>	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.		
S	7		Motion made by Tim Zaukar, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Walter Morgan This proposal should close ALL fishing in the Buckstock River, not just subsistence. This proposal is only supported if sport fishing is also closed. Part of the proposal was cut off in the proposal book. Dates were chosen because of the passage of salmon in the Buckstock and to protect salmon spawning in the river. 1 Abstention
<a href="#">95</a>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
O	1	6	Motion made by Joe Kameroff, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robinson The proposal does not specify boundaries and looks like the entire Kuskokwim River would be affected. One member worried that they would not be able to put a setnet out when the ice moves out. 1 Abstention
<a href="#">96</a>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		



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S	3	2	Motion by Joe Kameroff 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robinson We would not be able to fish they we always have. The group would like a better explanation of this proposal. 2 Abstentions. The abstentions were because they were not sure if they understood the proposal or it's intent and did not want to cause conflict with others on the river.
<a href="#">97</a>	Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.		
NA			Motion made by Theresa Simeon-Hunter, No 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Motion dies
<a href="#">133-135</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear. Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan. Amend the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
NA			One member feels unsure about these proposals because there are no numbers or limits of how much they can fish, but we are limited on the Kuskokwim. There is no cap for how many fish they can catch.
<a href="#">136</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
S	8		Motion made by Walter Morgan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Denny Thomas We like that this proposal places a cap on how many fish can be caught. Some would like to see the cap lower than what the proposal states.
<a href="#">137</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
S	6		Motion made by Darlene Heckman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Walter ONC plans to discuss this proposal on Nov. 6, limits catch by time. 1 Abstention – does not know the hours that are being cut down. 1 members vote could not be heard, because of technical issues. 1 vote was not heard because of technical issues



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

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

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

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

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

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

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

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

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

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

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

Chair

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Feb. 13, 2023



## Continuation of January 24, 2023 Meeting

### Central Peninsula Committee

1. Minutes of Jan. 24, 2023 meeting were read and approved as written.
2. Game proposals were finished.
3. State wide Fish Proposals were then taken up and finished.
4. A motion was made and seconded that we submit the same proposals to the BoF that we did the last cycle.

Passed unamamously.

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula AC

LOCATION (town): Niuvitchik

DATE (of meeting): 2/13/23

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Vanek, Torval Hansen,  
~~Dan Prestley~~ - ~~Doug Blossom~~, ~~Nancy Blossom~~, John McCombs  
Joe Simpson, Ron Vanek, Gary Dieman, Madeline Thompson  
9 present

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger Dan Prestley  
Greg Enceljewski  
Dave Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO    

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Nick Flower Adfg

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 PM

Steve Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary



2/13/23

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

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156	Define eel stick.		
Support	9	0	agree with Department; housekeeping
157	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' ground fish pots.		
Oppose	2	6	abstain
	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
	Allow a person using a spear or spear gun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
156	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
Support	9	0	agree with the Department; housekeeping, need to do everything we can to stop the spread of invasive species that can do great harm to our natural fish, wildlife and plants.
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	2	6	Leave as is, working good. It prevents guys from going to multiple areas and skimming the peak thus taking away from guys that stay for the season. mostly locals. those in favor said if could afford multiple permits then should be allowed to move in season. abstain gave no reason.
	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		



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

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158 N/A			See # 157
159			Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species. <i>Shouldn't be Statewide. Biologist &amp; Commissioner have EO authority to open &amp; close areas. Shouldn't be paired restriction. Biologist need the flexibility to harvest the surplus and fish these areas when escapement is achieved.</i>
Oppose	0	9	
160			Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas. <i>Not necessary and impractical. need more data.</i>
Oppose	0	9	
161			Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska (To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting).
162			Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration. <i>Agree with the Department</i>
Support	9	0	
163			Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries. <i>Guiding should not be allowed for personal use. Guiding should only be allowed in the recreational sport fishery. Personal use is supposed to be for food not recreation.</i>
Support	9	0	
164			Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters. <i>Eyes lno on amendment: Amended to eliminate +transported because shouldn't have transporters. we are against guided or transporting for personal use. The No vote said we can't amend this proposal. Eyes lno on amended proposal 164: No vote said to see proposal 163 where we said guiding shouldn't be allowed. The yes votes said if guiding is still legal then they should have to report &amp; register. we are against transporters.</i>
Support as amended			



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165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. <i>Shouldn't be allow to hire a guide for subsistence. Subsistence is for food and a way of life. If one can afford a guide then probably don't need subsistence for food.</i>		
Oppose	0	9	
166	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries. <i>we agree with the issue described.</i>		
Support	9	0	<i>there should be a Statewide P.U. limit.</i>
167	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. <i>Reporting on time is important for management.</i>		
Support	9	0	
168	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters. <i>we support the Department's position.</i>		
Support	9	0	
# 169	Amend the list of banned invasive species. <i>Agree hausekeeping! Must protect against</i>		
Support	9	0	<i>Invasive species.</i>

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek  
Minutes Approved By: Steve Vanek  
Date: 2/21/23



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units <i>Not enough detail in proposal and no science</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	0	12	
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15 <i>NO biological Reason To prohibit the Taking from a boat;</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	11	<i>one abstain</i>
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15 <i>Keep from wasting animals.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units <i>We don't need this in our area but some areas need it.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		



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93			Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas
94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping <i>Should allow some hunting and trapping in the Park.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12</i>	

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105	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15 <i>Since it says limit all big game we voted no.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C <i>There are ample days now for ATVs.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles <i>There is enough time now to use ATVs</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration <i>The decline is not caused by hunting. Hence not a solution. unnecessary burden on ADFG.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15 <i>See proposal #108</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
110	Create an archery only, registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder <i>As a committee, we oppose special hunts. The opportunity for specialized equipment is always there.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	1	11	<i>one bow hunter wanted it.</i>
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder <i>We oppose special hunts.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder <i>There is adequate time now for everyone. Sheep count is low. why allow only some to hunt?</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder <i>See 112</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	



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114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt <i>See # 112</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	0	12	
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons <i>Nightmare for ADFG. No real benefit and might end up saturating an area</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	0	12	
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested <i>we see this as house keeping</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C <i>see # 116</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers <i>It seems to be working so don't change it. could cause more illegals to be killed. yes vote wanted it like it used to be.</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	1	11	
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents <i>No Special Hunts. Can do archery in regular season</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	1	11	
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15 <i>No special hunt. yes vote wanted to hunt before ATVs showed up. No votes don't want early hunt or extend the season for bow hunters.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	1	11	
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B <i>see # 120</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	2	10	
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B <i>see # 120</i>		
<i>oppose</i>	2	10	



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123			Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C <i>See #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 124	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder <i>See #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 125	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B <i>see #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 126	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C <i>see #120</i>
<i>oppose</i> 127	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi <i>The community and Dept. supports it so do we.</i>
<i>Support</i> 128	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C <i>NO's oppose cow hunts, Moose migrate to other areas so reduce the population in other areas. yes voters want to keep it in the tool box. Don't see a problem taking lone cows.</i>
<i>oppose</i> 129	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C <i>unanimously opposed to expanding area. Will reduce population in other areas. Enough cows get killed on the roads as it is, a lone cow might have lost her calf. Not necessarily a barren cow. This helps hunters not the starving moose</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12</i>	



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130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan <i>the Dept. needs this tool if population drops below 200.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	12	0	
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B <i>Kaligan was moved to this management area. Kaligan Island not easy to hunt on so need to keep population under control.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	11	0	1 abstained <i>abstained is against any cow hunt.</i>
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area <i>yes votes agree with the Dept. no votes said this could cause cheating because a hunter could claim moose shot on Kaligan when it was not.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	8	4	
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C <i>Boat has to be stopped. Person <del>be</del> should be familiar with regulations where they are hunting. one size doesn't fit all.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	0	12	
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 <i>No action see # 136</i>		
<i>N/A</i>			
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season <i>No action see # 136</i>		
<i>N/A</i>			
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15 <i>There is a quota on brown bears so this extension is not harmful. no votes worried the quota would be reached and there would not be a fall season</i>		
<i>Support</i>	9	3	



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137			Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15 <i>No action see # 136</i>
<i>N/A</i>			
138			Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15 <i>no action see # 136</i>
<i>N/A</i>			
139			Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15 <i>No action see # 136</i>
<i>N/A</i>			
140			Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15 <i>9 members present</i> <i>This creates a special hunt which we oppose. They can hunt in regular season.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
141			Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7 <i>it is fine the way it is now. works o.k. not need to change it.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
142			Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15 <i>see # 141</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
143			Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15 <i>To hard to enforce and not really necessary. most baiters are conscientious.</i>
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
144			Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7 <i>We voted to support the idea that the B&amp;G needs to look into this to see if it needs to be done.</i>
<i>support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	



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145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15 <i>There is no problem now. Leave as is.</i>		
<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C <i>Leave as is! We agree with the Department to use ethical trapping methods. The Trapper's Association preaches and teaches proper ethical trapping methods. Pet owners also have to be responsible and not let their pets run out of their control.</i>		
<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	



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152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7 <i>See #146</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping <i>No biological reason to close: Only a very small harvest of beavers in this large area of 15C. Leave as is to have the opportunity.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years <i>See #155</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
157	Shorten the beaver trapping season in Unit 7 as follows <i>Leave as is because gives more opportunity and gives some open water trapping opportunity before freeze up. Yes vote thinks Oct 15th is too early.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15 <i>Leave as is. Plenty of coyotes. No conservation reasons to shorten season.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15 <i>we agree with the issue section stated.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	



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160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers <i>No biological concern. No proof of trapping extirpating the beavers. <del>that</del> would be hard to enforce. A anti-trapper could just put a pole in every beaver pond and thus stop trapping.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay  <i>Deer can give diseases to moose. They would be an invasive species. Deer could dramatically and negatively affect the flora &amp; fauna.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31 <i>Hunting is not the main factor in population dynamics of ptarmigan. The Spring weather is, Ptarmigan population are numerous now.</i>		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C <i>Agree. There is no shortage of sea ducks more opportunity</i>		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15 <i>No conservation or biological concerns. There is no population depletion. Harvest is low. There are lots of areas where they winter and are not hunted that have good winter habitat.</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C <i>See #164</i>		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	



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166			Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 167	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 168	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 169	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 170	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15 <i>See # 164</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 171	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15 <i>The Department can get this information now from the Feds.</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 172	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C <i>See # 171 justification</i>
<i>Oppose</i> 173	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A
174			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E



**Chignik Advisory Committee  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>s). 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 2<sup>nd</sup>'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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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">105</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup> 's. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ben requests a table of escapement distribution throughout the summer if escapements in 105 were implemented. He believes lower end escapement (in graph) appears</li> </ul>			

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 30<sup>th</sup>? [approx. 150,000] and August 1<sup>st</sup>? [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 30<sup>th</sup> or July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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

0

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Ben motions to adopt. Axel 2<sup>nd</sup>'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 2<sup>nd</sup>'s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul> <p>Ben calls ? and asks for unanimous consent. Motion carries 11-0.</p>			
<a href="#">120</a>	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
Support	11	0	
<p>Ben makes motion to adopt. Axel 2<sup>nd</sup>'s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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 15<sup>th</sup> the NL run is basically done.</li><li>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.</li><li>George notes petition was voted down in the work session because the concepts were elsewhere in proposal form.</li><li>Chuck notes the issues in the petition were believed to be covered in proposls.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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</li></ul>			



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 2<sup>nd</sup>'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 2<sup>nd</sup>'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 2<sup>nd</sup>'s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Ben believes this would make larger vessels out class smaller vessels and this would give unfair advantage. He is opposed to 154.</li> <li>• 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].</li> <li>• Axel doesn't have a problem with this one especially in SE. Seine efficiency is high already.</li> <li>• Raechel sees this would negatively affect struggling Chinook, Chum and Sockeye runs and is opposed.</li> </ul> <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 2<sup>nd</sup>'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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

XI. Adjourn at 3:36 p.m.

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



Cooper Landing Advisory Committee  
December 19 2022

Call to order: 10 am

Roll Call-Members Present:

Josh Hayes  
John Pearson  
Jason Lesmeister  
Billy Couliette  
Tom Lessard  
Alex Kime

Alternates Members:

Lorraine Temple

Excused Absences:

Todd Donahue  
Mike Adams

Unexcused Absences:

Jeremy Lewis  
Robert Gibson

Fish And Game Staff State and Federal:

Heather Thamm - Forest Service  
Fari Fernandez - ADFG  
Nick Fowler - ADFG  
Ed Holsten - Federal Subsistence Board

Community Members Present:

Erik Fish  
Ken Green  
Kathy Liston  
Ronda  
JJ Brown  
Amy Broderson

Approval OF Previous Minutes

Approved

Votes For BOF Statewide Meeting

87- Define eel stick.- 6 Yes (Unanimous)



153- Define escape mechanism of collapsable ground fish pots.- Tabled until AC is more informed

82- Modify the dates sinking of gill nets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.- 6 yes (unanimous)

154- Allow the use of purse seine drums.-Tabled no vote

155- Allow a person using a spear or spear gun to take fish while swimming at the waters surface.- 6 Yes (Unanimous)

156- Prohibit the use of felt-soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in fresh water. - 3 yes and 3 no. The no votes by Tom, Josh and Jason. The yes votes by John, Billy, and Alex. The no votes were due to safety issues for anglers, and the fact that the rest of the boot can carry the same invasive species, bacterias, parasites, and organisms that would be found on the felt soles. IE the boot laces and any other material as well as the colder water temperatures in Alaska being a deterrent of the above mentioned. The yes votes were because the belief that is a house sweeping law that is already in effect.

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.- Tabled no vote

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.- Table no vote

159- Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.- 6 No (unanimous)

160- Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild caught king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.-6 No (Unanimous)

161- Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of ground fish fishery resources in waters of Alaska.-6 No (Unanimous)

162- Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area- DNR decal to serve as proof of ADFG sport fishing guide vessel registration.- 6 Yes (Unanimous)

163- Prohibit guiding in personal fin fish fisheries.-6 No (Unanimous)

164- Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.-6 No (Unanimous)

165- Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.-6 No (Unanimous)

166- Establish statewide bag limit for personal use fin fish fisheries.- 6 Yes (Unanimous)

167- Require in season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.- 6 No (Unanimous)

168- Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.-6 Yes (Unanimous)



169- Amend the list of banned invasive species.-6 Yes (unanimous)

New Business/AC proposals-

No Bait on the Middle River from Skilak Lake to Centennial Park or Slikok Creek.

Close Kenai River from Cooper Landing Bridge (Mile Marker 48 Sterling Highway to Kenai River Bridge at Mile Marker 53) from Nov 1- June 10

Close the Upper and Middle Kenai in the winter months on alternate years with The Middle Kenai River being open on even years and Upper Kenai River being open on odd years.

Agenda Items from government identities-

Nick Fowler Alaska Fish and Game asked if we were on board or educated on S.Central BOG proposals especially the 20 mile Placer River drainages for antlerless moose hunts.

Public Comments-

Kathy Liston said she is concerned that the members of the AC committee should represent the community and should consider their concerns.

Lorraine Temple said she is disappointed that the AC committee didn't represent the desires of the community about trap set-back proposals. Lorraine stated that she doesn't think the AC committee - in any shape or form - represented the community on the proposals.

Kathy Liston said it is the responsibility to vote for trap set backs because the majority of the community wants them. She also commented on guides and guiding on the river. Guides should be limited on the upper river from the bridge to Skilak Lake because she believes it is crowded on the river.

Good of the order-

Lorraine Temple stated that she went to a trap-release seminar in Soldotna and was encouraged by their sincerity of their desire for safety and harmonious use of public land.

Amy Broderson wanted to add to what Kathy Liston and Lorraine Temple said. It is frustrating that no one wanted to have a give and take about trap set-back proposals. If the community has a 90% response then the AC committee should compromise.

Ken Green stated that he'll try and be positive concerning trapping issues. He got involved in the trapping issues years ago because his dogs got caught in traps three different times in places he didn't think traps should be. He said it's hard to explain what you want in a proposal and there is no give and take because the trappers and non-trappers won't sit down and talk about what the problem is. He suggests finding a way to make everyone happy. Ken won't be attending the next BOG meeting. He is discouraged, because his battle with the BOG was like punching a marshmallow.

Ronda thanked the AC for the great work and likes going to the meetings because it helps her to be sensitive to the needs of people who's shoes she doesn't walk in.

Cooper Landing AC  
BOF Statewide Proposals



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Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Jason Lesmeister  
Minutes Approved by Josh Hayes  
Date: 2/13/23



## 02-13-23 Copper Basin Fish & Game AC Meeting

Call to order @ 5:10PM. 11 members present, have quorum

Members Present: Alysia Hancock – Chair, Karen Linnell, Sarah Gallt, Jim Odden, Dave Sarafin, Kirk Wilson, Don Horrell, David Bruss, Chuck McMahan, Brad Henspeter, Mercedes Knightin, James Horrell, Greg Parrish

F&G Staff Present: Mark Sommerville, Heidi Hatcher, Tracy Hanson, Dave Rosenburg, Fari & support staff

Guests: Online Dan Gorze – AITRC Gakona, Kyle Cutting – WS NPS, inperson: Rick Helton (Copper Center), Sterling Spilinek (Glennallen), Edward Greybear (Copper Center), Tessa Whitman Gakona, Cohen Glennallen, Jonathan Shurtz & Jenna Hem Chitina,

Alysia reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: no objections

Alysia reviewed the rules for running for AC seats

Open up nominations for Gakona.

Karen Linnell nominated Nick Jackson.

Opened up nominations for Lake Louise/Nelchina:

Jim Odden nominated by Alysia

Opened up nominations for Tazlina:

Kirk Wilson nominated Dave Sarafin

Opened up nominations for Undesignated Seat:

McMahan nominated Kirk Wilson

All seated by unanimous consent. No objections.

McMahan nominated Alysia as Chair. Unanimous Consent

Alysia nominated Karen Linnell. Kirk seconded. Unanimous Consent.

Alysia nominated Sarah Gallt. Jim Odden seconded. Unanimous consent.

Public Comment:

Jonathan Shurtz (Copper River Wild, LLC.) – proposal 163: provided public comment opposing #163, Jenna Hem #163 opposed & #166 For

Karen Linnell gave a Fishery Board report: everything stayed the same, other than no dipnetting from a boat for subsistence above the bridge. Mark Sommerville added dipnetting from a boat. No commercial services in a subsistence fishery. Jim Horrell asked clarifying.

### **Fish & Game Reports:**



*Heidi Hatcher*, moose & caribou: gave verbal update Nelchina caribou 518 harvested, shared screen, 84 of those in the draw, rest in subsistence hunts, 1743. (Alysia will ask for handout). Proposal 207 – housekeeping proposal: when not enough surplus, we go to a Tier 2 hunt, to get a tier 2 on the books so we have that option.

Moose: population surveys complete in October/November, 13A & 13E declines mostly. Within objectives, surplus there, 1% of population is 24 cows, so only 20 permits issued. 13B dropped 10%, bull ratio up. 13D stable, below objectives. Moose harvest, slow. Overall 15% decline in Unit 13.

*Mark Sommerville*: King salmon 50K return: spawning escapement 29K, goal 31K. Harvest on kings highest in years, 2400 in Chitina subdistrict, 3800 in Glennallen subdistrict. Overall good king return, did have a closure at one point.

Subsistence fishery higher, 40 fishwheel permits less. Good return & harvest.

Forecast for this year, chinook 53K last year was 40K, sockeye 1.6M last year was 1.3M. both came out of 2 good parent years. Karen asked question about small fish. Both fish have been decreasing in size since 1970s.

Alysia called 5 minute break at 5:58PM

Called the meeting back to order @ 6:12PM

Statewide Finfish:

#156:

12 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain (Dave Sarafin due to his work)

Mark Sommerville reviewed. Already for

Chuck moved to adopt, seconded by Kirk.

Karen – supportive, elodea is hard to get rid of, near impossible

Chuck – difference between personal and sport fish

Mark answered

Karen called the question, Jim seconded.

Karen – yes, Sarah – yes, jim – yes, kirk – yes, don – yes, David bruss – yes, chuck – yes, brad – yes, starr – yes, jim – yes, greg – yes, Alysia – yes, Dave Sarafin – recuse because of potential conflict of interest with work.

#163:

12 oppose, 0 support, 1 abstain (Dave Sarafin due to his work)

Mark reviewed. Would prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.

Chuck moved to adopt, Jim seconded.

Kirk – what kind of permit do they need

Greg – targeted, or would it shut down their business

Karen – cookie cutter things doesn't always fit all areas, things should have a biological connection, and do things region by region, not statewide.

Kirk – more people will come if things happen go bad down there

Jim – per fish, why not guiding license.



Alysia – they are just trying to cut all the guiding, right now only 5 guides in Copper, so if this happens you could not dipnet from a boat.

Greg – what is estimated take in a season

Jonathan answered how many

Chuck – targeting kings?

Jonathan – reduced mesh size, smallest they can find, to reduce entanglement

Mark answered

Jonathan

Karen – its the ones that bring their own boats

Alysia – this would put out of business? Jonathan said yes.

Jonathan – “drift charters” those are 3 that would be affected.

Chuck – agree with Jim, not way to address situation

Sarah – would rather go out with knowledgeable people to dipnet, she doesn’t have a boat.

Karen – trawling definition

Other discussion, no biological reason to do this, no guide fish permit for transporters or commercial. No log book for sportfish now. We don’t like that this would affect statewide. If issues in one area then do for that region.

Sarah call question, seconded by Chuck.

Karen – no, Sarah – no, Jim Odden – no, Dave – recuse because of work, Kirk – no, Don – no, Dave Bruss, no, Chuck – no, Brad – no, Starr – no, Jim – no, Greg 0 no, Alysia – no

#### **#164:**

12 oppose, 1 support, 1 abstain

Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.

Karen: log books are good

Sarah move to adopt, Karen seconded.

Greg: Reinstating log book?

Karen: statewide

Kirk: keep people accountable?

Greg: information for log books too useful? Useful in the guiding realm

Karen: firm believer in more data

Jim: this is to limit fishermen on copper, too vague

Jonathan: so vague, doesn’t help with biological

Alysia: sport fish doesn’t need log books, create staff time,

Dave: sportfishing log books were a big pain, reporting more things creates more errors

Other discussion: this would affect statewide. Harvest is already reported for dipnet on shore or boat. It would be redundant data and add workload to the department. Guides already have vessel registration, 6 pack licenses, business license...

Kirk called the question, seconded by Jim

Karen – yes, Sarah – no, Jim oden – no, Dave – recuse, kirk – no, don – no, Dave bruss – no, chuck – no, brad – no, starr – no, jim – no, greg – n0, Alysia – no.

#### **#165:**



Take no action

Mark reviewed

Sarah moved to adopt, Karen seconded.

Jim Horrell – don't want to impose our regulations on other areas, let them decide

Don't want to comment on but do want to say that this is already in place on Copper.

**#166:**

9 oppose, 3 support, 1 abstain (Dave Sarafin due to his work)

Mark reviewed proposal. Establish bag limit, and develop statewide tracking as well.

Sarah moved to adopt, seconded by Chuck.

Greg: do we have a problem with this? How to enforce or monitored?

Karen: like the new ideas to the table

Dave: would you see this as valid in saltwater as well? Mark said yes for salmon

Alysia: would you support this Jenna?

Jenna: fish greed, said people are obsessed with filing limits

Dave: would this affect halibut and herring too? Mark: No

Other discussion; this would be for any personal use in the state saltwater and fish, would have to develop a system database. Can't double up on the copper already.

Kirk called question, seconded by Jim.

Karen – no, Jim – no, Dave sarafin – abstain, kirk – no, don horrell – no, dave bruss – oppose, chuck – no, brad – no, starr – support, jim horrel – no, greg – support, sarah – no, Alysia – no.

**#167:**

0 support, 12 oppose, 1 abstain (Dave due to his work)

Mark reviewed proposal: require in-season reporting, within 5 days to ADFG office.

Bring permit back to where they got it from

Make decision 2 weeks earlier

Sarah Move to adopt, Chuck seconds.

Discussion: to complicated, paper permits and workload would cost department \$\$\$. It takes time to enter all the permits. Online reporting now is 95% return rate in copper, by having online they are getting more timely and better reporting overall. Dept doesn't use inseason data for the fishery, make decision with radar when the fish go through sonar.

Jim horrell called the question, kirk seconded.

Karen – no, Sarah – no, Jim oden. No, dave sarafin – abstain, kirk – no, don horrell – no, dave bruss – no, chuck – no, brad – no, starr – no, jim horrell – no, greg – no, Alysia – no

**#168.**

12 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain (Dave Sarafin due to his work)

Mark reviewed.

Karen moved to adopt, kirk seconded

Discussion: this is mainly up in Fairbanks, pfas contamination from military

Chuck called for question, kirk seconded.



Karen – yes, Sarah – yes, jim oden – yes, kirk – yes, dave sarafin – abstain, don horrell – yes, dave bruss – yes, chuck O yes, brad O yes, starr – yes, jim horrell – yes, greg – yes, Alysia – yes

**#169:**

Take no action

Supportive of being pro-active against invasive species list

Other issues:

Alysia made note that National Park Service is looking for comments on proposals by March 10.

Karen made comments explaining concerns and comments.

Dave Sarafin: news release with link on website.

Urged to make comments.

Alysia: NPS comments by February 19, compendium, prohibit camping in the parking lot of the Slana ranger station.

Alysia: continue to have in-person only, or hybrid- zoom/in person/ call in meetings.

Group will coordinate and write letter to NPS.

Forms for folks who got reelected, see Alysia.

Sarah moved to adjourn, Alysia seconded. Adjourned @ 8:25PM

Sarah prepare notes. Alysia approve. 2/19/23



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals			
March 10-13, 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
<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
OPPOSE	0	17	AC members shared concerns about the impact to single-pinning in the seine fishery, a common and historical method of harvest in Prince William Sound. This proposal could unintentionally create a barrier in the fishery to those harvesting with single-pin or double-pin seines.
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
No Action			
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
SUPPORT	17	0	Aligns regulation with sport-fishing regulations, makes sense ecologically to prevent invasive species spread.



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<a href="#">157</a>	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			
<a href="#">158</a>	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			
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
OPPOSE	0	16	Anadromous stream closures and Salmon Harvest Task Force markers currently provide adequate closure area for salmon in streams closed to sport fishing. Additionally, the run timing for wild and hatchery fish within the same area is generally adjusted for in hatchery management plans, as set forth by the Regional Planning Teams (RPTs).
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
OPPOSE	0	16	All salmon species are legally harvestable under the parameters of Limited Entry salmon permits, including within hatchery terminal harvest areas, if those areas are opened by emergency order. This proposal undermines that clarity and ADFG Management authority as delegated by the Board.
<a href="#">161</a>	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> .		
SUPPORT	16	0	This policy provides a framework for managing groundfish resources, the AC supports the intent of this policy to provide



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			guidance to the Board of Fisheries when considering groundfish proposals.
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
No Action			
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
SUPPORT	16	0	Guiding is a commercial service and should be regulated as such.
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
SUPPORT	16	0	Puts regulations on par with those for saltwater guides. Provides valuable sportfishing data for ADFG.
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
SUPPORT	16	0	AC Members shared concerns about maintaining the integrity and spirit of subsistence fisheries. Guide services and financial gain are not cohesive with the intent of subsistence.
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
SUPPORT	16	0	This proposal is a housekeeping proposal that defines clear bag limits for all personal use fisheries, as opposed to confusing bag limits in multiple fisheries statewide.
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



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SUPPORT	16	0	Harvest data and timely reporting are critical information. The AC does acknowledge connectivity issues for some areas of the state.
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
No Action			
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
SUPPORT	16	0	Housekeeping issue, support the Department on this proposal.

Meeting Minutes Recoded by Chelsea Haisman  
Approved by: John Renner



## Craig AC Meeting February 6, 2023

Call to Order: 6:09pm

### Roll Call:

Members present: 13

14 total Members

Number needed for a quorum: 7

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x (online)		June 2023
Fred Hamilton	Vice Chair	Subsistence	x		June 2023
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x		June 2023
Kirk Agnitsch		Charter	x		June 2024
Mike Sheets		Trapping	x		June 2023
Dave Creighton		Charter	x		June 2024
Mike Douville		Longline	x		June 2025
Ray Douville		Shellfish		x	June 2024
Braden Harding		Charter	x		June 2025
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet	x		June 2025
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound	x		June 2024
Derek Anderson			x		June 2024
Tim O'Connor			x		June 2025

**ADFG Staff present:** Craig Schwanke(sport fish), Henry Lesia boards support(online), Ross Dorendorf(online)

**Guests present:** Ken Quigley(online), Cody Williams, Derek Anderson, Tim O'Connor, Mike Sheets, Luke Dillard, Braden Harding

### Approval of Agenda:

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 2.6.2023.

Vote:

Unanimous approval

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2022.

Vote:

Unanimous approval

### Reports:

Chair: None



**ADFG: Craig Schwanke:** Lingcod sport guideline halves level has been exceeded during the past seasons so we are taking action on POW by reducing the slot limit by 5" so the new lingcod slot limit for nonresidents will be 30" to 40". 1 fish annual limit of a lingcod between 30"-40". There has been a clear increase in harvest the past two years. He passed out charts on the info. There has been more and more effort in the nonresident fishery after Covid. Pelagic rockfish harvest in Sitka has taken a reduction from 5 per day to 3 per day.

**ADFG: Ross Dorendorf:** Goat hunters are now required to take the online goat hunting quiz prior to hunting so they can sex a mtn goat better and hopefully take fewer nannies. Also, the river otter trapping prop passed so now the future otter trapping seasons will be Nov. 10-Mar. 31. Residents of AK can harvest 2 goats in Unit 1A but there are rules applied to the 2nd goat. The waterfowl season will change to Sept. 1-Dec. 31 with a closure of 2 weeks Dec. 1-14.

**Kurt Whitehead: BOG meetings:** Will Pattison represented the East POW, Kurt Whitehead represented the Klawock AC, Mike Douville represented the Craig AC, Mike Kampnich and Elijah Winrod represented POW and everyone did a great job. Discussed a few of the new regs that were passed such as Zarembo Is. draw permit, the split waterfowl season in SE AK, 2 goat limit of Unit 1 for residents, the extended hunting season for wolves on Unit 2, etc. ADFG did a great job representing our concerns about wolves on POW. The state wolf hunting season is now aligned with the federal hunting season. Sept. 1-the end of the wolf trapping season. Online quiz required for goat hunters prior to hunting to help educate hunters on sexing goats. Zarembo elk hunt via drawing permit passed. The sea otter management plan proposal was discussed at length by the board of game. Another proposal that passed was a two deer limit for non residents in GMU 4. This is a big deal at the upcoming subsistence meetings as there are several deer proposals at the subsistence meetings.

