
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Lower Cook Inlet Finfish

Homer | November 28, 2023

On-Time Advisory Committee Comments

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Name of Advisory Committee
Central Pensula Advisory Committee

Date

Nov. 7, 2023

Location of Meeting

Ninilchik, AK

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]
7:05 PM by John McCombs(acting chair)
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
John McCombs, Steve Vanek, Torvald Hanson(Alternate), Dan Prestly, Keith Prestly,
Teague Vanek, Madeline Thompson

Members Absent (Excused):
Dave Martin, Dave Blossom, Greg Encelewski, Gary Deimon, Joe Simpson, Jeff Berger
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
Seven (7)
List of User Groups Present: Sport, Commercial. Charter, Native
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- IV. Mike Booz
- V. Guests Present: None
- VI. Approval of Agenda Approved
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Approved
- VIII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report None
 - b. ADF&G Gave report on each proposal
 - c. Others None
- IX. Public Comment None
- X. Old Business None
- XI. New Business Lower Inlet Proposals



XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XIII. The Board Chairman or his designee

XIV. Set next meeting date Not set

XV. Other None

Adjourn; 9:22 PM

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| 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 |
| <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> | | | |
| 1 | Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| | | | Not taken up |
| 2 | Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| | | | Not taken |
| 3 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| | | | Not taken up |
| 4 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| | | | Not taken up |
| 5 | Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round | | |
| | 0 | 7 | Too many moving parts. This would be further burden on the Dept. for signage and on enforcement management |



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| 6 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| | 7 | 0 | We agree with the Dept. We had no recommendations for the numbers |
| 7 | Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24 | | |
| | 7 | 0 | We agree with the proposer |
| 8 | Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay | | |
| | | | No Action- See #7 |
| 9 | Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Amended | 7 | 0 | Amended to provide a GHJ of 5500 |
| 10 | Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery | | |
| | | | No Action – See# 9 |
| 11 | Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon | | |
| | 0 | 7 | His reasoning is not convincing. Maybe we should limit the size of boats participating |
| 12 | Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla | | |
| | 0 | 7 | Should be left as is |
| Amended 13 | Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries | | |
| | 4 | 3 | Too complicated. It was amended to state that during the season the daily bag limit is one per day regardless of whether it is a hatchery or natural one. Hook and release mortality is too great to be allow in these streams. |
| 14 | Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season | | |
| | 4 | 3 | Those opposed believe there should be only one king daily hatchery or otherwise. The Dept. wants naturally caught kings released and now they say you can keep one if there is a two bag limit??? |
| 15 | Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River | | |
| | 0 | 7 | Fish spawn in that area. We oppose Fishing in spawning areas. It is all private property. No access. |



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| 16 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| | 7 | 0 | It doesn't make sense to not open to youth all the area that is open to adults. |
| 17 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| | | | No action- See # 16 |
| 18 | Modify rockfish bag and possession limits | | |
| | | | No action- See # 19 |
| 19 | Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay | | |
| | 7 | 0 | We agree with the Proposer |
| 20 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| | | | No action -See # 19 |
| 21 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| | | | No Action - See # 19 |
| 22 | Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31 | | |
| | 0 | 7 | We don't believe that many rock fish are taken in Cook Inlet. It is not like Sitka |
| 23 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits | | |
| | 7 | 0 | Lingcod habitat is different than the rock fish. We agree with the proposer. |
| 24 | Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters | | |
| | 7 | 0 | There is an over abundance of spiny dogfish. There is no conservation issue. |
| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| | 1 | 6 | There is no need to link commercial fishing to sport fishing. We are opposed to that linkage. |
| 26 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest | | |
| | 1 | 6 | Same opposition as # 25 |
| 27 | Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier | | |
| | 7 | 0 | We agree. This avoids confusion. Makes sense to us. |
| 28 | Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i> | | |
| | 7 | 0 | If a surplus is available then it should be utilized. To penalize a user for an overage that doesn't exist doesn't make sense to us. |
| 29 | Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters | | |



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| | 7 | 0 | There is a reason why there is a closure above the marker in these streams. To allow access by helicopters defeats this purpose. Catch and release of kings and steelheads kills spawners. There is already enough access for anglers to catch silvers below the markers. Anglers who walk in to catch dollies are disheartened by anglers who can afford to pay for a helicopter. |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |
| | 7 | 0 | Should not use gill nets for spawn |
| 31 | Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates | | |
| | 7 | 0 | If there are fish available they should be utilized |
| 32 | Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan | | |
| | 2 | 4 | One abstained. Not necessary and too wordy. Seems to make a problem where none exists. |
| 33 | Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area | | |
| | 0 | 7 | Not sure what he is proposing so we voted it down. Proposals need to be more clearly written. |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |
| | 0 | 7 | We agree with the Dept.'s reasoning. |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| | 0 | 7 | The Dept. already satisfactorily manages the fishery |
| 36 | Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan | | |
| | 0 | 7 | This is a goal of the hatchery program but it isn't always attainable. |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| | 0 | 7 | We understand what the proposer is trying to do. But we feel it isn't workable. Just makes it harder to manage. It is working now. |
| 38 | Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas | | |
| | 0 | 7 | It is working the way it is. |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |
| | | | No action – See # 38 |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| | | | No action – See # 38 |
| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |



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| | 0 | 7 | The Dept. already manages Tuka Bay satisfactorily. No need to change it. |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| | 0 | 7 | The alternative is to close the enhancement program. In years of low hatchery returns at least some seiners are able to fish otherwise none would ever fish there. |
| 43 | Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| | 0 | 7 | There is no evidence offered to support this proposal. In upper cook inlet the pinks are not harvested by Board action. |
| 256 | Repeal the no bait regulation and allow the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon (5 AAC 67.022). <i>Formerly ACR #9, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| | | | Not taken up because the Dept. will make a presentation at the Lower Cook Inlet meeting. |
| 257 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| | | | Not taken up |
| 258 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| | | | Not taken up |
| 259 | Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
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Adjournment: 9:22 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek
 Minutes Approved By: John McCombs-Vice Chair

Date: 11/07/23

Central Peninsula Advisory Committee



Cooper Landing AC – meeting minutes October 2023

Call to Order: 10:15 am October 17 2023.

Roll Call: Present-Josh Hayes, Billy Coulliette, Todd Donahue, Mike Adam, Tom Lessard, Jason Lesmeister, Lorraine Temple .

Excused absences: John Person, Alex Kime

Un excused absence: Jeremy Lewis

Fish and Game: Fari Sylvester

Public:

Minutes Approved: Unanimous

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Elections, Proposals.

Nominated people for Cooper Landing AC in order: Vince Beltrami, JJ Brown, Lorraine Temple, Jason Lesmeister, Mike Adams, Josh Hayes, John Pearson, Adam Swaine, Jason Aigeldinger, Jeff Bryden. All 10 people were voted on.

AC members voted for officers: Josh Hayes(Chair), Mike Adams(Vice Chair), Jason Lesmeister(Secretary). All were voted unanimously.

New Business: Vote on proposals 1-43.

Proposals: 1-4-Yes-Unanimous to Abstain from weighing in at this time and wait until UCI meeting comments to discuss or vote on.

Proposal: 5 -11 Oppose. 1 Abstain not enough data

Proposals: 6,7,8 - 12 Abstain

Proposal: 9, 10 - 11 yes 1 abstain not enough info

Proposals: 11,12 - 12 Oppose

Proposal: 13 - 12 Support

Proposal: 14 - No Action

Proposal: 15 - 12 Oppose

Proposal: 16 - Support

Proposals: 17,18,19 - 12 No Action

Proposals: 20 - 12 support

Proposals 21,22 - 12 No Action



Proposal: 23 - 12 Support

Proposal: 24 - 12 Oppose

Proposals: 25,26,27,28,29 - 12 No Action

Proposal: 30 - 12 Support

Proposal: 31,32 - 12 No Action

Proposal: 33 - Oppose

Proposal: 34,35,36,37,38 - No Action

Proposal: 39 - 12 Support

Proposal: 40 - 12 No Action

Proposal: 41 - 8 Oppose, 1 Supports, 2 Abstain Not enough info

Proposal: 42 - 12 No Action

Proposal: 43- 12 Support

Meeting Minutes Recorder: Jason Lesmeister

Date: 10/17/2023

Approved by: Josh Hayes

**Craig AC Meeting November 6, 2023**

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Roll Call:**Members present: 12****13 total Members****Number needed for a quorum: 7**

| Craig AC Members | Officer | Designation | Present | Absent | Expiration |
|------------------|------------|---------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Ellen Hannan | Chair | Hunting | x | | 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 (ADFG sport fish), Kristy Tibbles ADFG support (online)**Guests present:** Steve Merritt, Forrest Braden SEAGO (online)**Approval of Agenda:****Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 2.6.2023.****Vote: 12-0****Unanimous approval****Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:****Moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from December 6, 2022.****Vote: 12-0**



Unanimous approval

Reports:

Chair: Ellen H. & Kurt W. spoke about the Seasonal Resident bill HB201 requiring residency requirements for fishing and hunting licenses to align with PFD requirements. Some progress occurring however it will be a multi year process. Ellen H. mentions it may be helpful to recommend other areas to speak up if they are having similar issue with "seasonal residents". Kurt recommends individual letters to support the bill as well as the Craig AC doing the same in the hopes that a larger volume of support will help.

ADFG: Craig Schwanke: SE BOF meets in Ketchikan Jan. 28-Feb. 9, 2025 and deadline to submit proposals is April 10, 2024.

Craig S. offered assistance with any data needed for proposal drafting.

Mike D.: Update on the recent subsistence meetings in Klawock and how there is competition for deer during November. They acted on 3 proposals. The proposals desired 15 day closures in their areas. The council modified the proposals to reduce it to 10 days and reduced the size of the areas near Hoona and Angoon. They now go to the Federal board for a decision. Mike D. spoke to the resistance from non-rural hunters because of their opinion that there are lots of deer. His concern is the competition amongst hunters during the rut. Title 8 of ANILKA provides some protections for this sort of thing. The proposals were not supported by the State.

Mike D. and Mike K. gave an update on the recent wolf meeting and spoke at length about wolf management on PoW. Wolf estimates are very close to the previous year. The current season length is a similar season length and similar population count as last year. There was lots of discussion about genetic diversity at the wolf meeting and it started to show on PoW during the middle 1900's. Likely due to the poisoning program instituted at the time. To help, get the GPS coordinates or watershed of wolf scat and collect the wolf scat, freeze it and give it to ADFG. Add link to wolf scat info at the next meeting. Wolf scat is a very effective way to get genetic data. Camera study is being incorporated into the population estimates. Further discussion about the efficacy of cameras.

Ellen H. brought up that current scientific technique allows genetic info to be collected from older scat than in the past.

Mike D: The department is currently willing to raise wolves at the expense of our deer herd.

Ellen H: Update on the BOF statewide meeting on 3.10.23 that she attended. Slinky pot proposal passed with a change to make it easier for those involved. Spear gun proposal for sport fish only was passed. Ellen H. then heard comments questioning why a person couldn't use a spear for sport fishing. Prop 156 passed. A lot of discussion on prop 163, the proposal was pulled. In season reporting of personal use fisheries within 5 days of harvest failed. The list of invasive species passed. More invasive species than thought.

Public Comment: Forrest Braden of SEAGO: Supports prop 257, Steve Merritt

Old Business: None

New Business:

Prop 257 , 258,259

Decided that Discussion and public comments would occur in succession prior to motions and decisions for all 3 of these proposals.

**Prop 257:****Discussion:**

Forest B. of SEAGO, Supports 257 to bring the king salmon plan in alignment with new modeling; the multi-variant modeling. The department's proposal does not conceptually change anything that was agreed upon on the 2022 meeting which SEAGO believes is important.

Tim O. has concerns that this proposal changes the management to a 17 tier system.

Craig S. states it's going to change the KSMP due to changes in how the preseason total harvest is going to be determined. The prop is intended to adjust the wording to no longer be specific to Winter Troll CPUE. The department learned their lesson and will not state what model they use, they will just state the final number. They basically want all data to be available for use. This all goes back to the treaty and how Alaska determines harvest. Craig is not certain how the Multi-Variant system works.

Dave C. asks Craig if ADFG stands behind the concept of the 2022 agreement between troll and sport and how allocation takes place?

Craig S. Yes. That was heavily deliberated at that meeting. It will be up to the board to determine what they meant when they made that final decision.

Moved and seconded to adopt.

Vote: 11-1 in favor

Motion passes. Tim OConnor is opposed

Prop 258:**Discussion:**

Craig S: Gave insight/background info on Prop 257. The department feels the 17 tiers is too complicated to manage. Very difficult to devise 17 different regulation sets to coincide with 17 so it is broken down into 7. Bottom line is the department is not in favor of a 17 tier system due to complexity.

Forest B. SEAGO ; Seago agrees the department is best equipped to set up the tiers. Reminder the 3,2,1 regulations set was agreed upon to manage over time so we believe the 7 tier system will be sufficient for the management they need to do.

Steve M.: I think the department's proposal 257 will accomplish what the writer of 258 wants accomplished.

Tim O. will that manage the 80/20 split?

Craig S. there is no proposal that changes allocation. These proposals are how management occurs.

:Moved and seconded to support.

Vote: 1-11 opposed

Motion fails. Tim OConnor is in support.



Prop 259:

Moved and seconded to adopt 259

Discussion:

Craig Schwanke: ADFG is neutral on this prop b/c it is allocative.

Dave C. will you explain how this is allocative?

Craig S. The goal for the new management plan was stability and predictability in the guide industry. The sport fishery was to manage on average overtime instead of having in season management. This was hashed out with user groups sat in a room, Steve M., Kurt W. were there negotiating and I was there for much of it, and came up with an agreement. The department had been doing this successfully but with in season management. Sport fisheries felt it was destructive. In 2022 fishing was not good so sport came in under it's allocation 15k fish. Based on this agreement the troll fleet were given an additional 15k fish because of the underage by sport. In 2023, a similar management tier but the pre season abundance was a little off as fishing was good. We had same sport regulation, same angler effort, sport went 17k over which meant the overage was removed from troll. I can see why some user groups don't like the fluctuation. This proposal would request sport be managed in season again.

Dave C. If you look at this from the perspective of management over time, this is a net of 2k fish over. Prop 259 will change the management completely and would be going against the negotiated agreement?

Craig S. Yes, the department would again be tasked with in season management.

Dave C. states this should be addressed in 2025 at the appropriate time mentioning this is directly going back on a negotiated agreement between troll and sport.

Ellen Hannan: yes, they want to go back to managing in season

Craig Schwanke: not shut down completely just adjust according ly to keep at the 20% allocation. Because of the new electronic information regularly collected, we can manage well in season.