**Seasonal Resident update:** Kurt met with 23 legislators and/or their aides on Feb. 1 & 2 about the seasonal resident issue we have in SE AK and POW. He urged everyone to email or call all the legislators of SE AK and let them know how you feel. Ellen's sister Sara Hannen expressed a lot of interest in the seasonal resident issues and many agreed that Sarah Vance and Sara Hannen would be the best ones to sponsor/co-sponsor the bill. If not, there are several others that would also be willing to help us. We received a lot of support on the issue and it was impressive how hard our legislators work for all of us. Only 92 year round residents out of 200 live in Coffman Cove. Over half are seasonal residents.

**Tim O'Connor: Troller lawsuit update:** All of our legislators are aware of the lawsuit and are getting involved. This lawsuit can disrupt every salmon fishery in AK if it passes. The AK Troller Assoc. is prepared to take the case to the AK supreme court if necessary and several groups/individuals have contributed to the fund to defend the trollers. Currently we have over \$70K we can use to defend ourselves. **Seasonal Residents:** We need to spread the word to stop the seasonal residents from fishing under subsistence and/or personal use regs. Many of these folks are setting longline skates, hauling shrimp/crab pots and fishing under subsistence/personal use regs and it has to stop. It is illegal for them to do this. A lot of our vital resources are leaving in the fish boxes of seasonal residents. If you don't qualify for a perm fund, you shouldn't be allowed to fish under resident bag limits.

**Public Comments: None**

### **Elections:**

Kurt read the ADFG election rules.

**Brian Castle held the trapping seat and Chuck Haydu held a charter seat. Both of those seats are now empty.**

### **Nominees:**

**Mike Sheets, Tim O'Connor, Braden Harding, Cody Williams, Derek Anderson**

**Moved and seconded to elect the above nominees to the AC. Mike Sheets will be the trapping seat, Braden Harding will be the charter seat. Derek Anderson will be undesignated. Tim O'Connor will be undesignated.**

**After the meeting, Cody Williams declined the nomination and will not serve on the AC.**

### **Old Business:**

**Kurt gave background info on the letter.**

**Moved and seconded to adopt the Wolf ESA letter below.**



#### **Discussion:**

**Mike Kampnich:** If they decide to list there will be a 60 day window for comments and the most important thing is to enlist help from our legislators.

**Ellen Hannan:** If we sign on as a supporter there will be solidarity we can present to our legislators. We should take action on it now.

**Kurt Whitehead:** The more letters we have the better. If the tribes and other entities want to write a separate letter that would be great.

**Mike Douville and Fred Hamilton arrived.**

**Tim O'Connor:** The city of Craig amended parts of the letter and will submit that as well. The more letters the better regarding the ESA listing.

**Mike Douville:** I don't think this will be harmful in anyway. There are things that USFWS doesn't need but if its going to our legislators,

**Moved and second to support the following letter.**

#### **Discussion:**

#### **Vote:**

**Unanimous support**

**Kampnich:** This letter serves our purpose for now and if USFWS decides to list, that letter will have different info so we should not draft a second letter at this time.

#### **Wolf ESA Letter**

The Klawock, AK Fish and Game Advisory Council is grateful for this opportunity to participate in the public process about resource management in our state.

On July 15, 2020, the Center for Biological Diversity, Alaska Rainforest Defenders and Defenders of Wildlife petitioned the Secretary of Interior/US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) to list the Alexander Archipelago (AA) Wolf in Southeast Alaska as threatened or endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The first petition to list the AA wolf was filed in 1993. The second was filed in 2011. The third and current one was filed in 2020 also requests that critical habitat be designated for AA wolves in Southeast Alaska. The document can be found at [www.biologicaldiversity.org](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org) and [www.doi.gov](http://www.doi.gov). We would like to state that the recurring petition process takes time away from resource managers studying wolf populations and other important issues and is disruptive for certain residents. The signatories of this document believe that the AA wolf should not be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Prince of Wales Island, the third largest island in the United States, is home to approximately 3500 residents that reside in twelve rural communities, ranging from 35 in remote Point Baker to over 1000 in Craig. Many residents rely largely on a subsistence way of life. Subsistence in rural Alaska means legally that residents can fish and hunt under bag limits that allow us to fill our freezers and pantries because we do not have access to goods and services that people who live in urban areas have. Traditional subsistence lifestyles have been and still are practiced by the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people who have lived here since time immemorial. Prince of Wales area census data from 2021 shows 41.6% Alaska Native residents which is almost half the population of POW's communities. Subsistence is a very important part of Alaska Native culture, tradition and heritage. Deer hunting is a major part of the subsistence lifestyle and is vitally important on POW. Our relationships, mental and physical health and food security are all improved by deer hunting. Deer hunting on POW is important because this is the only populated area in the region with just one ungulate game animal; POW does not have caribou, moose, elk, sheep, bison, mountain goat or muskox.

Today, subsistence on POW is critical in terms of food security, as soaring inflation nation-wide has increased the cost of all goods and services. Shipping chilled or frozen food here costs \$0.82/lb. In Klawock, a gallon of milk is



\$6.49, a dozen eggs are \$7.49 and ground beef is \$5.99 per pound. Additionally, gas is \$5.87/gal diesel. Food and fuel costs are a larger percentage of the family budget than the average household.

Information presented by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) and other agencies at the 2022 Deer Summit on POW (October 13-15, 2022) show that the deer population has obviously declined in the past ten years. In 2012, hunters in Unit 2 averaged about 3.5 days of hunting effort per deer harvested; in 2022, hunters spent an average of 4.9 days trying to harvest a deer, according to ADFG hunt report survey data from 2012-2021.

We acknowledge that the deer population is affected by numerous factors, including habitat loss from fifty years of industrial scale old-growth logging on POW. We have noticed that, while ADFG reports link POW old-growth forest to healthy deer populations and state that the POW deer population is in trouble, Division of Forestry staff continue to describe the old-growth stands they cut here as low value and minimize their importance to deer and to hunters. That doesn't agree with what we heard at the 2022 Deer Summit. We also acknowledge there is work to be done in terms of considering changing deer bag limits or seasons in response to population concerns.

While we acknowledge that POW is not the only place where the AA wolf exists, we do know that effects of management actions are felt more sharply on our island; in part, because it is an island. We have seen more wolves more frequently over the past decade, so we have questions about whether this trend is occurring in other places within the AA wolf's range. ADFG has been cautious and conservative, but to accurately assess the population of wolves in a temperate rainforest has always been difficult. As ADFG continues to refine the methodologies used to estimate and balance populations with carrying capacity, we expect the wolf population will remain healthy. We know the AA wolf is a top predator of Sitka blacktail deer and is far from being endangered. Our personal observations and trends in ADFG data lead us to believe the wolf is thriving in our area. Recent harvests of wolves have shown that past estimates were much lower than current numbers reflect.

If the AA wolf is listed under the Endangered Species Act, the federal government will assume authority over management, which will end legal trapping and hunting of wolves. If deer populations are decreasing, it doesn't make sense to list one of its top predators as endangered unless there is credible science and data that show good cause. ADFG has a growing list of data and science, including its own studies here on POW, proving the AA Wolf should not be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Everyone agrees that wolves are an important part of POW and we enjoy seeing them, hearing them or just knowing that they exist here. However, listing the AA wolf as endangered will not accomplish better management and will eliminate all legal take of the top non-human predator in an island ecosystem where Sitka blacktail deer is the only ungulate prey available.

We strongly oppose listing the AA wolf as endangered or threatened.

The Klawock ADFG Advisory Council

The following list also supports the above letter

Alaska Trappers Association Fairbanks, AK	Alaska Outdoor Council Anchorage, AK	Alaska Chapter Backcountry Hunters/Anglers	City of Klawock Klawock, AK
City of Craig Craig, AK	City of Thorne Bay Thorne Bay, AK	City of Coffman Cove Coffman Cove, AK	City of Kasaan Kasaan, AK
City of Whale Pass Whale Pass, AK	Hollis Community Council Hollis, AK		
ADFG Ketchikan Advisory Committee	ADFG Klawock Advisory Committee	ADFG East PoW Advisory Committee	ADFG Craig Advisory Committee



Clinton Cook Sr. Tribal President Craig Tribal Association Craig, AK	Tim O'Conner Mayor of Craig VP Alaska Troller Assoc. F/V Virginia Rose Craig, AK	Scott Van Valin Heidi Van Valin Island Air Express El Capitan Lodge	Ray & ... F/V Faith Faith Fisheries Craig, AK
David & Cynthia Egelston Alaska Rainforest Adventures Thorne Bay, AK	David & Jen Creighton Shelter Cove Lodge Rainforest Auto Rentals Craig, AK	DJ & Anne Hansen DJ's Alaska Adventure Rentals Klawock, AK	Sam & Michelle Peters Slammin' Sam's Charters POW Electric & Repair Klawock, AK
Ellen Hannan & Brian Castle F/V Renegade Craig, AK	Scott Peakes & Elijah Winrod Northern Spell Lodge Klawock, AK	Josh & Chace Anderson Fireweed Lodge Klawock, AK	Kirk & Katie Agnitsch Sure Strike Lodge Craig, AK
Kurt Whitehead & Trina Nation Treasure Hunter Lodge Klawock, AK	LeRoy & Tanya Johns F/V Chelsea Dawn Klawock, AK	Rosey & Lisa Roseland The Salt Shack Thorne Bay, Alaska	Joel & Leanne Steenstra Alaska Wide Open Charters Craig, AK
Chuck & Jeanette Haydu Kingfisher Lodge & Charters Craig, AK	Spencer & Hannah Richter F/V Resolution Craig, AK	Jim & Jane Holien F/V Kenai Jane Klawock, AK	Shawn & Jill Kato-Yates F/V Nauti Lady Klawock, AK
Daniel & Emily Peters F/V Sunlight Klawock, AK	Vaughn & Carrie Skinna F/V Annalyn Klawock, AK	Don & Teresa Busse Trophy Inn Klawock, AK	Carter & Gretchen Jones Spindrift Adventures Klawock, AK
James Heppe Jr. Heppe & Sons Construction Klawock, AK	Grace Heppe Heppe's Indoor Edition Klawock, AK	Mike & Sarah Warner Coffman Cove Adventures Coffman Cove, AK	Rich Trojan Trojan & Sons LLC Craig, AK
Jason Clowar/Luther Jenson Adventure AK Southeast Thorne Bay, AK	Rob & Val Steward Changing Tides Inn Klawock, AK	Sean Tomkinson Passages Alaska Adventure Therapy, Klawock, AK	Brad McMillan Klawock Cooperative Assoc. Klawock, AK
Phillip & Danel Winrod F/V Aurie G Thorne Bay, AK	Melissa LaCour Log Cabin Sports Craig, AK	Mike & Jan Bush B-3 Contractors Inc. Klawock, AK	Mike Hamme Hamme's Quality Carpentry Craig, AK
Jon & Debbie Winrod Webster Point, AK	David & Gail Winrod Hydaburg, AK	Jim Baichtal Thorne Bay, AK	Sam Sawyer Thorne Bay, AK
Enoch & Elizabeth Winrod Ketchikan, AK	Ann Williams Klawock, AK	Justin Fitch Klawock, AK	John & Sheri Wylie Klawock, AK
Matt & Pam Beck Whale Pass, AK	Mark & Beth Farrar Eagles Wings Lodge Klawock, AK	Brian Ringeisen Anglers-Adventures Ketchikan, AK	Kyle Berg & Courtney Nase Ketchikan, AK
Chris Guggenbickler Wrangell, AK	Clay Bezenek Ketchikan, AK	Sharon Toman Whale Pass, AK	Nichole Pope Naukati, AK

**Moved and seconded to support the above wolf letter.**

**Discussion:**

**Vote:**

**12-0 in Support.**

**New Business:****BOF Proposals:**

<b>BOF Proposals:</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Prop 153:</b> Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' ground fish pots. Pots for ground fish has become more popular and AST wants a definition for them.	12	0	We agree there is a need for a definition so AST can enforce the regs.
<b>Prop 154:</b> Allow the use of purse seine drums	0	12	Seiners are already extremely efficient. Drums can haul the nets a lot faster, are more efficient and dangerous. We do not need seine drums on the seiners. They are incredibly efficient right now and our resources are about maxed out.
<b>Prop 155:</b> Allow the use of spear and speargun while swimming	12	0	No biological concerns, this is for sport fishing only. Increase opportunity with little impact to the resource.
<b>Prop 156:</b> Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing	11	1- Ellen	This is a housekeeping reg and all responsible outdoors people should be in full support.
<b>Prop 157:</b> Allows commercial anglers to fish in different areas around the state.	0	12	We also felt it would also increase competition with the existing comm fisheries if allowed. It could allow individual comm anglers to move around the state but it could also be very disruptive and increase competition.
<b>Prop 158:</b> Similar prop as 157	No Action		No action due to 157
<b>Prop 159:</b> Close comm fishing within .25 mile	No Action		There aren't any areas on POW where this would apply.
<b>Prop 160:</b> Surrender of proceeds from sale of wild king salmon	0	12	Currently only 15% of hatchery fish are fin clipped so this prop will be detrimental and is totally unnecessary.
<b>Prop 163:</b> Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.	1-Dave	11	ADFG is opposed to prohibiting services and would be detrimental to AK residents. Currently it is not illegal to guide in personal use fisheries. This prop is mainly for rivers up north. Subsistence users pay operators to take them out subsistence fishing and drop them off. If passed this would negatively impact the subsistence anglers.
<b>Prop 164:</b> Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.	12	0	Guiding for PU and Subsistence is legal and this would establish registration and potentially logbook requirements. This is mainly a PWS issue. ADFG is neutral. There could be overlap b/c the individual anglers already have to report.
<b>Prop 165:</b> Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries	12	0	We don't think guides should be involved in subsistence fisheries. If residents can't get the resources by themselves, the proxy system is the solution.



<b>Prop 166:</b> Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use (dipnet) fisheries	12	0	We need to know how many of what species are being retained for management and sustainability.
<b>Prop 167:</b> Require in season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.	0	12	ADFG is in opposition. This is an unnecessary burden to users, staff and AST. We already have reporting requirements in PU fisheries. This would be very hard to implement, enforce and will not help manage the fishery.
<b>Prop 168:</b> Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.	12	0	ADFG is in support. This is a housekeeping issue so users can still catch and release fish while protecting the public from eating them. We agree.
<b>Prop 169:</b> Amend the list of banned invasive species.	12	0	ADFG's own proposal that is a housekeeping prop to keep invasive species from coming into our waters.

**Ellen and Kurt said one of them would volunteer to represent the Craig AC at the upcoming BOF meetings March 10-14, 2023. Travel dates are March 9 & 15.**

**Tim O'Connor: Gave background info. and spoke in opposition to the lawsuit.**

**Mike Douville: Spoke in opposition to the lawsuit.**

**Kurt read the following letter.**

### **Killer Whale Lawsuit Against SE Trollers**

Whereas commercial fishing is a mainstay of Alaska's economy and the largest private sector employer in the state; and

Whereas the troll fleet is the second largest commercial fleet in Alaska; and

Whereas between 2000-2018, the troll fleet landed on average 3.02 million pounds of Chinook salmon each year at an average value of \$11.7 million; and

Whereas between 2000-2018, Chinook accounted for 44% of the troll fleet's annual ex-vessel earnings on average and in 2015 made up 58% of the fleet's income; and

Whereas approximately 1,450 fishermen/women earn income directly from the troll fishery, including skippers (permit holders) and crew, with total direct, indirect and induced labor income estimated at \$28.5 million; and

Whereas, in 2018, the residents of the Prince of Wales Island-Hyder Census Area (Craig, Klawock, Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove, Hydaburg, Metlakatla, Kake and other communities) landed 17% of the Alaska resident troll Chinook harvest and 15% of the total troll Chinook harvest value; and

Whereas in 2021, Craig ranked 30th in the nation for commercial seafood landings (21 million pounds) and 52nd in value (\$22.7 million), out of 137 of the nation's top fishing ports; and

Whereas commercial salmon trolling is a year-round contributor to the Southeast Alaska economy and sustains year-round employment in the fishing processing and support sector industries; and

Whereas including fishing, processing and all retailer multiplier effects, the troll fleet has a total economic impact of approximately \$85 million for the whole of Southeast annually, as measured in terms of total output; and



Whereas the lawsuit filed by the Wild Fish Conservancy against the National Marine Fisheries Service to close the Alaska winter and summer troll fisheries despite those closures providing no meaningful benefits to Southern Resident Killer Whales; and

Whereas the Wild Fish Conservancy has pledged to eliminate mixed stock fisheries and eliminate hatcheries; and

Whereas the communities of Southeast will suffer severe economic hardship if the troll fishery is closed; then

Therefore, be it resolved that the ADFG Craig Advisory Committee urge in the strongest possible terms that:

NMFS prioritize preparation of the necessary documents and proceed to support prosecution of Alaska's troll fisheries; and

NMFS and ADFG commit the necessary resources to effectively defend Alaska's fisheries and the troll fishery in particular; and

All necessary and available state, federal or private resources be made available to support lawsuit defendants and intervenors; and

The State of Alaska work with Alaska's Department of Law and the Congressional delegation to protect Alaska's fisheries from present and future misdirected or malicious lawsuits.

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**Moved and seconded to support the above letter in opposition to the troller lawsuit.**

**Discussion: This lawsuit will have a huge impact on the community of Craig.**

**Vote:**

**12-0 in Support**

**Mike Douville: It is helpful to have the rationale written out to the board supporting our decisions helps the board make their decision.**

**Craig Schwanke: The boards definitely like to hear the supporting evidence for our decisions.**

**Next meeting: To be decided at a later date by the chair.**

**Moved and seconded to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm**

**Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead**

**Minutes approved by: Ellen Hannan**

**Date: 2.6.23**

# Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the  
Delta Junction City Hall and by web/teleconference



AC11  
1 of 6

**CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM by Chair Jacob White

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Jacob White,  
Alan Waldo,  
Earl McNabb,  
Tisha Kennell,  
Carl Taylor,  
Jeff Lipscomb,  
Jesse Cummings,  
Vern Aiton,  
Tim Webb,  
Mike Bender,  
Rob Mathews,  
Don Quarberg (alt),  
Tony Williams (alt)

ABSENT/Excused: 0/0

**ESTABLISH QUORUM (6 required – 13 present) 11 Votes**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS :** Mike Cassidy, Dean Lambert, Neil Kelly, Clint Cooper, Brandy Baker, and Don Bunselmeier were present present in the room. Bob Schmidt, Tony Hollis, Kyle Campbell, and Amanda Hope were online.

**Chair's Comments:** None

**Concerns/Comments of Public:** None

**Concerns/Comments of AC members:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 31st, 2023:** Deferred to March meeting as minutes were not available.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** passed unanimously

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Livestock feed assistance program update:** Jacob White read the e-mail that Bob Schmidt had sent in response to the AC's request for information regarding a news story that seemed to indicate ADF&G funds were used to pay for the livestock feed assistance program. "The quick answer to where the money came from for this program is this:

- 1) The \$1 Million mentioned is NOT Fish and Game money (P-R or license dollars).
- 2) ADF&G can't designate ANY Funds as that is part of the state budget which is passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. That is what directs how funds are spent.
- 3) The \$1 Million came from the governor's office which received the FEDERAL FUNDS and used an RSA (interagency agreement) with ADF&G to access those funds. In other words, a means to spend or move the money, but the money never was ADF&G money.

Number 3 is a little confusing. But my understanding these (federal) funds were dumped into more than one pot when they were received, including the ADF&G pot. I guess this happens from time to time and then the Governor's office moves the money around to where it actually belongs. The intent of this money was for Ag not ADF&G so the Governor did this interagency agreement to make sure department of AG got the entirety of this money.

- The important thing in this message is number 1 and 2 that the money is not PR money or Fish and Game money in anyway, including the Fish and Game general fund, and AD&G can't designate any funds

## **Update on BLM AK Resource Advisory Council**

Tisha Kennel reported that the RAC meets once or twice a year and the website for it explains it all in great detail. The website is:

[Resource Advisory Council | Bureau of Land Management \(blm.gov\)](https://www.blm.gov/1/Resource-Advisory-Council)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Staff updates**
  - **Bison Range Wayside and Trail Project Update (Clint Cooper)**

Clint briefed a project idea to establish a pullout (and/or off the highway parking area) off the Alaska highway in the vicinity of the Panoramic Bison fields, with educational kiosks at the parking site, a trail (~1 mile from the highway) to a viewing platform overlooking the fields. This project would provide non-consumptive users a convenient and educational place to learn about Delta's Bison herd. The trail could also potentially be a hunter access point via ATVs.

He explained that the DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAPs) is a potential funding source that requires a 9.03% match from the community. This year's deadline for applications is 28 FEB 2023. Alternatively, the Alaska Hunter Access program of ADF&G might provide funding, but requires a 25% matching contribution from the Community. The deadline for this application is 1 MAR 2023.

Clint has already contacted the Deltana Community Corporation to request that they provide the matching funds. They had questions that needed to be answered before they can decide one way or the other.

Mr. Cooper is seeking a letter of support from the Delta AC to include in the application

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packet(s).

There were many questions from the AC. The first one was about who would assume responsibility for lifecycle maintenance of the pullout, trail, and platform. Here, Clint proposed an alternative of a road off the highway to a gravel parking area off the right-of-way. This would likely alleviate any DOT concerns with construction and maintenance, as well as shorten the walk into the bison fields. Vern Aiton asked if there was an estimated cost. The response was \$200K-300K as a veery rough ballpark estimate, and that the project could be split into phases if need be based on funding availability. Vern also asked how wide the trail would be? A: ATV or snow machine access wise – not for cars and trucks.

Jacob White asked if there were quite a few folks coming into the ADF&G office asking about bison viewing? A: Not quite a few, but a few. Jacob then asked if this was more about viewing access or hunting access? A: Both, but more about providing education/info than anything else.

Earl McNabb asked if moving the parking area into the trees off the DOT right of way would eliminate the opportunity to get the DOT TAPs funding? A: Clint did not think it would, as community impact is a big part of TAPs.

Jeff Lipscomb Asked if that estimate included everything? A: Yes, but the wayside/parking area is the bulk of the cost.

Rob Matthews raised the issue of creating potential conflicts between user groups if non-consumptive viewers were there at the same time a hunter kills a bison.

Dean Lambert asked how big the wayside/parking area would be? A: Big enough for RVs.

Jacob White stated that there is already a lot of access to the bison fields and asked if somewhere like the 1408 Road would be a better place for the educational kiosks? A: 1408 does not currently have a spot near the road that would be convenient for tourists and other to access.

Don Quarberg asked what segment of the population this project was aiming to serve? A: Tourist, locals, and hunter access. Don then followed with a question on how many tourists, many of which are senior citizens, did we really think were going to walk a mile? A: they could take an ATV. Jeff Lipscomb then stated that very few tourists travel with an ATV.

Earl McNabb stated the 1408 area used to have lots of RV hunters and another area like that might not be a bad idea. A: Hunter access is a factor, but it is more about education. There was discussion on possibility of improving the existing road past the ADF&G barn so that tourist and other viewers could just drive right to the fields. Clint answered that we are trying to provide opportunity without undue disturbance to the herd, and added vehicular traffic into the fields is not in keeping with the limited access concept.

Vern Aiton: When can DOT firm up the numbers? A: They say soon.

Earl McNabb: Is cost an AC issue, or should we just be concerned with deciding on our support for a concept? Jeff Lipscomb responded that he agreed that the AC's purview is deciding if we want to support the project, not how it is funded or how much it costs. Rob Matthews added that as long as the ADF&G bison range funds were not used, he thought it was a good idea.

Don Quarberg: I am getting mixed signals here – we want to limit access on one hand, but add a new access point and encourage people to use it on the other? A: True, we do not want to get more vehicular traffic on the range, but some increase in foot and/or ATV

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traffic is desired.

Neil Kelly: Have you considered strictly non-motorized access from the project area? A: We hadn't but that can be a consideration. This sparked some additional discussion with most seeming to favor the walk-in only option.

Earl McNabb made a motion that the Delta AC provide the letter of support to the Wayside Bison viewing Project. Seconded by Rob Matthews.

There was further discussion: The kiosks at the parking area should give a realistic estimate of the chances that there will be Bison visible from the viewing platform. How many people will walk a mile for a 10% chance to see a bison?

Earl again asked if we support the concept.

Tisha Kennel said she would like to see the hard numbers before deciding.

It was also asked what about putting the kiosks at the Silverfox store?

Jacob White asked that since it had already been on the radar for a couple of years, does it have to happen this year? A: No, applications could be submitted in future cycles.

Mike Bender asked how we can support asking anyone to commit to 10% or 25% of blank check?

Vern Aiton: Sometimes a grant comes with other strings that end up preventing you from doing what you intended or anything at all – do we know if these programs have additional requirements?

The question was called and the vote was 5 in favor of the motion and 6 Opposed – Motion failed.

## **Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish meeting information (Brandy Baker)**

Anadromous Waters review process is complete, which documents the map of water bodies that are protected from vehicular crossings.

The annual stocking plan is finalized and available.

The BoF meeting went fairly well. Since the Delta AC did not send a representative, our written comments were all they had to consider from Delta.

- = King Salmon in the Tanana and Yukon may not be removed from the water if they are to be released.

- = Proposal to allow set-line hooked Northern Pike to be retained failed.

- = Proposal to allow Catch and release fishing for northern Pike in Harding lake failed.

- = Proposal to change regs for TEA lake to match the rest of the area lakes failed.

The Fielding lake LT proposal 71 passed.

Adding Lake trout to the stocking plan and updating the list of stocked waters (73&74) passed.

Proposal 72 addressed PFAS contaminated waters and changed specific waterbodies to catch and release only for all finfish.

Brandy will provide an update on planned summer projects at the March Meeting.

## **AC's response to ADFG Moose workshop presented in January**

Jacob read the e-mails from the AC members discussing options. The consensus

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seemed to be to go to all registration hunts in 20D, with more frequent browse, twinning, and calf weight surveys.

Bob Schmidt and Tony Hollis explained why more frequent surveys were unlikely to provide better information for near-term decision making. They and the AC agreed that no antlerless hunts would take place in 20A or 20D this year. There was some discussion of allowing some harvest of smaller bulls, and Bob Schmidt responded that we already have the authority to issue up to 10 any bull permits. Bob also reminded the AC that if DM791 is abolished, the youth hunt would need to be adjusted if we ever had the need to harvest more than 10 cows. Jacob White proposed that one option could be both the youth hunt and DM 791 go away and be replaced with a youth hunt that covers the entire 20D area.

Motion was made and seconded that the AC would draft and submit a proposal to replace both DM791 and YM 792 with a 20D any moose youth hunt from 16 to 25 SEP. Passed unanimously 11/0/0 Jacob white will draft this proposal.

Motion was made and seconded to submit a proposal to change regular season moose tags in Area 20D to all registration hunts. This will provide more accurate data more quickly to allow ADF&G to manage the harvest. Passed 10/1/0 Jeff Lipscomb will draft this proposal.

Motion was made and seconded to reauthorize antlerless hunts in proposals 180, 181, 182, and 183. Passed 9-1-1. The AC wants to give ADF&G all the right tools, but urged this one not be used in 2023. Tony Hollis and Bob Schmidt both stated that the only antlerless permits in 20A, 20B or 20D would be the hunt along the rich highway and the Fairbanks Management area hunt. Jacob White asked if there was any plan for habitat improvement? Bob Schmidt replied we would have to get forestry to weigh in on that, since the best way to improve moose habitat is by burning. Tisha Kennel stated that since we lost 40% of the local moose population to the weather last winter, we need to start talking about predator control.

## **May 1st, 2023 Deadline for Board of Game Call for Interior Region Proposals:**

**Rescind Proposal 149 (DCUA Allocation):** The AC had voted to propose this at a previous meeting and submitted a request for an agenda change to the BoG, which was not approved. The Delta AC is unanimously opposed to the way this proposal (approved in the previous BOG cycle) guarantees 10% of tags to Non-residents as opposed to the traditional "up to 10%". Jacob White will write this proposal.

**Bear Baiting 20D SW:** Tisha Kennel will draft this proposal, which was voted on at a previous AC meeting.

**Board of Game Proposals: March 17-21, 2023 [Southcentral Region II Meeting](#) (comments due March 3rd)**

**(DCUA Sheep Proposal 208):** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. As per previous discussion, the Delta AC unanimously opposes this proposal due to the unintended allocative issues associated with proposal 149, discussed above. As this

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proposal simply amends 149, we believe this one should be voided by the rescension of 149.  
No support: 0/11/0/

**Proposal 209 – Elk permits – No action.**

**Proposal 210 - Unit 19C moose - No action.**

**Proposal 211 Unit 19C moose: No action.**

## **Board of Fisheries Proposals: March 10-13, 2023 Meeting – [Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues](#) (comments due Feb. 23rd)**

- **Proposal 163 Proposal 164, Proposal 165:** Since these proposals all dealt with the same general subject, we considered them all together. Motion was made and seconded to support these proposals. Discussion revealed that the need for these measures was unclear. Vote was 0/10/1 – Delta ac does not support.
- **Proposal 166:** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. Discussion ensued. Delta AC members felt there was no clear need for this, and enforcement would be complicated and difficult.
- **Proposal 167:** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. Discussion revealed that the majority of the AC was against additional reporting requirements where there is no clear need or benefit to management of the fishery. Vote to not support this proposal was 0/9/2. The 2 abstentions indicated they needed more information in order to make an informed decision.

### **• Other fisheries and wildlife business as needed**

**Board of Game Proposal 207:** Motion was made and seconded to support this proposal. Short discussion showed majority support for giving the department another tool to help manage a caribou herd that is hunted by many people due to access and location. Vote to support was 9/0/2. Abstentions felt they did not have enough information.

**Amanda Hope of Circle** joined the meeting via internet to encourage more people to become members of the Eastern Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. She is a member and would like to see more people involved. She also asked for support of her proposal to require moose antlers taken in unit 25 and 20E to be cut in half to remove their trophy value. This is intended to reduce wanton waste of meat. Delta AC response was that wanton waste is already illegal and the same person who is breaking that law would have no issue breaking the new one. The only way to stop this is to report it. The Delta Ac thanked Ms. Hope for participating in our meeting.

**ADJOURNED 9:25**

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**Call to Order:** 3:10 pm by Kurt Whitehead

**Roll Call:**

East POW AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Perry Olson	Chair	Coffman Cove		x (excused)	June 2024
William Pattison	Vice Chair	Whale Pass	x (phone)		June 2024
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary		x		June 2025
Kris Anderson			x (online)		June 2025
Jim Beard			x (online)		June 2023
Matt Beck			x		June 2023
Della Colburn		Kasaan	x (phone)		June 2025
Dave Egelston				x (excused)	June 2025
Amy Jennings			x		June 2025
Kim Redmond		Thorne Bay	x		June 2023
Doug Rhodes				x (excused)	June 2024
Dave Roberts				x	June 2025
John Ryan		Hollis	x		June 2024
Ray Slayton				x (excused)	June 2024
Dick Stewart			x (online)		June 2023

**15 total Members, 10 are present**

**Number needed for a quorum: 8**

## **ADFG Staff Present:**

Craig Schwanke ADFG sport fish biologist

**Guests present:** Beverly Bennett (online), Lee Burger, Ben Taylor, Skip Escoffon

## **Approval of Agenda:**

Approved the agenda for 2.11.23.