Steve Merritt: I was at the negotiations, RC 178 was the exact language they adopted. I found one error, they corrected it. In brackets was that sport season will never be managed in season therefore the in brackets part should have been omitted. SEAGO should have caught this. However, the intent of the negotiation was to have exactly what we have now. He agrees the intent of the agreement is currently being accomplished.

Tim O. there was wording removed from the original agreement by fish and game. That they took "Sport Fishery" out of the wording. it was to be managed to the treaty.

Dave C. the "sport fishery" wording was removed to align with intent.

Kurt W. can you tell us why that wording was removed, Asking Forest Braden of SEAGO,

Forest B. The fishery has been managed on average since 1984 with the exception of 2019-2021. I'm not sure why the board pulled it out. Section B1, states it will be managed to a 20% ceiling on average. There are no Federal laws that can't be exceeded only a payback provision. We came together with troll to make sure we don't end up in a pay back situation. SEAGO's ask is that we have this conversation in 2025. The Cook Inlet meeting is not a good place or the correct time to address this. The Management plan sunsets March 2025

Tim O. pointed out that in 1984 there were 20k non-resident fishermen and now there are more than 100k non-resident fishermen.

Forest B. The point is that we have always managed on average except for the few years, which was meant to be a bandaid until we could work on it in session which we did in 2022.

Craig S. distributed graph. see attached.

Ellen H. in the sport fishery, we're seeing a lot more fishing effort out of Craig which is a concern.

Tim O. Pressure has shifted to the Craig area due to other areas being closed such as Ketchikan.

Vote: 1-11 opposed

Motion fails. Tim OConnor is in support.



Select representative for next Board of Fish meeting in Homer:

No volunteers. No rep was selected.

Next meeting is December 5, 2023: The main topic regarding the Hatchery Proposal 59 for the Kodiak BOF meeting. Comments are due 12.26.23

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting: 8:25pm

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead & Dave Creighton

Minutes approved by: Ellen Hannan

Date: 11.6.2023



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 8, 2023 FAC Meeting Minutes¹ DRAFT
J.P. Jones Community Center
204 Rickert Street, Fairbanks, AK and Zoom

I. Call to Order: 6:01pm Chair: Mark Richards, Acting Chair

II. Roll Call:

| | <u>CHAIR</u> John Siegfried | <u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mark Richards | <u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe retired | Jeff Lucas | <u>FSC Chair</u> Gale Vick | Virgil Umphenour | Mike Tinker | John Wisniewski |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Present | X² | X | OPEN | X | X | X | | X |
| Absent | | | | | | | | |
| Abs/Excused | | | | | | | X | |
| | Levi Lewellyn | Austin Smith | Warren Guichici | Bill Larry | Mike Kramer | Chuck Derrick | Gabriel Davis | James Paine (alternate) |
| Present | X | X | | X | X-OL | X | X | X |
| Absent | | | | | | | | |
| Abs/Excused | | | X | | | | | |
| | Lance Nelson (alternate) | | | | | | | |
| Present | X | | | | | | | |
| Absent | | | | | | | | |
| Abs/Excused | | | | | | | | |

III. Introduction of Guests: In Person

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lori Richards | Eric Anslinger | Jesse Wandling ³ | Dave Simmons ⁴ |
| Lance Nelson | Pete Buist | Alysa Johnson | Kresta Hallbrook |
| Tyrel Palmer | David Garcia | Al Barrette, BOG | Jennifer Yuhas |
| Richard Doering | Amy Davis | K. Davis | Josh Davis |
| Lori Gauldehaus | Anthony Binder | Dave Lorrington, BOG | |

On-Line

John Haddix

¹ Transcribed by Gale K. Vick

² Delayed for an hour as, returning from Galena, arrived in time to vote on Board of Fish proposals

³ New CDA (Chitina Dippnetters Association) Chair, replacing Chuck Derrick

⁴ Member, Local #151



Fish & Game Staff Present (in person and on-line)

Board Support facilitator, Kyle Campbell
Mark Nelson, biologist ADF&G Wildlife Conservation
Brendan Scanlon, Northwest / North Slope fisheries area biologist (on-line)
Deena Jallen, ADF&G Yukon River summer season manager (on-line)
Tony Hollis, ADF&G Wildlife Conservation Division Area biologist
Andy Gryska, ADF&G Tanana Drainage Area Manager, sports fish area biologist

IV. Comments

Chair Comments: Mark Richards
Asked everyone to sign in to be eligible to vote in elections
Vice Chair: none
AC Member Comments: Chuck Derrick noted that he stepped down as president of CDA (Chitina Dipnetters Assn) but was still on the Board.
Public Comments: none

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

October 11, 2023
FAC Fisheries Subcommittee, October 9, 2023
approved as amended by unanimous consent

VI. Approval of Agenda: approved as amended by unanimous consent

VII. Old Business: none

Game and Trap Subcommittee: Mark Richards, SC Chair – deferred to after Fisheries
Caribou Arctic Working Group – discussion table until after elections
Fisheries Subcommittee : Gale Vick, SC Chair - discussion deferred until after elections

VIII New Business: ELECTIONS

Mark R: 6 seats are open
Can nominate yourself or someone can nominate you
Nominations:

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mark Richards: | nominates John Wisniewski |
| Lance Nelson: | nominates Mark Richards ⁵ |
| ? | nominates Mike Tinker |
| ? | nominates John Haddix ⁶ |
| Mark Richards | nominates Austin Smith |
| ? | nominates Grabiell Davis |
| ? | nominates Lance Nelson |

Prospective nominees gave their presentations
Kyle Campbell past out ballots. Write maximum of six names.

⁵ Executive Director for RHAK, Resident Hunters of Alaska
⁶ Has wildlife biology degree, former member of Tok AC



Mark: You can only vote six names but you can vote for yourself. Went off record at 6:27pm

Call back to order: 6:39pm

Election results: 3 year terms, except 1 seat that has 2 years remaining⁷

Mark Richards

Mike Tinker

Austin Smith – 2 year term

Grabiell Davis

Lance Nelson

John Wisniewski

John Haddix - Alternate

Mark Richards: Western Arctic Caribou Working Group (feds pay for lodging and travel)

December 13-14th Anchorage Marriott

John Seigfried, current FAC rep

John W said he could attend as rep

Jeff Lucas – alternate

Unanimous consent to support

Discussion of Board of Fish proposals: Gale Vick, FAC Fisheries SC chair

Proposals in Lower Cook Inlet Board of Fish meeting, end of November. Comments due on Nov. 13th. FAC generated Prop#43, asking for reduction of hatchery egg production.

Virgil: Gave background. (See proposal) In 1995 BOF asked Department of Law on authority, formed a Hatchery Committee of 3 members of the Board, to report at the 1997 Work Session. Dept of Law confirmed the BOF had authority. Worked on Sustainable Salmon Policy recommendations at same time. In 2000, a megaboard meeting because of fund restrictions to the Board. Area M, AYK, and Bristol Bay had to be conducted all at one meeting. 21 days, 12 hours a day. Hatchery management did not want to take action on egg production as Virgil was proposing so went to the Governor and promised to reduce egg production by 25% if the action was taken off BOF agenda. Virgil reluctantly agreed because of the extensive meeting. After that meeting and with a Governor change, the BOF actually increased egg permits by 42% over time to 2022.

Gale: to bring into present date – A group of us recently met with 3 of the most prominent Pacific Northwest scientists on hatchery production impacts in the Bering Sea (Asian – Japan, Russia, Korea) and GOA – where in Alaska we are the biggest producer of hatchery pinks. Those hatchery fish are competing with out wild stocks, causing loss of size in Chinook and run strength for all salmon species. Pinks now favored in ocean because of climate change. Dr. Greg Ruggerone, Dr. Daniel Schindler, Dr. Peter Westley, all at TCC Convention panel meeting last week. Dr. Ruggerone said that “Pacific salmon are more abundant today than ever in the past 100 years. 40% of adult and immature biomass at sea is from hatcheries (chum and pink salmon.)” Relate to ADF&G comments on Proposal #43:

⁷ Seat vacated by Mark Oppe resignation



DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The department **OPPOSES** this proposal. Hatchery egg take levels are established through an iterative process involving department staff and stakeholders. Hatchery operations are permitted in a way that minimizes impact on wild salmon stocks and the commissioner can amend a permit if conservation concerns arise related to hatchery production. If there is a compelling reason to amend terms of a hatchery permit, the amendment should be based on analysis of data and there should be clear evidence the amendment will have a positive impact on wild salmon stocks. No evidence has been presented in this proposal to support the proposed reduction in permitted pink salmon egg take level.

Gale: As our public comments, we will be sending in reference to literally hundreds of papers that show evidence of hatchery impacts on wild stock. Everything stated in this Dept comments is not true. We are going to enumerate the reasons why. When the Dept talks about an iterative process they are talking about a fully integrated process between the hatcheries, the Dept, fishermen, fishing communities, marketing, processors. Critical for us to start making connections to hatchery production and loss of AYK salmon stocks. Important for us to push the Dept on this. We are also going to be talking to the legislature.

Virgil: They will take testimony in LCI in Homer but will deliberate at the Upper Cook Inlet Board meeting in January.

Mike Kramer: We are at a really pivotal point with the future of our salmon. The science is now undeniable that hatcheries are impacting wild stock. A new synthesis that just came out⁸, decades of work, hundreds of independent discrete studies, more than most people will read. People want sound bites. The science is so overwhelming that hatchery pinks are of a detrimental impact. Shows odd years when pinks are more abundant vs. even years, everything in the ecosystems cycle suffer during the odd years. Easily measured. We have to do something soon. I am afraid current Dept leaders have their heads in the sand with a recurring mantra that “correlation does not indicate causation.” We can’t wait until new voices take over. This is what happened years ago when the Dept denied the impacts of unlimited mesh size on Chinook stocks. Hatchery pinks are detrimental to entire ecosystem. We can’t keep sustaining this level of hatchery production.

Gale: We have a lot of tentacle to this. At the BOF Hatchery meeting recently in Anchorage – Virgil was there and I listened online. Curt Chamberlain, attorney for Calista Corporation, gave excellent testimony against two statements the Dept often uses - “we have to have robust data” and that “correlation does not mean causation.” The issue for us is to disprove. We have so much to illustrate causation and we don’t have time, as Mike has just said, to fiddle around with this any longer. They will be deliberating on this at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting in January which gives us a lot more time to write extended comments.

Virgil asked about budget to send someone to January UCI meeting. Kyle Campbell noted that there was funding but we needed to decide which meeting.

⁸ *A Global Synthesis of Peer-Reviewed Research on the Effects of Hatchery Salmonids on Wild Salmonids*, John r. McMillan, et.al, Fisheries Management and Ecology, July 2023



Mark Richards: Motion for FAC to support Prop #43⁹
Second: ?
Approved: Unanimous consent

Gale Vick: Discussion on Prop #35, Pioneer Fisheries Homer, Nancy Hillstrand, on top of a lot of this. Kachemak Bay, protection of wild stock fisheries. Mark noted this was opposed by the Dept. This is part of a much greater problem. So I support.

Virgil: Motion to support all of the associated proposals approved by the SC on Monday night.

Gale: Tutka Bay Hatchery is at about 90-95% cost recovery and shellfish and other fish have been virtually wiped out in that Bay, Lagoon. Nancy Hillstrand has become a member of CIAA¹⁰, which is very likely in a lot of financial trouble. PNP¹¹ hatcheries can only get their revenue from certain sources – cost recovery, loans, enhancement taxes – and with the current price of salmon almost half of 2022, it is becoming increasingly harder for hatcheries to recover costs for debt service. Our concern is that the hatcheries are going to ask for increased production. Mark asked about cost recovery. Gale explained that hatcheries get cost recovery in THA/SHA¹² cleanup operations by contract fisherman (not common property). Most of the hatcheries in the northern region of GOA, common property fisherman are drift boats, contract fishermen are seiners. By (regulation) cost recovery is supposed to be capped at 30%. At Tutka, only a very few common property fishermen can prosecute that fishery. It's a ridiculous situation.

Virgil: CIAA is in debt already by \$18-19million and asking for another \$2million in State loans.

Mark: Are these hatcheries tied into sports fish as well?

Gale: That's a little complicated. The only sports fish hatcheries in the GOA are William Jack Hernandez in Anchorage, under Dingell-Johnson funds but there are some PNP hatcheries that raise Chinook salmon for remote release using DJ funds as well. Fairbanks Ruth Burnett Hatchery was tied in a funding issue a few years ago to support for Crystal Lake hatchery.¹³

Mike K: In the simplest terms, 90% cost recoveries is an unsustainable business model. They are just going to keep making more fish and the Dept is so entrenched with them because of decades of loan support. It is an untractable situation. Unbelievable they can harvest 90% of the fish they make and killing off wild fish and other species.

Virgil: That area around Tutka Bay in Kachemak used to have all kinds of shellfish. Now they have zero. Kramer noted it is a State designated shellfish hatchery but there are none left.

Motion: Virgil - To approve Prop #34, #35, #36, #41 and #43 as approved at the Fisheries SC meeting.

⁹ Technically did not need motion, was already previously approved

¹⁰ Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

¹¹ Private Non-Profit

¹² Terminal Harvest Area / Special harvest Area

¹³ SSRAA – Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association



Unanimous consent to approve.
Gale will send in comments to Board of Fish.

Gale stepped out for 15 minutes to join Mat-Su AC on question for Proposal #43.

Tony Hollis, ADF&G, 20A and 20C boundary issue: Board of Game ACR#7

Submitted by ADF&G. In hunting regs (see map) along the Nenana River. In hunting regs, there is a line drawn, but the description of the boundary is the west bank of the Nenana River. Contention over line drawn for Lost Slough/ 17 Mile Slough essential the main channel. Needs to go to Statewide meeting for game boundary change, which would be March of 2025. So this ACR addresses mistake. See Google Earth map that shows flood channel. Maybe add 17 Mile Slough into reg. The implications are there are different moose hunting and brown bear regs in those areas that are affected by boundary maps. Tony – needs to be submitted so that it can be in Spring meeting otherwise has to wait for Fall 2024 proposals. Mark – 20A would be Deep Creek? Tony: correct. Would liberalize moose and brown bear seasons. Basically unenforceable. No violations to date.

Motion: Mark Richards – to support ACR#7
No objections. Mark will send in comments

Election of Secretary:

Austin Smith volunteered.

Motion: Levi – to elect Austin as Secretary of the FAC
No objections. Approved.

Game Trap meeting schedule – At ADF&G offices on College Road

Motion: Levi – to support, approved

November 15th, 6pm to go over Region IV proposals at Board of game

Mark: I would like to weigh in on bag limits,

Virgil supported to be FAC rep at the UCI - Upper Cook Inlet BOF meeting in January

Virgil discussed the BOF discussion at Work Session on changing the Cordova meeting to Anchorage. One BOF abstained so it became a no vote. So the meeting was scheduled again for Cordova. In statute we are supposed to have at least one meeting in a cycle in Fairbanks. We need to get hold of Interior Delegation and enforce. It would be cheaper to have in Fairbanks or Anchorage. People are easily stranded in Cordova. Virgil noted there is no BOF policy on abstentions. You are supposed to abstain when you have a conflict on a proposal but this Board member had no conflict.

Motion: Virgil – to appoint some FAC members to meet with Area legislators / Interior Delegation to enforce statute and have meeting in Fairbanks. Mike Tinker should be on this.

Second: ??

Motion approved by unanimous consent.



Mike Kramer – If the statute says that a meeting in Fairbanks once a year is required than we shouldn't have to bring political pressure. What obligations do the Boards have to follow statutes? I can't remember a full BOF meeting in Fairbanks.

Virgil: We had an AYK meeting here years ago

Al Barrette: Statute: 16.05300 (b) ¹⁴

John Siegfried arrived from Galena.

Next Fisheries SC meeting: December 11th, Monday 6pm virtual only

Gale: Thanks to Kyle Campbell for all his support and help.

Jeff Lucas - Wood Bison meeting next week. Will be representing (which option?)

Mark R noted Wayne Heimer mentioned at lunch today that weather is determinant factor and all this won't come into play until wood bison have a harvestable surplus. Is there still a trespass agreement in Innoko area? (some portion inaudible) Al B noted current management plan. Gale asked about how Innoko herd was moving between land ownership. Jeff responded that herd seems to be staying on State land. Brief mention of Plains Bison herd in Delta. Levi Llewellyn noted that the new hunting regs for Delta bison dropped off the requirement for an sex trigger. Jeff thought it would be good to have Delta area biologist to join our next meeting.

Mark R: Western Arctic Caribou herd meeting Dec 13-14th. John S. and John W are going to discuss schedules to see who can represent the FAC. Jeff Lucas will be second alternate. Holly wants names tomorrow morning to run through feds to get travel paid for.

Mark: Motion: John W is prime and John S is alternate

Approved by unanimous consent

Next full FAC meeting: December 13, 2023 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7.47pm

¹⁴ Alaska Stat. § 16.05.300

(a) Each board shall hold at least one meeting a year and as many other meetings as it considers necessary. Each board shall select the time and place in the state for the transaction of business. Each board shall maintain its office at the principal office of the department. (b) In addition, the Board of Fisheries shall hold at least one meeting or hearing a year in each of the following general areas: (1) Upper Yukon - Kuskokwim - Arctic (2) Western Alaska (including Kodiak) (4) Prince William Sound (including Yakutat)



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November 28-December 1, 2023 | Homer, 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> | | | |
| 1 | | | Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) |
| 2 | | | Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) |
| 3 | | | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) |
| 4 | | | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) |
| 5 | | | Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round |
| 6 | | | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery |
| 7 | | | Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24 |
| 8 | | | Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay |
| 9 | | | Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan |



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| 10 | | | Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery |
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| 11 | | | Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon |
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| 12 | | | Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla |
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| 13 | | | Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries |
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| 14 | | | Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season |
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| 15 | | | Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River |
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| 16 | | | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery |
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| 17 | | | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery |
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| 18 | | | Modify rockfish bag and possession limits |
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| 19 | | | Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay |
| | | | |
| 20 | | | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits |
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| 21 | | | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits |
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| 22 | | | Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31 |
| | | | |
| 23 | | | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits |
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| 24 | | | Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters |
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| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| 26 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest | | |
| 27 | Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier | | |
| 28 | Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i> | | |
| 29 | Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters | | |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |
| 31 | Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates | | |
| 32 | Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan | | |
| 33 | Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area | | |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |
| | 13 | 0 | |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| | 13 | 0 | |
| 36 | Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan | | |
| | 13 | 0 | |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| 38 | Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas | | |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |



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| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| | 13 | 0 | |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| 43 | Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| | 13 | 0 | |
| 256 | Repeal the no bait regulation and allow the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon (5 AAC 67.022). <i>Formerly ACR #9, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| 257 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| 258 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| 259 | Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |

Adjournment: 7:47PM

Minutes Recorded By: Gale K. Vick

Minutes Approved By: Draft – will be approved in December

Date: 11/12/23



**Homer Advisory Committee
October 10, 2023
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Building
2181 Kachemak Drive**

- I. Call to Order: 6:06 by Dave Lyon, chair.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present (8): Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), Malcolm Milne, Dan Miotke, Dan Anderson, Bob Nathanson, Wes Humbyrd, Doug Malone,
 - b. Members Absent: George Matz (secretary), Andy Fetterhoff, Matt Hakala, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Tom Young, Morgan Jones, Michael Craig, Joe Brewer.
- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- IV. List of User Groups Present: NA
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Holly Dickson, Ethan Ford.
- VI. Guests Present: Stephen Camp, Josh Wichboldt, Jim House, Elisah Brandt, Forest Luking, Avery Anit, Alissa Cole, Cory Delock, Brian Ritchie, Rep. Sarah Vance, Mikr Biakhi, Anthony Plana, Eric Lehm.
- VII. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.
- IX. Reports: None
- X. Public Comment: None
- XI. Old Business: None
- XII. New Business: Decisions on LCI proposals



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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 |
| 1 | Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| Tabled | | | |

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| 2 | Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 - 1 | |
| 3 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 - 2 | |
| 4 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 - 1 | |
| 5 | Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round | | |
| Support as Amended | 7 | 0 - 1 | Amended so that all conservation zones extend 500 yards or more from river mouth. |
| 6 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| Support | 5 | 2 - 1 | |
| 7 | Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24 | | |
| NA | | | See #8 |
| 8 | Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 - 2 | |
| 9 | Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 - 1 | Should not be less than current. |
| 10 | Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery | | |



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| Oppose | 1 | 6 - 1 | |
| 11 | Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon | | |
| Oppose | 4 | 4 - 1 | |
| 12 | Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 - 0 | |
| 13 | Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 - 0 | No catch and release. Strike paragraph #3. |
| 14 | Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 - 0 | |
| 15 | Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 - 1 | Habitat loss for wild fish. |
| 16 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| Support | 7 | 1 - 0 | |
| 17 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| NA | | | See #16. |
| 18 | Modify rockfish bag and possession limits | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 - 1 | |
| 19 | Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 - 1 | |
| 20 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| NA | | | |
| 21 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| NA | | | |
| 22 | Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31 | | |
| Tabled | | | |
| 23 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits | | |
| NA | | | |
| 24 | Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters | | |
| NA | | | |
| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| NA | | | |
| 29 | Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters | | |
| Support | 6 | 2 - 0 | |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 - 0 | |
| 31 | Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 - 0 | July 1 to Aug. 15. |
| 32 | Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Support | 6 | 1 - 1 | Limit of 6 per person or household. |
| 33 | Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area | | |



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| Support | 7 | 0 - 1 | |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |
| NA | | | |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| NA | | | |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 - 0 | |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 - 0 | |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| NA | | | |
| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| NA | | | |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| NA | | | |



**Homer Advisory Committee
October 24, 2023
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Building
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- I. Call to Order: 6:04 by Dave Lyon, chair.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present (13): Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Andy Fetterhoff, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, Joe Brewer, Dan Miotke, Dan Anderson, Morgan Jones, Michael Craig, Bob Nathanson, Wes Humbyrd
 - b. Members Absent: Marvin Peters, Doug Malone, Joey Allred, Tom Young,
- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- IV. List of User Groups Present: NA
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Holly Dickson, Glenn Hollowell, Andrew Pollak.
- VI. Guests Present: Cory Lous, Ginger Bryant, Kim Dickson, Mike Bknclv, Jake Almeida (Rep. Vance office).
- VII. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.
- IX. Reports: None
- X. Public Comment: None
- XI. Old Business: None
- XII. New Business: Decisions on LCI proposals



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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 |
| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 12 - 0 | The intent of this proposal is to allocate reduced harvest limits amongst user groups; share the gain, share the pain. ADFG biologists said that the harvest level for this area was 47, 175 for all species. In C1 area, 95% of black rockfish harvest is by sport fisherman. Since recent increases are mostly with sport, reduced harvest should be with sport. |
| 26 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 11 - 1 | Observation that the recent increase in lingcod fishing effort has resulted in smaller size, indicating excessive harvest. Need to reduce harvest by both sport and commercial fishing. Biologist reported that lingcod harvest by sport was 3,413, commercial was 1,746 for a total of 5.197. It was suggested that there be a single GHL apply to both sport and commercial. |
| 27 | Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier | | |
| Support | 12 | 1 - 0 | No opening until July 15. |
| 28 | Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i> | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 10 - 2 | |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |
| Support | 12 | 1 - 0 | |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |



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| No Action | | | While there was no opposition to this proposal, it was pointed out that similar language in other regulations and the proposal seems unnecessary. |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| No Action | | | Justification for what is being proposed exists in other regulations and proposal seems unnecessary |
| 36 | Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 - 4 | The proposed language is not clear. Including language from the permit into the management plan is not practical. |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 - 0 | The Homer AC submitted this proposal to allow a wider range of permit holders to benefit from the Lower Cook Inlet Aquaculture activities. |
| 38 | Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas | | |
| Support | 12 | 0 - 1 | The Homer AC submitted this proposal to allow a wider range of permit holders to benefit from the Lower Cook Inlet Aquaculture activities. |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 - 0 | |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| No Action | | | Based on Proposal 39. |
| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| No Action | | | Based on Proposal 39. |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| Oppose | 2 | 7 - 4 | Not everyone is familiar with this. It was pointed out that proposal 42 did not mention that at the December 2013 Lower Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Meeting, Proposal 84 was adopted unanimously as amended and created a permanent management plan without a sunset clause. ADF&G staff confirmed that |



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| | | | that plan was put into regulation in 2014 and remains in place at this time. |
| 43 | Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 - 3 | <p>The AC discussed the apparent discrepancy between the proposal language and rational, specifically whether the intent was to “reduce hatchery production to 25% of the year 2000 production” or “reduce their production by 25%”</p> <p>The proposal cites an undocumented agreement.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that ADF&G has authority to manage hatchery production.</p> |

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
Minutes Approved: Dave Lyon By:
Date: 11/13/23



Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee

Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6pm at UAS Egan Room, 224
Virtual and In Person

I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Kevin Maier, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Maier (freshwater charter), Jesse Walker (sportfish/personal use), Ed Buyarski, (sportfish/personal use), Mike Cole (alternate), Thatcher Brouwer (commercial fishing), Richard Yamada (saltwater charter), Mike Bethers (hunting, fishing and personal use), Nick Orr (sport fishing), Kristine Trott (non-consumptive), Jason Kolhase (processing), Forest Wagner (Commercial Fishing).

Members Absent: Chris Miller (Commercial Fishing), Jesse Ross (Trapping), Atlin Daugherty (Hunting Guide), Peter Robertson (non-consumptive commercial), Terry White (Charter Fishing Saltwater)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present: Charter fishing, commercial fishing, sportfishing, hunting, personal use, non-consumptive

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Israel Payton, Director Division of Sport Fish, Patrick Fowler, Fish and Game Coordinator, Sport Fish, Dan Teske, Juneau Area Biologist, Sport Fish

IV. Guests Present: Kimberly Landen, Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Guides Association.

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: Received an email from Wrangell AC chair regarding a hatchery proposal. He will forward email. Participating in meetings on Southeast subsistence issues as well as Mendenhall wetlands.
- b. ADF&G: Southeast Board of Fisheries proposals due in April. Update on Southeast Chinook escapement.



c. Others

- VIII. Public Comment: N/A
- IX. Old Business: N/A
- X. New Business: Board of Fisheries proposals 257, 258 and 259
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: N/A
- XII. Set next meeting date: Likely in the spring
- XIII. Other: N/A

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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 |
| <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> | | | |
| 257 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| Support | 10 | 1 | <p>ADFG Staff Comments:</p> <p>This is the Department proposal to align the King Salmon Management Plan with the way the Pacific Salmon Commission is setting Chinook quotas for Southeast. The Pacific Salmon Chinook is now using a hybrid model to calculate Chinook abundance which then is used to set the number of Chinook that can be harvested in Southeast. There are 17 tiers.</p> <p>This proposal is written to current Fish and Game language and if proposal 259 is adopted, the language would not align.</p> |



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| | | | <p>AC Discussion:</p> <p>Discussion regarding whether or not consider all proposals together. Proposals 257 and 258 seek to address a similar issue. However, it was pointed out that proposal 259 is related, but is addressing something different. Decided to consider proposals separately.</p> <p>General agreement that this is a house keeping proposal by the Department that is necessary to align the King Salmon Management Plan with the new method the Pacific Salmon Commission is using to calculate Chinook abundance/quotas which are then used to set the allocation for the sport and commercial fisheries.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Buyarski moved to take action and called the question. Orr 2nd.</p> <p>Voted to support (10 support 1 oppose)</p> |
| 258 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 10 | <p>ADFG Staff Comments:</p> <p>The Department opposes this proposal. See it setting up an overly complex management structure that is not necessary to fulfill treaty obligations. ADFG also believes it would be difficult for the sport fish division to manage for small changes in allocation. There are limited management tools.</p> <p>AC Discussion:</p> <p>General agreement that this proposal is overly complex and unnecessary.</p> |



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| | | | <p>Brouwer expressed support for the proposal because he believes it is a more equitable way for the Division of Sport Fish to manage Chinook fishery. With 17 tiers it would be more likely that the sport fishery would harvest their Chinook allocation without going over or under.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Buyarski moved to take action and Walker 2nd</p> <p>Voted to oppose proposal (1 support and 10 oppose).</p> |
| 259 | Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 9 | <p>ADFG Staff Comments:</p> <p>The Department is neutral on this proposal because it is allocative. Staff explained that if this proposal is adopted the Division of Sport Fish would be required to manage the Southeast sport Chinook fishery in season so that they harvest their allocation. Specifically, this proposal would add the words “sport fishery” to management regulations language and this as the impact of requiring in season management of the fishery rather than setting bag limits pre-season and allowing the fishery to go over or under their allocation.</p> <p>During the 2022 Southeast Board of Fisheries cycle stakeholders (Territorial Sportsmen, Southeast Alaska Guides Association and Alaska Trollers Association) came to an agreement to manage the Chinook fishery. This was drafted by Department staff and approved by the Board of Fisheries. The language of the management framework that was agreed to by the stakeholders and approved by the board had the words “sport fishery” in it. The language of the agreement is RC 178 from the 2022 Southeast Board of Fisheries cycle.</p> <p>Department staff explained that this was a drafting oversight and based on the record the words “sport fishery” were removed when the regulations were draft and finalized. Department staff believe the parties agreed to no in season management for the sport fishery and that the commercial</p> |



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| | | | <p>fishery would adjust their quota if the sport fishery went over or under their quota.</p> <p>The sport fishery exceeded their allocation by about 18,000 Chinook this season and did not harvest about 15,000 or their allocated Chinook in 2022. When there is a sport overage it is deducted from the commercial allocation which is primarily harvest by the troll fleet. When the sport fishery does not catch their full allocation, the commercial fleet has an opportunity to harvest the additional Chinook.</p> <p>AC Discussion</p> <p>Kolhase asked the Department if they are truly neutral on this proposal. Staff reiterated that they are neutral since it is allocative, however if it passes it would make it more difficult to manage the sport Chinook fishery. The Department would need to make in season adjustments to bag limits. This has been done in the past.</p> <p>Brouwer expressed support for the proposal and stated that he was not sure the management language that was agreed to would have been signed by the three parties if the words “sport fishery” had been omitted.</p> <p>Yamada voiced is opposition to the proposal. He said the record is clear that there was an agreement that there be no in season management of the sport Chinook fishery and removal of the words “sport fishery” from the final regulatory language was appropriate.</p> <p>Walker asked the Department if they had the ability to prioritize resident Chinook harvest over nonresident should the proposal pass. The Department stated they did.</p> <p>Walker argued against supporting the proposal. Concerned that if it is adopted the Chinook sport fishery and specifically the resident sport fishery could be negatively impacted.</p> <p>Buyarski moved to take action and Brouwer 2nd</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Voted to Oppose (1 support, 9 opposed and 1 abstained)</p> |



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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
November 1, 2023
Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:02 by Gene Sandone

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

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

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Chris Brockman

IV. Guests Present: Chris Foster

V. Approval of Agenda: Amended to included discussion about elections in November/December, Approved as Amended.

VI. Reports

- a. Chair’s Report – None
- b. ADF&G – Chris Brockman became Area Game Manager and asked for AC’s support to re-authorize antlerless moose hunts and brown bear tag fee exemptions.
- c. Others – None

VII. Public Comment – None



VIII. New Business:

- Review Lower Cook Inlet Proposals – On-time comment deadline November 13, 2023.