Moved and seconded to approve.

## **Vote:**

**Unanimous approval**

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Already done by Chair Perry Olson.

## **Reports:**

**Chair: None**



**ADFG:** Craig Schwanke gave an update on the new fishing regs for non resident anglers of lingcod slot limit of 30" to 40". Record number of fishing licenses issued since 2020 so the increase in fishing driven the increased harvest of lingcod. ADFG has also seen an increase harvest of pelagic rockfish. The bag limit will remain 5 per day per angler for now.

**Will Pattison:** Report on the BOG meetings: Will represented the East POW, Kurt represented the Klawock AC, Mike Douville represented the Craig AC, Mike Kampnich and Elijah Winrod represented POW and everyone did a great job. Discussed a few of the new regs that were passed such as Zarembo Is. draw permit, the split waterfowl season in SE AK, 2 goat limit of Unit 1 for residents, extended hunting season for wolves on Unit 2, etc. ADFG did a great job representing our concerns about wolves on POW. The state wolf hunting season is now aligned with the federal hunting season. Sept. 1-the end of the wolf trapping season. Online quiz required for goat hunters prior to hunting to help educate hunters on sexing goats. Zarembo elk hunt via drawing permit passed.

**Kurt Whitehead:** Report on BOG, Seasonal Residents and Wolf Letter: Kurt met with 23 legislators and/or their aides on Feb. 1 & 2 about the seasonal resident issue we have in SE AK and POW and urged everyone to email or call all the legislators of SE AK and let them know how you feel. The sea otter management plan proposal was discussed at length by the board of game. Another proposal that passed was a two deer limit for non residents in GMU 4. This is a big deal at the upcoming subsistence meetings as there are several deer proposals at those meetings.

**Public Comments: None**

#### **Elections:**

No election was held since Della Colburn wants to remain as the Kasaan representative.

#### **Old Business:**

**Moved by Will Pattison and seconded by Matt Beck to support the following wolf letter.**

#### **Discussion:**

**Matt Beck:** It's important to support it and get it sent off to our congressional delegation.

**Kurt Whitehead:** There's nothing in the letter that is detrimental and most importantly it gives the congressional delegation a list of the many PoW supporters. We might not agree with every sentence in the letter but there's nothing that is bad. It supports our logic that we do not want the wolf listed under the ESA.

**Matt:** How much longer do we have to get supporters for the letter?

**Kurt:** We need to wrap it up sooner rather than later and give it to our delegates so they have time to contact USFWS.

#### **Vote:**

**Unanimous approval 10-0 to support the wolf letter.**

#### **Wolf ESA Letter**

The Klawock, AK Fish and Game Advisory Council is grateful for this opportunity to participate in the public process about resource management in our state.

On July 15, 2020, the Center for Biological Diversity, Alaska Rainforest Defenders and Defenders of Wildlife petitioned the Secretary of Interior/US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) to list the Alexander Archipelago (AA) Wolf in Southeast Alaska as threatened or endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The first petition to list the AA wolf was filed in 1993. The second was filed in 2011. The third and current one was filed in 2020 also requests that critical habitat be designated for AA wolves in Southeast Alaska. The document can be found at [www.biologicaldiversity.org](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org) and [www.doi.gov](http://www.doi.gov). We would like to state that the recurring petition process takes time away from resource managers studying wolf populations and other important issues and is disruptive for certain residents. The signatories of this document believe that the AA wolf should not be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Prince of Wales Island, the third largest island in the United States, is home to approximately 3500 residents that reside in twelve rural communities, ranging from 35 in remote Point Baker to over 1000 in Craig. Many residents rely largely on a subsistence way of life. Subsistence in rural Alaska means legally that residents can fish and hunt under bag limits that allow us to fill our freezers and pantries because we do not have access to goods and services that people who live in urban areas have. Traditional subsistence lifestyles have been and still are practiced by the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people who have lived here since time immemorial. Prince of Wales area census data from 2021 shows 41.6% Alaska Native residents which is almost half the population of POW's communities. Subsistence is a

very important part of Alaska Native culture, tradition and heritage. Deer hunting is a major part of lifestyle and is vitally important on POW. Our relationships, mental and physical health and food improved by deer hunting. Deer hunting on POW is important because this is the only populated area in the region with just one ungulate game animal; POW does not have caribou, moose, elk, sheep, bison, mountain goat or muskox.



Today, subsistence on POW is critical in terms of food security, as soaring inflation nation-wide has increased the cost of all goods and services. Shipping chilled or frozen food here costs \$0.82/lb. In Klawock, a gallon of milk is \$6.49, a dozen eggs are \$7.49 and ground beef is \$5.99 per pound. Additionally, gas is \$5.87/gal and \$6.23/gal for diesel. Food and fuel costs are a larger percentage of the family budget than the average household.

Information presented by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) and other agencies at the 2022 Deer Summit on POW (October 13-15, 2022) show that the deer population has obviously declined in the past ten years. In 2012, hunters in Unit 2 averaged about 3.5 days of hunting effort per deer harvested; in 2022, hunters spent an average of 4.9 days trying to harvest a deer, according to ADFG hunt report survey data from 2012-2021.

We acknowledge that the deer population is affected by numerous factors, including habitat loss from fifty years of industrial scale old-growth logging on POW. We have noticed that, while ADFG reports link POW old-growth forest to healthy deer populations and state that the POW deer population is in trouble, Division of Forestry staff continue to describe the old-growth stands they cut here as low value and minimize their importance to deer and to hunters. That doesn't agree with what we heard at the 2022 Deer Summit. We also acknowledge there is work to be done in terms of considering changing deer bag limits or seasons in response to population concerns.

While we acknowledge that POW is not the only place where the AA wolf exists, we do know that effects of management actions are felt more sharply on our island; in part, because it is an island. We have seen more wolves more frequently over the past decade, so we have questions about whether this trend is occurring in other places within the AA wolf's range. ADFG has been cautious and conservative, but to accurately assess the population of wolves in a temperate rainforest has always been difficult. As ADFG continues to refine the methodologies used to estimate and balance populations with carrying capacity, we expect the wolf population will remain healthy. We know the AA wolf is a top predator of Sitka blacktail deer and is far from being endangered. Our personal observations and trends in ADFG data lead us to believe the wolf is thriving in our area. Recent harvests of wolves have shown that past estimates were much lower than current numbers reflect.

If the AA wolf is listed under the Endangered Species Act, the federal government will assume authority over management, which will end legal trapping and hunting of wolves. If deer populations are decreasing, it doesn't make sense to list one of its top predators as endangered unless there is credible science and data that show good cause. ADFG has a growing list of data and science, including its own studies here on POW, proving the AA Wolf should not be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Everyone agrees that wolves are an important part of POW and we enjoy seeing them, hearing them or just knowing that they exist here. However, listing the AA wolf as endangered will not accomplish better management and will eliminate all legal take of the top non-human predator in an island ecosystem where Sitka blacktail deer is the only ungulate prey available.

We strongly oppose listing the AA wolf as endangered or threatened.

The Klawock ADFG Advisory Council

The following list also supports the above letter

Alaska Trappers Association Fairbanks, AK	Alaska Outdoor Council Anchorage, AK	Alaska Chapter Backcountry Hunters/Anglers	City of Klawock Klawock, AK
City of Craig Craig, AK	City of Thorne Bay Thorne Bay, AK	City of Coffman Cove Coffman Cove, AK	City of Kasaan Kasaan, AK
City of Whale Pass Whale Pass, AK	Hollis Community Council Hollis, AK		



ADFG Ketchikan Advisory Committee	ADFG Klawock Advisory Committee	ADFG East PoW Advisory Committee	ADFG Comr
Clinton Cook Sr. Tribal President Craig Tribal Association Craig, AK	Tim O'Conner Mayor of Craig VP Alaska Troller Assoc. F/V Virginia Rose Craig, AK	Scott Van Valin Heidi Van Valin Island Air Express El Capitan Lodge	Ray & Elizabeth Douville F/V Faith Faith Fisheries Craig, AK
David & Cynthia Egelston Alaska Rainforest Adventures Thorne Bay, AK	David & Jen Creighton Shelter Cove Lodge Rainforest Auto Rentals Craig, AK	DJ & Anne Hansen DJ's Alaska Adventure Rentals Klawock, AK	Sam & Michelle Peters Slammin' Sam's Charters POW Electric & Repair Klawock, AK
Ellen Hannan & Brian Castle F/V Renegade Craig, AK	Scott Peakes & Elijah Winrod Northern Spell Lodge Klawock, AK	Josh & Chace Anderson Fireweed Lodge Klawock, AK	Kirk & Katie Agnitsch Sure Strike Lodge Craig, AK
Kurt Whitehead & Trina Nation Treasure Hunter Lodge Klawock, AK	LeRoy & Tanya Johns F/V Chelsea Dawn Klawock, AK	Rosey & Lisa Roseland The Salt Shack Thorne Bay, Alaska	Joel & Leanne Steenstra Alaska Wide Open Charters Craig, AK
Chuck & Jeanette Haydu Kingfisher Lodge & Charters Craig, AK	Spencer & Hannah Richter F/V Resolution Craig, AK	Jim & Jane Holien F/V Kenai Jane Klawock, AK	Shawn & Jill Kato-Yates F/V Nauti Lady Klawock, AK
Daniel & Emily Peters F/V Sunlight Klawock, AK	Vaughn & Carrie Skinna F/V Annalyn Klawock, AK	Don & Teresa Busse Trophy Inn Klawock, AK	Carter & Gretchen Jones Spindrift Adventures Klawock, AK
James Heppe Jr. Heppe & Sons Construction Klawock, AK	Grace Heppe Heppe's Indoor Edition Klawock, AK	Mike & Sarah Warner Coffman Cove Adventures Coffman Cove, AK	Rich Trojan Trojan & Sons LLC Craig, AK
Jason Clowar/Luther Jenson Adventure AK Southeast Thorne Bay, AK	Rob & Val Steward Changing Tides Inn Klawock, AK	Sean Tomkinson Passages Alaska Adventure Therapy, Klawock, AK	Brad McMillan Klawock Cooperative Assoc. Klawock, AK
Phillip & Danel Winrod F/V Aurie G Thorne Bay, AK	Melissa LaCour Log Cabin Sports Craig, AK	Mike & Jan Bush B-3 Contractors Inc. Klawock, AK	Mike Hamme Hamme's Quality Carpentry Craig, AK
Jon & Debbie Winrod Webster Point, AK	David & Gail Winrod Hydaburg, AK	Jim Baichtal Thorne Bay, AK	Sam Sawyer Thorne Bay, AK
Enoch & Elizabeth Winrod Ketchikan, AK	Ann Williams Klawock, AK	Justin Fitch Klawock, AK	John & Sheri Wylie Klawock, AK
Matt & Pam Beck Whale Pass, AK	Mark & Beth Farrar Eagles Wings Lodge Klawock, AK	Brian Ringeisen Anglers-Adventures Ketchikan, AK	Kyle Berg & Courtney Nase Ketchikan, AK
Chris Guggenbickler Wrangell, AK	Clay Bezenek Ketchikan, AK	Sharon Toman Whale Pass, AK	Nichole Pope Naukati, AK

## New Business:



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Kurt gave background about the lawsuit and read the following resolution:

### Killer Whale Lawsuit Against SE Trollers

Whereas commercial fishing is a mainstay of Alaska's economy and the largest private sector employer in the state; and

Whereas the troll fleet is the second largest fleet in Alaska; and

Whereas 44% of the fishing income to trollers is derived from their Chinook catch; and

Whereas commercial salmon trolling is a year-round contributor to the Southeast Alaska economy and sustains year-round employment in the fishing processing and support sector industries; and

Whereas including fishing, processing and all retailer multiplier effects, the troll fleet has a total economic impact of approximately \$85 million for the whole of Southeast annually, as measured in terms of total output; and

Whereas the lawsuit files by the Wild Fish Conservancy against the National Marine Fisheries Service threatens to close the Southeast troll fishery despite that closure providing no meaningful benefits to Southern Resident Killer Whales; and

Whereas the Wild Fish Conservancy has pledged to eliminate mixed stock fisheries and eliminate hatcheries; and

Whereas the communities of Southeast will suffer severe economic hardship if the Southeast troll fishery is closed; then

Therefore, be it resolved that the ADFG East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee urge in the strongest possible terms that:

NMFS and ADFG commits the necessary resources to effectively defend all Alaska's chinook fisheries and the Southeast troll fishery in particular; and

All necessary and available state, federal or private resources be made available to support lawsuit defendants and intervenors; and

The State of Alaska work with Alaska's Congressional delegation to protect Alaska's fisheries from present and future misdirected or malicious lawsuits.

ADFG East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee

### Kurt: read Perry Olson's email about opposing the resolution.

Have you all read the opposing sides evidence? This controversy isn't just about Puget Sound Orca. It's about the sustainability of the Chinook for the rest of us....commercial and non-commercial alike.

"In other words, not only would these Chinook fisheries reduce the number of salmon available to orcas each season, they would threaten the very future of the already endangered populations they rely on for their survival. This is because 97% of the Chinook salmon caught in SE AK are from rivers in BC and WA state. Catching these fish in AK before they can return home to spawn, deprives the SR Orcas of feeding opportunities and salmon the chance to produce the next generation."

Chinook from the Pacific NW river systems have been listed on the ESA and if 97% of the Chinook being caught in SE AK originate from those drainages that means we're directly harming the very fish stocks that all of us are targeting. Those fish never make it back to their rivers and streams to spawn the next generation.

If the quote below is true and NOAA has determined that the Chinook harvest is unsustainable then supporting the current troll harvest directly harms everyone else and could even lead to a collapse of the Chinook population in SE AK.



"In their most recent analysis of this fisheries impact on threatened and endangered species, NOAA the last decade and continuing today, Chinook harvest is occurring at levels that are unsustainable survival and reproductive success of both threatened wild Chinook populations and endangered SR killer whales." I can sympathize with the trollers whose livelihoods depend partly on the Chinook they catch but there seems to be a lot more to this story than just a bunch of environmentalists who hate comm fishermen ....

If the combined catch from all of SE AK user groups causes a future collapse of the Chinook pop that will destroy the trollers AND hurt everyone else....

Is it in the best interests interests of residents, guides, the tourism industry or trollers and other commercial interests to allow unsustainable harvests until the Chinook population crashes?

If reductions in catch are mandated to protect the resource, then in my opinion, comm interests need to take a backseat to residents who are putting food on their tables.

**Perry Olson**

**Moved by Matt Beck to discuss the letter and seconded by Kurt.**

**Discussion:**

**Matt Beck:** Killer whales are not getting enough salmon but the issue is way more complex. Sea otters are destroying kelp beds, the sealions are eating salmon at the locks, closing hatcheries that can help augment the loss of salmon and what about the herring? Is there any way the advisory committees can join together and put pressure on the groups. He doesn't feel status quo for the commercial industry is working. Asked Craig Schwanke to speak on the issue.

**John Ryan:** BC fishermen are blaming AK that we are catching the majority of the fish destined for BC. Sea lions are killing untold numbers of king salmon at the base of the dams. Orcas are eating salmon and their population is staying static. NMFS is finally allowed to cull some of the sealions that are regularly ambushing fish below the dams. Boat traffic and pollution in Puget Sound are impacting the orcas. He thinks this lawsuits main goal is to shut down commercial fishing. If we support this letter it is mainly that we want AK to throw maximum resources against the lawsuit.

**Matt Beck:** This is not a quick fix at all. We have hatcheries reducing their output. This is an opportunity to manage our sea lion and sea otter issues.

John Ryan: This letter is just to encourage the state to throw maximum resources to defend us against the lawsuit.

**Jim Beard:** We should support the trollers but if reductions come the sport fishery will take the cuts. Singling out one group over the other could hurt all the groups. This is not a simple solution. As Perry pointed out, this in not a simple fix.

**John Ryan:** Each user group is allowed different harvest levels.

**Craig Schwanke:** Chinook are managed under a treaty with Canada. Sportfishing gets 20% of the harvest and commercial anglers get 80% of the harvest with the majority of the kings going to trollers. The closures on the east side of pow are specifically for the king runs in the transboundary rivers. This lawsuit deals with the perceived interception of chinook by trollers and orcas.

**John Ryan:** The lawsuit is targeting the summer troll fishery. There is no personal use or subsistence fishing for king salmon in AK.

**Moved by Della Colburn to support as written and seconded by Will Pattison.**

**Jim Beard:** Would it be possible to support the letter by being in support of all commercial fisheries instead of just the trollers. We need to support all the fisheries in general not just the trollers. Perry had a persuasive argument. If we come out in support we need to do it together not just for trollers.

**Kurt Whitehead:** We can table the letter and kick it to back to the next meeting after we work on it and get a draft that we are all comfortable with.

**Della Colburn:** rescinded her motion. Her phone battery is dying and will sign off soon.

**Kurt Whitehead:** moved to table the letter.

**John Ryan:** We need to move faster to support this letter because this fishery is going to happen in a few months and it will be a crushing blow for all of SE AK.

**Amy Jennings:** We need to support the letter now.

**John Ryan:** We are going to table the meeting until the end of the meeting.



BOF Proposals:	Support	Oppose	Discussion
<b>Prop 154:</b> Allow the use of purse seine drums	0	9	Seiners are already extremely efficient. Drums can haul the nets a lot faster, are more efficient, dangerous and will change the fishery for the worse.
<b>Prop 155:</b> Allow the use of spear and speargun while swimming	9	0	No biological concerns, this is for sport fishing only. Increase opportunity with little impact to the resource.

Amy Jennings: Makes the motion to **support prop 155 with the amendment to change as written instead of a person in the water to: "the person who is completely in the water may use a spear or speargun to take fish if the spear or speargun is not tipped with an explosive."**

This change/amendment is to prevent anglers from using a speargun while standing/wading in the river. This will improve enforcement.

**Moved by Amy and seconded by Kurt to adopt.**

**Discussion:**

**Amy Jennings:** Is in support of this prop.

**Craig Schwanke:** This will allow snorkelers to spear fish. An example would be legal fishing by snorkelers in saltwater at the mouth of the rivers. This will fall under sportfishing regs. There are no biological concerns and ADFG is in support of the prop.

**John Ryan:** He thinks enforcement would likely prefer to have it written so the angler is completely in the water so it is crystal clear that the angler has to in the water not standing in the river.

Amy Jennings: Explain how this could be a loophole?

**John Ryan:** This is a sport fishing reg not personal use or subsistence.

If its adopted as written, people that are standing in water is able to spear fish vs being submerged. Spearing is not a legal method of take fish with sport fishing. People sitting on the surface at Hidden Falls are spearing king salmon which could be why this proposal is in front of us.

**Amy Jennings:**

**Vote:**

**9-0 Unanimous support with the above amendment.**

BOF Proposals:	Support	Oppose	Discussion
<b>Prop 156:</b> Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing	9	0	This is a housekeeping reg and all responsible outdoors people should be in full support.
<b>Prop 157:</b> Allows commercial anglers to fish in different areas around the state.  Moved by John Ryan to support. No second. No action.	No Action		Lots of discussion on whether it would allow more comm fishing in SE AK. Many felt we have reached a saturation point of comm fishing in SE AK and do not want more entry especially with net fisheries. We also felt it would also increase competition with the existing comm fisheries if allowed. It could allow individual comm anglers to move around the state but it could also be very disruptive and put more nets in the waters.
<b>Prop 158:</b> Similar prop as 157	No Action		No action due to 157
<b>Prop 159:</b> Close comm fishing within .25 mile	1-Kris Anderson	8	This could impact hatchery openings of SE AK. This prop mainly involves PWS and would negatively impact our comm anglers in SE AK.
<b>Prop 160:</b> Surrender of proceeds from sale of wild king salmon	0	9	Hatcheries in SE AK are moving towards 100% fin clip of king salmon starting last year but it will be 3-5 years before those fish return, currently a small number of hatchery fish are fin clipped so this prop will be detrimental.
<b>Prop 161:</b>	No Action		



<b>Prop 163:</b> Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.	0	9	ADFG is opposed to prohibiting service detrimental to AK residents. Currently in personal use fisheries. This prop is mainly for rivers up north. Subsistence users pay operators to take them out subsistence fishing and drop them off. If passed this would negatively impact the subsistence anglers.
<b>Prop 164:</b> Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.	9	0	This would establish registration and potentially logbook requirements for personal use guiding.
Kris Anderson's phone died			
<b>Prop 165:</b> Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries	No Action		
<b>Prop 166:</b> Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use (dipnet) fisheries	0	8	ADFG is in opposition. It is unnecessarily restrictive to personal use fisheries.
<b>Prop 167:</b> Require in season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.	0	8	ADFG is in opposition. This is an unnecessary burden to users, staff and AST. We already have reporting requirements in PU fisheries. This would be very hard to implement and enforce.
<b>Prop 168:</b> Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.	8	0	ADFG is in support. This is a housekeeping issue so users can still catch and release fish while protecting the public from eating them.
<b>Prop 169:</b> Amend the list of banned invasive species.	8	0	ADFG's own proposal that is a housekeeping prop to keep invasive species from coming into our waters.

**John Ryan makes a motion to support the Alaska troll lawsuit letter as written above with the amendment to change the 3rd sentence from the bottom to "NMFS and ADFG commits the necessary resources to effectively defend all Alaska's chinook fisheries and the Southeast troll fishery in particular; and"**

**Vote:**

**8-0. Unanimous approval.**

**Next meeting date:** Let the chair decide on the next meeting date.

Agreed to an email discussion about a representative to the statewide BOF.

**Adjourned: 7:47pm**

**Minutes recorded by:** Kurt Whitehead

**Minutes approved by:** Perry Olson

**Date:** 2.11.2023



**Homer Advisory Committee  
Feb. 14, 2023  
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Building  
2181 Kachemak Drive**

I. Call to Order: 6:05 by Dave Lyon, chair.

II. Roll Call

Members Present (14): Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Doug Malone, Michael Craig, Marvin Peters, Andy Fetterhoff, Joe Brewer, Dan Miatke, Wes Humbyrd, Dan Anderson, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, Morgan Jones.

Members Absent: Joey Allred, Bob Nathanson, Tom Young,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: NA

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Jan Rumble, Jason Herreman.

IV. Guests Present: Doug Van Patten, Brandon Dan, Kathy Sarns Irwin, Patrick Irwin, Sid Wolford,

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.

VII. Reports: Mike Booz handed out statistics on salmon and groundfish harvest for Lower Cook Inlet and led discussion on these details. Jan Rumble discussed some proposals and upcoming issues.

VIII. Public Comment:

IX. Old Business: Several members of the public attended to discuss BOG Proposal 147 that the Homer AC voted on at our last meeting, but didn't support. Details of this discussion are in an amended version of our Jan.24 meeting.

A motion to reconsider BOG Proposal 156 was made to amend the proposal to add two adjoining drainages. The amendment was unanimously supported.



X. New Business: Discussion about our next meeting to consider proposals for the next BOF cycle.

XI. Set next meeting date: March 14, 2023.

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<a href="#">140</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Oppose	0	12 - 2	AC member argued that although some protection may be needed, this proposal is overkill. Abstain due to unfamiliarity with issue.
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
Support	13	0 - 1	Endorse the concept. This should reduce bycatch and improve safety.
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	Safety issue.
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
Support	12	0 - 2	Agreement with ADF&G.
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
Support	14	0 - 0	This appears to be a housekeeping proposal.
<a href="#">157</a>	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	1	11 - 2	This consolidation of permits limits opportunity for others.



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<a href="#">158</a>	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	2	12 - 0	This proposal is similar to #157.
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
Oppose	0	14 - 0.	The purpose of this proposal seems to be limited to some very specific places. It is our understanding that this issue can be adequately handled with EO's.
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
Oppose	0	13 - 1	Not a practical idea.
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	12	1 - 1	The idea of guiding a personal use fishery is inconsistent with the purpose and reasons for having this fishery. While the AC supports this proposal, there was some discussion about how it would affect transporters since there is legitimate need for transporters in some areas to allow to a personal use fishery. Mike Booz said there was question within ADF&G with regards to using nonresident transporters for a resident only fishery. Our understanding is that this proposal prohibits guides, whether or not they are residents, but not resident transporters. However nonresident transporters are prohibited.
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Support	14	0 - 0	Allowing compensation for guide services is inconsistent with the purpose for having a subsistence fishery and invites abuse. This doesn't prohibit paying someone for their out-of-pocket expenses, such as gas.
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		



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Support	12	0 -2	This would prohibit double-dipping. Game regulations prohibit getting bag limits in multiple hunts and this should apply to personal use fisheries as well which already have generous limits with respect to meeting just personal needs.
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Support	7	6 - 1	The support was based on allowing harvest levels to be reported soon enough to make adjustments (EO's) if needed. Those opposed felt that reporting within 5 days would be difficult to impossible in many remote locations in Alaska that don't have cell phone or even marginal sat phone coverage.

Adjournment: 8:32

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz  
Minutes Approved By: the AC over Email  
Date: Feb. 17, 2023



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
February 16, 2023  
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:04pm by Mike Crawford, President

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael		X	
Ray	DeBardelaben			X
Scott	Daletas	X		
Dick	Dykema		X	
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	X		
Lisa	Gariel	8:03pm		
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	6:06pm		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Scott	Miller			X
Todd	Smith			X
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Karl	Dagel	X		
Ron	Petty	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Coltan Lipka

IV. Guests Present: James Dye, Peninsula Clarion

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes, minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 are approved.

VII. Reports



- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Vice Chair Paul Shasura spoke on Conversation about King salmon catch along the southern peninsula. There is no known stock composition but there is some concern that Cook Inlet King Salmon could be caught in an intercept fishery.

King salmon stocks are in questions statewide and equal burden should be shared among all fisheries.

Talk about supporting the proposed test trawl fishery with the new onboard lab for species identification.

Started Board of Fish Proposals

Started board of Game Proposals

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. Paul Shadura would like to attend the Statewide finfish meeting in Anchorage during March 10-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - b. Mike Crawford is planning to attend the board of Game meeting in Soldotna during March 17 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- XII. Set next meeting date: next tentative meeting is in April for a Spring Election, timbe and date is still TBD
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn



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<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>These are more efficient but can be limiting as only certain boats could utilize this. This would also change the dynamic of the fisheries.</p> <p>The secondary effect is the possibility much larger harvests and more incidental catch.</p>
<a href="#">157</a>	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	0	12	<p>This goes against limited entry, and could consolidate permits to a smaller number of permit holders.</p> <p>This could now change some enforcement with gear and other area regulations within different fisheries and areas.</p>
<a href="#">158</a>	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	0	12	
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Opposed	2	10	<p>This would close areas like terminal fisheries and make cost recovery fisheries difficult.</p> <p>Example, if Cook Inlet is closed to sport fishing, would this close cook inlet to commercial fishing.</p> <p>There are management plans for rivers and stocks.</p> <p>Opposed: would like to see mouths or tributaries closed to commercial fisheries when rivers are closed to a specific species fishery.</p>
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>There is no definition of feeder king, a king salmon is a king salmon. This is not practical as the state is not setup to take the money.</p> <p>How would we enforce this?</p>
<a href="#">161</a>	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> ).		
Opposed	0	13	<p>There is concern that this is lobbying for the state to put in policy that could possibly harm the small boat fisheries and expand costal and state territorial waters.</p>
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
Support	12	0	<p>Housekeeping allowing guides to only need a single sticker.</p> <p>This is only for the Kenai River</p>
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Opposed	1	10	<p>To participate you must be an Alaska resident, so this is only for Alaska registered sportfish guide. This would only be taking away a resource from both Alaskans that do not have resources to a boat and Alaskans that are making money within the community.</p> <p>This would also take this away statewide, which would affect the copper and other personal use fisheries.</p> <p>Creates a disproportionate harvest and has crept into subsistence as well.</p> <p>1 abstention</p>
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>This would be similar to the Sport Guide Harvest log book which was removed. A better approach would be to have the already existing personal use reporting to have a check box if they used commercial services or not.</p> <p>This could be easily added to the electronic personal use reporting.</p>
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>This is for state subsistence fisheries, and taking away resource from Alaska residence that can pay to gain access to the fisheries does not make sense as it removed opportunity.</p>
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Opposed	0	12	<p>There are already household limits and region limits</p>
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Opposed	2	9	<p>There is already reporting requirements, and this cannot be done or enforced. There are approximately 25,000 to 35,000 permits issued for the cook inlet.</p> <p>Not clear what purpose this is trying resolve.</p> <p>From a statewide perspective there are area's that do not have cell service and can be in the field for long lengths of time. This makes a reporting requirement unfair to those individuals.</p> <p>Opposed Vote would like to have better reporting and quicker data.</p> <p>1 abstention</p>
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
Support	12	0	There have been existing issue already and this helps protect Alaska waters.

## 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
<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-</i></p>			



## 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
<i>2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
199			Early season Registration Elk hunt with required permit hunt conditions and procedures
No Action			
200			Seniors only Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose
Opposed	1		This was based on Proposal 209 which was unanimously supported
204			Close Unit 19c Dall Sheep harvest for five (5) years
Opposed	0	12	Too much of a special interest hunt and the dates are well past the regular season which would be in the rut putting more during the rutting season
209			Registration hunt season and bag limits for Elk with required permit hunt conditions and procedures
Support	13	13	no biological concern, natural cycle and this is going against Full Curl management plan. Also this is a specific unit and sheep across the entire state are in decline. Closing one unit will only increase hunting pressure by concentrating it on already depleted numbers.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 9:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: 02/16/2023 \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 gillnet 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



## Klawock AC Meeting January 18, 2023

**Call to Order:** 6: 11pm

**Roll Call:**

**Total Members:** 13

**Number needed for a quorum:** 7

Klawock AC Members	Officer	Present	Absent	Expiration
Dennis Nickerson	Chair	x		June 2024
Nick Nickerson	Vice Chair	x		June 2024
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	x		June 2025
Tylo Kennedy		x		June 2023
Mike Kennedy			x	June 2023
Irving Langmaid			x	June 2025
Tom George		x		June 2025
Al Edsall		x		June 2023
Mark Tollfedt		x		June 2024
John Priddy		x		June 2024
Katie Rooks			x	June 2025
Roby Medina			x	June 2025
Madison Stumpf			x	June 2024

\*Tom & Brenda Leask have missed 3 consecutive meetings and were removed as members. We don't want quorum issues at future meetings. They were properly noticed of all prior meetings. They were also emailed about being dropped from the committee. They were invited to rejoin in future meetings whenever they choose.

### **ADFG Staff present:**

**Craig Schwanke** sport fish biologist, **Boards Support Henry Leasia** (online).

**Guests present:** Tom George, Mike George, Luke Dillard, Anna Laffrey (KTN reporter)

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 1.18.2023.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous approval**

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Approve the meeting minutes from 12.13.2022.

Approve the meeting minutes from 12.27.2022.

**Moved and seconded to approve.**

**Vote:**



## Unanimous approval

### Reports:

#### Chair:

**ADFG: Craig Schwanke (Sportfish biologist).** Craig gave a presentation about 2023 guided sport fish angler Lingcod reductions. There will be a size reduction in the reverse slot limit of 30"-40" instead of 30"-45".