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| 1 | Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| Support As Amended | 4 | 1 | Amend to May 1 start date. (3 Abstain) Not enough information. |
| 2 | Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | - | - | Will be voted on before UCI meeting. |
| 3 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | - | - | Will be voted on before UCI meeting. |
| 4 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | - | - | Will be voted on before UCI meeting. |
| 5 | Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round | | |
| No Action | - | - | More opportunity, degradation/habitat damage concerns. |
| 6 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| Support | 8 | 2 | Support: Shared allocation, increased treaty take could affect other fisheries. Oppose: Takes away opportunity, low Cook Inlet take, historical data needed. |



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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 |
| 7 | Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24 | | |
| Support | 9 | 1 | Support: Snagging impacts sport fishing, safety concern. Oppose: Better map of closure area needed. |
| 8 | Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay | | |
| No Action | - | - | - |
| 9 | Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Support: Open discussion for guidelines, bag limit. |
| 10 | Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 11 | Oppose: Reduces opportunity. |
| 11 | Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Oppose: Increased effort. |
| 12 | Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 9 | Oppose: Confusing proposal, reduced opportunity, difficult to enforce. |
| 13 | Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 7 | Support: More structure, sustainable opportunity when appropriate, proactive to protect wild stocks. Oppose: Board continues to lower bar, lowering SEG. |
| 14 | Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Support: More opportunity, minimize hatchery escapement. |
| 15 | Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Support: More opportunity, reduce wild fish mortality, 2 weirs could address issues by EO. |
| 16 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| No Action | - | - | See comments on Proposal 17. |
| 17 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Support: More area for youth fishing, biologically sound. |
| 18 | Modify rockfish bag and possession limits | | |
| No Action | - | - | See comments on Proposal 19. |



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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 |
| 19 | Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Support: Limit reductions to help populations, double possession for multiple day trips, liberal reduction to allow for future reductions (if necessary). |
| 20 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| No Action | - | - | See comments on Proposal 19. |
| 21 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| No Action | - | - | See comments on Proposal 19. |
| 22 | Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31 | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 11 | Oppose: Takes away opportunity. |

IX. Set Next Meeting Date: 11/08/2023

Topics:

- Board of Fish – Proposals 23-43
- Board of Game – Antlerless Moose (Proposals 195,196,197), Brown Bear (Proposals 189,190,192)
- Elections
- Cook Inlet EEZ

X. Other - None

Adjournment: 9:08PM

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 11/01/2023



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
November 8, 2023
Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:06pm by Gene Sandone

II. Roll Call

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

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Chris Brockman, Mike Booz, Gerrit Van Diest, Manny Eichholz

IV. Guests Present: Gail Vick

V. Approval of Agenda: Amended to move EEZ discussion to later meeting, ADF&G discussion of game proposals earlier on agenda, and moved action on fisheries Proposal 43 to a future Matanuska Advisory Committee meeting on Upper Cook Inlet fishery proposals – Approved as Amended.

VI. Reports

a. Chair's report: None

b. ADF&G: Chris Brockman

i. Requests AC support to re-authorize Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions. Brown Bear population surveys are difficult and expensive. Brown Bear harvest has been consistent. Helps ungulate populations.



- ii. Requests AC support to re-authorize Antlerless Moose Hunts. Effective tool for department to manage moose population. Survey are completed to adjust allotment. 14A was last surveyed in 2020 with population ~600 above upper goal. Twinning surveys completed every year and last survey showed healthy population.

c. Others: None

VII. Public Comment: Gail Vick – Commenting on BOF Proposal 43 put forth by Fairbanks AC. Extensive scientific data regarding too many hatchery chum and pink salmon and threatens wild stock by straying, food, habitat, etc. Egg production in Gulf of Alaska exceeds agreed upon amounts from 2000.

VIII. Approve previous meeting minutes: November 1, 2023

Amend to include change comment on Proposal 13 from “raising SEG’s” to “lowering SEG’s” and clarify that ADF&G (not the Board) sets SEG spawning escapement goals, Approved as Amended.

IX. Proposals

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| 23 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Precautionary approach to help population. |
| 24 | Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Oppose: Removal of limits is extreme approach. |
| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Precautionary approach to help population. |
| 26 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Precautionary approach to help population. |
| 27 | Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier | | |



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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 |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Oppose: Extended season is unnecessary, little participation, such a longer season length could cause too large of an increase in commercial sablefish harvest. |
| 28 | Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i> | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 5 | Support: Eliminate waste of cod bycaught. Oppose: Increased harvest of cod, increased commercial cod harvest could be excessive. |
| 29 | Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Helicopters access may be putting too much stress on small steelhead populations and too much helicopter access may be occurring in the closer areas where most people access the fishery by hiking. |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Housekeeping, clarifies definitions. |
| 31 | Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: More opportunity, harvest of hatchery produced fishery. |
| 32 | Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Oppose: Unnecessary change. |
| 33 | Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area | | |
| No Action | - | - | - |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Support | 4 | 3 | Support: Concern with wild stock in mixed stock fisheries. (1 Abstain) Not enough information |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| Support | 7 | 1 | Support: Scientific information that hatchery stock impact wild stock, hatchery policy that hatchery stock are not intended to replace wild stock. |
| 36 | Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan | | |
| Support | 7 | 1 | Support: Hatchery shall be held to commitment, hatchery inefficient, hatchery stock impacts wild stock. |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Oppose: Unnecessary change, gear change may lower value of cost recovery caught fish. |
| 38 | Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas | | |



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| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Oppose: Unnecessary change, gear change may lower value of cost recovery caught fish. |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Housekeeping to better define area. |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Oppose: See comments on Proposal 39. |
| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| Support As Amended | 8 | 0 | Support As Amended: Amend area/line that Department proposed in Proposal 39. |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| Oppose | 4 | 4 | Support: Against fishery managed solely for hatchery cost recovery and not for commercial harvest, sunset clause should be followed, error in public process. Oppose: The plan in place is preferred. |
| 43 | Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | - | - | Will be voted on before UCI meeting. |



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, 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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| 189 | Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Moose population declines. |
| 190 | Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Support: Moose population declines. |
| 195 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B | | |
| Support | 7 | 1 | Support: Tool to manage moose populations. |
| 196 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C | | |
| Support | 7 | 1 | Support: Tool to manage moose populations. |
| 197 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C | | |
| Oppose | 4 | 4 | Support: Tool to manage moose populations. Oppose: Low moose population, recent tough winters. |

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Motion to have Gene as representative for LCI Board Meeting (11/28-12/1)
- XI. Set next meeting date: December 6th – Elections, EEZ Discussion/AC Comments
- XII. Others:
 - a. Motion to send letter to commissioner for Department representative to speak at next meeting in regards to EEZ, Motion passed. Gene to send letter.
 - b. Casey works for Department of Agriculture and has been involved with Wood Bison. Request for AC representative on Wood Bison Committee. Danny Lewis will represent AC.

Adjournment: 10:10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 11/08/2023

Approved: Gene Sandone 11/13/23



PWS/Valdez Advisory Committee
11/09/23
Zoom

- I. Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Nicholas Crump
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Nicholas Crump, Bruce Bowman, Dan Eames

Members Absent (Excused): Brett Wilbanks
Members Absent (Unexcused): Hope Roberts
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3
List of User Groups Present: n/a
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Glenn Hollowell
- IV. Guests Present: n/a
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: no report
 - b. ADF&G: no report
 - c. Others: none
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. New Business: BOF Lower Cook Inlet Proposals
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: none
- XI. Set next meeting date: December 18, 2023
- XII. Other: none

Adjourn



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| 1 | Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 2 | Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 3 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 4 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 5 | Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 6 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 7 | Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24 | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 8 | Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 9 | Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan | | |
| No Action | | | |



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| 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 |
| 10 | Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 11 | Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 12 | Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 13 | Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 14 | Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 15 | Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 16 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 17 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 18 | Modify rockfish bag and possession limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 19 | Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 20 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 21 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 22 | Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31 | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 23 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 24 | Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters | | |
| No Action | | | |



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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 |
| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 26 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 27 | Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 28 | Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 29 | Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 31 | Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 32 | Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 33 | Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 3 | Committee discussion determined this proposal is redundant given that there are sufficient policies and management plan in place for ADFG to manage the Kamishak Bay Area. |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 3 | Committee discussion determined this proposal is redundant given that there are sufficient policies in place for ADFG to manage the Kachemack Bay Area. The proposal lacks specific management measures and has the potential to create unnecessary complexity, as well as the potential to negatively affect LCI hatcheries. |
| 36 | Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 3 | Committee discussion concluded unanimously that the potential to destabilize hatchery operations was concerning and that there are sufficient policies, regulations, and management plan in place for ADFG |



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| | | | to manage this fishery’s distributed benefit to the hatchery and common property sector, specifically through the AMP process. The Committee felt that the AMP allows ADFG and hatchery managers to appropriately determine cost recovery goals preseason and remain interactive in-season to achieve those goals given the dynamic factors involved (fluctuating cost and values of the resources). It is noted that the common property fishermen have an opportunity to catch hatchery fish prior to entering the SHA and percentages of hatchery fish caught in the common property fishery historically have varied widely for the seine fleet (above and below 50%) and generally below 50% for the gillnet fleet. A mandated limit, dividing the resources 50/50 would be detrimental to hatchery operations and seems certain to invalidate the current management system and objectives. |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 38 | Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 43 | Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 3 | The committee discussion concluded that the current management of Hatcheries is extremely comprehensive and interactive to include the ADFG, stakeholders and hatchery PNP operators. This proposal seeks to compromise the current management approach without a basis in science or evidence that it would have any positive impact on wild stocks. Concern that a significantly lowered cap of eggs would destabilize and negatively affect hatchery operations and commercial fisheries was unanimously viewed as undesirable and unacceptable. Additional concerns were voiced regarding the legality of this action lacking legitimacy. |



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| 256 | Repeal the no bait regulation and allow the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon (5 AAC 67.022). <i>Formerly ACR #9, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 257 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 258 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 259 | Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Bruce Bowman

Minutes Approved By: Nick Crump

Date: 11/13/23



**Seldovia Advisory Committee
November 10, 2023
Seldovia Multipurpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:08pm by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present:
 - Michael Opheim
 - Stephen Payton
 - Jordan Cameron
 - Jevon Chartier
 - Walt Sonen
 - Keith Swick
 - Cutter Grahn
 - Bryan Chartier
 - Alvin Swick
 - Members Absent (Excused):
 - Chris Pollock
 - Members Absent (Unexcused):
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
 - List of User Groups Present: Hunting, Fishing
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Mike Booz, Holly Dickson, Glenn Hallowell
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda: MVO, 2nd Jordan Cameron
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business



- X. New Business: Lower Cook inlet Proposals
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date: December 15th @6pm
- XIII. Other

Adjourn: 7:58 pm

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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 |
| <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> | | | |
| 1 | Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 2 | Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 3 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 4 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 5 | Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round | | |
| No Action | | | |



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| 6 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 7 | Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24 | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 8 | Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay | | |
| Support as Amended | 8 | 1 | The Seldovia AC supports this proposal amended as follows (amendments underlined): Prohibit snagging <u>and spear fishing</u> in Seldovia Bay as follows: <i>From January 1 through <u>June 23</u>, snagging is closed in the waters of Seldovia Bay starting at the entrance of the Seldovia Boat harbor including all waters east and south of the breakwater wall and upstream through the Seldovia slough and including the entire Seldovia Lagoon.</i> |
| 9 | Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Support as Amended | 9 | 0 | Support with the amendment the department looks into the reduction of the daily bag limit of cook inlet winter king salmon from 2 to 1. |
| 10 | Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery | | |
| Opposed | 0 | 9 | |
| 11 | Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon | | |
| Opposed | 0 | 9 | |
| 12 | Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 13 | Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 14 | Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 15 | Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River | | |
| No Action | | | |



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| 16 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 17 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 18 | Modify rockfish bag and possession limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 19 | Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 20 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 21 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 22 | Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31 | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 23 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 24 | Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 26 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 27 | Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | |
| 28 | Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i> | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | |
| 29 | Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 31 | Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates | | |
| No Action | | | |



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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 |
| 32 | Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 33 | Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 36 | Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 38 | Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 43 | Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting) | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 53 | Allow to Longline slinky pots for Pacific cod during the state water Pacific cod pot season. | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | |
| 256 | Repeal the no bait regulation and allow the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon (5 AAC 67.022). <i>Formerly ACR #9, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |



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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 |
| 257 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 258 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 259 | Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date: 11/13/2023



Seward Advisory Committee
October 26, 2023
City Clerk Chambers and Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Jim McCracken
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present: Mc Cracken, Dubuc, Bacon, Casey, Branson, Clemens, White
 - Members Absent (Excused): Hatch, Hubbard, Smith, Carpenter
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
 - List of User Groups Present: 1-12
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brittany Blaine-Roth, Area Management Biologist & Donnie Arthur, Assisant Area Management Biologist Sportfish
- IV. Guests Present: 0
- V. Approval of Agenda – Agenda approved by unanimous consent
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Previous meeting minutes of January 26, 2023 approved prior to this meeting
- VII. Reports
 - a. ADF&G Report by Staff: Chair asked staff if any department comments were available pertaining to the proposals for review on tonight’s agenda. Staff stated that department comments for BOF proposals will be published after our comments. Typically, department comments are published 2-3 weeks before the board of fish meeting at this time. Bacon recalled past AC meetings where department comments were available and how helpful they were. Casey stated that it is important to see ADFG comments, especially on those proposals coming from from ADFG. Chair McCracken stated that ADF&G comments help to better inform our AC; continuing that not every volunteer member is an expert in every area of fisheries and game management, so we look to the department comments to provide context and analysis. Discussion on First Lake wier: Maintenance now being done by area Port Sampler, Blaine-Roth has taken on the permit and responsibility for maintaining the wier, and in response to a question stated that maintenance of the wier is on an as-needed basis depending on flows. More on the wier and kid fishing day under New Business. Chair Mc Cracken thanked staff for extending kid fishing in the lagoon by EO. Staff informed the group that they must issue an EO to extend before a fishery closes.
 - b. Others - none
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none



- X. New Business
 - Lower Cook Inlet Fish proposals, attached
 - Kid Fish 2024: A new volunteer needs to take over kid fish. A community member came forward expressing interest in leading the event. Our AC needs to coordinate with them, collect any prizes, signage, etc. from Carpenter. Discussed having a spring meeting to solidify plans for Kid fish 2024. March 14 tentative date set. Breeze inn lunch.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: (White/Clemens) – Motion to select Vice-Chair Diane Dubuc to represent Seward AC at the board meeting was approved unanimously

- XII. Set next meeting date – March 14, 2024, lunch at the Breeze Inn to plan Kids Fishing Day

- XIII. Other - none

Adjourn 9:55 PM by Chair McCracken

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| 1 | Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Saltwater King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan, | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 2 | Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 3 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries | | |
| | | | |
| 4 | Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 5 | Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round | | |



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| No Action | | | |
| 6 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 7 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 8 | Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 9 | Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan | | |
| Support | 5 | 2 abstain | (Dubuc/Casey) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: GHL has been exceeded for the last 9 years, and regulations need to be adjusted to better align with management goals. Casey asked if the recent harvest increase was due to more individual anglers, or consistent number of anglers harvesting more fish. General discussion with staff on how GHL is set. |
| 10 | Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 5 | (Dubuc/Clemens). Discussion Summary: Dubuc stated that this proposal does not seem like it would have the intended effect of reducing the overall bag limit, and staying within the GHL. Casey discussed management/enforcement issues with the proposal as submitted Abstain: Branson, White |
| 11 | Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | (Dubuc/Casey) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: if the goal is to reduce catch/stay within GHL, how is doubling rods for residents effective. Proposal is essentially asking for something contrary to goal of staying within GHL. It was noted that just because an angler has more gear in the water does not automatically convert to success. White abstained. |
| 12 | Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | (McCracken/Dubuc) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: Several AC members pointed out confusing wording of the proposal, and discussed |



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| | | | the omission of Resurrection Bay terminal harvest area. The North Gulf Coast, apart from Resurrection Bay terminal harvest area is currently set at one fish. Per staff, most kings retained in North Gulf Coast area are from within the Resurrection Bay terminal harvest area. Discussed potential changes in effort among guided/unguided anglers. White abstained. |
| 13 | Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | (Casey/Dubuc) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: Due to increased area closures, fishing period closures, and gear restrictions over the years, it would be beneficial to create a management plan which may increase sport fish opportunity if the return numbers were to improve. The stated goal being to create a mechanism to reopen fishing areas / increase harvest opportunity. White abstained |
| 14 | Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | (Casey/McCracken) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: The Ninilchik river is one of the last places to have an opportunity to harvest a King Salmon. Discussed the benefit of increasing fishing opportunity that targets hatchery fish. It was further stated that this is especially important for the local area, given the restrictions on neighboring rivers. White abstained. |
| 15 | Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River | | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | (Casey/McCracken) moved to adopt proposals 15-17 in one action. Discussion Summary: Seward AC agrees with the stated goal of increasing harvest opportunity for hatchery reared fish. Also agreed with verbiage in the proposal noting that harvesting hatchery fish is a higher and better use than culling them at the weir and donating to mushers. In response to a question, staff clarified the specific areas and dates areas that are affected by the proposal, and discussed catch and release mortality rate of wild fish as a factor to consider when liberalizing regulation targeting hatchery fish. Branson, White abstained. |
| 16 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | <i>See above</i> |



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| 17 | Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery | | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | <i>See above</i> |
| 18 | Modify rockfish bag and possession limits | | |
| Support, as amended | 6 | 0 | (Casey/Dubuc) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: Staff introduced proposal, discussed recent harvest trends, noting that the biggest % increases have been pelagic rockfish landed at LCI ports to our west. Casey- concerned the proposed regulation limiting possession might be too restrictive, may not be the main factor in uptick in harvest. Also noted- in the past, the Seward AC proposed the rockfish bag limit reduction (4) in NGC waters. (Casey/Dubuc) Amend Proposal 18 to change possession limit as: (6) pelagic (2) nonpelagic. Dubuc spoke in agreement to Caseys point regarding the possession limit not being the main factor to consider. The AC carried the amendment and main motion. White abstained. |
| 19 | Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay | | |
| Support, as amended | 7 | 0 | (Branson/Dubuc) Motion to approve and amend proposal 19 to align with proposal 18, as amended above Discussion: |
| 20 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| Support, as amended | 7 | 0 | (Branson/Dubuc) Motion to approve and amend proposal 20 to align with proposal 18, as amended above |
| 21 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits | | |
| Support, as amended | 7 | 0 | (Branson/Dubuc) Motion to approve and amend proposal 20 to align with proposal 18, as amended above |
| 22 | Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31 | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | (Dubuc/Clemens) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: This proposal seemed too restrictive at this time, as not enough data was available. Looking forward to, and supporting the collection of rockfish data. Also was noted that the Department still could close by EO. Branson abstained. |
| 23 | Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits | | |



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| Support | 7 | 0 | (Dubuc/Clemens) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: Proposal 23 has support mainly because it aligns the lingcod regulations across adjacent areas. |
| 24 | Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | (Bacon/Branson)- moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: Several on the AC recalled seeing this proposal come forward in the past, supported by Seward AC, and wondered why it was not already adopted. Bacon recalled hearing about/collecting data on spiny dogfish as a Seward port sampler in the 2010s, also has dealt with their seeming overabundance while fishing. He stated having conservation concerns relating to all marine fishes, but dogfish seem like an ongoing issue that could be resolved with increased harvest pressure. Branson abstained. |
| 25 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | (Dubuc/Bacon) moved to adopt Proposal 25 and 26 together. Discussion Summary: The main concern that was discussed has to do with the reliability of fish ticket data as compared to sportfish harvest data gained from the Statewide Survey. Several on the AC stated that they thought the data to be unreliable. Example- Charter operators have fielded phone calls from past clients in the off-season asking what they caught. Dubuc stated that she does not want the Department to make management decisions based on unreliable data. White abstained. |
| 26 | Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | See above |
| 27 | Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 28 | Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 29 | Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters | | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | (Dubuc/Bacon) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: In agreement with the proposer. Discussed helicopter access in general, issues with access inequality, helicopter noise over a traditionally 'hike-in' fishing area diminishing user experience. White abstained, Casey abstained; not present during part of discussion |
| 30 | Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp | | |



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| No Action | | | |
| 31 | Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 32 | Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 33 | Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 34 | Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 35 | Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | (White/Casey) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: White discussed impacts of hatchery production levels on wild populations in the Seward area, and around the state Dubuc asked about what resources would be given by Department in creating the Plan; staff replied that this proposal would duplicate some existing policies, there is no current management plan for Kachemak Bay, there are Hatchery Management Plans for all operators in State. Branson abstained. |
| 36 | Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan | | |
| Support | 7 | | (Dubuc/Casey) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: This proposal is similar in nature to Proposal 42, seeking to allow for more common property fishing access to Hatchery produced salmon from CIAA. The Seward AC supports broader access to CIAA produced salmon in general, too much is allocated for cost recovery, a poor business model that is unprecedented within the state: PWSAC, NSRAA, SSRAA hatcheries do not operate with nearly as high a cost-recovery margin. |
| 37 | Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | (Dubuc/White) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: This proposal, as presented, would create user conflict in Resurrection Bay, and result in unintentional catches of other species of salmon. |
| 38 | Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 39 | Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet | | |



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| Oppose | 0 | 6 | (White/Dubuc) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: White stated the closures specified in the proposal are result of lack of management by ADFG, are not biologically necessary, and that codifying these as closed areas would severely limit any possibility of opening them in the future. AC members concurred with the idea that it is harder to reopen a fishery once closed. Branson abstained |
| 40 | Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| | | 6 | (White/Clemens) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: White was not in support, stating concerns that the closure would limit participation by other commercial fishermen and reduce competition. Branson abstained |
| 41 | Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | (White/Dubuc) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: The AC agreed with intent of proposal. Historically there was not a commercial fishery at the head of Tutka Bay until the hatchery reopened |
| 42 | Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | (Dubuc/White) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: Dubuc stated that she submitted proposal 42, and stated that the original formatting of her submission was not duplicated in the proposal book. Dubuc provided a timeline of previous Board of Fish actions leading up to this point: At the 2004 LCI meeting on 11/11-11/13 CIAA Submitted proposal 15 to put the Bear Lake Management Plan in place. It passed. January 29, 2009 SE AK & Yakutat Misc Shellfish meeting: CIAA came before the board with an Emergency Petition to replace the Bear Lake Plan with the Trail River Hatchery Sockeye Management Plan, taking all the fish for brood and cost recovery. The board agreed to take it up at the Statewide Shellfish Meeting in March of that year. In March 2009 at the Statewide Shellfish meeting, CIAA submitted proposal 380 to repeal the Bear Lake Plan and replace it with the Trail River Hatchery Sockeye Management Plan. Proposal 380 passed with an amendment of a sunset clause which would last for the 2009 season only. At the 2010 LCI meeting of 11/15-11/18, CIAA submitted Proposals 12, 13, and 14. 12 would repeal the sunset clause. 13 would not allow sportfishing for sockeye at the head of Resurrection Bay. 14 would open common property after cost recovery goals were met. All 3 proposals failed. Given the chronology of events, it appears that the sunset clause should have already gone into effect. This proposal seeks to reinstate the Bear |



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| | | | Lake Management Plan. The Seward AC supports broader access to CIAA produced salmon in general. Too much value in CIAA enhancement efforts are allocated to cost recovery, a poor business model that is unprecedented within the state. (PWSAC, NSRAA, SSRAA hatcheries do not operate with nearly as high a cost-recovery margin). The early-returning Resurrection Bay sockeye are high value fish, competing on price with Copper River sockeye. By the time a common property fishery opens in Resurrection Bay, the price has gone down, the fish are of lower quality or not present in great enough numbers to generate any participation. CIAA has failed to make their cost recovery goals in all but two of the years since they started maintaining this run as a de facto cost recovery operation. By request of the motion maker, two attachments are to be included with these meeting minutes: Attachment A contains source info re: Board actions referenced above. Attachment B is the Bear Lake Management Plan |
| 43 | Amend Basic Management Plans | | |
| | 7 | 0 | (White/Clemens) moved to adopt. Discussion Summary: Discussed concerns about over production of pink salmon. It was noted that PWSAC had requested, and been denied, a doubling of their output of pink salmon. Dubuc has seen a reduction in size of king salmon over the years, possibly resulting from increased competition for prey. McCracken stated that the Fairbanks AC does not have authority to vote on this proposal, as it is outside their jurisdiction, also acknowledged that any advisory committee may submit proposals in any region of the state, but may not be able to act on them. McCracken supplied Attachment C , specifying area of jurisdiction |

NOTE: abstaining votes- members stated that they cast 'abstain' because a. did not participate in the activity affected by proposal and/or b. did not have all the relevant information to make their decision.

Adjournment: 9:55

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Bacon, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Jim McCracken, Chair

Date: November 8, 2023



WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Loss of our fresh market base. Our group of 16 permit holders are engaged in direct marketing on a fresh domestic market and it is very disruptive in this highly competitive environment to have no set date that will ensure our client base that they can be competitive in the arena year after year.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? Our fish are of the highest quality already; bleeding, icing and daily deliveries to our custom processor have always been a part of our program. This measure would only ensure our cooperative that we will be able to continue supplying a fresh market on a date they can count on year after year.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Our market base, their market base, the consumer, our tender, our custom processor and the people employed by them, the trucking company moving our fish, the expeditor in Anchorage, the airlines transporting our product to the lower 48, the local restaurants servicing the tourist industry from Homer to Anchorage that already rely on our fresh fish and our group of 16 permit holders and their deck-hands. The area we fish is not connected to a road system and has little to no economic base whatsoever and anything that would shore up what we have developed in direct marketing would benefit a large segment of the resident population on the south side of Kachemak Bay.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? No one. Port Graham and Nanwalek subsistence fisheries fish simultaneously with its commercial fishery so there are no conflicts in this area. Seldovia subsistence fishing ends May 31 therefore the commercial opening on June 1 would be of no consequence. Due to the fact that what we are asking for is already a circumstance that occurs periodically in this fishery and that there is no biological reason for this opening as it stands it goes to say that we would not put any undue stress on other subdistricts by stabilizing our subdistrict's opening date to reflect one that is in step with the current market condition.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Kachemak Bay Salmon Producers (HQ-04-F-055)

PROPOSAL 15 - 5 AAC 21.375. Bear Lake Management Plan. Amend this regulation as follows:

(X) The purpose of the following strategies set forth in this section is to provide an equitable distribution of the harvest of enhanced sockeye salmon between the commercial seine fleet and the Trail Lakes Hatchery operators in waters of Resurrection Bay.

- (1) The Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association Resurrection Bay Saltwater Special Harvest Area (SHA) shall consist of all marine waters of Resurrection Bay in the Eastern District enclosed by a line drawn from Aialik Cape and approximately 149°31.50'W. longitude, 59°42.33'N. latitude, to a point one mile due south of Aialik Cape at approximately 149°31.50'W. longitude, 59°41.33'N. latitude, then northeast to a point one mile due south of Cape Resurrection at approximately 149°17'W. longitude, 59°51.03'N. latitude, then north to Cape Resurrection at approximately 149°17'W. longitude, 59°52.03'N. latitude. These waters are described as Resurrection Bay North Subdistrict (231-30), Renard Island Subdistrict (231-25) and the Rugged Island Subdistrict (231-35). The freshwater SHA shall consist of all freshwaters of Bear Creek, Salmon Creek, and Resurrection River downstream (south) of and including the Bear Creek weir, located at approximately 60°11.36'N. latitude, 149°21.99'W. longitude.