**Other:** Kurt Whitehead gave an update on PoW's Seasonal Resident issue. He will be going to Juneau to find sponsors for our seasonal resident issue on Feb. 1 & 2. SE Board of Game meetings are Jan. 20-24, 2023 in KTN and there will be representatives from each of the POW AC's at that meeting. He will be in attendance.

The group discussed the Seasonal Resident issues on POW and who will be affected.

Tom George discussed local herring issues, its history, how our herring biomass has been reduced every year, how our king salmon are dependent on the herring and how the lawsuit against our trollers is also related to herring reductions. We discussed the commercial harvest of herring and how it needs to be eliminated. We agreed to address that issue in future meetings.

#### Public Comments: None

### Elections:

#### Moved and seconded to hold elections.

Kurt Whitehead nominated Tom George as a member.

#### Vote:

**7-0 Unanimous approval.**

### Officer elections:

#### Moved and seconded to elect officers.

Kurt volunteered to be the secretary.

#### Unanimous consent.

Kurt nominated Dennis Nickerson as Chair and Nick Nickerson as Vice Chair.  
Unanimous consent for both.

### Old Business: Lawsuit against trollers and longliners.

The group discussed the lawsuit and how we can help join the fight.

Moved and seconded to draft a letter to oppose the lawsuit.

#### Vote:

**8-0 Unanimous approval.**

### New Business:

Discussion about future herring proposals for the next board of fish meeting.

#### Comments for statewide finfish proposals.

### Fish Proposals:

**Prop 154:** Allow the use of purse seine drums

#### No Action



**Prop 155:** Use of underwater spear and speargun  
Craig Schwanke gave background info.

**Moved and seconded to support.**

**Discussion:**

We did not like the idea of harassing fish after they have made it all the way to their natal stream.

**Vote:**

1-7

**Oppose**

John Priddy voted in support.

**Prop 156:** Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear

**Moved and seconded to support.**

**Discussion:**

This prop is just for personal use. None of us like felt soled waders due to invasive species.

**Vote:**

0-8

**Oppose**

**Prop 159:** Close commercial fishing for a given species within .25 mile of any area closed to sport fishing

Craig Schwanke gave background info and the group discussed if there are any waters in SE that would apply to this proposal. We agreed there are none on POW and very few if any in SE.

**No Action**

**Prop 160:** Require surrender of proceeds gained from the sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas

**Moved and seconded to support.**

**Discussion:**

**Vote:**

0-8

**Oppose**

**Prop 161:** Create and establish AK BOF policy regarding mgt of groundfish fisheries.

**Discussion:**

Tom George discussed the population reduction in yelloweye on inside waters due to commercial longliners and how much bycatch there is in the commercial halibut fishery.

**No Action**



**Prop 163:** Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries

Currently it is not illegal to guide in personal use fisheries.

**Moved and seconded to approve.**

**Discussion:**

Extensive discussion. None of us liked the idea of guiding in any of the subsistence or personal use fisheries.

**Vote:**

8-0

**Support**

**Prop 164:** Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters

Moved and seconded to support

**Discussion:**

**Vote:**

8-0

**Support**

**Prop 165:** Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries

Moved and seconded to support

**Discussion:** None of us like the idea of guiding in subsistence fisheries.

**Vote:**

8-0

**Support**

**Prop 166:** Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use personal use (dipnet) fisheries

Moved and seconded to approve.

**Discussion:** Karta river has a dipnet fishery. ADFG is opposed to this as well.

**Vote:**

0-8

**Oppose**

**Prop 167:** Require in season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest

Moved and seconded to approve

**Discussion:** ADFG feels this prop will not help manage this fishery.

**Vote:**

0-8

**Oppose**

**Prop 168:** Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters

Moved and seconded to support.

**Discussion:** This is largely a housekeeping issue. We all agree with this prop.

**Vote:**

8-0

**Support**



**Prop 169:** Amend the list of banned invasive species.

Moved and seconded to support.

**Discussion:** This is largely a housekeeping issue. We all agree with this prop and none of us want invasive species.

**Vote:**

**8-0**

**Support**

**Next meeting date tentatively scheduled for Feb. 6 @ 6pm @ VoTech**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm**

**Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead**

**Minutes approved by: Kurt Whitehead/Dennis Nickerson**

**Date: 1.18.23**

Off the record we discussed fundraising for trollers, quorum issues and the future game plan with the Klawock AC wolf letter and ESA strategy.



**Kodiak AC**  
**February 15, 2023**  
**351 Research Court, Kodiak Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: by Chair- Paul Chervenak  
Time: 5:33
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Paul Chervenak, Julie Kavanaugh, Alexis Kwatchka, Duncan Fields, Ron Kavanaugh, Wallace Fields, Coral Chernoff, Rebecca Skinner, Andrew Finke, Brandon Bartleson  
Members Absent (Excused): Theresa Peterson, Oliver Holm, Nathan Rose, Jon McElwain, Tyler Schmeil, Patrick O'Donnell, Garman Squartsoff  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: Port Lions; Salmon Gillnet; Subsistence; Small Boat Crab, Herring, Salmon; Processor; Old Harbor; Concerned Citizen, Guide/Outfitter
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn OConnor; Tyler Polum
- IV. Guests Present: Jeff Stephan, Julie Decker, Hannah Wilson, Caleb Oswell
- V. Approval of Agenda  
Moved to Approve \_ Julie K Second\_ Alexis K  
Motion to Amend: "Add 3B initial discussion of proposal #209" \_ Julie K  
Second Alexis K **10-0 Amendment Passed**  
  
**10-0 Motion as Amended Passed**
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Minutes were approved by Theresa Peterson & Rebecca Skinner for timely submission
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report -NA
  - b. ADF&G -NA
  - c. Others -NA
- VIII. Public Comment -NA



- IX. Old Business  
See proposal 161
- X. New Business  
See comments RE proposals.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting.

**Motion to send Duncan Fields to April Board of Fish meeting Julie K- Second Andy F  
10-0 Passed**

- XII. Set next meeting date  
February 28
- XIII. Other  
Proposal 209- Initial Discussion -Board of Game Proposal

Committee was informed of Board generated proposal 209 regarding **Hunting seasons and bag limits for Elk**. Explained what proposal was asking for and had general discussion to see what information the Committee would like from Department when we discuss BOG proposals at Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> AC meeting.

- XIV. Adjourn **Move to Adjourn Alexis K- Second Julie K**
- XV. **10-0 Passed**

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Julie Kavanaugh  
Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak  
Date: Feb. 21, 2023



XVI.

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<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
No Action			
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
No Action			Moved by Ron K- Second Alexis. Language needs to be developed and made available to the public and AC's before any action is taken. There are a variety of problems and solutions, but none are presented in the proposal. Unable to weigh in without more information. Tabled.
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
No Action			
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		



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Failed	0	10	<p>Moved to adopt Ron K Second Alexis K.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drums do not take away jobs, but they do solve the problem of a lack of experienced crew. A boat equipped with a drum can operate safer especially if the crew is green/unexperienced.</li> <li>• May give larger vessels with necessary deck space for a drum an advantage.</li> <li>• Would disadvantage setnet sites as seiners utilize a more efficient tool.</li> <li>• Concern for lost opportunities that give crewmembers incentive to have fishing careers (higher paid crew jobs are lost)</li> <li>• Not wanted needed for Kodiak.</li> <li>• Oppose as a statewide proposal- over 2000 effected permits and consequences are not analyzed or known</li> <li>• May be appropriate for a specific area</li> </ul>
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
Passed	9	1	<p>Moved to Adopt Julie K Second Duncan F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff spoke @ proposal was intended to allow fishing with spear/spear gun in shallower areas where staying submerged is difficult- but prevent standing or kneeling</li> <li>• Adding parallel to surface is unnecessary (definition of "swimming" solves enforcement issues)</li> <li>• Concern that this may bring spear fishing into non-historical used near shore areas leading to user group conflicts</li> <li>• Limited number of users, increased use can be addressed if circumstances develop</li> </ul>



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<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
Passed	10	0	Move to Adopt Andy F Second Ron K The proposal brings personal use fishery regulation in line with other user groups. Prevents invasive species. Kodiak has personal use fishery that is impacted
<a href="#">157</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Failed	3	6 1 abstain	Move to adopt 157 & 158 concurrently Duncan F Second Ron K <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opposed: Substantially change regulation</li><li>• Consolidates access to the resource</li><li>• Crew that hold permits gain additional income &amp; this removes that opportunity. This ability can be a stepping stone towards owning a vessel or operation.</li><li>• Legalization would create an incentive to operate in multiple areas; reducing statewide fleet</li><li>• In Favor: this proposal reflects how the industry does operate. People put permits into spouse/family/crew names and operate in multiple areas currently</li><li>• Allows for flexibility and a stronger business plan.</li><li>• Fishers that have a weak year can stay solvent</li></ul>
<a href="#">158</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
See 157			
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		



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Failed	1	7 2 abstain	<p>Move to adopt 159 Duncan F Second Ron K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposed: Would close mixed fish systems that rely on commercial fishers to prevent over escapement</li> <li>• Inhibit sustainable fisheries for optimum escapement/ counter productive</li> <li>• In years of low King Salmon, over escapement of Pink Salmon is detrimental to King Salmon survival</li> <li>• This puts Sports Fishing above Subsistence and Personal use</li> <li>• In Favor: Concern that sport/personal use fishers are closed but comfish that harvests 97% of the resource</li> <li>• Abstain: Uncertain which is best</li> </ul>
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
Failed	0	10	<p>Move to Adopt Ron K Second Duncan F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 80% not wild fish</li> <li>• Is it enforceable?</li> <li>• Salmon card is for all species; King Salmon is not a bycatch</li> <li>• Feeder salmon are caught outside not in terminal fisheries</li> <li>• How do you differentiate terminal caught and outside caught after harvest?</li> <li>• sets a precedent for turning over “legally caught fish”</li> <li>• Problematic as a statewide proposal</li> </ul>
<a href="#">161</a>	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> ).		



Passed as Amended	10	0	<p><b>Motion: “Move to bring forward tabled proposal #161” Julie K Second Alexis K</b></p> <p>Over view of proposal 161 &amp; introduction of RC 008 by Hannah Wilson and Julie Decker (Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation). Proposal 161 was submitted for Board consideration by the AFDF; it is a requirement for MSC certification. RC008 was in response to several concerns voiced by the public and was worked on jointly with AC member Duncan Fields, AFDF, and other members of the public.</p> <p><b>Motion to amend language in RC008 by interchanging SUSTAINED YEILD (ARTICLE 8, SECTION 4 AND THE COMMON USE (ARTICLE 8, SECTION 3); so that it reads: “...Common Use(Article 8, section 3 and the Sustained Yield (Article 8, section 4)... “</b> <b>Julie K Second Alexis K</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The amendment is minor and seeks to put the sections in order numerically and allow for ease of reference.</li></ul> <p><b>10-0 Motion to Amend RC008 passed</b></p> <p><b>Motion to substitute language in the bullets numbered 1,2,&amp; 3 with</b> “1) reserving grounfish stocks which occur in their natural state to the people for common use; 2) providing opportunities for commercial, sport, subsistence, and personal use; 3) maintaining healthy stocks of groundfish to ensure their continued <del>reproductive</del> viability <u>throughout their lifestages</u> and maintenance of their role in the ecosystem; and 4) providing a level of harvest that maintains a sufficient biomass to ensure continued sustainability.” <b>Julie K Second Alexis K</b></p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This language orders the items in correlation with the sections of the constitution for easier reference.</li><li>• #1 is added in support of Article 8 section 3 utilizing language from that section that supports its' main intent.</li><li>• It moves the original third bullet up to #2 as it relates to section 3 of Article 8 and aids in reference and comprehension.</li><li>• The original first bullet is changed to #3 and relates to Article 8, section 4 (Ak Constitution) *as does the new bullet #4.</li><li>• Language changes in the proposed #3 removes "viability" and inserts "throughout their lifestages". This is to capture the importance of groundfish in all stages of its' life cycle.</li><li>• The final #4 bullet capture the intent of the State constitutions sustained yield- article 8 / section 4.</li><li>• While proposal 161 was submitted in response to a MSC requirement; a statewide groundfish policy should reflect a wider interest and fully capture the Common Use and Sustained Yield sections of the State Constitution.</li><li>• Julie Decker (AFDF) response was no immediate concerns but would need to review the proposed substitute language. Stated that the new language was driven by the constitutional language and at first glance seemed ok.</li><li>• Members liked the reordering for comprehension and felt the language was better from a statewide prospective.</li></ul> <p><b>10-0 Substitution Passed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The intent of the Kodiak AC is to have the language in the amended RC008 replace proposal #161</b></li></ul>
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
No Action			



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<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
Passed	9	0 1 Abstain	<p>Moved to Adopt Duncan F Second Julie K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oppose Guiding -turns Personal use into a commercial fishery.</li><li>• The liberal bag limit in Personal use fisheries would increase the impact of guided trips and the over all harvest. The increase in demand could have significant impact on sustainability.</li><li>• Reallocates from traditional users</li><li>• Guides are advertising personal use trips and allowing the growth of this option competes directly with historical/local/rural subsistence and personal use users and impacts their dependence on the resources in their region.</li><li>• Liberal personal use bag limits lead to the shipment of fish (illegally) leaving state.</li><li>• In Favor: Someone with knowledge of good fishing areas for personal use should be able to be compensated for sharing valuable information</li><li>• Abstain: Intriguing idea, lots to consider</li></ul>
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		



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Passed	9	1	<p>Moved to Adopt Julie K Second Alexis k</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Favor: If you pass 163, then regs should be developed</li> <li>• Collecting transporter info is important and should be required</li> <li>• Reporting for charter boats is currently limited to salt water</li> <li>• Data collection aids in the overall management</li> <li>• Transporters should know what they are carrying</li> <li>• Opposed: See comments 163</li> <li>• Reporting when using a transporter should fall to the individual fisher</li> </ul> <p>* Note the Kodiak AC is opposed to commercial guiding in a personal use fishery- but recognized if proposal 163 moves forward regulations would need to be defined</p>
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Passed	10	0	<p>Move to Adopt Duncan F Second Alexis K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gear and bag limits for King Crab are superior to and could negatively effect the suppressed stocks in Kodiak</li> <li>• In the Tanner fisheries Sport fishers get 6 pots/ Subsistence 12 pots. Allowing guided subsistence would have significant increased catch rates that would have a huge impact on overall catch</li> </ul>
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Failed	1	9	<p>Move to Adopt Duncan F Second Julie K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bag limits should be regional.</li> <li>• Should not be a statewide proposal</li> </ul>
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



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Failed	0	10	Move to Adopt Duncan F Second Ron K <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reporting in season within 5 days is unreasonable</li><li>No similar Sport Fish requirement; Data is important but not without Sport fish data also</li><li>Not a statewide proposal- useful in the Kenai Dip net fishery/ Maybe Copper River.</li></ul>
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
Passed	10	0	Move to Adopt Duncan F Second Andy F <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Housekeeping</li><li>Dept. should have authority</li><li>General Public looks to dept. to be protected/warned</li></ul>
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
Passed	10	0	Move to Adopt Duncan F Second Alexis <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Housekeeping</li><li>Proposal gives ADFG authority to provide a list of invasive species</li><li>List provides useful information on different types of invasive species and the limitations in regards to them</li><li>Public expects the Department to provide information in fish and wildlife</li></ul>



**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



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<a href="#">98</a>	Modify waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon to increase access for subsistence users who are not commercial salmon fishery permit holders.		
No action			
<a href="#">99</a>	Prohibit retention of king salmon and establish closed areas in the King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No action			
<a href="#">100</a>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon and Milky Rivers and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No action			
<a href="#">101</a>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek.		
No action			
<a href="#">102</a>	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and tributaries of Bear River.		
No action			
<a href="#">103</a>	Reduce the bag and possession limit for coho and sockeye salmon in the salt waters and freshwater drainages of Cold Bay.		
No action			
<a href="#">104</a>	Repeal the closed water provisions for salmon fishing in Swanson Lagoon within the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.		
No action			
<a href="#">105</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
No action			
<a href="#">106</a>	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			
<a href="#">107</a>	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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<a href="#">108</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to implement commercial salmon fishing periods in June.		
No action			
<a href="#">109</a>	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			
<a href="#">110</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial fishing periods in Chignik Lagoon until the escapement goal has been met.		
No action			
<a href="#">111</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Eastern District in August.		
No action			
<a href="#">112</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to include a harvest cap in the Eastern District to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
<a href="#">113</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action			
<a href="#">114</a>	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action			
<a href="#">115</a>	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			
<a href="#">116</a>	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			
<a href="#">117</a>	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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<a href="#">118</a>	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			
<a href="#">119</a>	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			
<a href="#">120</a>	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
<a href="#">121</a>	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.
<a href="#">122</a>	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.
<a href="#">123</a>	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.		



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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
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.
<a href="#">124</a>	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.
<a href="#">125</a>	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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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">126</a>	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.
<a href="#">127</a>	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.
<a href="#">128</a>	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?
<a href="#">129</a>	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.
<a href="#">130</a>	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time in the Northwest Stepovak Section.		
No action			
<a href="#">131</a>	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			
<a href="#">132</a>	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
No action			



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">133</a>	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			
<a href="#">134</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.		
No action			
<a href="#">135</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section.		
No action			
<a href="#">136</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time.		
No action			
<a href="#">137</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
<a href="#">138</a>	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			
<a href="#">139</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to restrict commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
<a href="#">140</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
No action			
<a href="#">141</a>	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to require the department to manage the June fishery by emergency order to close those areas within the management plan. Amend 5 AAC 09.330. Gear. to allow other gear types to be used in the commercial fishery.		
No action			
<a href="#">142</a>	Amend South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and Post-June Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time for set gillnet gear only.		
No action			



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">143</a>	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			
<a href="#">144</a>	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			
<a href="#">145</a>	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			
<a href="#">146</a>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods.		
No action			
<a href="#">147</a>	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.		
No action			
<a href="#">148</a>	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.		
No action			
<a href="#">149</a>	Amend management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.		
No action			
<a href="#">150</a>	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			
<a href="#">151</a>	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow offshore anchoring of the up to 25 fathom seine web lead.		
No action			
<a href="#">152</a>	Amend the closed water boundary in Stepovak Bay to increase commercial fishing area in the Stepovak Flats Section.		
No action			



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

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<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
No action			
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
No action			
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
No action			
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
No action			
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
No action			
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
No action			
<a href="#">157</a>	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.
<a href="#">158</a>	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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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<a href="#">159</a>	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			
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
No action			
<a href="#">161</a>	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			
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
No action			
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
No action			
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
No action			
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
No action			
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
No action			
<a href="#">167</a>	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.
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
No action			
<a href="#">169</a>	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 4<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Akiachak</b></u> Phillip Peter Sr.	<u><b>Akiak</b></u> David Gilila or Alternate	<u><b>Atmautluak</b></u>	<u><b>Eek</b></u>	<u><b>Kasigluk</b></u>	<u><b>Kwethluk</b></u> John Andrew	<u><b>Kwethluk</b></u>
Present	<b>X</b>						
By Teleconference		<b>X</b>					
Absent			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
Abs/Excused			No Rep	No Rep	No Rep	<b>X</b>	No Rep
	<u><b>Napaskiak</b></u>	<u><b>Napaskiak</b></u> Earl Samuelson Sr.	<u><b>Napaskiak</b></u> Richard Larson Sr.	<u><b>Nunapitchuk</b></u> Henry Parks	<u><b>Oscarville</b></u>	<u><b>Tuluksak</b></u>	<u><b>Tuntutuliak</b></u> Adolph Lupie
Present							<b>X</b>
By Teleconference		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
Absent	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
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.

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

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

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

**VI. Reports**

- Chair's report- Finally have a quorum! We finally can take actions.
- ADF&G
  - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
<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>			
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	5	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 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 <sup>nd</sup> : Adolph Lupie

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

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

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>			



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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.

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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.

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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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 live and make livelihoods. 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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<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
O	0	5	Motion: Earl, 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Henry
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



0	0	5	<p>Motion: Earl, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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 &amp; 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David to send Phillip Peter Sr. to the BOF: AK Pen meeting
  - b. Motion made by David, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl to choose Earl Samuelson as an alternate.
- XI. Set next meeting date – At the Call of the Chair. Motion: Earl, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl

Adjournment: 5:28 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Phillip Peter Sr.

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

Date: 2/6/2023



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee  
February 15, 2023  
Zoom**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:04pm by Dan Montgomery

**II. Roll Call:**

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

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 8

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Fari Sylvester, Tim Peltier

**Guests Present:** None

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Neil motioned to approve agenda, Hunter seconded – Accepted without any objections.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** To be approved at future meeting.

**V. Public Comment:** None

**VI. Proposals:**



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

### Proposals

March 10-13, 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
<b>154</b>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Oppose	4	0	7 Abstain: Not enough information.
<b>157</b>	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	11	Oppose: Monopolize fisheries, move back and forth between areas.
<b>158</b>	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	11	Oppose: Monopolize fisheries, move back and forth between areas
<b>159</b>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
Support	11	0	Support: Logical to close area for all, small area.
<b>161</b>	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> ).		
Support	11	0	Support: Policy to manage groundfish, certification to market. Bycatch concern not shown in proposal.
<b>163</b>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Limits residents that don't have means. 2 Abstain: Not enough information.
<b>164</b>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Already regulated (Sport Fish, Coast Guard, Business License), data collected through personal use fisherman.
<b>165</b>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Limits residents that don't have means.
<b>166</b>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Allocation not conservation concern, no statewide limits for sport or commercial fishing.
<b>167</b>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Reporting should be set per area/fishery.



<b>168</b>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
Support	11	0	Support: Housekeeping.



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
STATEWIDE FINFISH MEETING  
ANCHORAGE, AK**

**SELECT PROPOSAL SYNOPSIS, COMMENTS AND  
RECOMMENDATION**

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE**

**MATANUSKA VALLEY  
FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2023**



(These listed proposals contain hyperlinks to the actual proposal)

## Statewide Finfish Proposals —

- [All proposals for Statewide Finfish](#)

### Selected Statewide Finfish Proposals

[Proposal 154](#) (PDF 95 kB)  
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## **Proposal 154**

### **5 AAC 39.155. Seine drums unlawful.**

It shall be unlawful to have mounted aboard any sane vessel a seine drum or reel around which a seine can be coiled or rolled.

**PROPOSED BY:** Jason Burke

**Purpose:** The author seeks to repeal this regulation, thus making seine drums legal. He also seeks to remove the below text from Sec. 16.10.120:

***This section does not prevent the use of power blocks or the use of a reel mounted on a seine skiff to haul in or let out the separate purse seine lead which is temporarily connected to the purse seine proper, as these terms are generally employed or used in the fishing industry.***

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G:**

#### **Rationale by Proponent:**

##### History

- 1950's law banning seine drums when most of the fishing fleet was in the process of converting from hand pull seines to the new modern Power block systems, also full pursing was the only method used.
- In 1959 a group of seiners converted their boats to using seine drums, this dramatically changed the efficiency of the process and could feasibly double the number of sets compared to the power block equipped boats.
- This law was introduced in 1959 to level the playing field
- **technology has made the law banning drums antiquated.**
- Currently power block and drum have the same level of efficiency,
- safety aspect.
  - Power blocks can weigh up to 1000 lbs. and having the hanging over a crew piling gear is an incredibly risk of fish, rings, heavy leads falling on individuals below causing injury.
  - I greatly believe that using a drum would lessen the risk for overhead injuries

#### **ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:**

##### **RECOMMENDATION: NO ACTION:**

The Mat-Valley AC requires additional information from the department to make an informed decision. Also, is this a proposal that the Mat-Valley AC wants to recommend an action by the Board?

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## **Proposal 157**

### **5 AAC 39.115. Designation of salmon net registration area.**

A person who holds salmon net gear permits for more than one registration area listed in 5 AAC. 39.120(d) shall designate upon a form provided by the CFEC the single area in which he desires to salmon net fish in that year.

The area so designated must be an area for which the person holds a valid salmon net permit.

**PROPOSED BY:** [Matthew Kinney](#)

**Purpose:** Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year, as follows:

- allow permit holders of different salmon net gear cards to be allowed to fish them on different boats of different gear groups in the same calendar year,
- MUST fish the net gear permits on/off separate registered fishing vessel meaning two different fishing vessels and document you intend to fish both salmon net gear cards with CFEC and which designated vessel you plan to fish different gear permits on/off of.

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G**

#### **Rationale**

- I would like the board to allow a person with valid salmon net cards of different designated areas to fish both of them in a calendar year off different fishing platforms
- 5 AAC 38 Requires a salmon net fishing vessel to register in the area it intends to fish
- and under 5 AAC 05.370 No vessel may display more than one vessel license area tab.
- In Southeast Alaska you are able to own and operate different salmon gear cards off the same fishing platform in the same calendar year.

#### **ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE.**

Most Alaskan commercial fisheries have a high level of participation. We believe that there isn't a pressing need for more participation in commercial fisheries. Additionally, this proposal, if passed, would tend to limit the entry of new fishermen in fisheries and would possibly result in a relatively small number of fishermen monopolizing Alaskan fisheries.

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## **Proposal 158**

### **5 AAC 39.115. Designation of salmon net registration area.**

**Proposed by:** Hayden Linscheid

**Purpose:** Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year, as follows:

This regulation would state, as of the 2022 salmon season and moving forward Bristol Bay permit holders both set and drift gill net will be allowed to own and use another salmon permit anywhere in the state of Alaska. Giving them opportunity to harvest all summer. Another vessel must be used to harvest the fish as it has always been.

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G:**

#### **Rationale by Proponent:**

- it would be nice as a young fisherman to be able to own a seine permit along with my Bristol Bay permit so I can fish all summer.
- It would allow us to create longer employment for our crews as well as help us maximize the summer salmon runs.
- It would allow us to put more money into the Alaskan economy.
- We'd be fishing a completely separate vessel then our bay boats.
- Many of these other salmon fisheries around the state are losing many participants every year with graying of the fleet.
- There is a group of hard working fisherman who'd like to be able to fish another fishery after Bristol Bay is over.

#### **ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE**

**based on same rationale as in Proposal 157**

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## **Proposal 159**

5 AAC 39.XXX. New Section.

**PROPOSED BY:** Abe Horschel

**PURPOSE:** Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species, as follows:

In areas where sport or other personal use fishing is closed it shall be unlawful to commercially harvest or target the stock of that species Within 1/4 mile of the Area closed to sport fishing.

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted?**

**Rationale by Proponent:**

- The state doesn't follow their own regulations in regards to mixed fisheries.
- There are locations where streams are closed to salmon fishing but commercial fishing openers will open the same streams to commercial fishing.
- One example is port Valdez where all streams with the exception of robe river are closed but port cleanup commercial openers open all anadromous streams to commercial harvest.

**ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:**

**RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT.**

When a sport fishery is closed in a river or stream because of conservation issues, the commercial fishery should not be able to operate within a quarter mile, or more, of the sport fishery boundary closure because the commercial fishery has much more harvest power than the sport fishery. Commercial cost recovery operations should not preclude the complete and total prohibition of a sport fishery to harvest fish from a common property resource.

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## **Proposal 161**

5 AAC 28.XXX. New section.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation

**Purpose:** Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska, as follows (To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting)

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted?** ***ADF&G:** This would provide guidance for the board and public on factors considered by the board when deliberating changes to groundfish fishery regulations in waters of Alaska. This proposal would not impact the way groundfish fisheries are managed but may improve transparency in how changes to groundfish regulations are evaluated by the board*

### **Rationale by Proponent:**

#### **GOAL AND BENEFITS**

- goal of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to manage groundfish stocks in a manner that will protect, maintain, improve, and extend these resources for the greatest overall benefit.
- Management of these fisheries for the purpose of achieving this goal will result in a variety of benefits which include but are not limited to:
- Maintaining healthy stocks of groundfish to ensure their continued reproductive viability and the maintenance of their role in the ecosystem;
- Providing a sustained and reliable supply of high-quality product to consumers and substantial and stable employment in all sectors of the economy relating to these fisheries; and
- Providing opportunities for sport, subsistence, and personal use fisheries.
- The Alaska Board of Fisheries also recognizes the benefits of managing for the highest socioeconomic benefit consistent with the below objectives.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- it is necessary to set objectives which will protect stocks and provide for optimum utilization of these resources. With regards to the management of groundfish fishery resources in State of Alaska waters, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has the following objectives:
- Minimize adverse interactions with other stocks and fisheries.
- Protect habitat from unsustainable fishing practices.
- Utilize management measures that ensure adherence to annual and seasonal catch limits.
- Harvest the resource to optimize quality and value of product.
- Harvest the resource with consideration of ecosystem interactions.
- Coordinate with federal management agencies responsible for groundfish fishery management.



- Manage fisheries based upon the best available information.
- Manage fisheries consistent with conservation and sustained yield of healthy groundfish resources. Avoid sport, subsistence, and personal use conflicts

## Rationale

- At its March 23, 2013 meeting, the board repealed 5 AAC 28.089. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR GROUND FISH FISHERY REGULATIONS, citing an interest in removing duplicative and unnecessary regulatory wording pertaining to the State's management of its groundfish fisheries.
- we believe that the board did not fully recognize the value that this regulation had in documenting sound and precautionary conservation management practices for the public's consideration.
- The Board and public will benefit from an overall groundfish policy that provides guidance in decisionmaking during consideration of future proposals.
- Formalizing this policy for groundfish is consistent with the State's approach in managing the health and sustainability of other Alaska's fisheries and will help document Alaska's record as a leader of fisheries conservation and responsible management.

## ADF&G RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT

The department **SUPPORTS** this proposal. While the department does not believe this proposal is necessary to carry out its sustained yield mandate, the department recognizes the importance of third-party sustainability certification to the fishing industry in maximizing value derived from Alaska's fishery resources.

## RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT

The Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee agrees with the department's position and supports this proposal because of the importance of third-party sustainability certification to the fishing industry in maximizing value derived from Alaska's fishery resources.

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## **Proposal 163**

5 AAC 77.XXX. New section.

Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries, as follows:

**PROPOSED BY:** Patrick P McCormick

**Purpose:** Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries, as follows:

1. Alternative one (preferred): Guiding of persons engaging in personal use fisheries shall not be allowed.
2. Alternative two: Impose a fish tax on commercial operators who engage in enhanced PU fisheries based on the market value of those fish.
3. Alternative three: Impose a flat fee on commercial operators who engage in PU fisheries.
4. Alternative four (least preferred): Impose a fee on all PU fishery permit holders to pay for management and enhancement of these fisheries.

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G:**

**Rationale by Proponent:**

- Personal use fisheries were implemented as a stop gap measure to actively manage sockeye salmon runs after the Exxon Valdez oil spill allowing Alaskan residents to harvest excess fish to maintain optimum escapement goals.
- Currently the industry of guiding this non commercial fishery is growing rapidly.
- Personal use fishermen do not pay for management of fisheries, and do not pay for enhancement of those fisheries targeting hatchery salmon (for example, Gulkana River sockeye, Kachemak Bay Coho/Sockeye, Fish Creek Sockeye) allowing persons to commercialize these resources paid for almost exclusively by commercial fishermen (some is paid for through sportfish funded programs) is entirely unfair to the commercial sector and sportfishing license holders.
- Personal use fisheries have been entirely to give residents an opportunity to participate in subsistence style fisheries, feeding their families despite living in a non subsistence zone, they are not intended to be commercialized.
- Imagine a company in Glennallen charging money to operate a fishwheel for subsistence fishing.

**ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:**

**RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE;**

This proposal, if passed, would limits Alaskans, who desire to participate in personal use fisheries, from participating because they do not have the means to participate.

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## **Proposal 165**

5 AAC 01.XXX. New section.

**PROPOSED BY:** Patrick McCormick

**Purpose:** Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries, as follows:

- No person or persons shall pay more than the pro rata share in exchange for guide services while engaged in subsistence fisheries.
- For the purpose of this section "guide services" include providing direct instruction in fishing techniques and locations, or operating watercraft while subsistence fishing is taking place from that watercraft.
- "Guide services" do not include transportation to and from the fishing site, customary and traditional barter, fish processing services, gear rentals, or trips between family members of second degree kindred.
- "Pro rata" means a proportional share of direct trip costs.
- Direct trip costs include fuel, ice, food, fish processing or other costs incurred from consumable goods or services, but do not include cost of durable goods such as boats, fishing equipment, or regular maintenance costs of equipment

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G:**

**Rationale by Proponent:**

- Subsistence fishing provides the guide industry a loophole to commercially exploit fish and game resources when other commercial opportunities are closed for conservation reasons.
- Subsistence fishing is defined to be a non commercial enterprise and should not be used to enrich individuals who choose not to share in the conservation burden,
- they provide an outsized catch power to resident fishermen who nearly entirely do not need subsistence fish, would not qualify as federal subsistence users, and have the means to participate sport, personal use, commercial or other subsistence fisheries in the state of Alaska.
- By allowing commercial guiding in subsistence fisheries the board of fish is allocating fish generally away from local traditional users of the resource towards urban users who have limited knowledge, equipment and means who are not traditional users of the resource.
- This proposal is not intended to limit the passing down of traditional knowledge, traditional barter, or sharing of equipment.
- This proposal is also not intended to affect commercial services in engaging with aiding subsistence fishermen indirectly such as transporting them to subsistence locations, furnishing gear, processing fish etc.
- This proposal is simply intended to codify that subsistence fishing shall not support commercial enterprises, as intended by state law.



**ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:**

**RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE:**

This proposal, if passed, would limit Alaskans, who desire to participate in subsistence fisheries, from participating because they do not have the means to participate or they live in urban areas. This proposal also seeks to differentiate between “traditional” subsistence and urban users. The Board cannot differentiate between subsistence users. All Alaskans are eligible for subsistence.

Additionally, the proposal is confusing regarding services a guide is allowed and not allowed to provide. This proposal needs clarifying regulatory language.

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## **Proposal 166**

### **5 AAC 77.015. Personal use fishing permits and reports and display of personal use fish.**

**PROPOSED BY:** Darin Gilman

**PURPOSE:** Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries, as follows:

- Statewide bag limit for all Personal Use dip net fisheries.
- A bag limit is defined as a maximum number of salmon of any one salmon species a permit may take.
- A permit may not exceed the statewide bag limit of salmon between all the personal use dip net fisheries.

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G**

**Rationale by Proponent:**

- Currently there is no state wide bag limit for personal use dip net fisheries in the state.
- As in that every household can collect a permit for multiple personal use fisheries and compound their catch for the year.
- Referencing hunting regulation 5 AAC. 92.130 (a) a person may not exceed the total of the statewide take of that species in the unit or portion of a unit.
- Using this hunting regulation as an example one cannot harvest all his or her tags of deer in Southeast Alaska and then hunt Kodiak with a full new set of tags.
- The tags are a total bag limit for the year.
- This is the issue I would like to address for the statewide PU dip net fisheries, just like a person must choose where they want to hunt for the year a household should choose where to fish and fill their bag limits.
- This does not limit the household from fishing multiple personal use dipnet fisheries, but just ensures their catch in one dipnet fishery would subtract from the total allowed in the other.

**ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:**



## 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
<b>114</b>	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Eliminates opportunity (rifle).
<b>115</b>	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
Support	11	0	Support: More opportunity, less conflict.
<b>116</b>	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
Support	11	0	Support: Backup regulation, maintain goat population.
<b>117</b>	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
Support	11	0	Support: Backup regulation, maintain goat population.
<b>118</b>	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Support	11	0	Support: More opportunity for resident hunters to fill freezer, concern with grooming for non-resident hunters. Support unless department opposes.
<b>119</b>	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Specialty season.
<b>130</b>	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
Support	11	0	Support: Increase moose population, manage predators.
<b>133</b>	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
Support	11	0	Support: Unethical, not steady to shoot.
<b>136</b>	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support	10	1	Support: Extend season, more opportunity. Oppose: Hide quality poor after May 31 <sup>st</sup> .



<b>144</b>	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
Support	10	1	Dept: Definition for statewide. Support: Starts conversation, alleviates confusion.
<b>145</b>	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Closure not necessary, eliminates hunting opportunity.
<b>159</b>	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
Support	8	2	Support: More opportunity. 1 Abstain: Unknown population concern without department comment.
<b>186</b>	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	11	0	Support: More opportunity, less hassle.
<b>200</b>			
Oppose	1	10	Oppose: No restrictions, extend season.
<b>203</b>			
Support	10	1	Support: Hunting opportunity. Oppose: Area used by other user groups and in town.
<b>204</b>			
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Unnecessary closure, no safety or biological concern.
<b>205</b>			
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Registration preferred.
<b>206</b>			
Support	11	0	Support
<b>207</b>			
Oppose	0	11	Oppose
<b>208</b>			
Support	11	0	Support: Reallocates drawing permits as originally intended by proposal approved by Board of Game.

**VII. Set Next Meeting Date:** February 22 (Zoom)**VIII. Other:**

- Andy motioned to have Gene represent AC at BOF Statewide meeting, Aaron seconded – Motioned passed 11-0-0.
- Andy commented that Kevin Delaney presenting BOF King Salmon Action Plan for Nushagak.
- Andy motioned to have Gene represent AC at BOF Area M meeting, Neil seconded – Motioned passed 11-0-0.

**IX. Adjourn:** 9:12PMMinutes Recorded By: Chad SchiermanDate: 02/15/2023

Meeting minutes approved by AC on 2/22/23



## RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE.

This is an allocation issue and does not address a conservation issue. It appears that the author simply wants to limit the number of salmon a person may take through participating in two or more personal use fisheries. It appears that the author believes that an annual limit on personal use fish harvest will satisfy the need of all Alaskans for fish. We disagree with this assumption and oppose this proposal. Because sport fisheries and commercial fisheries usually do not have an annual limit for abundant species, personal use fisheries should also not have an annual harvest limit for abundant species.

Personal use fisheries were established after 5 AAC 77.001. (2) the state's subsistence priority law changed the definition of subsistence in a manner that now precludes some individuals from participating in customary and traditional subsistence fisheries and efficiently harvesting fish for their personal use. 5 AAC 77.001. (3) goes on to state that "... there presently are areas of the state with harvestable surpluses of fish in excess of both spawning escapement needs and present levels of subsistence, commercial and sport uses;". There is no mention in regulation prohibiting a person from participating in multiple personal use fisheries. There is no prohibition on the annual number of fish that can be taken through participation in multiple personal use fisheries. We believe that such limits are unwarranted and individual fishery permit limits suffice for management purposes.

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## Proposal 167

### 5 AAC 01.015. Subsistence fishing permits and reports.

### 5 AAC 77.015. Personal use fishing permits and reports and display of personal use fish.

**PROPOSED BY:** Cordova District Fishermen United

**Purpose:** Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest, as follows:

- (6) subsistence fishing reports must be completed on forms provided by the department and submitted to the department office from which the permit was issued [AT A TIME SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT] **within 5 days of harvest** for each particular area and fishery; ...
- (6) personal use fishing reports must be completed on forms provided by the department and submitted to the department office from which the permit was issued [AT A TIME SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT] **within 5 days of harvest** for each particular area and fishery

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G:**

**Rationale by Proponent:**



- Require In-Season reporting of Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon within 5 days of harvest using an online app or phone call to the Department.
- Currently, participants in both fisheries are not required to report their harvest until well after the close of the season.
- Both Fisheries take a substantial number of salmon, especially in low abundance runs.
- It is imperative that managers have real time data to use their EO authority to close fisheries when the security of the resource demands it.
- The Department has been consistent at Area meetings saying this is a Statewide issue.
- It is time for all users of the valuable resources to be accountable.

## ADF&G RECOMMENDATION:

### RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE SUBSISTENCE FISHERY RESTRICTIONS

We oppose the 5-day reporting requirement for subsistence fisheries. The subsistence section of this proposal should not be a statewide issue because the need for the intensity of the management of subsistence fisheries varies throughout the state. Subsistence fishing regulations should be tailored to the specific area, taking in consideration the size of the resource, Amounts Necessary for Subsistence, access to the resource, the amount and quality of the inseason run information, and the size of the population of subsistence users. In some areas, subsistence management may need to be highly regulated with issuance of permits, fish limits, rigidly scheduled time for subsistence fishing, and mandatory inseason reporting requirements. Contrastingly, for example, in much of the rural parts of the state, as in the the AYK Region, harvesting wild resources for food is a way of life for most residents. In most of these areas, subsistence permits are not required; there are no harvest limits; subsistence fishing time is usually; and reporting is voluntary through post-season subsistence surveys. In these remote areas of the state, reporting subsistence catches within 5 days is impractical and unwarranted.

Therefore, we oppose this proposal. We believe that the regulation, as written, serves all of the state well. However, we recognize that more restrictive regulations may be warranted for area fisheries that have more intensively managed subsistence and commercial fisheries. Therefore, because of the variation in the need for timely personal use fishery harvest data, we recommend that the statewide regulation not be altered and maintain the timeliness of the annual reporting for each fishery to the department's discretion.

### RECOMMENDATION: OPPOSE PERSONAL USE FISHERY RESTRICTIONS

We oppose the 5-day reporting requirement proposed for all the personal use fisheries in the state for many of the reasons already stated in the subsistence section above. In intensively managed personal use fisheries, a 5-day after harvest may be warranted. However, because of the variation in the need for timely personal use harvest data, we recommend that the statewide regulation not be altered and maintain the timeliness of the annual reporting for each fishery to the department's discretion.

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## **Proposal 168**

### **5 AAC 75.003. Emergency order authority.**

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Purpose:** Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters, as follows:

5 AAC 75.003 is amended to read: (5) In all waters [STOCKED WATERS], if waters become contaminated, or in stocked waters during times of low hatchery output, the commissioner may, by emergency order, modify methods and means, reduce bag limits, or institute a catch-and-release fishing only fishery.

**What would be the effect if this proposal were adopted? ADF&G:**

#### **Rationale by Proponent:**

In 2019 the board modified the department emergency order authority to restrict stocked waters to catch-and-release fishing when potentially unsafe levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were detected in the water or fish tissue.

The presence of PFAS has since been detected in other water waterbodies that are not stocked and where wild finfish species are present.

The only option currently for other waters (not stocked) that have become contaminated is to close them and not provide sport fishing opportunity.

Allowing catch-and-release only fishing in contaminated waters would provide fishing opportunity while still taking a precautionary measure for public safety

#### **ADF&G RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT**

#### **RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT**

This very nearly a house-keeping proposal. Its passage will provide additional sport fishing opportunities in contaminated waters while maintaining public safety.

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## 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	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b> – Arrived at 10:18
By Teleconference				
Absent			<b>X</b>	
Abs/Excused				
	<u>Russian Mission</u> Basil Larson	<u>St. Mary's Alternate</u> Sven Paulkan	<u>Marshall</u> No current member	
Present		<b>X</b>	-	
By Teleconference	<b>X</b>		-	
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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest on record at 236,000. Coho 2<sup>nd</sup> 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			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/O ppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<a href="#">80</a>	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.
<a href="#">81</a>	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?
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30. Motion Sven, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> George
<a href="#">84</a>	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications. Motion William, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">85</a>	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation. Motion William, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sven		
NA			
<a href="#">86</a>	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area. Motion William, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick. Motion Sven, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">88</a>	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications. Motion George, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">89</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup> William		
S	5	0	
<b>Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals</b> March 10-13, 2023   Anchorage, AK   Comment Deadline: Feb. 23. 2022			



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<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion George, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sven		
S	5	0	Subsistence is for food not money.

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

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Jan. 30, 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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<a href="#">134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141</a>	Motion made to address these proposals as a block. Motion Sven, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- VII. Other
- VIII. Adjourn: Motion made by Sven, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George

Adjournment: 4:53

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

Date: 1/7/2023



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

I. Call to Order: 7:23 by Regan

II. Roll Call-

Members Present 9/28/22:

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

Members Absent 9/28/22:

Graham Morrison

Members Present 10/3/22:

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

Members Absent 10/3/22:

Patricia Edel, Joey Klutsch

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5 members

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

IV. Guests Present: Cody Larson, BBNA

V. Approval of Agenda Thompson moved to approve, Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimous

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

VII. Elections for membership:

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



## VIII. Reports

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

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

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

## IX. Public Comment: None

## X. New Business:

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

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

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

## XII. Next meeting date tentatively set for January 25<sup>th</sup>

## XIII. Other

## XIV. Adjourn 9:35pm



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals			
November 29 – December 3, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
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<a href="#">11</a>	Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan.		
support	10	0	Wilson stated that he was on this committee that drew up this proposal and all user groups were at attendance and had input in creating this. Full support
<a href="#">12</a>	Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest.		
No action	10	0	Felt like proposal 11 did a better job.
<a href="#">13</a>	Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River.		
Oppose	0	10	Wilson said that this person was in the previous working group that created proposal 11, I felt let down with yet another stab at commercial fisherman from the sport industry. We all have been getting along for years and with proposals like this it will continue a fight with no end.
<a href="#">14</a>	Reinstate provision that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas.		
support	10	0	Full support with no discussion
<a href="#">16</a>	Repeal requirement that subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Naknek River Drainage may only be obtained at the King Salmon office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.		
support	10	0	Board full support limited discussion
<a href="#">17</a>	Limit guided angler access to sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River.		
Support	10	0	Klutsch felt that previous board cycle didn't address our issues and concerns for which this proposal is in front of us again to help address problem with too many operators on the Naknek river, full support from local ac committee members
<a href="#">18</a>	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Oppose	0	10	No support from ac Naknek main river is close from March thru November to bait fishing anyway.



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



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



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



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



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



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals November 29 – December 3, 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
Oppose	0	8	No one on the ac wanted to fish in river again. Commercial fishing belongs out in the regular district.
<a href="#">59</a>	Repeal provisions directing the department to avoid continuous fishing with set gillnet gear in the Egegik District.		
No action	8	0	Due to action on prop 60
<a href="#">60</a>	Align the Ugashik District fall fishing schedule with the Naknek-Kvichak District and Egegik District fall fishing schedules.		
Support	8	0	It made sense to align all district late fishing to the same schedule.
<a href="#">61</a>	Require reporting of king salmon harvest by size class on fish tickets.		
Support	8	0	we can see how complicated it would be to try and manage on a fishing vessel during a storm with loads of fish on deck. To try and make sure the size of kings caught and reported properly would be a huge issue.
<a href="#">62</a>	Allow all commercial gear types to fish for herring simultaneously in Bristol Bay.		
Support	8	0	Any time we can help local fisherman keep what little they have left the better local resident fisherman will be in the future

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_Everett Thompson\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_11/14/22\_\_\_\_\_



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> passed
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Everett moves to approve minutes of 3/30/2022, Marc 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
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



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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<a href="#">105</a>	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
<a href="#">120</a>	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
support	8	0	Marc moved to adopted, Everett 2 <sup>nd</sup> . 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.
<a href="#">121</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">122</a>	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		



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
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">123</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup>
<a href="#">124</a>	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
<a href="#">125</a>	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
No Action	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">126</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<a href="#">127</a>	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.		



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
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Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
Opposed	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">128</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup> Everett would amend the inside nelson lagoon to leave the net restriction the statues que. 2 <sup>nd</sup> by George
<a href="#">129</a>	Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.		
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 <sup>nd</sup> The effectiveness of catching sockeye would be huge and increase the effectiveness of getting Bristol bay sockeye.
<a href="#">140</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<a href="#">157</a>	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<a href="#">158</a>	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
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Opposed	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Richard 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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



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 about 2:00pm)
    - iv. Henry Olanna Jr
    - v. Lloyd Kiyuktelluk
    - vi. Clyde Oxerok
  - 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 Muskoxen 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. 5 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.

*Paula Lee - chair*



Dear Commissioner,

At the scheduled Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, during public comment time, the committee heard from a number of residents of the Nome area describe in some detail the increased number of human and pet encounters with herds of muskoxen within Nome city limits as well as the surrounding area. These testimonials were mostly in response to a recent muskox to human encounter which ended in a human fatality. The public is asking that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game review the Nome area muskoxen management strategy with a focus of reducing human and muskoxen encounters.

Members of the public shared stories of daily encounters with muskoxen around their homes causing fear for the safety for children and pets/sled dogs. Increasing number of encounters have resulted in the muskoxen injuring or killing a number of pet dogs which were tied up in accordance to common practice and city ordinance, as well as sled dogs both in the dog lots and on the mushing trails in the area. One encounter resulted in a citizen using their vehicle to come in-between a herd of angry muskoxen and an ADF&G employee whom was attempting to run-off a herd from a residential neighborhood. The Nome local muskox population has also required major actions to restrict herd access to the Nome airport area. The fencing project was estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The muskoxen are now much less of a hazard at the main airport, but the smaller City Field is still very much in harms way for aircraft landing and taking off.

The public also shared stories of how the local muskoxen have become unafraid of human encounters requiring more and more aggressive tactics to get the herds to move off trails, or out of residential neighborhoods. One instance resulted in a resident taking lethal action towards a muskox in defense of life and property while in a heavily populated neighborhood, causing one home owner in the area to find pass-through bullets in the railing of their deck around their house. Thank goodness the bullets stopped there and did not hit someone sitting in their living room.

In follow-up to all of the public testimony the Northern Norton Sound Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly supports this public request for the department to review the current Nome Area Muskox Management Plan with a focus on reducing human/pet dog/sled dog encounters. Keeping in mind suggestions of reducing the herd size through allowing limited female harvest, more closely attaining the harvestable surplus by issuing more permits for the local Tier II hunt and considering a means of more evenly distributing the harvest over the season in TX095.

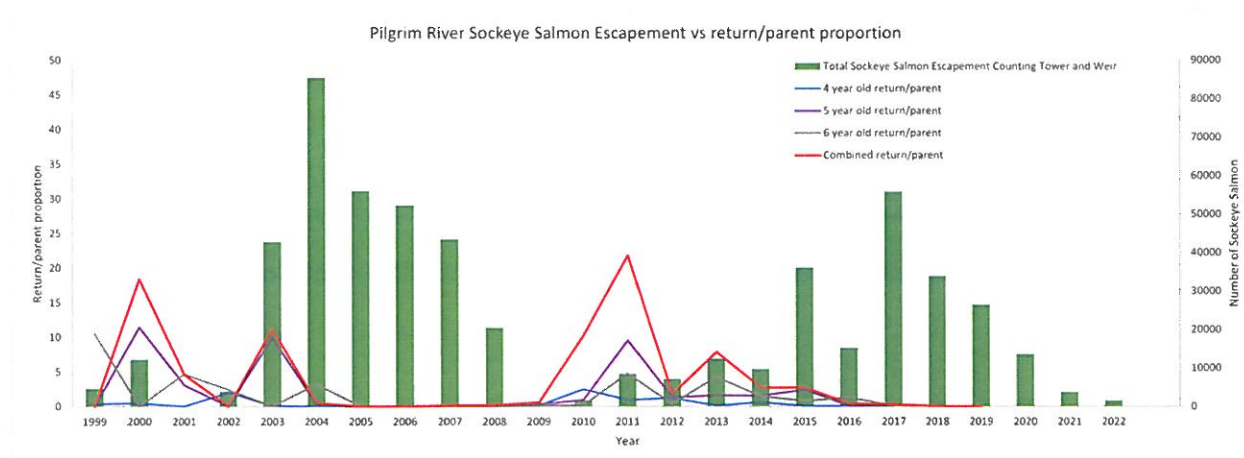
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Charlie Lean, Chair  
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee

cc: The Alaska Board of Game

## Comments in support of proposal #77

The proposal suggests a reduction in the upper limit of the red salmon escapement goal at Salmon Lake by using the OEG authority of the Board of Fisheries. This is intended to open a discussion of the management goal for this stock, which has been set using methodology intended to be solely reliant on a weak set of escapement data. This stock has not only escapement data, but also smolt health at out-migration, age at return, and plankton or freshwater food data. This stock has perhaps the best tracking history of all AYK salmon stocks, certainly the best of any stock north of the Yukon River. This data was used by the Department Limnology Lab to project a reasonable carrying capacity for the system and to set the amount of fertilizer for supplementing nutrients to support plankton and rearing salmon. The current upper limit of the SET goal is twice the limnologist's recommendation which was first made two years ago.



The graph of red salmon escapements, above, (green bars) shows the cyclic nature of returns over more than two decades. The cause of the vacillation is the boom and bust of the plankton the rearing salmon feed on. Over-escapement in the lake results in the rearing juveniles over-cropping the plankton which in turn results in a drop in survival.

The red line is the combined return per spawner from each parent year. This is the combination of the 4, 5 and 6 year-old returns. The best returns come from parent year strengths of the proposal's recommended escapement range. Escapements from the parent years numbering 13,000 and above are poor with one exception, 2003. The plankton levels in 2003 were high due to several years of fertilizer at the beginning of the fertilization rehabilitation of the stock, levels no longer supported by the Department oversight.

Excessive escapements result in non-sustainable population swings. The discussion of management will need to consider actions needed to attenuate these swings of abundance. Tracking the return and responding with harvest management action should be considered as well as the escapement goal.



**Nushagak Advisory Committee Chair  
Susie Jenkins-Brito  
Dillingham, AK 99576**

**Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Chair Carlson-Van Dort and Board Members**

February 26, 2023

Dear Chair Carlson-Van Dort and Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Below you will find the most recent Final Minutes from the Nushagak Advisory Committee as we attempt to work our way through the insurmountable task of creating a plan to address the Nushagak King Salmon Stock of Concern and update the Nushagak Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan. While our intent was to provide to the Alaska Board of Fisheries concise and comprehensive plans for on time submission to the Statewide Finfish comment deadline we are unable to meet this timeline for numerous reasons.

Our goal is to reach a consensus within the Advisory Committee (AC) for the conservation of Nushagak King Salmon after we are able to review the diligently created plan completed by the King Salmon Working Group and receive timely input from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game regarding its proposed regulatory impacts. Repeatedly we have been asked to make decisions that have the potential to enact sweeping change without the time to adequately consider the repercussions or obtain input from the residents within our region. The initial Stock of Concern Action Plan was provided to the Public within mere days of the Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting and the AC is grateful for the extension to the Statewide meeting. However, the King Salmon Working Group was only able to finalize their plans and provide this information to the AC on February 25, 2023. The AC has refrained from final action until this plan was able to be reviewed as countless hours have been invested with ADF&G, BBSRI, and other resident users in the process.

The AC has desired to have as many voices heard as possible before taking final action. It is also beneficial for us to be referencing the same documents when coming to the Board to alleviate confusion and streamline the process for regulatory action. The discussions among the AC and invested Public have been agonizing with a clear majority engaged to take action to conserve Nushagak King Salmon while also responsibly managing the Nushagak and Wood River Sockeye and other species of salmon within our drainages.

The designated AC sub committee referenced in the minutes below met on February 17, 2023 to provide recommendations to the AC as a whole when we meet again on March 1, 2023. These recommendations and any further actions taken by the AC will be submitted as an RC at the start of the Statewide Finfish Meeting. Our intent is to provide a united approach for management of the Nushagak King Salmon to the Board representing the ten communities the Nushagak Advisory Committee is composed of. Thank you for your consideration in this, I look forward to addressing you all at the Statewide Finfish Meeting.

Sincerely, Susie Jenkins-Brito Nushagak AC Chair



**Nushagak Advisory Committee  
February 10, 2023  
Dillingham City Council chambers and on Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 12:11 pm by Chair Susie Jenkins-Brito

II. Roll Call Members Present:

Susie Jenkins-Brito Dillingham Chair  
Travis Ball Aleknagik Vice Chair  
Gayla Hoseth Dillingham  
Dan Dunaway At Large Secretary  
Tom O'Connor Dillingham  
Todd Fritze Dillingham  
Peter Chirstopher New Stuyahok  
Barbara Moore Manokotak  
Kenneth Nukwuk Alternate At Large (resident of Manokotak)  
Curt Armstrong Dillingham  
Moses Kritz Togiak

Members Absent (Excused):

Chris Carr Portage Cr  
Joe Kazimirowicz Ekwok  
Joe Chythlook Dillingham  
Mariano Floresta Clarks Point  
Lindsay Layland Alt At Large

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Robert Larson Koliganek  
Rick King Alt Ekwok  
Joe Wassily Alt Clarks Pt.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tim Sands Commercial Fisheries  
Lee Borden Sport Fisheries  
Forrest Bowers Commercial Fisheries  
Phill Stacey Commercial Fisheries  
Taryn O'Conner Brito Boards Support  
Matt Nemath Commercial Fisheries

Trooper Joe Wittkop with AKST Fish and Wildlife

VI. Guests Present:

Jeff Regnart BBSRI King Working Group  
Jonathan Cawfield USFWS  
Gary Cline BBEDC  
Rick Wysoki setnet fisherman



Mark McNeely Nelson Lagoon AC  
Cody Larson BBNA Natural Resources  
Renee Roque BBNA Natural Resources  
Mark Lisac Dillingham Resident  
John Smeaton drift fisherman  
Frank Woods drift fisherman  
Nick Dowie setnet fisherman  
John O'Connor setnet fisherman  
Christine O'Connor setnet fisherman  
Jamie O'Connor setnet fisherman  
Kaleb Westfall setnet fisherman

## VII. Approval of Agenda

Gayla moved, Travis second to have an open agenda Given a wide range of proposals. An open agenda would allow the AC more flexibility for AC member schedules and items to address. Approved Unanimously.

## IX Guest Introductions

All present introduced themselves briefly.

## X Report

a. Chair's report:

1) The Chair noted that the Nushagak AC minutes (1-18-23) addressing the Chignik / Area M BOF meeting had been submitted on time. She added that the portions of that meeting addressing the deferred Nushagak and Statewide proposals will be combined with this 2-10-23 minutes and hopefully submitted by the Statewide Finfish comment deadline. There was some discussion of submitting additional minutes after the deadline as RC's. There was a discussion that the board's hard limit of 10 pages is becoming an obstacle for the complex proposals and issues faced by the Nushagak AC.

2) The Chair invited Jeff Regnart with BBSRI to provide an update on the King Salmon Working Group's focus. The working group asked the AC to postpone final actions until after Feb 13 when more solid recommendations should be available. AC members asked to listen in to the Work Group on Feb 13 which was accepted. Several AC members committed to listening on Feb 13.

3) Gayla moved, Travis 2nd to form a Subcommittee authorized to make some recommendations/final decisions on the Nushagak King Salmon Action Plan and on Nushagak King Salmon proposals due to the large volume of decisions in front of the AC for the Statewide finfish meeting. Motion carried 11 Y, 0 N. Members of the subcommittee are: Travis Ball, Tom O'Connor, Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dan Dunaway, Gayla Hoseth, Peter Christopher. Subcommittee to meet on February 17th.

XI. Public Comment: Public comments were encouraged and allowed throughout the meeting. NOTE: since much of the city was shut down due to a blizzard, several more people attended and contributed to the AC meeting.



XII Old Business - This section is an inclusion of January 18th Minutes Addressing Nushagak King Salmon Action Plan, Nushagak King Salmon Management Plan, Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals 11, 12, and 13.

Further details of the January 18, 2023 meeting can be found in the AC Comments AC 21 in BOF meeting Feb 20-25, 2023.

This is a summary of the AC discussions. No definitive actions were taken by AC.

#### NUSHAGAK KING ACTION PLAN:

Tim Sands introduced the Draft Nushagak King Action plan, explained the process and activities of ADF&G with the King Salmon Working Group (WG). Not all analysis is complete and the WG expects to have 2 more meetings. A major portion of the meeting was getting the public familiar with the concepts, data, and strategy of the action items.

The AC discussed some points of the Action Plan, asking ADFG for data, history, what is an OEG, and other information on each action item.

There were long discussions on using the WRSHA including its pros and cons. In the past reports of drift boats grounding, fuel pollution, and quality concerns were raised. Several fishermen, especially drifters express deep objections to fishing WRSHA at any time: small area, concerns for fish quality (harvested and escaped), possible habitat damage, and kings still caught. Some fishermen support using the WRSHA as it can provide opportunities to harvest Wood River Sockeye and protect Nushagak kings for a brief period of time during the season.

Triggers were discussed but no specifics selected - the AC is waiting for more analysis from the WG before deciding on triggers.

It was noted that even if there had been NO Nushagak District commercial fishery in 2022, the Nushagak King escapement would not have met the goal.

Some attendees voiced support for the approach ADF&G used in 2021 & 2022.

Several comments supported triggers within the Wood and Nushagak Rivers and setting an end date for king conservation during the season such as late June.

Commercial Action Item 4: Smaller mesh was discussed for being more effective at catching sockeye while harvesting less Kings. A 2019 & 2020 mesh study showed 4.5" in mesh was most effective. Smaller mesh means nets are shallower and more kings may swim under them. Several AC members and public attendees voiced support for a smaller mesh of 4 ¾".

Commercial Action Item 5: Reduction of time and area. ADFG wants public input. Several comments were discussed including that any proposed Nushagak restrictions may reduce fleet size, cause more drifters to use other districts creating less crowding, a smaller fleet could fit in a smaller sub district, and fewer kings taken.



An AC member suggested a sub-district with boundaries on the east side of the district off Ekuk within which the drift fleet could fish (divides district into east and west sides); leaving the western portion of the district closed for unobstructed king passage. Suggestion to use this east side sub-district for a limited time - initially 5-6 days mentioned. The East West division received all the discussion and some support. The ADFG north - south subdistricts were barely mentioned. All set net sites would still be allowed to fish due to low king catch. Concern was expressed regarding whether Troopers could enforce a more complex boundary. Concerns for crowding drift fleet on top of set nets sites at Ekuk was discussed. No consensus was reached.

Sport Discussion: AC discussed fecundity of large females, that jacks don't just produce more jacks, but large spawning kings are critical. Sport catch, harvest, and catch & release mortality discussed (estimated at 6.7%). The sample size was not large enough to get catch and release mortality by sex or size - study to be published soon.