- (2) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 31.320 and 5 AAC 31.330, and except as provided by emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, a person holding a permit under AS 16.10.400 for the Trail lakes Hatchery, and an agent, contractor, or employee of that person who is authorized under 5 AAC 40.005(g), may harvest salmon within the CIAA Resurrection Bay Saltwater SHA from May 15 through July 15 using purse seines five days per week from 6 a.m. Monday to 10 p.m. Friday or during periods established by emergency order.
- (3) The conditions set forth in 5 AAC 21.375(c) will terminate on December 31, 2007.

PROBLEM: The Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) has established an early-run adult sockeye return in Resurrection Bay deliberately sized to support operation of CIAA's non-Tutka Bay Hatchery salmon enhancement programs. To avoid conflicts with the commercial harvest of these fish when they return, CIAA requests the board establish a saltwater special harvest area (SHA) in Resurrection Bay which 1) allows CIAA to harvest fish for cost recovery at their maximum grade; and 2) allows the commercial seine fleet to harvest adult sockeye from the current Bear Lake salmon enhancement project.

The current Bear Lake enhancement project involves the release of early-run sockeye and late-run coho fry to the lake and the release of coho smolt to Bear Creek. Lake rearing conditions are enhanced through nutrient enrichment. CIAA monitors lake-rearing conditions through limnological sampling and enumerates the smolt and adult migrations in Bear Creek. Returning adult sockeye are harvested in the commercial fishery and returning adult coho are harvested in the Resurrection Bay sports fishery. Surplus adult sockeye and coho are harvested for cost recovery from fresh water.

Under the current sockeye enhancement project, CIAA collects 3,000,000 eggs from Bear Lake and release 2,400,000 fry annually. Based on observed survival rates, the sockeye fry release should produce 542,000 smolt and 108,400 adults. The lake escapement goal is 12,000 fish. CIAA considers a 66 percent harvest rate an acceptable standard for contribution to the fishery. The projected annual commercial harvest is 64,600 fish. Surplus fish are harvested for cost recovery from fresh water.

Under the current coho enhancement project, CIAA collects 950,000 eggs from Bear Creek and release 450,000 fry and 250,000 smolts annually. Based on observed survival rates, the coho fry release should produce 60,000 smolts and, with the hatchery smolt release, the project should produce a total adult coho return of 21,700 adults. These fish are all available to the Resurrection Bay recreational fishery. The minimum lake escapement goal is 300 fish; and, CIAA and the department require 600 fish for hatchery broodstock. Surplus fish are harvested for cost recovery from freshwater.

The Resurrection Bay late-run sockeye salmon cost recovery project began in 1994. This project was sized to provide revenue to operate Crooked Creek Hatchery and other CIAA projects. Although operations at Crooked Creek have been terminated, Crooked Creek Hatchery projects have been transferred to other CIAA operated facilities and the original project objectives remain.

CIAA began the Resurrection Bay cost recovery project by releasing sockeye smolt to Grouse Lake. To avoid conflicts with the Resurrection Bay recreational harvest, CIAA cost recovery harvests were restricted to the freshwaters of the Grouse Lake drainage system.

Late-run sockeye salmon returning to Grouse Lake were available to recreational fishermen as they passed through Resurrection Bay, but are not harvested in any Resurrection Bay commercial



fishery. CIAA harvested the entire return, less any taken in the recreational fishery, in a freshwater special harvest area defined in the Trail Lakes Hatchery Basic Management Plan. Adult returns began in 1996 and were harvested by CIAA annually.

In 1996, the total adult sockeye return was estimated at 800 fish. No adult sockeye salmon were harvested. The small return in 1996 was believed to be due to the poor release conditions. The fish were released in July of 1996 without being held for imprinting.

In 1997, the total adult sockeye return was 16,382 and 12,472 were harvested for sale. 48.2 percent of the harvested fish were rejected by the processor and CIAA received an average price of \$0.389/lb. The small return in 1997 was also believed to be due to poor release conditions. The release of most of the returning fish was compromised by unexpected flood conditions in the Grouse Creek system immediately after the fish were released.

In 1998, the total adult sockeye return was 21,654 and 18,484 were harvested for sale. 38.6 percent of the harvested fish were rejected and CIAA received an average price of \$0.386/lb. The small return in 1998 was due to the low number of smolt released in 1996.

In 1999, the total adult sockeye return was 107,258 and 104,020 were harvested for sale. 49.6 percent of the harvested fish were rejected and CIAA received an average price of \$0.378/lb. CIAA harvested these fish close to saltwater and in the best condition possible. However, all fish harvested were of low grade.

In 2000, the total adult sockeye return was 44,008 and 42,907 were harvested for sale. Four segregated harvest areas, including an experimental salt water special harvest area, were used in an effort to maximize the value of the cost recovery efforts. The fish generated revenues totaling \$121,089.54, with an average price of \$0.592/lb. By using multiply harvesting sites and working in cooperation with the department's management objectives, the average price per pound increased by 37 percent during a declining market.

In 2001, the total adult sockeye return was 10,976 and 10,876 were harvested. 66 percent of the fish were donated to statewide dog mushers, since the grade of the fish were not acceptable to the commercial market. All fish were harvested from the weir site. No salt water special harvest area was used in 2001, which was the deciding factor for the absence of a cost recovery commodity.

Since 1996, CIAA has grossed \$333,804 for the fish harvested. Based on the average Upper Cook Inlet sockeye price of \$1.15/lb in 1997 and 1998, \$1.40/lb in 1999, \$0.85/lb in 2000, and \$0.65/lb in 2001, these fish, if harvested in bright condition, were worth \$909,182. This represents a significant loss of income to CIAA and the waste of a valuable resource.

CIAA reviewed the difficulties of conducting the late-run Resurrection Bay cost recovery project and proposed 1) the Grouse Lake late-run sockeye smolt release be discontinued, 2) Bear Lake early-run sockeye be further enhanced to provide fish for CIAA cost recovery, 3) a saltwater special harvest area in Resurrection Bay be established and 4) a management plan be developed that allows CIAA to harvest fish for cost recovery at their maximum grade and allows the commercial seine fleet to participate in the harvest.

The following management plan has been reviewed by the Lower Cook Inlet seine fleet and the CIAA Board of Directors. These conditions will be included in the Trail Lakes Hatchery Annual Management Plan.



- (1) Prior to May 1 of each year, CIAA will contact all members of the Lower Cook Inlet seine fleet (harvesters), notify them of the projected return and request their participation in the Resurrection Bay saltwater cost recovery harvest. Those seine fleet members wishing to participate in the saltwater cost recovery harvest as an agent of CIAA will register with CIAA prior to entering the Resurrection Bay saltwater SHA and will notify CIAA of their buyer prior to the delivery of fish.
- (2) Saltwater SHA harvesters will deliver all harvested fish to their buyer and will be compensated at a rate equal to 50 percent of the dollar value of the fish delivered, minus any taxes due. The dollar value does not include icing, RSW or other delivery bonuses.
- (3) 50 percent of the value of the fish harvested by CIAA in the Resurrection Bay freshwater SHA will be split among the participating harvesters in proportion to the value of the fish delivered during the season, minus any taxes due.
- (4) 50 percent of the value of retroactive payments received by CIAA for the Resurrection Bay saltwater harvest will be split among the participating harvesters in proportion to the value of the fish delivered during the season, minus any taxes due.
- (5) If excessive numbers of nontarget species are captured by CIAA's saltwater cost recovery harvest and the saltwater cost recovery harvest area is closed by the area management biologist, all harvest operations will be completed by CIAA in the freshwater SHA. When the saltwater cost recovery harvest area is closed by the area management biologist, 50 percent of the value of the fish harvested in the freshwater SHA within 14 days of the saltwater closure will be split among the participating saltwater harvesters in proportion to the value of the fish delivered during the season, minus any taxes due.
- (6) The Saltwater Special Harvest Area and the management plan will be reviewed after three years.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The board is not being asked to resolve an existing conflict, but is being asked to address a potential problem before it occurs.

CIAA has established an early-run adult sockeye return in Resurrection Bay deliberately sized to support operation of CIAA's non-Tutka Bay Hatchery salmon enhancement programs. To avoid conflicts with the commercial harvest of these fish when they return, CIAA requests the board establish a saltwater special harvest area in Resurrection Bay that 1) allows CIAA to harvest fish for cost recovery at their maximum grade and 2) allows the commercial seine fleet to participate in the harvest.

Without the establishment of a special harvest area, commercial and cost recovery harvest activities will conflict resulting in the harvest of low grade fish and the loss of harvest opportunities by both CIAA and the commercial fleet. The cost recovery harvest of returning sockeye salmon provides the funding necessary to continue the Bear Lake project and other CIAA enhancement activities. A reduction in the value of the sockeye harvested in Resurrection Bay for cost recovery would result in the loss of these programs, which provide fish to one or more segments of the common property fishery throughout Area H.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? Adult sockeye salmon returning to the Bear Lake system for cost recovery harvest are harvested in a freshwater special harvest area defined in the Trail Lakes Hatchery Basic Management Plan. Fish harvested in the freshwater system have been of very low grade with over 37 percent of the late-run fish returning to Grouse Lake rejected for sale. This represents a significant loss of income to CIAA and the waste of a valuable resource.



Discontinuing the late-run smolt releases at Grouse Lake, further enhancing the Bear Lake system with early-run fall presmolt and spring smolt releases; and, in securing a saltwater special harvest area will improve the grade and quality of fish harvested and allow all returning fish to be fully utilized.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? All users (subsistence, personal use, recreation, and commercial) of CIAA enhancement programs will benefit from the proposed solution. Moving the late-run Resurrection Bay sockeye cost recovery project from Grouse Lake to an early-run Bear Lake project is expected to increase the grade, quality and value of the sockeye harvested by CIAA. CIAA and all user groups served by CIAA projects throughout the Cook Inlet drainage will benefit.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? No one. More fish will be available for harvest by CIAA and the seine fleet. All commercial seine fleet permit holders will be eligible to participate in the Resurrection Bay sockeye harvest. The coho salmon enhancement project will not be changed.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? A sockeye salmon enhancement project for CIAA cost recovery harvest at Spring Creek: This project was submitted to the board in 1998, but was withdrawn because of conflicts with a previously enhanced chum salmon stock.

CIAA evaluated six other sites in the Resurrection Bay area for the development of a cost recovery harvest: Spruce Creek, Lowell Creek, the Seward Lagoon, two unnamed sites near the airport, and Sawmill Creek. These sites were rejected because of frequent flood conditions, conflicts with other department enhancement projects, poor access, or the need to complete extensive site development.

In 2001 CIAA submitted a proposal to allow for a CIAA cost recovery harvest by capping the commercial harvest at 66,000 fish. This proposal was rejected by the board.

PROPOSED BY: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (HQ-04-F-109)

PROPOSAL 16 - 5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for the Cook Inlet—Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. Amend this regulation as follows:

Close all salt waters of the Cook Inlet north of the Kenai River to all sport fishing the entire year.

PROBLEM: Sport fishing for game fish bound for their spawning beds.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Continue decline of sport fishing due to unneeded harm of game fish bound for their spawning beds.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? By allowing more game fish to spawn, we will have more game fish, which will mean larger bag and size limits, and longer open seasons.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? All users of the resource will benefit.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? None.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? None.

PROPOSED BY: Jacob Joseph Dahlen (SC-04-F-004)



DESCRIPTION: Clarify the definition of the minimum size limit of lingcod to provide a measurable reference point for determining head-off length.

DISCUSSION: This housekeeping proposal clarifies regulations by providing a definitive basis for length measurements when the head of a lingcod has been removed.

PROPOSAL NO. 13

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: Allow setnet gear equal time to purse seine gear in Halibut Cove Subdistrict.

DISCUSSION: Enhanced fish are the primary targeted harvest and a snag fishery occurs later in the season. Department stated funding for stocking program is primarily for recreational users, which is being fully utilized at this time. The initial program began with an agreement that the enhanced fishery would not be a detriment to the commercial fishery. Season openings vary from year to year depending on the runs. While this could reduce potential conflict produced by seiners in place when setnetters return to the fishery, the board recognized that the fishery is fully utilized at this time.

PROPOSAL NO. 14

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: Change the opening date for the Southern District to June 1.

AMENDMENT: Department may open the gillnet season by emergency order authority, no earlier than June 1.

DISCUSSION: Approximately 200 additional kings could be harvested – fish would most likely be destined for the two enhancement projects (Halibut Cove and Seldovia Bay). Proponent was looking for a more definitive opening date. The board discussed the fact that an opening on “the first Monday” can vary as much as six days. The board also discussed whether an earlier opening would have detrimental affects on the overall run. A consistent opening date for the entire area would not be an enforcement problem. This proposal gives fishermen an opportunity to keep the markets viable.

PROPOSAL NO. 15

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: Make all of Resurrection Bay a cost recovery special harvest area for CIAA.

AMENDMENTS: The department shall manage the commercial harvest of enhanced Bear Lake sockeye salmon surplus to inriver escapement requirements for a 50/50 allocation in numbers of fish between the commercial seine fleet and the Trail Lakes Hatchery operators in waters of Resurrection Bay are described in the amendment. The exclusionary area remains intact.

DISCUSSION: In Resurrection Bay enhancement originally was for recreational users. Bear Lake is fertilized to ensure the food source remains stable in the enhancement program. Fish spend only the winter in that system. Additional smolt are released at the weir, bypassing the Lake entirely. 50/50 split is between the cost recovery and the commercial fleet. The only cost recovery that has taken place thus far has been in fresh water.

PROPOSAL NO. 16

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: Close all waters of Cook Inlet north of the Kenai River to sport fishing.

DISCUSSION: The board saw no biological reason for the closure. The recreational fishery accounts for less than 1 percent of the salmon harvested.

PROPOSAL NO. 17

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: Apply slot limit to waters of Cook Inlet south of the Kenai River.

DISCUSSION: Sport fishing opportunity would be lost in the eastern Cook Inlet marine waters without measurable increase in the five-ocean fish component of the Kenai River inriver escapement. This is a mixed stock fishery.

PROPOSAL NO. 18

ACTION: No action

* March 2009 Statewide / Shellfish meet



GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF. MY NAME IS DIANNE DUBUC. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY AND DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE SEWARD FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF WHICH I AM VICE CHAIR.

THE SEWARD FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS BEING PUT FORTH FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS BOF MEETING. THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING WERE NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR BOOKS BUT THEY CAN BE REVIEWED AS RC 35. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELVES WITH HOW WE VOTED ON PROPOSALS 363, 364, 365, AND 366 AS I WOULD LIKE TO USE MY ALLOTTED TESTIMONY TIME TODAY TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL 380.