Several comments supported getting sport angling off the spawning areas / spawning fish. One comment asked to have the sport fishing season open later. Sport bag limit: discussion was supportive for reduced daily and seasonal bag limits - 1 large king per season. Continue with a 5 under 20 inch daily bag. Discussion on prohibition of bait was split, some support and some oppose.

Subsistence: Highest priority by Regulation. There seemed to be general support for ADF&G's proposed status quo strategy on subsistence, additionally no restriction on personal use in the commercial take. Possibly reduce fishing time by one day per week or reduce open areas if concerns become severe.

Discussion regarding Nushagak King Salmon Management Plan pertaining to commercial fishing occurring in a manner to preserve genetic diversity throughout the run for kings. One suggestion was to have windowed escapements or short openings having the same effect. Some believe that toward the tail of the king run, there are more of the bigger males and female kings and how to assure some protection for them. One comment supporting a later "drop dead date" after which management would focus on the red harvest.

### XIII. New Business - Returning to February 10th Meeting Minutes

**The AC took up the ADFG King Salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan** from the 2022 Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting to consider comments and information from ADF&G and the Working Group. The AC decided to go through the Action Plan point by point, with Tim Sands introducing & explaining the points.

Sands outlined the history and intent of the Action Plan to be only in place while Nushagak King Salmon are listed as a Stock of Concern. ADFG needs guidance from stakeholders, ADFG avoided all allocative aspects. The plans should guide ADFG when to fish, how hard, and how many extra sockeye salmon to escape to save kings. Sands advocated keeping all the action points / responses to the Stock of Concern status (SOC) within a single, stand-alone regulation such that all parts would go out of effect when the SOC is declared over; this would make it easier to enact and rescind without having various regulations scattered within other regulations.



*AC took up action points that they could clearly reject or support to speed the discussions.*

**Commercial Action Item 1** - Status quo. Travis moved, Gayla 2nd.

Problem is ADFG has been managing outside of the strict terms of the current management plan and will need to do so to address the SOC status. ADFG needs more guidance and tools. AC agrees.

**VOTE: Y 0, N 10 - The AC rejects Status Quo as a management option.**

**Commercial Action Item 2** - Early Wood River fishing in WRSWA. Travis moved, Gayla 2nd.

Very long discussions pro and con, gear length and mesh restrictions, timing, who gets to fish, how many kings would or would not be saved, data available, impacts to Muklung Kings etc.

**MOTION TO TABLE** Trave move Gayla 2nd **VOTE: 10 y, 0 N Subcommittee to work on addressing specific recommendations**

**Commercial Action Item 3** - Create OEG for Nushagak River sockeye. Travis moved, Gayla 2nd. AC noted the Numbers in the original plan were tentative - ADF&G has refined its analysis since then. ADF&G presented some graphics showing possible impacts of possible OEG's.

ADF&G needs guidance and triggers: when to start fishing and how hard to fish.

Discussion of creating 2 triggers, one for each river to address variable runs in each drainage.

Several AC members express support for the OEG concepts but prefer to get more data from the King Working Group Feb 13-14. Main point is how and how many more sockeye go upriver to help more kings go up.

**VOTE 11 Y, 0 N in support of the OEG concept - Subcommittee to address specifics with input from Working Group and ADF&G**

**Commercial Action Item 4.** Reduce net mesh size and or length. Gayla moved, Travs 2nd.

Sands discussed effects of smaller mesh and larger harvest from '22 Wood River sockeye run though the total run was bigger on the Nushagak.

Some prefer setting a date within the season to remove the small mesh rule; others suggest a delay to 2024 to allow the fleet more time to get small gear. It was noted 4 3/4 mesh has been an EO authority within the Nushagak District for several years now for another conservation purpose and already is fleet standard for the many.

Shortening nets could be very onerous as it may require cutting nets, drifters can't carry extra nets on board and is very burdensome.

*AC members Moses Kritz and Curt Armstrong left the meeting, leaving 9 voting members present. Quorum still present.*

**VOTE 9 Y, 0 N Motion carries to support concepts of mesh restriction, subcommittee to define parameters**

**Commercial Action Item 5.** Reduce fishing time or area. Travis moved, Gayla 2nd.

Gayla presented a map/ aerial photo of the district with a sub-district on the east side suggested



by her father. Proposing this concept would allow kings up the west side of the Nushagak district untouched. Some agreement that most kings hold to the west side most of the time.  
Suggestion to use suggested sub-district for a limited time - maybe June 18-25.  
Opposition if it would disenfranchise some set netters, put too much burden on drifters potentially creating conflicts between Nushagak's east side set nets and the concentration of drifters. Idea discussed as an EO tool for Com Fish to use. Some support sub-district if WRSHA was opened at the same time.  
Some drifters voiced opposition for concentrating drifters in a subdistrict, others support it if it ends June 25 or similar date.

*AC member Nukwuk left at 4:40pm, leaving a quorum of 8 voting members.*

**VOTE Y 7, N 1 Motion carries to support the concept of a reduction in time or area, subcommittee to define parameters with consideration to OEG and WRSHA discussions**

**Commercial Action Item 6.** Close commercial fishery. Travis moved, Dan 2nd.  
General and strong opposition to this option.

**VOTE 0 Y, 8 N motion fails unanimously.**

#### **Sport Fishery portion of Action Plan**

ADFG Sport Fish Lee Borden discussed.

#### **Sport Action Item 1:** Status quo for Sport Fishery

Gayla moved, Todd 2nd Lee Borden explained current sport regulations give plenty of authority to address the issues, that within current regulations Sport Fishery can be managed much more conservatively / aggressively to respond to the SOC status. All the tools are in place.  
Some AC members express a lack of trust in upper Sport Management to be more conservative without plan directives.

**VOTE on status quo for sport: Y 0, 8 N motion fails**

#### **AC DISCUSSION ON MINUTES:**

MOTION: Travis Move, Tom 2nd to have secretary minutes covering meetings to date, the definitive actions by the AC by Statewide Finfish meeting. Secretary to submit minutes to Chair for approval and submission.

**VOTE 8 y, 0 N carries**

*Quorum no longer maintained, Stock of Concern Action Plan, Nushagak King Salmon Management Plan, and Statewide Proposals remain to be acted on by AC and Subcommittee as assigned.*



### XIII Other Business

- 1) Remaining AC members suggest another AC meeting after the Chignik/Area M BOF at the call of the chair.
- 2) AC King Subcommittee members meet Friday Feb. 17 10 AM at Dillingham ADF&G office. All interested welcome.
- 3) Minutes to date are to be composed and submitted by Statewide Finfish deadline.
- 4) AC members who are available, may listen in to the King Salmon Working Group - Monday Feb 13.

### XIV Adjourn at 5:12 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway, Secretary  
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito, Chair  
Date: February 26, 2023

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**Petersburg Advisory Committee  
December 3, 2022  
Petersburg Assembly Chambers**

I Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chairman Max Worhatch

II Roll Call

Members Present:

1. Anthony Taiber
2. Bob Martin
3. Clyde Curry
4. Joel Randrup
5. Kirt Marsh
6. Max Worhatch
7. Megan Oneil
8. Ted Sandhofer
9. Brandon Ware (by phone, occasionally unable to vote)

Members Absent:

David Benitz  
Ben Case  
Don Spigelmyre  
Paul Menish  
Frank Neidiffer  
Jerry Dahl

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Almost all hunt locally, several archers, one trapper. Most members fish commercially.

III Fish and Game Staff Present:

Frank Robbins, area game biologist

IV Guests Present:

Mark Hofstad  
Derek Thynes  
Kris Thynes  
Steve Thynes  
Bret Uppencamp  
Doug Corl  
Eric Lee



Becky Knight  
Beverly Richardson  
Seth McCallum

Jordan Lewis, KFSK reporter

V Approval of Agenda

The only agenda item was to consider and vote on Board of Game and Statewide Board of Fish proposals.

VI Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were not available.

VII Reports

None

VIII Public Comment

Some visitors felt that public notice for the meeting was not adequate. Most visitors provided input during consideration of proposals and is mentioned below.

IX Old Business

None

X New Business

XI See below for Southeast Game and Statewide Fish proposals

XII Select representative(s) for board meeting

Member Ted Sandhofer was informally selected to attend the Board of Game meeting. This occurred when he expressed interest after the meeting had adjourned. The chair and secretary felt Ted would be an excellent representative.

XIII Set next meeting date

Not considered

XIV Other

Adjourned around 9:00pm

## Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals

January 20-24, 2023 | Ketchikan, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description
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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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1	Require certified hunter safety education to hunt in Units 1 - 5		
NA			
2	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southeast Region units		
NA			
3	Remove the requirement for residents to seal black bear skulls harvested in Units 1 - 4		
Oppose	0	9	The committee did not believe this was enough of a problem to warrant the loss of biological data.
4	Change the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 1 to one bear every two years		
NA			
5	Change the waterfowl season in Units 1 - 4 by creating a split season		
Support as Amend	9	0	Almost no support for the proposal as written. After amending it to return to pre-2019 September 15 through December 31 season there was a lively discussion with input from visitors. There was much concern that a "split" with two weeks off would be at least as confusing as an alternating season and, depending on the dates, could exclude even more hunters than at trimming the ends. September 15 was generally agreed as a good permanent compromise between the earlier dates desired by northern southeast, and later dates considered by communities farthest south.
6	Lengthen river otter trapping seasons in Units 1 - 4 to align with Unit 5		
Oppose	2	7	Concerns about pup season. A member who supported the proposal felt that it would mainly be useful in allowing the retention of otters trapped incidentally to beaver.
7	Extend marten trapping seasons to align with wolverine seasons in portions of Units 1 - 4 and 5		
Support	6	3	This was seen as unlikely to cause a problem due to the current lack of trapping effort. Opposition felt that if prices went up and effort increased, this might not protect certain populations.
8	Extend the marten trapping season in Units 1 and 2		
NA			
9	Extend the wolverine trapping season to March 15 in Units 1 - 5		
NA			
10	Decrease the bag limit to four deer in Unit 4, Remainder		
NA			
11	Decrease the bag limit to four deer in Unit 4, Remainder		
NA			
12	Open the Mitchell Bay Closed Area in Unit 4 to brown bear hunting		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
NA			
13	Change the RB088 hunt boundary in Unit 4 to include Northeast Chichagof, and increase the allowable harvest for brown bear		
NA			
14	Change the brown bear hunt area for RB088 in Unit 4 to include all of Lisianski Inlet drainage		
NA			
15	Change the description of the Petersburg Road System Closed Area		
Support	8	0	The department's reasoning was irresistible
16	Lengthen the deer season in Unit 3, that portion of Mitkof Island within the Petersburg Management Area		
Support	9	0	Bowhunting was seen as a low-impact way to focus hunting effort toward the abundance of deer near town. One visitor expressed concern for potential conflict with outdoor users such as dog walkers in the earlier months.
17	Establish a fall drawing permit hunt for elk on Zarembo Island in Unit 3		
Support	5	3	While there were concerns about a parallel federal hunt that would probably emerge if this proposal was adopted, the status quo was viewed as unacceptable by most members. However, almost everyone seemed to agree that "up to 25 permits" was beyond a reasonable number and the department should proceed carefully.
18	Establish a fall, drawing permit hunt for elk on Zarembo, Bushy, Shrubby and Kashevarof Islands in Unit 3		
Support	7	1	Similar discussion to #17. Although this proposal would likely trigger a basically unmanaged federal subsistence hunt, there is a consensus that some harvest opportunity should be allowed since that is why the elk were introduced.
19	Change the hunt structure for elk on Etolin Island in Unit 3		
Oppose	0	8	The Etolin hunt seems to be sustainable at the current level of effort. There is no convincing evidence that the resource is underutilized. Due to the lack of population data, we support the way it is managed now.
20	Split Etolin Island in Unit 3 into two hunt areas for elk		
NA			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
21	Eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers for Units 1B, 1C and 3		
Oppose	2	7	Lively discussion. The basic view against this proposal is that it would take things back to a time when more illegal moose were harvested, some intentionally altered, thus requiring even more restrictions on the hunt. The view in support was that if you hunt long enough, you are likely to accidentally harvest what honestly looks like a legal bull only to find out it looked that way due to a broken antler. There was considerable sympathy for that problem, but in the end, the current rule, coupled with moose forfeiture and relatively lenient penalties was seen as necessary.
22	Eliminate the restriction for using motorized vehicles for the RM038 moose hunt in Unit 1B		
Support	9	0	Whatever the reason for this hunt restriction in the past, no member or visitor expressed support for it now. Today there are fewer hunters, yet more residents with cabins and homes on this small road system who would like to use their vehicle to access the area like everywhere else in the region.
23	Allow the use of electric bikes for the RM038 moose hunt in Unit 1B		
Support	6	2	This was seen as a potential compromise in case Proposal #22 was too extreme. The two opposing votes had no problem with E-Bikes, but believed that the complete removal of any vehicle restrictions (Proposal 22) was more fair to all hunters.
24	Open the Petersburg Creek drainage of Kupreanof Island in Unit 3 to black bear hunting		
Oppose	1	8	There was significant visitor testimony that Petersburg Creek is a valued and unique place to view black bears. The committee agreed that it was special and that a hunt would reduce the number of bears as well as diminish the viewing experience if there were hunters active at the same time. There are many other areas available to hunt black bears.
25	Allow black bear hunting in the Petersburg Creek Drainage area, with season dates to align with Unit 3		
Oppose	3	6	Strong visitor testimony against black bear hunting in this heavily visited area close to Petersburg. Reasons against were the reduced chance of seeing a bear, viewers more likely to encounter hunters



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			while kayaking and hiking in the drainage. Lots of other areas for hunters to go. Reasons for support included the economic stimulus of bear hunting, removal of nuisance bears by cabin owners, consistency in that the hunting of other species is allowed.
26	Reduce the permit allocation and bag limit for nonresident, nonguided black bear hunters on Kuiu and Kupreanof Islands in Unit 3		
Oppose	0	8	We felt that the department was already addressing this by considering a ten percent reduction in non-resident, nonguided permits.
27	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks along hiking trails and drivable surfaces on Wrangell Island in Unit 3		
NA			
28	Change the hunt boundary from Little Sheep Creek to Sheep Creek, for the RG014 goat hunt in Unit 1C		
29	Expand the hunt area of the RG014 archery goat hunt in Unit 1C		
30	Open a fall archery goat hunt in Unit 1C, the southern end of the Chilkat Peninsula		
31	Lengthen the resident, registration goat hunt in Unit 1C, the Southern end of the Chilkat Range		
32	Restrict hunters who take nanny goat in Unit 1D from hunting goat the following regulatory year in Unit 1D		
33	Increase the brown bear bag limit in that portion of Unit 1C of the Chilkat Peninsula mainland north of Point Couverden and south of Sullivan Island for resident hunters, from one bear every four regulatory years to one bear every regulatory year		
34	Increase the brown bear bag limit in that portion of Unit 1C of the Chilkat Peninsula mainland north of Point Couverden and south of Sullivan Island for resident hunters, from one bear every four regulatory years to one bear every regulatory year		
35	Extend the bear baiting season for Unit 1D		



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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
36			Reduce the bag limit for grouse for drainages that cross the Juneau-Douglas Road system in Unit 1C
37			Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan for drainages that cross the Juneau Douglas Road system in Unit 1C
38			Amend the youth hunt for Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetland State Game Refuge
39			Amend the hunter education requirement for the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetland State Game Refuge
40			Allow the take of deleterious exotic wildlife in the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge
41			Eliminate the Douglas Island Management Area in Unit 1C
42			Extend the deer season to December 31, in Unit 1A Remainder
43			Increase the resident bag limit to two goats in Unit 1A
44			Extend the goat season in Unit 1A Remainder
45			Raise the population objective from 150-200 wolves to 250-350 wolves in Unit 2, and raise the threshold for closing the season from 100 to 200 wolves
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.
46			Lengthen the hunting season for wolves in Unit 2, to open September 1
Support	8	1	All members believe there are enough wolves and support continued wolf hunting. One member felt that this proposal went too far and would mean was almost no management.
47			Require wolf harvest information be reported within 48 hours of recovery and sealing within 14



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
	days in Unit 2		
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.
48	Change the methodology for setting the population objective for wolves in Unit 2		
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.
49	Utilize the lower confidence interval of the wolf population for estimating the population in Unit 2		
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.
50	Establish a population estimate and harvest limit based on Prince of Wales Island wolf population that excludes extrapolation from outer islands in Unit 2		
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.
51	Establish a percentage of the Unit 2 wolf population that can be harvested on a sustainable basis, develop a harvest quota each season, require in-season reporting, provide the harvest to the public in real time, and allow three days' notice before closing the season by emergency order		
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
52	Establish a harvest quota for wolves, between 20% and 35% of the estimated wolf population in Unit 2		
53	Establish an estimated unreported mortality rate for Unit 2 wolves to be used for establishing the harvest quota		
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.
54	Identify an area in Unit 2 for protected status for wolves		
Oppose	0	8	We do not believe that the wolf population is at risk. It has proven resilient in the past under greater pressure. We value deer more and are comfortable with the trade-off of fewer wolves for more deer. We feel that the Department can manage this if it becomes a problem.

Adjournment: Approximately 9pm

Minutes Recorded By: Bob Martin\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: Max Worhatch\_\_\_\_\_

Date: December 26, 2022



Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals March 10-13, 2023   Anchorage, AK			
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<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
Oppose	0	8	So much new slinky gear is already in play. It is important to get this right. This is not a proposal that respects the AC process. Strongly opposed to the vague promise of an RC surprise seeking AC legitimacy before we know what it is.
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Oppose	1	7	Majority felt it was not worth changing a historical major rule without more benefit to the entire fleet. Minority thought there was no reason to exclude drums anymore since new powerblocks are so effective.
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
<a href="#">157</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		



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

March 10-13, 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
Oppose	2	6	Majority thought the status quo was acceptable and might help avoid permit consolidation. There did not seem to be very strong feelings about the current rule or this proposal. It was noted that many permit holders have worked around it through family members and trusted crew holding the second permit. Those supporting the proposal, including one visitor, felt that the fact that it was often being worked around made the existing rule somewhat moot, unfair, or unnecessary.
<a href="#">158</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
NA			We felt that we covered this in Proposal 157
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
<a href="#">161</a>	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> ).		
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		



Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals March 10-13, 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
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		

Adjournment:

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

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

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



**Seldovia Advisory Committee  
12/14/2023  
Seldovia Multipurpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:06 PM by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Michael Opheim, Stephen Payton, Bryan Chartier, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jevon Chartier, Jordan Cameron  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Cutter Grahn, Keith Swick  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused): None  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
List of User Groups Present:  
  
III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Jason Herreman  
  
IV. Guests Present: Chris Keithly, Ashley Keithly, Chance Collier  
  
V. Approval of Agenda: Motioned to approve by Jordan Cameron, Second by Alvin Swick  
  
VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Last meeting minutes not available  
  
VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: None
  - b. ADF&G: Jason Herreman: Jason provided an update on Moose, Goat and Bear harvest in the Seldovia area/ unit 15. 235 moose were taken and illegal harvest was down to 10% from a recent high of 25%. Herreman stated harvest between GM Units 7-15 harvest was on par with recent years.  
  
For goats there was discussion about this last seasons hunt. Between Unites 7-15, 86 goat were harvested. 4 goats were harvested in the Seldovia area of which 2 were on the outer coast and two were inner. Unfortunately the two goat harvested in the inner coast/ Barabara Valley were female and taken from the same area.  
  
Between 2012 and 2017 three surveys had been done in the area.
  - c. Others



VIII. Public Comment:

*Hi Fari,*

*I would like to submit the following comment on Proposal 155 for tonight's Advisory Committee meeting in Seldovia. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting in person or Zoom.*

*My family and I are avid year round spearfishermen in the greater Seldovia area and we are excited to see the proposed amendment expanding ADFG's saltwater spearfishing regulation to include surface swimming. This proposed amendment clarifies some confusion that folks have about spearfishing in Alaska and it will open the sport to beginners and youth alike.*

*Thank you for your time considering my comment.*

*Amelia Pollack*

*907-205-7963*

*Buck Brown in a communication to the chair: Michael Opheim: Just in case I don't make it to the meeting, please write into the minutes that I am against proposals 163, 164,165,166,167,168,169,170,171,and 172. Except for 163 all these proposals have no biological justification and are aimed at keeping one person happy.*

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business: none

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date:

XIII. Other

Adjourn: 9:12 PM



## 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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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Support	7		Shooting game from a boat increases the risk of hitting but losing an animal among other issues.
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
Support	7		Hunter Orientation is required for other big game and couldn't hurt to have for goat as hunters (especially new ones) have trouble distinguishing a male from female.
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		



## 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
67			Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt
68			Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt
Support	7		Discussion: If it helps ADF&G manage the population it sounds like a good idea.
69			Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder
			Discussed but no action taken.
70			Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt
71			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak
72			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island
73			Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder
Oppose		7	The AC feels there is not a problem with the deer population.
74			Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8
75			Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years
76			Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8
77			Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8
78			Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits
79			Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation
80			Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193



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81			Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms
82			Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area
83			Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams
84			Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area
85			Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River
86			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
87			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
88			Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt
89			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
90			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
91			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
92			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area



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93			Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas
94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15



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Amended	7		<p>AC supports as amended: <b>5AAC 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.</b></p> <p>Limit hunters to one big game registration permit <u>per species</u> at a time in Units 7 and 15 as follows:</p> <p>Add Units 7 and 15 to the areas in regulation that hunters are limited to one big game registration permit at a time.</p> <p>5 AAC 92.052(19) a person may be limited to one big game registration permit <u>per species</u> at a time in Units 1,<u>7 and 15</u>, 17,20(E), 22, and 23.</p> <p>Discussion: The AC unanimously agreed with this proposal with the exception it be species specific. This way opportunity can't be taken away by hunters holding multiple goat or other game permits in multiple units. By making it species specific hunters will still have the opportunity to hold permits for multiple game species but not multiple of any one species.</p>
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C		
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
Support	7		<p>Discussion: The AC felt that if this management tool would make it easier to better manage sheep hunts then it's an action that should be taken. Especially with the current concern for sheep populations.</p>
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		



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112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
Oppose		7	
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
Support	7		This proposal by Seldovia AC came about as when draw hunts were established in the Seldovia area it came to our attention that the 5-year penalty for shooting a nanny in this area was not established. The AC strongly feels that a hunter be prohibited from hunting any goats in unit 7&15 for 5 regulatory years if they take a nanny.
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By supporting proposal 116 we support proposal 117 which suggests the same penalty.
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Oppose		7	
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15		
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		



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123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
Support	7		The AC agrees with this proposal and according to ADF&G staff, Port Graham and Nanwalek ask for this season extension every year, but this is the first time they have put in a proposal which is required to make the change.
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	7		Based on information provided by ADF&G The Seldovia AC supports this hunt and the opportunity for residents to fill their freezers.
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Support	7		The Seldovia AC recognizes the issue between hunting opportunity and lack of land and the conflict this creates with home owners/ private land owners. Expanding the area to reduce conflict is a good idea.
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	7		Based on hunt and population information provided by ADF&G the Seldovia AC supports this hunt and the opportunity it provides residents to fill their freezers.
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
			It appears the sealing requirement is in place for the Kalgin island moose hunt as it was an oversight when the hunt changed game management units. There was lots of discussion on this proposal. The AC wants to make it known that although they support removing this sealing requirement being removed from the Kalgin island moose hunt and TM549 Tier II subsistence hunt, we do not support by any means



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			removing sealing requirements on the entirety of the Kenai peninsula. The removal of sealing requirements would be detrimental as it would allow poaching of sublegal moose to go unchecked.
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By Supporting Proposal 56 we support this proposal which suggests the same thing. We support proposal 56 because it addresses all big game and not just black bear.
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		



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Support	7		These comments cover Proposals 145, 146, and 147: The Seldovia AC supports these proposals as setbacks for trapping from established and heavily used trails is necessary for the safety of pets and recreational users of these trails.
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
Support	7		
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
Support	7		
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
No Action			Discussion: The topic of planting deer in the Seldovia area has been brought up many times. The AC understands there are concerns of disease and pests being introduced with a new species, although ADF&G quarantines any animals to be transplanted which would clear them of disease and pests. The AC took no action on this proposal as it is not a decision the board of game can make.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
Oppose		7	The board opposes this proposal as we believe the ptarmigan population needs more time to rebound.
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
Oppose		7	Information provided about sea duck populations suggests the populations of most species of sea ducks are holding steady and the Agency (ADF&G) has no conservation concerns at this time. The AC opposed this proposal as we feel the harvest amounts are reasonable and don't need to be increased.
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7		These comments cover proposals 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, and 170: Information provided about sea duck populations suggests the populations of most species of sea ducks are holding steady and the Agency (ADF&G) has no conservation concerns at this time. The AC was also informed that hunting guides and other users supported the reduction in bag limits. Based on this information the AC agreed taking this approach is safe and will not have any negative effects on the number of users for these hunts.
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
support	7		Discussion: By supporting proposal 164 we support proposal 165 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7		
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
support	7		Discussion: By supporting proposal 166 we support proposal 167 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
Oppose		7	Based on Information provided to the AC and the views of different user groups we feel there are enough Harlequin duck to support the current harvest limits and a reduction is not necessary.
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By opposing proposal 168 we support proposal 169 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose		7	Based on Information provided to the AC and the views of different user groups we feel there are enough long-tailed duck to support the current harvest limits and a reduction is not necessary.
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
Support	7		Every other game and fish species has to be reported for accurate counts and proper management, ducks should not be an exception.
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By supporting 171 we support 172 as it proposes the same regulation change.
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
181	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		



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182			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
184			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
185			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
186			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
187			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
188			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A

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<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
<a href="#">87</a>			Define eel stick.



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<a href="#">153</a>			Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.
<a href="#">82</a>			Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.
<a href="#">154</a>			Allow the use of purse seine drums.
<a href="#">155</a>			Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.
Support	7		The AC has seen the increased popularity of free diving/spear fishing in the area and supports this proposal as some areas are too shallow to dive or as suggested by a community member it restricts new users and youth from the fishery.
<a href="#">156</a>			Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.
Support	7		The use of felt soled footwear increases the risk of spreading invasive species. This is a law in most places and shouldn't be allowed in any fishery.
<a href="#">157</a>			Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.
<a href="#">158</a>			Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.
<a href="#">159</a>			Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.



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<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
<a href="#">161</a>	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> .		
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	7		This has been a topic of discussion by the Seldovia AC before. As this proposal suggests by allowing guides to charge personal use fishery users to go out, they are commercializing the fishery. These fisheries are for residents to fill their freezers, not guides to fill their pockets.
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Support	7		This has been a topic of discussion by the Seldovia AC before. As this proposal suggests by allowing guides to charge personal use fishery users to go out, they are commercializing the fishery. These fisheries are for residents to fill their freezers, not guides to fill their pockets.
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	7		Establishing a statewide bag limit for personal use fisheries would stop people from being able to go from one river system to the other filling their bag limit in multiple areas.



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<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
Support	7		The AC agrees with ADF&Gs decision to make additions to the list of banned invasive species.

Adjournment: 9:12 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton

Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim

Date:12/21/23



## Excerpt of Minutes from Hybrid In-person @ NSRAA and Zoom Sitka AC Meeting minutes Feb 15, 2023

### Members Present:

Lucas Bastian, Guide  
Steve Ramp, Sportfish  
Tad Fujioka Processor  
Heather Bauscher, Conservation  
Mo Johnson, Seine  
Carrie Driver, alternate  
Karen Johnson, at large  
Kent Barkau, Hunting  
Eric Jordan, at large,  
Scott Wagner, Alternate  
Dick Curren Longline  
Schuyler Mace-Hand troll

### Members not present:

John Murray, Power Troll, excused  
Woody Cyr, Trapping, excused  
Spencer Chute, Charter, excused  
Josh Chevalier, subsistence, excused  
Stacey Wayne, shellfish excused

### ADFG STAFF

Annie Bartholomew, Board Support  
Steve Bethune, wildlife biologist

### Public:

Isabella Schmetzer – SSC Intern  
Linda Behnken (ALFA) joined for the discussion on Proposal 161

### Discussion of which Statewide Fish proposals were worth considering followed:

- Steve proposed 153, 154-156, 157&158 jointly, 159-161 & 163-169
  - Tad objected to considering **153** pointing out that it wasn't actually a proposal, but merely a placeholder submitted by AWT to allow them to bypass the proposal deadline. By not having an actual proposal submitted in time to be published in the proposal book they deny the ACs and most of the public the ability to thoughtfully consider the proposal. Tad continued that while AWT will in all likelihood be able to get away with this, it is very poor form and against the spirit of the process.
  - Regardless of the appropriateness of AWT's procedure, being as there was no actual proposal for the AC to consider at this time, we opted to skip 153



- Seine rep (Mo) indicated that **154** was unlikely to be given serious consideration and thus the AC didn't need to spent time on it.

**155 Allow spear fishing in saltwater by a person to is floating but not submerged;**  
M/S

- Didn't we talk about this last cycle? There were problems with spear fishermen at Redoubt spooking fish that dipnetters were trying to catch. I'm not in favor of expanding the spear fishery at the expense of the dipnet fishery
  - No, the Redoubt fishery occurs in freshwater; this proposal is only for saltwater, so it wouldn't affect Redoubt
- I don't see any reason not to support this; it wouldn't change the Redoubt situation
- **10-2** Supported

**156 To prohibit felt soled waders in the P/U fisheries;** M/S

- This extends the prohibition that is already in place for sport fishing
- Invasives can spread from river to river; Dymo is especially worrisome
- People still use felt soled waders in California
- The issue is the felt. It stays damp and the aquatic organisms can stay alive there much longer than on a rubber sole that dries out quickly.
- **12-0** Supported

**157-158 (jointly) To allow a permit holder with multiple permits to fish in two different net fisheries in the same year** M/S

- Mo (seine rep): This proposal comes up periodically; most recently in 2016.
  - At that time the BoF rejected it 1-6
  - the Sitka AC opposed it 2-10
  - In addition to Sitka AC, Kenai AC, Kodiak AC and other opposed; only Petersburg and Central Peninsula ACs supported
  - This would be counter productive to the progress made by the SE seine buy-back program.
    - We took out 40 year loans to buyback 100 SE seine permits
    - We are paying 3-1/2% of our catch to pay for these loans in order to keep the fleet size down.
  - This proposal would put more boats on the water; we are paying a lot of money to keep the fleet size down
  - If this proposal were to pass fishermen could start their season in fisheries that typical have an early or compressed season like Bristol Bay, or PWS or Area M, and then move to SE which has an extended season
  - It wouldn't help young fishermen, only those with the money to invest in two separate fisheries would benefit
  - The proposal favors consolidation. Under the current system if you have two permits, you pick the one that looks most lucrative based on the preseason forecast and leave the second choice fishery to those who don't have the money to buy in to multiple fisheries
- Another member questioned how the proposal would increase competition



- Mo responded that permits that are currently going unfished in a given year would now be fished at least part of the season
- Another member asked if anyone knew why this was being proposed
  - The proposer doesn't want to have to put the second permit in a family member's name. That's the way that currently fishermen get away with fishing in two fisheries in the same season
- A member pointed out that this proposal is inherently pro-consolidation. The fisheries that the proposers mention are high-value fisheries. A skilled fisherman should be able to earn a good living in any one of those fisheries without needing to double up. It is preferable to see the money from the second fishery go to someone else who would otherwise be squeezed out of the industry
- Unanimously opposed (0-12)

**159 Close commercial fishing within ¼ mile of areas closed to sport fishing; M/S**

- The proposer had an issue with a hatchery cost-recovery fishery in the saltwater below a stream that was closed to coho sport fishing.
- If this proposal were to pass, since Indian River is closed sport fishing for coho, commercial fishing within a ¼ mile of the mouth of the river would be closed, even in years when there is an overabundance of pinks
- Sport king salmon has been closed for non-residents throughout SE at times; would this close all commercial fishing in SE?
- Some sport closures are for allocative, rather than conservation reasons. Even if you agreed with the proposer's priorities, this would create unnecessary closures.
- The proposal is unworkable
- Unanimously opposed (0-12)

**160 Require proceeds from sales of wild kings in THAs to be submitted to the state M/S**

- Same proposer as Proposal 159
- Scott (General Manager of NSRAA): Impossible to tell whether an individual king salmon is wild or hatchery unless you look for otolith marks- assuming it was marked. Even genetic tests can't distinguish between a hatchery fish and a wild fish from the same brood stock
- Lots of complications with this proposal
- Not manageable at all!
- Unanimously opposed (0-12)

**161 Establish BoF Groundfish Policy M/S**

- Who is AFDF, the proposer?
  - That's Julie Decker's group. She has a long history of supporting our fisheries
- Eric- as a former BoF member, the BoF has plenty of policies. They don't need any more!
  - I am particularly opposed to the last line in the objectives section to "avoid sport, subsistence and P/U conflicts"; I sounds like such a policy would



result in prioritizing those three fisheries above commercial any time a commercial fishery conflicted with one of the other

- (ALFA Executive Director) Linda Behnken (joining the Zoom call at the request of an AC member): I have not had time to consider this in detail, but it looks great at a glance
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Troy Tydingco, Sportfish  
Jake Wieliczkiwicz, Sportfish

#### **166 Establish Statewide Bag limit for P/U finfish M/S by Steve/Tad**

- Steve: Opposed to this- can't do this because different areas have different number of fish available; Philosophically opposed even if it was workable
- Kent: While this says all finfish, it looks like he is just talking about salmon dipnet fisheries.
- Tad: Could support this in principle if there was a need, but don't see a need. P/U fisheries are limited to residents. Most residents, at least the ones that have had a season or two when they realized that they still had a bunch of fish left over when the next fishing season rolled around know how much fish they need and limit their harvesting accordingly.
- Unanimous opposition (0-12)

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- Steve: Would ADF&G do anything differently if they had in-season data?
  - Jake: Currently we don't do in-season management because we don't get data in-season, but if there were a stock that we thought that we needed in-season data we would make that a reporting requirement. We already have the authority to do so. We just don't exercise it since we don't need the data. Thus, this proposal wouldn't help us. It would just inconvenience the fishermen.
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- Unanimous opposition (0-12)

#### **168 Allow ADFG to close sport fisheries in waters that are contaminated M/S by Steve/Kent**

- Steve: I support this as a public health measure
- Unanimous support (12-0)



**169 Add to invasive species list and bifurcate the list M/S by Steve/Kent**

- Jake: explained the rationale behind allowing the transport of Class A species for reporting purposes and the need for recognition of invasive potential food fish in a separate Class B list
- Steve: I see Brook trout on the Class B list. Green Lake has brook trout and some people fish for them. How would this proposal change that fishery?
  - Jake: As a Class B species, you could still fish for them, and keep them as long as you didn't keep them alive. Nothing really changes. The brook trout in Green Lake aren't doing anyone any harm.
- Tad: So you can catch and keep the brook trout, but can you catch & release them? You are momentarily possessing a live fish. If we are officially calling them invasives, we would want them eradicated, and thus we wouldn't want people releasing them, but in this case, what is the harm? Perhaps this classification isn't appropriate in this instance.
  - Jake- not sure
- Unanimous support **(12-0)**



## Hybrid In-person @ NSRAA and Zoom Sitka AC Meeting minutes Feb 15, 2023

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### Public:

Isabella Schmetzer – SSC Intern

Linda Behnken (ALFA) joined for the discussion on Proposal 161

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Meeting began at 6:13 with an overview of the recent SE BoG meeting led by Steve Bethune:

- Proposal 1 to mandate Hunters Safety throughout SE failed due to logistical concerns
- Hunter orientation will be required for all goat hunters in SE
- Waterfowl season will be Sept 1-Dec 31 with Dec 1-15 closed; Mike Vaughn was only member of public at the BoG meeting who articulated a strong rationale for specific closure dates, so he got the dates he lobbied for.
- Trapping season for river otter will be extended from Feb 15 to March 15; but no other trapping seasons were changed
- Unit 4 resident limit for deer to remain 6, but NR limit decrease to 2 bucks in an effort to provide a token gesture towards the rural communities that brought more restrictive proposals to the Federal Subsistence Board. Only a handful of NRs take more than 2 deer per year, so no on the ground impact expected.



- All three proposals brought by a guiding operation to expand the unit 4 Brown Bear hunting opportunities failed
- Petersburg deer archery season will be extended
- New drawing hunt established for Zarembo Island elk
- Proposal 32 to enforce a 1-year penalty for shooting a nanny in the Unit 1-D goat hunt passed. In additional NR will only be allowed to shoot billies. There was no effort to expand this proposal to other areas as we had feared might be the case.
- All of the proposals to aimed at reducing wolf harvest failed; the only wolf proposal to pass extended the hunting season so that it matched the federal season. This was not expected to have much on the ground impact.

A brief summary of the Federal Subsistence Board meeting followed:

- None of the proposals to restrict non-rural hunting opportunities near Angoon, Hoonah or Pelican passed this time
  - issue is not expected to go away.
  - Steve Bethune has been assigned to do some outreach to the affected communities
- Ketchikan has asked to be considered for rural status
  - Currently outlying Ketchikan borough residents as considered rural, and so are Saxman residents living right next to Ketchikan proper, but the people living in the doughnut area are not.
  - Ketchikan Indian Association supports rural status

Tad (processor rep) gave a brief summary of the WFC lawsuit that threatens the SE/Yak troll fishery.

- Wild Fish Conservancy (WFC) sued NMFS over a paperwork violation involving the Biological Opinion that the troll fishery does not impose a substantial threat to ESA listed salmon stocks or the ESA listed Southern Resident Killer Whales that eat salmon.
- Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) and State of AK joined the lawsuit to defend NMFS and the troll fishery
- Judge has concurred that NMFS's analysis was insufficient and has required them to revise the BiOp
- In the meantime, WFC has requested that the permit allowing the winter and summer troll fishery to proceed be declared invalid
  - The magistrate assigned to the case has recommended that this take be done
  - Currently this question is before the presiding judge
- A summer and winter troll closure would be an existential threat to the troll fishery and the economy of rural SE as a whole.
- Once people in the region recognized that this was a likely possibility, a groundswell of support for trollers has begun to erupt
  - Resolutions in support of the fishery have been passed or are in the process of being passed by nearly every community in SE
  - Many city councils including Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Pelican and Craig have also donated money to ATA to fund the legal fight



- Processors have given money too; hatcheries are considering doing so as well
- There is a state legislative resolution in support of the troll fishery underway
  - Tad and Eric testified to the House Fisheries Committee in support of the legislative resolution yesterday
- Tad moved and Eric seconded that we **adopt a resolution in support of the troll fishery** that Tad drafted.
  - After discussion the AC decided that the resolution should be sent to the Alaska Congressional delegation, defendants in the lawsuit (ATA, State of Alaska, NMFS), other SE ACs, SE Legislative representatives and Hatchery boards.
  - Motion passes **12-0**

Discussion of which Statewide Fish proposals were worth considering followed:

- Steve proposed 153, 154-156, 157&158 jointly, 159-161 & 163-169
  - Tad objected to considering 153 pointing out that it wasn't actually a proposal, but merely a placeholder submitted by AWT to allow them to bypass the proposal deadline. By not having an actual proposal submitted in time to be published in the proposal book they deny the ACs and most of the public the ability to thoughtfully consider the proposal. Tad continued that while AWT will in all likelihood be able to get away with this, but it is very poor form and against the spirit of the process.
  - Regardless of the appropriateness of AWT's procedure, being as there was no actual proposal for the AC to consider at this time, we opted to skip 153
- Seine rep (Mo) indicated that 154 was unlikely to be given serious consideration and thus the AC didn't need to spent time on it.

**155 Allow spear fishing in saltwater by a person to is floating but not submerged;**  
M/S

- Didn't we talk about this last cycle? There were problems with spear fishermen at Redoubt spooking fish that dipnetters were trying to catch. I'm not in favor of expanding the spear fishery at the expense of the dipnet fishery
  - No, the Redoubt fishery occurs in freshwater; this proposal is only for saltwater, so it wouldn't affect Redoubt
- I don't see any reason not to support this; it wouldn't change the Redoubt situation
- **10-2** Supported

**M/S to send a letter to ADF&G** expressing our frustration at not having Department Comments on proposal published far enough in advance that ACs and others can review them as we conduct our discussions.

- Suggested that we could use a previously sent letter and simply change the date, as this has been a long-standing issue for the AC
- Motion passed without objection



**156 To prohibit felt soled waders in the P/U fisheries; M/S**

- This extends the prohibition that is already in place for sport fishing
- Invasives can spread from river to river; Dymo is especially worrisome
- People still use felt soled waders in California
- The issue is the felt. It stays damp and the aquatic organisms can stay alive there much longer than on a rubber sole that dries out quickly.
- **12-0** Supported

**157-158 (jointly) To allow a permit holder with multiple permits to fish in two different net fisheries in the same year M/S**

- Mo (seine rep): This proposal comes up periodically; most recently in 2016.
  - At that time the BoF rejected it 1-6
  - the Sitka AC opposed it 2-10
  - In addition to Sitka AC, Kenai AC, Kodiak AC and other opposed; only Petersburg and Central Peninsula ACs supported
  - This would be counter productive to the progress made by the SE seine buy-back program.
    - We took out 40 year loans to buyback 100 SE seine permits
    - We are paying 3-1/2% of our catch to pay for these loans in order to keep the fleet size down.
  - This proposal would put more boats on the water; we are paying a lot of money to keep the fleet size down
  - If this proposal were to pass fishermen could start their season in fisheries that typical have an early or compressed season like Bristol Bay, or PWS or Area M, and then move to SE which has an extended season
  - It wouldn't help young fishermen, only those with the money to invest in two separate fisheries would benefit
  - The proposal favors consolidation. Under the current system if you have two permits, you pick the one that looks most lucrative based on the preseason forecast and leave the second choice fishery to those who don't have the money to buy in to multiple fisheries
- Another member questioned how the proposal would increase competition
  - Mo responded that permits that are currently going unfished in a given year would now be fished at least part of the season
- Another member asked if anyone knew why this was being proposed
  - The proposer doesn't want to have to put the second permit in a family member's name. That's the way that currently fishermen get away with fishing in two fisheries in the same season
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### 159 Close commercial fishing with ¼ mile of areas closed to sport fishing; M/S

- The proposer had an issue with a hatchery cost-recovery fishery in the saltwater below a stream that was closed to coho sport fishing.
- If this proposal were to pass, since Indian River is closed sport fishing for coho, commercial fishing within a ¼ mile of the mouth of the river would be closed, even in years when there is an overabundance of pinks
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- Same proposer as Proposal 159
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- Who is AFDF, the proposer?
  - That's Julie Decker's group. She has a long history of supporting our fisheries
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Sincerely,

Heather Bauscher  
Chair Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee



From: Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee

February 22, 2023

To: Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

RE: Department Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals

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Now we are meeting to consider the current cycle of statewide BOF Proposals and, once again, we have no department comments to guide us in our deliberations. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the importance of the department comments to our work and to encourage you to take whatever action needed to ensure this situation does not continue to occur as we move forward into the next regulatory cycle. We value the department representatives and hold in high regard the knowledgebase inherent within the biological staff and we would like to ensure that this information is made more available earlier on so that all involved in this public process can make the best recommendations possible.

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Sincerely,

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The individuals represented on this committee feel that responsible management of these resources statewide are of paramount importance to our community, and communities across southeast Alaska, as fisheries and tourism are some of the main economic drivers across this region. These stocks are also tremendously important for community resilience and for food security across Alaska.

Sitka is a rural community. Many of us practice subsistence harvesting; we fill our freezers, feed our families on fish, and we enjoy this way of life. Many have trouble with the word *subsistence* because it does not truly describe what it is to live this way, and it does not capture how our communities thrive directly because of that connection to these lands and waters. Salmon are especially culturally important. The indigenous people of this region have relied on these foods and have managed this resource successfully since time immemorial. No method of analysis can ever fully quantify what that means for people here and elsewhere who practice ways of life like this that are so connected to the fisheries and wildlife resources we depend on.

## SABLEFISH

To quote the sablefish stock assessment: "The sablefish model currently projects that the 2014 to 2019 year classes will comprise over 60% of total Spawning Biomass in 2023, despite none of these cohorts being fully mature. The NPFMC harvest control rules do not recognize the potential importance of a well- distributed age composition in the population (i.e., all fish considered mature are treated equally in the model). Any impediments to these recent year classes reaching fully mature ages could negatively affect the population and future ABCs. Similarly, if the recent increase in productivity is associated with transient environmental or ecosystem conditions, then it is likely that the sablefish resource and fishery will be reliant on these handful of year classes for a decade or more, as has been the case with the slightly above average 2000 and 2008



cohorts.”

If the 2023 sablefish TAC is set equal to the recommended ABC and the TAC is fully harvested, this would represent the third highest sablefish harvest on record. The AC is concerned that this harvest on juvenile fish is overly aggressive and could compromise the future biological and economic value of the sablefish resource. We note that sablefish are 90% mature at 10 years of age, and a larger (7 pound) sablefish is worth five to six times more per pound than a smaller (1-2 pound) sablefish.

The BSAI is recognized as a nursery area for sablefish, with the average age of BSAI sablefish being almost half the age of sablefish in the Eastern Gulf. Aggressive harvest in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands also interrupts the western migration of sablefish to the Gulf of Alaska as year classes mature.

**The Sitka AC recommends the Council set TACs for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands below maximum ABC to reduce pressure on juvenile sablefish, support rebuilding of the spawning biomass, and enhance the future economic value of the sablefish resource.**

Given that sablefish are such a long-lived species with a cyclic or episodic recruitment dynamic, the AC also supports development of a capped management procedure, as suggested by the stock assessment team. Compared to using a maximum yearly catch strategy, capped HCRs could aid in stabilizing long-term sablefish dynamics. **The AC recommends that the Council direct the sablefish stock assessment authors to develop a sablefish closed loop simulation model to explore the potential benefits of alternate spawning biomass metrics and capped management procedures.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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December 20, 2021

Dear Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang,

The Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee was formally convened by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to advise on topics of concern related to fisheries, wildlife and local resource management that directly impact the community of Sitka. The Sitka AC is composed of 17 publicly elected stakeholders from a wide range of user groups who rely on fish and wildlife resources whether it be for subsistence, sport, or commercial purposes. Our members represent a diverse range of viewpoints but all feel that responsible management of these resources are of paramount importance to our community, and communities across southeast Alaska.

All of our committee members' livelihoods and ways of life are directly connected to the health of our fisheries resources as a whole. These stocks are also tremendously important for community resilience and for food security across Alaska, as we have been reminded over the past two years of the Covid-19 pandemic. Herring are one of the most important species in our ecosystem because they support so many other species we rely on, particularly our Salmon. The topic of herring has become more controversial and politically charged in the past few years and the meetings addressing regulations in this fishery have become a significant undertaking.

ADF&G staff were present during our recent AC meetings in which we began discussing Southeast Alaska herring proposals that primarily affected our area. Our volunteer committee has now spent more than 16 hours over 5 meetings discussing Sitka herring. We commend agency staff for their dedication, and for being present with us throughout these many meetings. During committee discussion we became aware that department funding limitations are impacting crucial research and limiting the ability of our staff biologists to give us the best available science as we weigh in on these important management changes. This creates doubt in the accuracy of the data along with the model and associated threshold levels, as well as the whole overall herring harvest strategy. These concerns only degrade public trust and threaten the integrity of the entire process.

During our discussions we became aware that the data set used to support the current overall harvest strategy is from the most recent re-evaluation, including the most recent survey of unfished biomass, which was last conducted in 1998. During the public meeting, it was made clear that this data set including the overall population, the calculation for natural mortality, the calculation and adjustments for age class recruitment- all of this is based on a picture of the ocean from 20 years ago. We know much has changed since 1998: warming water, ocean acidification, seabird die offs related to food chain issues with forage fish abundance, the "blob" among other things. At the very least the natural mortality adjustment would certainly need to be recalibrated. Things are not adding up correctly, and it is not just one piece of that whole system, as presented in a few proposals, that needs adjusting. The whole overall herring harvest strategy

needs to be recalibrated to reflect the current state of the ecosystem and to make adjustments for the changes in ocean conditions that have been occurring over the past 20 years.

Without additional funding to the department to do this major survey and enough staff to properly support the required work, these adjustments cannot be made and we cannot know for sure if we are currently on point with the management of this resource. Without supporting this work how can we as an advisory committee, and you as responsible party for proper management of the state fisheries resources, defend this fishery on the basis of science based management if our data is decades old and outdated?

The herring that cycle through Sitka Sound and the surrounding waters are vital to the health of this area, our community, and many other communities across southeast Alaska. Herring are an invaluable forage fish and subsistence resource. They also support a longstanding commercial fishery. In order for herring populations to stay sustainable we need ongoing, up to date research. Users and advocates need to be confident that ADF&G has the quality data they need to make these crucial decisions that directly impact our community and our way of life.

Therefore Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee is making the following request for additional funding to be given to the ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division and be directed specifically to Southeast Region Herring management to help address local concerns and support sustainable herring management.

1. Funding for a major survey to acquire a current population estimate of unfished biomass of herring and a reevaluation of the whole overall “Herring harvest strategy” including natural mortality, age class recruitment, an assessment of the model, and of the current thresholds. This reevaluation will also help address whether current management is as spot on, or if some things need to be adjusted.
2. Long-term funding for a Biometrician III that can finish developing a Bayesian statistical catch at age model. And any additional staff support needed to accomplish this work.

The Bayesian model will

1. Be used for conducting annual stock assessments to forecast Sitka herring biomass, upon which the guideline harvest level will be based.
2. Be used to re-evaluate the estimate of unfished biomass, which provides the basis for determining the Sitka harvest threshold. The current estimate is based on data from the 1970's to mid 1990's.
3. Provide the operating model which can be used as part of a re-evaluation of the harvest rate strategy.

Once this model is fully developed it can also be applied to assess other herring stocks and other



species.

2. Support for the Subsistence Division- As you know the ADF&G Division of Subsistence is responsible for documenting subsistence uses, estimating harvest levels and assisting the AK BOF & BOG to provide opportunities for customary and traditional uses of fish and wildlife resources. The importance of this division can not be understated and after receiving input from their division we are requesting funding for their following projects, both of which would be useful for herring management and better data related to subsistence use.

1. Project focused on understanding sharing patterns of herring eggs.
2. Household level analysis of changes in herring egg harvest over time.

The Sitka AC is asking for your help in supporting this critical work. This letter is an attempt to address and mitigate some of the long standing conflicts over this resource within our community, and to support sustainable management of our herring stocks. While it may not entirely solve this problem, we do think getting the additional funding to the department to support updated research would be a step in the right direction. Supporting the funding of this research would be better for the herring and will help restore some trust in the department in their management of this keystone species so culturally, economically, and ecologically important to the longevity of this community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Bauscher".

Heather Bauscher

Chair, Sitka Advisory Committee to ADF&G

CC:

Governor Mike Dunleavy

Senator Bert Steadman

Representative Jonathan Kreiss- Tompkins



November 30, 2022

Dear Chairman Kinneen and members of the NPFMC,

Thank you for service on the council, and for all your work on all of these critically important fisheries issues.

The Sitka Advisory Committee to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is a collection of 17 publicly elected representatives of Fisheries, Wildlife, Subsistence and Conservation interests in the Sitka area. We are made up of a diverse collection of stakeholders, including sport and commercial interests, with a wide range of views represented on our committee. All of our committee members' livelihoods and ways of life are directly connected to the health of our Salmon runs, Halibut, and Sablefish stocks, and our fisheries resources as a whole.

The individuals represented on this committee feel that responsible management of these resources statewide are of paramount importance to our community, and communities across southeast Alaska, as fisheries and tourism are some of the main economic drivers across this region. These stocks are also tremendously important for community resilience and for food security across Alaska.

Sitka is a rural community. Many of us practice subsistence harvesting; we fill our freezers, feed our families on fish, and we enjoy this way of life. Many have trouble with the word *subsistence* because it does not truly describe what it is to live this way, and it does not capture how our communities thrive directly because of that connection to these lands and waters. Salmon are especially culturally important- The indigenous people of this region have relied on these foods and have managed this resource successfully since time immemorial. I will add- also that no method of analysis can ever fully quantify what that means for people here and elsewhere who practice ways of life like this so connected to the fisheries and wildlife resources we depend on.

**Please accept these comments in regard to item D1- Salmon Bycatch:**

The Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee has a long record of supporting resource conservation. In particular we have supported prohibition of groundfish trawling in both Federal and State waters, off of SE Alaska, because of bycatch problems and concerns for seafloor habitat destruction. We collectively felt it was important to weigh in on this topic yet again in an official capacity ahead of this comment deadline as we have many times before.



**The Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee met Thursday Oct. 21 2021 and unanimously approved the following motion:**

*“We favor reducing (**trawl**) halibut by-catch as much as possible as soon as possible. Additionally we feel (**trawl**) by-catch of other species such as salmon, shellfish, and sablefish need to be reduced as much as possible as soon as possible. “*

We unanimously support the most significant possible reductions of allowable bycatch of all species in the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska. We are grateful to the council for their actions in prioritizing coastal rural Alaskans in the fall of 2021, through their decision to reduce Halibut bycatch. Many of us feel that this is still not enough to act quickly enough to prevent the further decline of these populations that is already being witnessed first hand. We also have even greater concerns over our salmon stocks, particularly Chinook salmon. Similar actions must be taken by the council to address all species taken as bycatch, and there should be greater consideration of the impacts to the ecosystem as a whole versus deliberations over one species at a time.

**At our most recent meeting Wednesday November 30, 2022- We reaffirmed that position making an additional unanimous motion:**

*“We favor reducing (**trawl**) bycatch of **\*all species** as much as possible as soon as possible. Additionally we feel (**trawl**) by-catch of species such as halibut, salmon, shellfish, and sablefish need to be reduced as much as possible as soon as possible.”*

The additional language expresses our concerns for all marine life populations within the ecosystem that are being impacted by the habitat destruction and population impacts of the practices of the industrial trawl fleet targeting pollock in both the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska.

We all have heard about the plight of the folks in western Alaska and the disaster of the complete failure of the runs in the Yukon- Kuskokwim region. We, the Sitka AC, stand with all the coastal rural communities from the Pribilofs to southeast- who all have expressed similar concerns over the impacts of these highly efficient and indiscriminate fishing practices that have contributed to the decline of Chinook Salmon and chum Salmon along with all other species taken as bycatch. Between the impacts of the interception of Chinook Salmon in the Gulf and the Bering Sea and the ongoing explosion in Canadian mining development at the headwaters of all of our major mainland salmon systems in southeast Alaska, this resource is under threat from all



sides. Southeast fishermen continue to lose fishing time due to the stocks of concern listings while the trawl fleet, these large scale operations and fisheries interests, continue to take as waste more salmon than our small boat commercial fishermen bring to the market.

It should not be up to the small boat fleet to carry the burden of the trawl fleet's inability to catch their target species without collateral damage. It should not be the burden of coastal rural communities throughout Alaska, particularly the indigenous peoples of the Pribilofs, Aleutians, western Alaska, and the Y-K Delta region to carry the burden of the trawl fleet's inability to catch their target species without collateral damage. To allow these large industrial scale interests to take such a large amount of fish as bycatch, as waste, impacts us all directly in terms of how much of the annual take of these species, (particularly Halibut and King Salmon), is left to spread around amongst the rest of us. In times of low abundance it should not be the people that need this resource the most that should have to pay the price for the industry's wasteful practices.

**The Sitka AC would like to see meaningful restrictions placed on the trawl fleet to reduce their interception of so many species of fish and shellfish as bycatch. We would like to see a strong cap placed on Chum Salmon and see a lower cap placed on Chinook Salmon.** Our community and our committee along with others statewide were disappointed to see so little action taken at the past June meeting after so much public testimony on this issue. We were disappointed to see the prioritization of protecting industry incentives over helping to get tangible fish in the hands of rural Alaskans. When we get to seeing numbers this low. Every fish counts. **At the very least we would like to see the process initiated to begin to establish these caps.**

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Heather Bauscher  
Chair Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee



Minutes from 6 PM Hybrid In-person @ NSRAA and Zoom Sitka AC Meeting minutes  
Feb 22, 2023

Members Present:

Steve Ramp, Sportfish  
Tad Fujioka Processor  
Heather Bauscher, Conservation  
Mo Johnson, Seine  
Carrie Driver, alternate  
Karen Johnson, at large  
Kent Barkau, Hunting  
Eric Jordan, at large,  
Dick Curren Longline  
Schuyler Mace, Hand troll  
John Murray, Power Troll  
Spencer Chute, Charter,

Members not present:

Woody Cyr, Trapping, excused  
Lucas Bastian, Guide, excused  
Scott Wagner, Alternate, excused  
Josh Chevalier, subsistence, excused  
Stacey Wayne, shellfish excused

ADFG STAFF

Annie Bartholomew, Board Support  
Troy Tydingco, Sportfish  
Jake Wieliczkiwicz, Sportfish

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**M/S to adopt Agenda** by Steve/Dick

- Eric- requests to add updates on WFC lawsuit & COI legislation
- **Passed as amended w/o Objection**

**M/S to approve last week's minutes** Steve/Tad

- Several members complimented Tad on the minutes
- **Passed w/o Objection**

**WFC Updates:**

- Eric read the Resolution adopted unanimously by the Sitka Sportsman's Association that recognize that many members of the Sportsman's Association are trollers who are being directly threatened and that the WFC suit potentially opens the door to threats to all fishermen and concludes with asking the State, NMFS and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to commit to defending SE AK salmon fisheries from this (WFC) and future lawsuits,



- The Chair reported the Resolution that we adopted last week has been provided to State Representative Himschoot and that she and her staff were making sure that other legislators were aware of it.
- Tad reported that Tenakee has also passed a resolution

### COI Legislation

- State Representative Himschoot is pushing the draft legislation that Representative Louise Stutes had sponsored in the past. It would permit a BoF (and BoG?) member who had a Conflict of Interest on a proposal to provide testimony as a member of the public. They would still not be allowed to vote.
- Steve: Concerned about the appropriateness of testifying; A COI is a COI. If you are conflicted, you shouldn't be involved.
- Heather: Current rules allow a conflicted member to participate in public testimony during Committee of the Whole, just not to the Board acting as the Board.
- Tad: (To Steve) I don't see that this is that much of a difference. If they are already allowed to participate in COW, that's where the real discussion takes place anyway.
- Heather- Yes, at last SE meeting, our proposal about rental boats was opposed by BoF Member Jensen. He sat next to me in COW and the discussion on that proposal basically became a debate between the two of us. He was prominently engaged.
- Steve: This smells "fishy".
- Tad: A commercial fisherman on the BoF is conflicted out of participating in any proposal dealing with a fishery that he has a permit for. What is the COI standard for a guide or lodge owner or someone else with a financial interest in the region's sportfishery? Is there even one? If there isn't, or if it isn't similarly restrictive, this would slightly help to balance the field.
- Eric: I only brought this up to the AC for informational purposes. I am not expecting us to take a position at this time.

### NPFMC Update:

- Chair: We got a motion through the Advisory Panel to look into the impact of the rental boat sector. That's the first step in a long process.
- **M/S by Eric/Steve: Move that the chair and others to work with the AP and Council on our concerns about bare boat rentals management**
  - Steve volunteers to help
  - Eric: Regulations on the bare boat rental business would affect our Sitka LAMP. Back in 1990 >90% of the sport halibut caught in the local area were taken by non-residents. This was the motivation for establishing the LAMP. Due to federal jurisdiction on halibut, Council wasn't allowed to distinguish between Alaskan residents vs non-residents, but they could separate charter from non-charter harvest. In order to keep the LAMP open to resident sportfishing, we had to allow the unguided non-residents



to be able to fish too. An increase in pressure from bare boat rentals could affect the ability of locals to harvest halibut in the LAMP. We could have closed the LAMP to all halibut sportfishing to address this, but it would mean that we wouldn't be allowed to take family/friends sportfishing for halibut in the LAMP either.

- Eric: ADFG hasn't even begun to address this. I don't think that they even know how many rental boats there are, or how many fish they catch.
    - Troy: You are correct.
  - How has the creel survey program changed in response to budget cuts?
    - Troy: There were some reductions in coverage about ten years ago, but since then the coverage has generally been the same or slightly increased.
  - Steve: (To Troy) The creel doesn't even attempt to distinguish fish caught off rental boats from fish caught off other non-charter boats- right?
    - Troy: Correct. We don't ask about that; We ask about the residency and charter vs non-charter, but not whether it is a rental boat.
  - **Passes Unanimously (12-0)**
- Chair: We have a recently repeatedly taken strong positions against trawling, particularly over bycatch issues. The NPFMC will be meeting again prior to our next meeting. Should I continue to press them on this topic?
  - **M/S by Tad/Steve: Move that the AC maintain our previous positions on trawling and trawl bycatch.**
  - **Passes Unanimously (12-0)**

#### Other:

- Eric: Ketchikan has initiated steps to be reclassified from an urban community to a rural community. Currently Sitka is the most populous rural community. While the Ketchikan city has few people than the Unified City & Borough of Sitka, Ketchikan Borough has more people than Sitka. We should stay informed on this topic.
- Heather: It is very early in the process. The Federal Subsistence Board just voted to collect data. They haven't taken a position yet.

#### Sportfish Lingcod Update from ADFG:

- Troy: Presents graphs of Sport lingcod harvest in various subdistricts of SE. All of them show sport harvest over the GHL in 2021 and 2022. Most subdistricts had been well below their GHL for several years prior. Troy explained that prior to 2000 the catch had grown rapidly until new regulations were imposed. That got the harvest under control until just recently.
- Troy continued: Harvest was so far below the GHL that the slot limit was liberalized in 2021, going from 30-35" to 30"-40". Initially I figured that had been the reason for the recent increase in harvest, so by returning to the old slot limit, that should bring the harvest back down. But when we looked at the numbers (new slides are presented), we saw that the average weight of the lingcod hasn't really changed. The graph shows: Way back in 2013 it was 13.2 lbs; in 2016 16.2



lbs and in 2022 15.5 lbs; So even with expanded slot limit, apparently people aren't taking very much advantage of it. The average fish isn't any bigger. What is changing is the number of fish harvested. Different graph depicts that the catch was about 3,000/yr in 2012-20, going up to 5,500 in 2021 and 7,500 in 2022.