PROPOSAL 380- SEEKS TO REPEAL THE BEAR LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND REPLACE IT WITH A TRAIL LAKES HATCHERY SOCKEYE SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN. I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE SECTION [A] OF THIS PROPOSAL: "THE PURPOSE OF THE TRAIL LAKES HATCHERY SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN IS TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HARVEST OF SALMON FROM ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AMONG SEINE AND SET GILLNET COMMERCIAL FISHERIES AND THE HATCHERY OPERATOR. THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HATCHERY OPERATOR, SHALL PRIMARILY MANAGE THE LCI SOUTHERN DISTRICT SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS SALMON FISHERIES TO ACHIEVE THE CIAA COST RECOVERY HARVEST GOAL AND THE BROODSTOCK ESCAPEMENT GOALS FOR THE TRAIL LAKE HATCHERY." PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SECTION REFERS TO ALL OF THE SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS, NOT JUST RESURRECTION BAY.

AS SEWARD WOULD BE GROUND ZERO FOR THE BRUNT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT SHOULD THIS PROPOSAL PASS, WE HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WANTED TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD DURING OUR DELIBERATIONS AND OUTSIDE OF THE 3 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. WE DEPARTED FROM THE TRADITIONAL MEETING RULES FOR THIS DISCUSSION AND CONDUCTED OUR MEETING IN MORE OF A TOWN HALL STYLE THE SEWARD AC HAD ALSO MADE CONTACT WITH SEINERS IN HOMER REGARDING THIS ISSUE. THEIR RESPONSE RANGED FROM TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL AS WRITTEN, COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL ESSENTIALLY LETTING TRAIL LAKES CLOSE, AND ONE FISHERMAN WHO JUST THIS YEAR BOUGHT A LCI PERMIT SPECIFICALLY TO FISH RESURRECTION BAY BEFORE HIS KODIAK SEASON STARTED UP. WE DEBATED THIS PROPOSAL FOR TWO HOURS IN A ROUND TABLE FORMAT. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND SEVERAL AC MEMBERS FELT THIS PROPOSAL BEING PUT FORTH AS A PETITION CIRCUMVENTED THE PROPOSAL PROCESS.

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ALSO UNDER DISCUSSION WAS THE VERY INEXACT SCIENCE OF ESTIMATING RUN RETURN. CIAA EXPECTS 190,000 REDS TO RETURN TO RESURRECTION BAY THIS YEAR. TWO YEARS AGO, A LARGE RETURN WAS ALSO FORECAST BUT DID NOT ARRIVE. HISTORICALLY, CIAA HAS DONE A POOR JOB OF ESTIMATING RUN RETURN. THE BEST RETURN TO DATE IN RESURRECTION BAY WAS CLOSE TO 15 YEARS AGO AND WAS 135,000 FISH. COST AND BROODSTOCK RECOVERY HAVE ALSO BEEN POOR AS TO THE NATURE OF BEAR LAKE AS A REARING AREA AND THE COST RECOVERY EFFORT BEING CENTERED ON THE WEIR. AT TIMES, REDS GATHERED AT THE WEIR WERE GIVEN AWAY AS DOG FOOD AS THEY HAD NO COMMERCIAL VALUE. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE IN 2008 TO IMPRINT THE REDS IN THE SALTWATER. NET PENS WERE LOCATED ACROSS THE BAY BY THE SAWDUST PILE. UNFORTUNATELY, NO NETTING WAS INSTALLED TO PROTECT THE FISH ONCE THEY WERE PUT INTO THE PENS. LOCAL FISHERMAN OBSERVED INCREASED BIRD FEEDING ACTIVITY AT THE TIME THE FISH WERE RELEASED. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS DURING OUR MEETING, CIAA RESPONDED THAT INDEED THERE WAS NO NET PROTECTION, BUT THE ONLY FISH THAT WERE EATEN WERE THE DEAD ONES. HOW THEY DETERMINED ONLY THE DEAD FISH WERE EATEN WE DO NOT KNOW. EVENTUALLY, ONE OF CIAA'S BOARD MEMBERS WHO IS A SEINER COVERED THE PENS WITH NET.

CIAA TOLD US THEY NEED 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS TO OPERATE THIS YEAR. OVER A TEN YEAR PERIOD, THIS RED FISHERY HAS HAD AN AVERAGE VALUE OF \$1.2 MILLION DOLLARS FROM ALL AREAS COMBINED. THE 2% FISH TAX COLLECTED FROM ALL COOK INLET FISHERMEN WAS \$440,000 IN 2008. OF THIS AMOUNT, \$60,000 WAS COLLECTED FROM LCI SEINERS WHO SEE THE MOST BENEFIT FROM THE CIAA PROGRAMS. IT COSTS THE HATCHERY 1.2 MILLION TO GROW



AS CIAA STATED THEY NEED THIS FUNDING ONLY FOR THIS YEAR WE ADDED A SUNSET CLAUSE. IF NEEDED, THE HATCHERY WOULD THEN HAVE ITS PROPOSAL HEARD DURING THE REGULAR CYCLE FOR LCI IN 2010.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PASSED AS FOLLOWS. ALTERNATE DAYS FISHING, INCLUDING ALL OF THE SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS, FOR COMMON PROPERTY AND CIAA. ONCE THE FINANCIAL CONCERN [1.2 MILLION] AND BROODSTOCK NEEDS ARE COMPLETE, ALTERNATE FISHING DAYS WOULD REVERT TO A COMMON PROPERTY FISHERY. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD LAST FOR ONE YEAR. THE AMENDMENT PASSED 8-0-2.

PROPOSAL 380 PASSED AS AMENDED 8-0-2.

THE CHAIR ON OUR AC ALWAYS ABSTAINS EXCEPT IN A TIE. THE OTHER ABSTENTION STATED HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSAL OR AMENDMENT AND FELT HE COULD NOT MAKE A DECISION ON INFORMATION THAT HE HAD NO TIME TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH.

BY THE TIME WE VOTED ON THIS PROPOSAL, WE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING IT FOR TWO HOURS. MAJOR DISCUSSION POINTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

WE DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF A FISHERY BEING MANAGED ONLY FOR THE HATCHERY. THIS DISENFRANCHISES THE FISHERMEN THAT SUPPORT THE HATCHERY. IT WOULD BE A BAD PRECEDENCE TO MANAGE A FISHERY ONLY FOR COST RECOVERY AND BROOD STOCK. SOME AC MEMBERS THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE AKIN TO FISH FARMING AS THE PRODUCER WOULD SEE ALL THE PROFITS.

THIS ISSUE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT FORTH AS A PROPOSAL, NOT A PETITION.

THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE TIME TO UNDERSTAND AND COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL.

TOTAL FISH TAX FROM ALL USER GROUPS IS \$440,000, \$60,000 COMES FROM SEINERS. RAISING FISH TAX WOULD BE UNFAIR TO THE DRIFTERS AND SETNETTERS AS THOSE GROUPS DO NOT SEE THE SAME BENEFIT AS THE SEINERS.

THE ENTIRE RESURRECTION BAY RED FISHERY OCCURS IN THE SPECIAL HARVEST AREA. FISHING IS EXTREMELY POOR SOUTH OF CAINES HEAD. CIAA'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE FISHERMEN CAN FISH OUTSIDE OF THE SHA IS WRONG BECAUSE THE FISHERY OCCURS AT THE HEAD OF THE BAY.

THE FISH HARVESTED IN RESURRECTION BAY ARE THE MONEY FISH AND FISHERMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FISH FOR COMMON PROPERTY, THAT IS WHY THE HATCHERY EXISTS.

AS THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A ONE YEAR NEED, LET THE PETITION EXPIRE AT THAT TIME. IF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS NEEDED, CIAA SHOULD PRESENT THIS ISSUE AS A PROPOSAL IN CYCLE FOR THE LCI MEETING IN 2010.

IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT THAT CIAA IS TRYING A VARIETY OF METHODS TO STAY AFLOAT. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS; THE BUSINESS PLAN FOR CIAA IS UPSIDE-DOWN. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE HATCHERY PRODUCES FISH TO JUSTIFY ITS OWN EXISTENCE. THE HATCHERY SYSTEM WAS ENACTED TO BENEFIT THE FISHERMAN WHO PAYS THE BILLS.

WE URGE YOU STRONGLY TO SUPPORT THE SEWARD AC IN ITS ATTEMPT TO BRING EQUITY TO PROPOSAL 380 AND NOT SHUT THE COMMERCIAL OR SPORTS FISHERIES OUT OF THE EQUATION.



CIAA and Trail Lakes Hatchery Plan

- F 12 Remove the sunset clause from regulation so as to make the Trail Lakes Hatchery Sockeye Salmon Management Plan permanent.
- F 13 Modify Trail Lakes Management Plan for noncommercial users.
- F 14 Allow PU fishery after CIAA meets cost recovery goals.

HERRING

Gear

- C 15 Allow for use of cast nets when fishing for herring for personal use. (*Applied to Lower Cook Inlet area only.*)

GROUND FISH

Cook Inlet Fishing Seasons, Rockfish Management Plan, and Pacific Cod Management Plan

- C/A 16 This is a placeholder proposal that will reorganize and clarify confusing regulatory references to rockfish fishing and bycatch retention. (*Required retention and allowed for emergency order closures to insure guideline harvest level not exceeded.*)

Gear

- C 17 Repeal the definition of gear.

Pacific Cod Management Plan

- F 18 Open area from Cape Douglas to Chinitna Point for cod fishing.
- F 19 Reallocate cod in Cook Inlet.

SPORT FISHERIES

West Cook Inlet

- F 20 Designate a portion of Silver Salmon Creek as fly-fishing-only waters.
- T 21 Decrease bag limit to 2 coho salmon in West Cook Inlet. (*Tabled to February 20-March 5, 2011 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.*)
- T 22 Increase bag and possession limit to 3 coho salmon in West Cook Inlet Area. (*Tabled to February 20-March 5, 2011 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.*)



Attachment B

[Title 5](#). Fish and Game

[Chapter 21](#). Transportation, Possession and Release of Live Fish; Aquatic Farming

Section 375. Bear Lake Management Plan

5 AAC 21.375. Bear Lake Management Plan

(a) Any restrictions, in board policies dated before the effective date of this section, on the maximum number of indigenous Bear Lake sockeye salmon spawners are rescinded. The department shall establish an escapement goal for Bear Lake sockeye salmon stocks and shall manage all contributing fisheries to meet this goal.

(b) Enhancement activities related to either indigenous Bear Lake sockeye salmon stocks or transplanted sockeye salmon stocks must consider the impact on continuing enhancement of Bear Lake coho salmon. It is the intent of the Board of Fisheries that

(1) any enhancement of sockeye salmon must not cause a net loss of coho salmon smolt production from Bear Lake;

(2) any enhancement of sockeye salmon in Bear Lake must maintain the early run timing of the indigenous stocks;

(3) the prime objective of any Bear Lake sockeye salmon enhancement must be to provide the opportunity for a commercially viable sockeye salmon fishery prosecuted with minimal conflict with the recreational fishery.

(c) In Resurrection Bay, the department shall manage the commercial harvest of the enhanced Bear Lake sockeye salmon harvestable surplus to achieve an allocation of 50 percent to the commercial seine fleet and 50 percent to the Trail Lakes Hatchery for cost recovery in Resurrection Bay. For the purposes of this subsection, Resurrection Bay consists of those waters in the Eastern District enclosed by a line from Aialik Cape at 59° 42.33' N. lat., 149° 31.50' W. long. to a point approximately one mile south of Aialik Cape at 59° 41.33' N. lat., 149° 31.50' W. long., then northeast to a point approximately one mile south of Cape Resurrection at 59° 51.03' N. lat., 149° 17' W. long., then north to a point on Cape Resurrection at 59° 52.03' N. lat., 149° 17' W. long.

History: Eff. 6/10/89, Register 110; am 2/13/2005, Register 173

Authority: [AS 16.05.060](#)

[AS 16.05.251](#) [AS 16.05.730](#) [AS 16.10.440](#)



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The Fairbanks Advisory Committee represents Fairbanks and surrounding communities, and is comprised of 15 undesignated seats. These communities are all located in Game Management Unit (GMU) 20B. The areas of jurisdiction identified in 5 AAC 97.005 are GMUs 12, 20, 21, 24, 25, and 26. The area of jurisdiction for finfish is Tanana River. The Fairbanks Advisory Committee is an active committee holding monthly meetings during the winter and spring, and utilizing three subcommittees to address fishing, hunting, and trapping issues. Meetings focus on a variety of local and statewide issues on game, habitat, and fishing issues on both the state and federal level.

Map

[View Map of Interior Region](#) (Image file 438 kB)

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**Excerpts from Minutes of Sitka AC that are relevant to LCI BoF Meeting
Nov 1, 2023
Hybrid Zoom/NSRAA meeting room**

AC Members Present:

Schuyler Mace Hand troll (joined late)
Josh Chevalier Subsistence
Kent Barkau Hunting
Moe Johnson Seine
Karen Johnson At Large
Dick Curran Longline
John Murray Power Troll -vice chair
Carrie Driver Alternate
Tad Fujioka Processor- incoming secretary
Spencer Chute Charter
Steve Ramp Resident Sport Fish
Eric Jordan At Large
Woody Cyr Trapping
Luke Bastian Guide
Scott Wagner Alternate
Heather Bauscher Conservation- outgoing chair
Stacey Wayne Shellfish- outgoing secretary; incoming chair

AC members absent: None

ADFG Staff present:

Annie Bartholemew- Board Support
Troy Tydingco- Sitka Sportfish Area Biologist
Grant Hagerman- Troll Manager

Public:



State Representative Rebecca Himschoot
 Marit Carlson-Van Dort- member Board of Fisheries
 Matt Donohoe- Alaska Trollers Association
 Ceri Malin
 Aaron Prussian
 Jeff Farvour
 Carter Hughes
 Martha Moses
 Taylor Scott
 Robert Wolder
 Joel Martin-owner local boat rental business
 Forrest Braden -SE Ak Guides Organization
 Caven Pfeiffer

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| 257 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| Amended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delete average in (b)(1) Insert "<u>use proactive in-season</u> | 13 | 2 | Troy (Speaking for department, as this is a department-sponsored proposal): Proposal 257 seeks to align the King Salmon Management Plan (KSMP) with the new Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) allocation method. The new PSC method has 17 tiers, but this proposal combines some of the tiers so that there are only 7 in the KSMP. That works because, under this plan, ADFG won't be managing to specific allocation anyways. |