- Troy continues: Under 5AAC47.060 ADFG has the authority to adjust limits for non-residents, but unless there is a major conservation need, we don't have the authority to change regulations for residents. We will be using our authority to try to bring down the NR lingcod catch in 2023. We won't continue to have the expanded 30"-40" limit, but since that hadn't resulted in an increased average size, it probably won't be enough by itself. We haven't decided what other changes to make- fewer day of open season? Even more restrictive/smaller slot limit? I would appreciate hearing from stakeholders on this. Troy puts up another graph showing that the increased catch has been almost entirely from charter boats. The charter catch in 2021-2022 was 3-4x as large as in 2020 and that the NR catch had been fairly stable 2012-2020.
- Eric: I've been lingcodding since the late 1980s. A couple of years ago when I fished from Salisbury to Crawfish there were very few lingcod compared to what there used to be. Your graphs show a consistent harvest in all sectors except for Guided Sport. That's where you need to focus your efforts. It would be a good idea to lower the slot limit. That would direct more of the harvest on to males. This problem is only going to get worse as the bare boat charter catch increases.
  - Troy: Unlike halibut, lingcod are managed on resident vs non-resident basis. So any changes that we make to restrict NR charter harvest would also affect NR bare boat rental catch.
- Steve: What is the CSEO GHL?
  - Troy: 80,000 pounds; this graph shows that we were well over that in 2021 and 2022.
- Steve: I support the current management philosophy to hold the resident sportfishermen harmless. This problem isn't caused by residents
- Spencer (charter rep): If there is a management concern and actions need to be taken, then I guess I support that. Given a choice, I would like to maintain opportunity. I would prefer a smaller size limit to a shorter season. Other states have much smaller size limits, so slightly lowering ours should be ok from both a marketing and biological perspective.
- Schuyler: The issue is the charters that don't have halibut CHIPs. There is no limit on them and they are increasing. They aren't allowed to catch halibut, so they target lingcod and rockfish. (To Troy) Is there a biological concern with harvesting smaller lingcod?
  - Troy: You'll catch more males. They don't contribute to the reproduction in the same manner as the females, but they contribute in their own way by guarding the nests. The all-gear harvest has historically been well below the combined GHL, but it was pretty close last year.
- Tad: This past year while halibut longlining near town I saw lots of lingcod early in the season, before the sport effort had begun. I had to shake half of my lingcod because they would have exceeded my bycatch allowance. Other SPC boats



were reporting lots of lingcod in other areas too. When I longlined again in nearby areas late in the season, I caught very few lingcod.

- Carrie: Closing certain days of the week is effective for management, even if it is not favored by fishermen/guides
- Kent: Does ADFG have anything to say about the bare boat rental sector's impact on lingcod?
  - Troy: It doesn't make as much difference for lingcod as it does for halibut since the rules are the same for all non-residents regardless of what boat they are on.
  - Kent: My point is that the bare boat rental catch is additive- on top of the charter catch. This is a new user group that we didn't used to have.
  - Jake: The ADFG Creel Census does ask about Resident vs Non-resident and about Charter vs Non-Charter; so there are records on the Non-Resident & Non-Charter subgroup, but there is no official definition of a rental boat.
- Schuyler: Would ADFG mirror the South-Central halibut regulations and impose weekly closures on lingcod?
  - Troy: We are still deciding; We would like to hear from stakeholders.
- Eric: ADFG needs to work with the guides and get the harvest down. If the guides don't come up with a solution the other sectors will propose various solutions and bring them to the BoF.
- Eric: I am worried about localized depletions. There seem to be a lot more lingcod where there isn't pressure from the guided sport industry.

### **Sportfish Rockfish Update from ADFG:**

- Troy: (Speaking without visual aids due to technology failure) Even more dramatic that the recent increase in lingcod was the recent increase in pelagic rockfish in CSEO. CSEO (Sitka) drives the entire SE catch for pelagic rkfish. The increase has mostly been from non-residents. Suspect this is the result of restrictions in other species. In 2016 the bag limits for both residents and non-residents dropped from 5 to 3. In 2018 the BoF restored the resident limit to 5, but left the non-resident limit at 3. That brought the harvest down temporarily, but by 2021 and again in 2022 the harvest is now even higher than it was before. Thus, we will be reducing the limits again. ADFG feels that their directive is to lower the catch of both residents and non-residents, so both limits will drop by 1 fish. This will make the resident limit 4 and the non-resident limit 2.
- Kent: What species are involved?
  - Troy: 90+% of the pelagic catch is black rockfish
- Schuyler: Charters are targeting blacks now, especially the ones that don't have halibut permits.
- Eric: There is no directed commercial lingcod or black rockfish fishing in the LAMP, but charters can target lingcod and blackrock in the LAMP
- Schuyler: There is a lot of interest in getting a Captain's license. That allows you to run a charter boat.
  - Eric: Trollers don't know if they will be allowed to fish this summer. I bet some of them are looking to charter.



- Steve: Supports the 1 fish decrease
- Troy: We don't actually have a stock assessment, but we are trying to get one for black rockfish and yelloweye. We started gathering data on basic biological characteristics 5 years ago. We want to be able to see if things change. Just biological data, not a population estimate- at least not for blacks.
- Kent: With increased sport effort on blackcod, what about deepwater rockfish like roughey and shortraker?
  - Troy: Release of those species is allowed, but it has to be "at depth". The harvest is relatively small, but there are some charter operators who target them.
  - Kent: In some areas where they fish, you might get 6 rockfish before you get a blackcod.

#### **166 Establish Statewide Bag limit for P/U finfish M/S by Steve/Tad**

- Steve: Opposed to this- can't do this because different areas have different number of fish available; Philosophically opposed even if it was workable
- Kent: While this says all finfish, it looks like he is just talking about salmon dipnet fisheries.
- Tad: Could support this in principle if there was a need, but don't see a need. P/U fisheries are limited to residents. Most residents, at least the ones that have had a season or two when they realized that they still had a bunch of fish left over when the next fishing season rolled around know how much fish they need and limit their harvesting accordingly.
- Unanimous opposition (0-12)

#### **167 Require in-season reporting of subsistence and P/U salmon within 5 days M/S by Kent/Tad**

- Steve: Would ADF&G do anything differently if they had in-season data?
  - Jake: Currently we don't do in-season management because we don't get data in-season, but if there were a stock that we thought that we needed in-season data we would make that a reporting requirement. We already have the authority to do so. We just don't exercise it since we don't need the data. Thus, this proposal wouldn't help us. It would just inconvenience the fishermen.
- Tad: This proposal seems to assume that the fishermen have smart phones. Not everyone has a smart phone. We shouldn't assume that fishermen, particularly subsistence fishermen all have smart phones. Many subsistence fisheries take place in areas without phone service, so even if you do have a smart phone, it wouldn't work for reporting anyway. Five days is way too short of a reporting window for subsistence fishermen even if there was a desire on the part of management for this data.
- Unanimous opposition (0-12)

#### **168 Allow ADFG to close sport fisheries in waters that are contaminated M/S by Steve/Kent**

- Steve: I support this as a public health measure



- Unanimous support (**12-0**)

**169 Add to invasive species list and bifurcate the list M/S by Steve/Kent**

- Jake: explained the rationale behind allowing the transport of Class A species for reporting purposes and the need for recognition of invasive potential food fish in a separate Class B list
- Steve: I see Brook trout on the Class B list. Green Lake has brook trout and some people fish for them. How would this proposal change that fishery?
  - Jake: As a Class B species, you could still fish for them, and keep them as long as you didn't keep them alive. Nothing really changes. The brook trout in Green Lake aren't doing anyone any harm.
- Tad: So you can catch and keep the brook trout, but can you catch & release them? You are momentarily possessing a live fish. If we are officially calling them invasives, we would want them eradicated, and thus we wouldn't want people releasing them, but in this case, what is the harm? Perhaps this classification isn't appropriate in this instance.
  - Jake- not sure
- Unanimous support (**12-0**)

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM



WHEREAS, the Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee (Sitka AC) is a group of 17 Sitkans representing a diversity of users of local natural resources including Power Trollers, Hand Trollers, Charter fishermen, Resident Sportfishermen, Fish Processors, Conservationists, Longliners, Seiners, Hunters, Guides, and Trappers, and

WHEREAS the Sitka AC is directed by 5 AAC 96.050 to provide a local forum for fish and wildlife conservation and use, and to cooperate and consult with interested persons and organizations, including government agencies, and

WHEREAS commercial fishing is a mainstay of Sitka's economy and the largest private sector employer in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska troll fishery's 1,500 permit holders includes more Alaskans than any other fishery

WHEREAS, approximately 30% of the troll fleet is based in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, 60% of the winter chinook troll fishery catch and approximately 40% of the total Southeast troll catch is landed in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, commercial salmon trolling is a year-round contributor to Sitka's economy and sustains year round employment in the fishing, processing, and support sector industries; and

WHEREAS, including fishing, processing, and all related multiplier effects, the troll fleet has a total annual economic impact of approximately \$34 million in Sitka, and more than \$80M statewide as measured in terms of total output; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit filed by the Wild Fish Conservancy against the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) threatens to close the Southeast troll fishery despite that closure providing no meaningful benefits to Southern Resident Killer Whales; and

WHEREAS, the community of Sitka will suffer severe economic hardship if the Southeast troll fishery is closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sitka AC urges in the strongest possible terms that:

1. NMFS prioritize preparation of the necessary documents and processes to support prosecution of the winter and summer Alaska troll fisheries; and
2. NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game commit the necessary resources to effectively defend Alaska's fisheries and the troll fishery in particular all the way to the highest court in the land; and
3. All necessary and available state, federal or private resources be made available to support lawsuit defendants and intervenors; and
4. The State of Alaska work with Alaska's Congressional delegation to protect Alaska's fisheries from present and future misdirected or malicious lawsuits.

# Meeting Minutes



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## **Susitna Valley Advisory Committee January 11, 2023 Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK (5:00 pm)**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call (Need 4 members for a quorum)  
Members Present:
  - In person: Bryan Kirby, Eli Hoffman, Steve Harrison, Robert Gerlach
  - Zoom: Mark Buracr Tim BuechleMembers Absent (Excused): Mike Wood, Dave Fish, Todd Kingery
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
  - Zoom: Tim Peltier, Sam Ivey
- IV. Guests Present:
  - Jacob Fletcher, Fari Fernandez, Chris Campbell
- V. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion by Steve, Second by Robert
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - Motion by Robert, Second by Mark
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report (none)
  - b. ADF&G
    - i. Mr. Peltier
      - 1. Nothing on unit 13
      - 2. 16B this fall, Still within population objectives, Bull to Cow ration is decent, Overall population estimates 6790, 6500-7500 objective.
      - 3. 16A No survey since 2020, estimates 3666, 3500-4000 objectives.
      - 4. 14A This spring estimates 7112, 6000-6500 objectives.
      - 5. Harvest Levels 14A up from last year 100 moose, 14B down a bit 56 moose, 16B general harvest is down but DM540 is up from last year as well as the youth hunt so far.
      - 6. Looking at possible predator control for wolves in the near future. Also seems more bear predation not wolves in unit 16B
      - 7. 14A & 14B antlerless seems to be within population objectives
    - ii. Mr. Ivey
      - 1. 3 years of Dip net fishery on Susitna, Open Saturday/Wednesdays.
      - 2. 2020 had 377 days fished: 2300 Reds, 538 Silvers, 68 Chum, 747 Pinks Total 3700 fish taken.
      - 3. 2021 had 221 days fished: 1400 Reds, 900 Silvers, 110 Chum, 400 Pinks Total 2800 fish taken.
      - 4. 2022 numbers not out yet will be emailing AC Chair when they get them.



- c. Others
  - None:
- VIII. Public Comment
- None:
- IX. Old Business
- None:
- X. New Business
  - a. Current board of Game Proposals
    - i. See attached documents
  - b. Current board of Fish Proposals
    - i. See attached documents
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. None Set but will talk to Mike Wood
- XII. Set next meeting date:
  - a. None set at this time but looking at Fall
- XIII. Other
  - a. None
- XIV. Adjourn
  - a. 7:28 PM



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

March 10-13, 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
<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>			
<a href="#">156</a>	<b>Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.</b>		
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<a href="#">163</a>	<b>Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.</b>		
	6		We support this if by personal use you are referring to dip net fisheries. We also feel that using a guide goes against the idea of personal use as defined on the <a href="#">ADF&amp;G Website</a> .
<a href="#">165</a>	<b>Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.</b>		
	6		We also feel that using a guide goes against the idea of subsistence fishing as defined on the <a href="#">ADF&amp;G Website</a> .
<a href="#">166</a>	<b>Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.</b>		
	6		We feel that a large number of people give fish away each year as they end up not using all the resources that they took.
<a href="#">167</a>	<b>Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.</b>		
	6		This will give ADF&G a better understanding of current fish numbers in the water systems.

**Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals****March 17-22, 2023 | Soldotna, AK**

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>		
<b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes</b>
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<b>55</b>	<b>Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units</b>		
	0	6	F&G already tracks this and adjusts permit numbers
<b>89</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>104</b>	<b>Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping</b>		
		5	1 abstain, We feel this could lead to more trails being closed in a slower progression. The one abstain vote didn't feel as they had enough information
<b>173</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>174</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>175</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>176</b>	<b>Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B</b>		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
<b>187</b>	<b>Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region</b>		
	6		We feel this is a good way to help keep the predators in check and also encourage the taking of bears.



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200	<b>Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose for seniors</b>		
	6		We like the idea and spirit of this but there are many things that need to be worked out. Some include Units, Draw/Registration, Antler or Antlerless, just to name a few.
203	<b>Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose with disability</b>		
	5		1 abstain because they don't feel they have enough information.
207	<b>Tier II Hunt for Nelchina Caribou Unit 13</b>		
		6	The AC feels very strongly that the current Tier II system does not work as designed and does not support the new hunt until the Tier II system is looked at and the proper checks and balances are in place.

Minutes Recorded By: Bryan Kirby

Minutes Approved By: Rest of board via email

Date: 1/19/2023

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Tyonek Advisory Committee

January 31, 2023

Tribal office and Zoom

I. Call to Order: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ by name of chair/acting chair: Donnie Standifer Jr.

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused	Unexcused
Donald	Standifer Jr.	x		
Alex	Pfaff		x	
Ann Marie	Stephan	x		
Donald	Standifer Sr.	x		
Ernie	Standifer		x	
John	Standifer	x		
Donald	Standifer III		x	
Terry	Jorgensen	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Peltier

IV. Guests Present: Terry Jorgensen-voted on the AC

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2022

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G: Tim Peltier-

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c. Others

VIII. Public Comment- if there are guests from the public in attendance they can choose to speak to the committee

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. BOF Statewide Proposals

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- i. Proposal 167
- ii. Proposal 163
- b. Review AC generated Props for UCI- Proposal Deadline: April 10, 2023
- c. BOG Proposals- The AC is a part of the central and southwest meeting cycle and not the Southcentral meeting cycle.
- d. Hold elections for remaining open seats.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting:

XII. Set next meeting date: **February 18, 2023@ 12:00 pm**

XIII. Other

Adjourn

**Board of Fishers Statewide Comment Deadline: February 23, 2023**

### Meeting Minutes:

**AC Elections:** Terry Jorgenson has been elected to the AC by unanimous consent.

**ADFG Staff Tim Peltier-** GMU 16B Moose Survey total of 6,790- Have lost about 20% because of the heave snow the last few winters. There were more bulls in the norther and southern counts vs the middle (16 B is so big it is split into 3 sections) the range of numbers should be 6,500-7,500.

- Calf to cow ratio: 10:100
- Bull to cow ratio: 24:100.

**Donnie S. Jr:** if the numbers are lower than expected should we still have an antlerless moose hunt?

**Tim:** with how much snow we have had it is better to have the lower numbers because more moose survive because there is more food available. Less moose starve to death. So it is still a good idea to approve the moose hunt and the department can utilize if needed.

**Donald Standifer Sr-** Doe moose like cotton wood

**Tim:** No, they eat a lot of willow and birch.

**Tim:** How are the bears and wolves-he is going in the next few weeks to do look at wolf numbers. The department is thinking about doing a wolf study catch and collar.

**Donnie S. Jr:** Is if there was going to be a wolf predator control hunt happening.

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**Tim:** Yes, for wolf control for next season it is too late in the season to have one now. ADFG is going to try and catch some wolves and put collars on them. The biggest problem is the bears because we do not have great calf numbers in the fall.

Bear numbers: Black Bear 5- no rules for needing guides or 2DK for black bear hunts

Brown Bear 2- Nonresidents have to have a guide or 2DK

**BOF Statewide Proposal 167:** Moved to discuss by Donald Standifer Sr. (D.S.Sr.) -2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Jorgenson

D.S.Sr.- move to oppose because 5 days to file a report is burdensome. Whoever wrote this proposal is not in reality with regard to subsistence and how hard work it is. Some days you only get one fish. This is a proposal is meant to trip up people who don't know the rules.

**BOF Statewide Proposal 163:** Moved to discuss D. S. Sr. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Jorgenson

Terry: If this proposal fails it goes against the basic tenet of subsistence. If this goes through you will see guides running people. It's another form of guiding like sports fish.

Donald S. Sr.: You will see personal fisherman bringing people out of the woods. Look at the clamming now that the East side is shut down. Now you have boats going back and forth. It will devastate the resource.

- The vote on the meeting recording was mistakenly voted in opposition. The AC supports Proposal 163.

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Support	5	0	If this proposal fails, it goes against the basic tenet of subsistence. If this goes through, you will see guides running people. It's another form of guiding like sports fish. Look at the clamming now that the East side is shut down. Now you have boats going back and forth. It will devastate the resource. NO GUIDING.
<a href="#">167</a>	Require in season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Oppose	0	5	5 days to file a report is burdensome. Whoever wrote this proposal is not in reality with regard to subsistence and how hard work it is. Some days you only get one fish. This is a proposal is meant to trip up people who don't know the rules.

**UCI proposals:** Review AC Generated Proposals have been tabled until the Feb 18 meeting.

1. Terry Submit a proposal for Seniors 60+ to fish in the Beluga area.
2. Prohibit commercial fishing of hooligans.
3. Jack salmon vs King Salmon needs to be reported differently. Under 24 in vs over 24 inches.
4. 5 AAC 21.366 Good idea to have an opening of sockeye Beluga river south after 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Information Requests:**

Subsistence was doing a scales and DNA study- can we get that information.

- They said that Tyonek kings were not going into the Susitna River. The kings going into the Susitna River are on the east side.

King Salmon DNA study- route of king salmon

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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: ADFG Regional Coordinator via Meeting Recording

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

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



**Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting  
September 27, 2022  
Unalaska City Council Chambers  
Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

1304 by Secretary Shari Coleman

**Past Committee Members present:**

Shari Coleman  
Tim Mahoney  
Jeff Hancock  
Chris Price  
Dustan Dickerson

**Guests present:**

In Chambers: Vince Tutiakoff Sr., Darin Nicholson, Thom Bell

Telephonic: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, ADF&G Board Support; Asia Beder, ADF&G Groundfish Manager; Tyler Lawson, ADF&G Kodiak; Lisa Fox, ADF&G Kodiak; Frank Kelty; Ernie Weiss; Jay King

**Appointment of Acting Chair:**

Shari Coleman nominated to serve as temporary Committee Chair. Approved by unanimous consent.

**Approve Agenda:**

Agenda adopted with no dissent.

**Approve Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of February 18, 2020 approved with no dissent.

**Elections for Advisory Committee Members:**

Nominations were opened by the Acting Chair, and time was allowed for anyone interested in serving to express their interests. All Past Committee Members who are present expressed interest to continue to serve. There were no other nominees.

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Fish and Game Advisory Committee Members elected through unanimous consent are:

Shari Coleman  
Tim Mahoney  
Jeff Hancock  
Chris Price  
Dustan Dickerson



Numbers were drawn from a hat to determine staggered terms for each member. Term results are as follows:

June 2023: Price and Dickerson  
June 2024: Coleman and Mahoney  
June 2025: Hancock

### **Elections for Officers:**

Nominations opened for Committee Chair. Shari Coleman and Tim Mahoney were nominated to serve as chair. Committee members poll result: Shari Coleman elected as Committee Chair.

Nominations opened for Committee Vice Chair. Tim Mahoney and Dustan Dickerson were nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Committee members poll result: Tim Mahoney elected as Vice Chair.

Nominations opened for Committee Secretary. Jeff Hancock was nominated to serve as Secretary. Result: Jeff Hancock seated as Secretary by unanimous consent.

### **Fisheries Update**

Asia Beder gives update of current local fisheries.

### **Comments**

Chair Coleman recognizes public in attendance in chambers and by phone for comments.

Frank Kely offers comments thanking Committee members for meeting after extended absence.

### **New Business**

Address Alaska Board of Fisheries Pacific Cod proposals

#### Motion by Dickerson, seconded by Mahoney to support Proposal #5

Discussion. History of fishery. Current participation. Potential exclusions. Entry level, small boat fishing opportunities.

Committee vote: Coleman-Y, Mahoney-Y, Hancock-Y, Price-Y, Dickerson-Y

Motion to support Proposal #5 passes unanimously.

#### Motion by Mahoney, seconded by Dickerson to support Proposal #6

Chair Coleman distributes email from Miranda Westphal of ADF&G with brief interpretations of tier framework. Department unable to share any comments at this time.

Discussion.

Public Comments: Leave state water fishery alone. More quota, more capitalization, shorter seasons.



Committee vote: Coleman-N, Mahoney-Y, Hancock-N, Price-Y, Dickerson-Y

Motion to support Proposal #6 passes 3-2

Motion by Mahoney, seconded by Dickerson to support Proposal #161

Discussion. Little information regarding reason for proposal or organization which sponsored it. Committee Member Mahoney said he tried to contact the organization with questions but was unable to reach anyone. No staff member input.

Committee vote: Coleman-N, Mahoney-N, Hancock-N, Price-N, Dickerson-N

Motion to support Proposal #161 fails 0-5.

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Projected Travel**

Discussion of upcoming meetings in October and early 2023, and projecting who would be able to travel from committee. Dustan Dickerson said he was available and able to travel to attend October BOF meeting. Committee consensus and appointment of Dustan Dickerson by Chair Coleman to attend October BOF meeting.

Proposed next meeting date for Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC meeting. Discussion that committee should try to meet again before the end of 2022. No dates were suggested or agreed.

Committee Member Chris Price would like to add local subsistence fisheries and issues to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Guest Vince Tutiakoff Sr representing Unalaska Native Fisherman's Association board and Mayor of City of Unalaska, offered comments and concerns regarding local subsistence issues, concerns over a lack of fisheries enforcement around local lake and river systems. There has been no active enforcement or presence by AK State Troopers. There has been overfishing, and observances of jet skis running far upstream in Summer Bay, Broad Bay, and Nateekin Bay. Tutiakoff also commented on fishery quota reductions or complete closures of crab fisheries, and said there may be requests for emergency crab openings even for small quotas.

Comment from Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support staff, that it is good to see the Unalaska AC back to meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1440.



**Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
January 18, 2023  
Haines (virtual)**

I. Call to Order: 17:33 by Tim McDonough

II. Roll Call

Tim McDonough (TM) – Chair  
Mark Sogge (MS) – Vice Chair  
Derek Poinsette (DP) – Secretary  
Darren Belisle (DB)  
Kip Kermoian (KK)  
Rafe McGuire (RM)  
Lee Nash (LN)  
Sam Nelson (SN)  
Jessica Plachta (JP)  
Luke Rouscher (LR)  
Adam Smith (AS)  
Marvin Willard, Jr. (MW)  
Ayana Young (AY)

Members Present: 12 - TM, DP, RM, LN, MS, KK, DB, JP, AS, LR, SN, MW

Members Absent (Excused): 1 - AY

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Anthony Crupi, Nicole Zeiser, Annie Bartholemew, Carl Koch

IV. Guests Present: Ryan Cook

V. Approval of Agenda - Unanimous

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Unanimous

VII. Reports



- a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G - Anthony Crupi presentation on Chilkat Valley bear study
  - c. Others - none
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business - BOF statewide finfish proposals (attached below)
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting - Currently there is no representative
- XII. Set next meeting date - none
- XIII. Other - none
- XIV. Adjourn - at 19:30



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<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
			No action
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
			No action
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
			No action
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
			No action
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
			No action
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
	12	0	Felt soles transmit invasives and diseases and are bad for watersheds. This would bring unity to the regs and discourage all sales of felt soles in stores in AK.
<a href="#">157</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
	0	12	This would encourage consolidation of fishing permits into fewer hands. We want to maintain opportunity for young and local fishermen in all areas and fisheries.
<a href="#">158</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
	0	12	Same reason as 157.



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<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
	0	12	This is an unreasonable and onerous regulation. Commercial fisheries are already sufficiently regulated.
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
			No action
<a href="#">161</a>	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
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
			No action
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
	12	0	Personal use fisheries should not be commercialized. Guides have no place in this fishery.
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
	12	0	Subsistence fisheries should not be commercialized. Guides have no place in this fishery.
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
	12	0	Guiding should not be allowed in subsistence or PU fisheries, but if it is, it should certainly be regulated.
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
			No action
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		



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	0	11	This would be an onerous and unnecessary burden on subsistence fishers. And the data it would potentially provide is not needed by F&G managers. (one member was temporarily absent for this vote)
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
			No action
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
	12	0	This is a good addition to F&G toolkit for controlling invasive species.

Adjournment: 19:30

Minutes Recorded By: DP  
Minutes Approved By: MS  
Date: 01/23/2023



**Valdez/PWS Advisory Committee**  
**February 21, 2023**  
**Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 7:04 by Nick Crump
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Hope Roberts, Nick Crump, Charles Upicksoun, Bruce Bowman, Dan Eames, Brett Willbanks  
  
Members Absent (Excused): None  
Members Absent (Unexcused): None  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4  
List of User Groups Present:  
  
III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeremy Botz, Donald Arthur (?),  
  
IV. Guests Present: Daniella Verna, interested public  
  
V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda Dam Eames, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hope Roberts, Motion passed by unanimous consent.  
  
VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No meeting minutes to approve.  
  
VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: Hope Roberts, no report
  - b. ADF&G: Jeremy Boltz, no report
  - c. Others: None  
VIII. Public Comment: None  
  
IX. Old Business: None  
  
X. New Business: Election of Officers by voice vote, seats are 2 year terms.  
Chair: Hope Roberts nominated Nick Crump, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Eames, Nick accepted the nomination  
Vice Chair: Brett Willbanks nominated Bruce Bowman for Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick, (Bruce Lost Connection no response). Nick Crump nominated Hope Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Eames, Hope elected as Vice Chair.  
Secretary: Nick Crump nominated Brett Willbanks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hope Roberts, Brett declined. Nick Crump nominated Bruce Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Eames, Bruce appointed as secretary.



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

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<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
No Action			This proposal is not regionally appropriate for Valdez AC comments
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
Support	6	0	Membership understands the need for escape mechanisms and identified the ends as the best location for them given the geometry of this gear type.
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
No Action			This proposal is not regionally appropriate for Valdez AC comments
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
Oppose	0	6	Discussion focused on crew safety and the economic advantages of allowing drum gear use.
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
Support	6	0	Members Considered of the difference between snorkeling and scuba fishing.
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		



Support	6	0	Discussion focused on preventing the spread of invasive species.
<a href="#">157</a>	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			Membership needed more information to consider the impact of this proposal.
<a href="#">158</a>	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
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No Action			Membership needed more information to consider the impact of this proposal.
<a href="#">159</a>	Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.		
Oppose	0	6	Discussion resulted in an acceptance of the Departments ability to manage commercial fishing in areas of concern.
<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
Oppose	0	6	Membership includes individuals engaged in the seine fishery and it was determined that the incidental catch of “feeder” kings is extremely low, and notably the charter fishing representatives indicated that they thought the stock was healthy.
<a href="#">161</a>	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			Membership felt more information was needed to appropriately consider this proposal.
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
Support	6	0	Membership felt this is just good housekeeping reducing regulatory complexity.
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		



Oppose	0	6	Discussion by the members determined that this proposal seeks to limit access unnecessary and duplicates reporting/fee requirements. Furthermore there is not a need to limit or regulate guides or transporters servicing personal use or subsistence fishermen. Current regulations provide the Department the information needed to manage these fisheries.
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
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<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	6	0	Membership felt strongly that a statewide bag limit was appropriate.
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Support	6	0	Discussion focused on the need for in season reporting as an essential tool for the Department’s management of all personal use, sport and subsistence fisheries.



<a href="#"><u>168</u></a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
Support	6	0	Unanimously accepted as appropriate authority for the Department to protect public health.
<a href="#"><u>169</u></a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
Support	6	0	Unanimously accepted as necessary definitions for the Departments use managing invasive species in AK.

Adjournment:



Minutes Recorded By: Bruce Bowman  
Minutes Approved By: Nick Crump-Chair  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Whittier Advisory Committee  
February 18, 2023  
Zoom/Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 1:20 by Jon Van Hyning, chair
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Jim Norris, Jon Van Hyning, David Pinguoch, Brett Roth, Brett Wilbanks  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Jody Mason, Gordon Scott, Brad Von Wichman, Darrell Melancon, Bruce Bowman  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
List of User Groups Present:  
  
III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brittany, Georgiana, Blane Ross, Jeremy, Charollete
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- VII. Reports
  - Chair's report: None
  - ADF&G:
    - i. BOF Statewide Finfish Comment Deadline: February 23
    - ii. BOG Southcentral Proposals Comment Deadline: March 3
  - Others
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business
  - Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
  - Board of Game Proposals



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: None selected
- XII. Set next meeting date: As needed
- XIII. Other: None
- XIV. Adjourn 3:30



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

March 10-13, 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>			
<a href="#">87</a>	Define eel stick.		
			No Action
<a href="#">153</a>	Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.		
			No Action
<a href="#">82</a>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.		
			No Action
<a href="#">154</a>	Allow the use of purse seine drums.		
	0	5	AC members were concerned the effect on the small operators would be too much at one time.
<a href="#">155</a>	Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.		
	5	0	
<a href="#">156</a>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
	5	0	
<a href="#">157</a>	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
<a href="#">158</a>	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
<a href="#">159</a>	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



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<a href="#">160</a>	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
	0	5	
<a href="#">161</a>	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
<a href="#">162</a>	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
			No Action
<a href="#">163</a>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
			No Action
<a href="#">164</a>	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
	1	3 - 1	The abstained felt he did not know enough about the guide sector to make a vote.
<a href="#">165</a>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
			No Action
<a href="#">166</a>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
			No Action
<a href="#">167</a>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
	5	0	
<a href="#">168</a>	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
			No Action
<a href="#">169</a>	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
			No Action



## Board of Game South Central Region Proposals

Proposal Number	Support	Opposed	Comments
56	4	1	
60	0	5	
61	0	5	
62	5	0	
63	0	5	
86	5	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jim Norris

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

Date: February 18, 2023