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| <p><u>management of non-resident angling</u>” at the beginning of (b)(2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore <u>“sport fishery”</u> before “harvest ceiling” in (b)(2) • Add new objective <u>(b)(5) to allow the transfer of any projected unused balance in the troll allocation to the sport fishery at a date determined by the dept</u> • Add <u>“the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and”</u> in all tiers c), d), e), f), g), and h) | | | <p>John: Where did P257 come from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: P257 came from RC178; for example, tier H in RC178 was for a sport allocation of 19,000-21,000, now that is split into three tiers, but P257 recombines the 17 tiers into 7 to preserve the format of what the BoF approved as RC178 - Marit: RC178 was accepted in place of Proposal 82; ACR 11 was taken up to align the regs with the new PSC allocation scheme. <p>John: RC 178 refers to a “harvest record” what is that?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: When you catch a fish with an annual limit you have to write that down on your harvest record. That is still required in all of the tiers. <p>John: Can you explain how the regulations that were officially signed in October of 2022 differ from the language in RC178?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: The Department of Law has a process. <p>Tad: Why were the words “sport fishery” removed from Objective (b)(3)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: The department interpretation was the sport fishery was to be managed on an average. The 3rd objective referred to the sport allocation. We thought that the intent was not to have any inseason management. <p>Dave: When the words “sport fishery” were removed- and nobody knew how- it meant that this year the sport sector caught 29% of the shared quota instead of 20%. So the trollers were limited to 71% instead of 80%. Why do trollers have to be managed to 17 tiers, but sport only has 7? This creates unnecessary rounding errors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: We thought that the intent was that the sport fishery would be managed to 20% on average, expected to be above 20% in low abundance years and less than |



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| | | | <p>20% in high abundance years. We were under in 2022 and over in 2023, so it is working.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt: Actually, the intent of at least the ATA and Territorial Sportsmen representatives was that all parties would be held to their harvest limits. That's why the words harvest limit appear in sections c), d), e), f), g) and h). In P257 that language isn't there, but it should be! - Troy: The way that we would manage the sport fishery would be on an average - Matt: The three stakeholder groups agreed that the Resident sport fishery shouldn't be closed, but RC178 gave the Commissioner authority to (reading from 5 AAC 47.055 (a)) <i>establish by EO, the king bag limits and possession limits and all other necessary management measures.</i> <p>Tad: With reference to the word "average", how many seasons were to be included in the average?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: well, I guess since the plan is supposed to sunset in 2025, I would have been a three year average. <p>Tad: What tools will the department use in 2024 to ensure that the 3 year average comes out to 20%?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: We would expect the BoF to give us guidance on that. <p>Chair reminds the AC that we don't have a motion yet</p> <p>M/S to support P257</p> <p>M/S to amend the language as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In objective (b)(1): Remove the word "average"; At the beginning of objective (b)(2): Add "use proactive in-season management of non-resident anglers"; |



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| | | | <p>all of them! Trollers need an assurance of fish for our markets too. We lost 15,000 kings last August. That's when we get our highest price all summer.</p> <p>Dave: Under the PSC Agreement, Alaska as a state doesn't get to average anymore. If we don't catch our full allocation one year, we don't get them added to next year's quota. Sport industry is asking for special treatment by being allowed to average when other gear groups can't. I don't like the 5-year average. It still isn't sufficiently defined.</p> <p>Carter: One of the assumptions behind ADF&G premise is that abundance and quotas and fishing effort will be stable over the long term. I don't think either are true. Under the new Treaty Agreement, we are very unlikely to have any real high quota seasons to balance the low quota ones. Furthermore, the lodges and unguided rental boat operations are exploding up north where I fish. Without limited entry on charters and rental boats effort will continue to increase, so the averaging won't work without inseason management.</p> <p>Ceri: We tried to define averaging at the Anchorage BoF meeting in 2022. But it got difficult, and SEAGO eventually decided to drop the topic, so we did. If there was a misrepresentation of the intent of the signers of RC178, it is the inclusion of the word "average", not the words "sport fishery". ATA and Territorial Sportsmen signed RC178 <i>because</i> the tiers had hard caps. Using averaging is still confusing. What would happen if the seiners or gillnetters when over?</p> <p>Steve: How would ADFG manage under the proposed amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Troy: Would be tough without significant inseason management; even then there would be some management error. By the end of June/beginning of July, 80% of the catch has occurred. We would have to be conservative if there was a hard cap. - Tad: the intent of specifying "pro-active inseason management" in the amended language was prevent needing to close the season. Pump the brakes early, so you don't have to slam them on late. |



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| | | | <p>John: Why do charters look at inseason management as a bad thing? Inseason management is the reason why Alaska has such a good reputation for management. Everywhere else does it now. The original language of Proposal 257 doesn't fix the problem. I support the amended language, but without averaging.</p> <p>Question called on 5-year average amendment to amendment: fails 4-11</p> <p>Question called on original amendment clarify that the sport fishery is to be managed in-season to the sport fishery harvest ceiling: Passes 12-3</p> <p>M/S New Amendment to add a 5th objective (b)(5) allow for the transfer of any projected unused balance in the troll allocation to the sport fishery at a date determined by the department</p> <p>Steve: What's good for the goose is good for the gander. If there is a provision to allow troller to harvest a sport underage, why shouldn't sport be allowed to harvest a troll underage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt: the troll regulations have a sweep-up provision that allows us to close out the season with a tightly controlled rationalized fishery. There won't be any significant underage, and won't be until after Sept 10, that we would finish that fishery. The only reason that we were under in 2021 was because the preseason projection and quota was much higher than the actual abundance. We were under, but sport was under by even more that year. It was a one-off exception. - Luke: Do you expect the mop-up fishery to actually bring the catch right up to the limit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Grant: We have only used it a couple of times, but it did bring the catch very close to the target. - Steve: I don't expect this provision to come into play often, but it is a fairness thing. Don't forget that the troll fleet was facing a lawsuit this past summer. There |



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| | | | <p>was a good chance that they wouldn't be allowed to fish. If that happened, why not let the sports catch the troll allocation?</p> <p>Question called on troll-to-sport transfer amendment: Pass 15-0; debate continues... Luke: What affect did the lawsuit have on participation this spring and summer? - Grant: Spring was not subject to the lawsuit, so there shouldn't have been any effect on spring effort; summer effort was down. - Eric: it was hard to line up crew for a fishery that might not happen. The uncertainty had a detrimental effect on effort, even for boats that did fish.</p> <p>Question called on final motion- with two amendments: Pass 13-2 (Amended language attached.)</p> |
| 258 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to combine the concerns of all related proposals 257-259 and to streamline SE Sport management plan down to 1-1/2 pages through recognition that most of the tiers | 11 | 3 | Tad (proposal author): The ACR submission form does not ask for specific regulatory language the way that the proposal submission form does. It appears that the sponsor of ACR 11 was given the opportunity to draft proposal language when ACR 11 was converted into Proposal 257. I am the sponsor of ACR 12, but I was not afforded the same opportunity to have my proposed language published as part of Proposal 258. Following the BoF's approval of ACRs 11, 12 & 13, I looked all three over carefully, with the intent to meld the three ACRs into a single set of proposal language to present tonight. While I would have appreciated the chance to get this proposal published, I was not given that chance. Please do not hold that against me or against the proposal language. |



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| are duplicative and to delete [average] in (b)(1) | | | <p>I started with the original language of RC178 since that's what the parties agreed to, focusing on the objectives. It became clear that only way to (1) manage the sport fishery to attain an average harvest of 20% of the hook-and-line allocation while (2a) not closing the sport fishery and (2b) not exceeding the sport fishery harvest ceiling was to use in-season management to adjust the sport catch rate so as to hit the 20% target every year. The critical realization was that while objective (2a) requires that the sport fishery must remain open, it allows in-season changes to the regulations on nonresident anglers that restrict harvest as long as they don't close the fishery entirely. None of the other alternatives will achieve these objectives. Specifically, it is unreasonable to expect that limits fixed months or years ago will produce a specific harvest level, since that method does not take into account changes in fish behavior or fishing effort.</p> <p>Once I realized that, I also realized that there were very few fundamental differences between the seven tiers. The only things that changed between most of them was the catch limit. Since this was simply 20% of the hook-and-line allocation, there was no need to repeat the language common to the 7 tiers seven times. Thus, I was able to reduce the 4-page management plan down to 1-1/2 pages. This means that superficially, it looks different, but it is functionally almost identical to RC178. The are only two substantive differences. Firstly, rather than leaving the specific tools for inseason management up to staff, this proposal directs staff to use the non-resident annual limit. The non-resident annual limit is the only means that RC178 specifically uses to adjust harvest, so it seems appropriate to continue to use this tool. The only other meaningful change is to align the sport accounting year with the treaty accounting year which starts Oct 1. This is so that in the event that the sport fishery is closed, it can be re-opened as soon as there is quota available to do so rather than remaining closed all winter. I don't believe that this change will be controversial.</p> |



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| | | | <p>M/S to adopt Tad’s proposal language Dave: Does this language preserve resident priority - Tad: Yes, just the same as RC178</p> <p>Carter: Did you consider adjusting the size limit to control harvest. - Tad: I did consider it, and even drafted a more complicated management plan that would give the charter sector the opportunity to bank some fish via a rolling average approach, and included the option to raise the minimum size limit to slow harvest. However, going beyond what was agreed to in RC178 would probably require the stakeholders to agree to those changes. I don’t think that we have time to discuss that plan tonight. For this meeting, I’ll just stick with this streamlined version that reflects the intent of RC 178.</p> <p>Eric: This is a great example of public participation in regulation development. M/S to amend to delete “average” in Objective (b)(1); accepted as friendly Steve: Can’t support because this is too different from the ACR and other ACs and public haven’t had an opportunity to see it. Tad: Seeing as how I was not given the opportunity to include this plan when ACR 12 was turned into Proposal 258, I was hoping that wouldn’t be held against me. Spencer: In the spring when I testified for the plan to provide stability to the charter fleet when we could, I had no idea that we would go over by some many fish. We need to have some sort of averaging to deal with the year-to-year volatility. A motion to table was made and seconded on the grounds that this proposal language deals with not just Proposal 257, but 256 and 258 as well. - Marit: The BoF commonly combines multiple proposals to be able to address them together.</p> |



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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upon hearing this, the motion to table was withdrawn - Marit: It would be helpful if the AC would submit this language as an RC. - Tad: Let's adopt this and submit it as a solution addressing proposals 257, 258 & 259 together. <p>Question called on Tad's proposed language combining the concerns of proposals 257, 258 & 259: Pass 11-3 Proposal language attached</p> |
| 259 | Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| Amended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete [average] in (b)(1) • Add new objective <u>(b)(5) to allow the transfer of any projected unused balance in the troll allocation to the sport fishery at a date determined by the dept</u> | 13 | 2 | <p>M/S to support 259</p> <p>Dave (proposal author): In 2022 both the sport and troll fleets came up short of their allocations due to a wildly optimistic pre-season forecast that set all quotas much higher than the true abundance justified. Since then, the PSC has a new method for forecasting abundance, so this situation isn't likely to reoccur. The original language of RC178 capped each tier at the "sport fishery harvest limit". The pride of ADFG is their management staff. It would be a shame to fail to use inseason management. All gear groups need to play by the same rules. We all lose if there is an underage, it isn't fair for sport to carry over an underage because none of the other groups are allowed to do so.</p> <p>Matt: BoF won't accept a new proposal at this stage; unlikely to accept an RC</p> <p>Jeff: I was part of the negotiations over RC178. What we agreed to was the language in RC178- with the <i>sport fishery</i> harvest limits. Those words need to stay. They were integral to getting an agreement. Tad's proposed language that the AC adopted for proposal 258 is helpful in that it shows the BoF that this plan can be made much cleaner.</p> |



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| | | | <p>- Steve: I would like to just consider 259 on its own terms, without reference to what we did on 258.</p> <p>John: The language in proposal 259 includes averaging. We need to remove averaging. (See discussion P257)</p> <p>M/S to amend the objective section of proposal 259 to delete the word “average”. Question called on amendment to delete “average”: Pass 12-3 Motion made to amend to include 5th objective (b)(5) to allow for the transfer of any projected unused balance in the troll allocation to the sport fishery at a date determined by the department; accepted as friendly Question called on proposal 259 amended to delete “average” and include possibility of transfer of unused troll quota to sport as follows: (b) The objectives of the management plan under this section are to (1) manage the sport fishery to attain a [N AVERAGE] harvest of 20 percent of the annual harvest ceiling specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 from the harvest ceiling; (2) allow uninterrupted sport fishing in salt waters for king salmon, while not exceeding the sport fishery harvest ceiling; (3) minimize regulatory restrictions on resident anglers; and (4) allow for the transfer of any projected unused balance in sport allocation to the troll fishery at a date determined by the department. (5) allow for the transfer of any projected unused balance in troll allocation to the sport fishery at a date determined by the department. Passes 13-2</p> |



Sitka AC's Amended PROPOSAL 257 (formerly ACR 11) 5 AAC 47.055 is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner shall establish, by emergency order, the king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and all other necessary management measures based on the allocation to the sport fishery as determined by 5 AAC 29.060 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CATCH PER UNIT EFFORT (CPUE)]. The bag and possession limits and other management measures established by the commissioner will remain in effect until March 31 [JANUARY 31] of the following year. [IF THE NEW SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS NOT AVAILABLE BY FEBRUARY 1, THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS AND OTHER MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR WILL BE BASED ON THE PRIOR YEAR'S SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE, UNLESS SUPERSEDED BY EMERGENCY ORDER.]

(b) The objectives of the management plan under this section are to

(1) manage the sport fishery to attain a [**N AVERAGE**] harvest of 20 percent of the annual harvest ceiling specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 from the harvest ceiling;

(2) use proactive in-season management of non-resident anglers to allow uninterrupted sport fishing in salt waters for king salmon, while not exceeding the sport fishery harvest ceiling;

(3) minimize regulatory restrictions on resident anglers; and

(4) allow for the transfer of any projected unused balance in sport allocation to the troll fishery at a date determined by the department.

(5) allow for the transfer of any projected unused balance in troll allocation to the sport fishery at a date determined by the department.

(c) When the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by 5 AAC 29.060, is above 67,505 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 20.5, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX GREATER THAN 2.2, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 69,000 TREATY KING SALMON, AND] **the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and** the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the following management measures:

(1) a resident bag limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident annual harvest limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;



(4) from July 1 through July 15, a nonresident annual harvest limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply towards the two fish annual harvest limit;

(5) from July 16 through December 31, a nonresident annual harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply towards the one fish annual harvest limit;

(6) from October 1 through March 31, a sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

(d) When the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by 5 AAC 29.060, is between 55,261 and 67,505 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 20.5 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 8.7, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2.2 AND GREATER THAN 1.8, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 61,900 TREATY KING SALMON, AND]] **the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and** the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the following management measures:

(1) a resident bag limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident annual harvest limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(4) from July 1 through July 15, a nonresident annual harvest limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply towards the two fish annual harvest limit;

(5) from July 16 through December 31, a nonresident annual harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply towards the one fish annual harvest limit;

(6) from October 1 through March 31, a sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

(e) When the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by 5 AAC 29.060, is between 43,644 and 55,260 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 8.7 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 6.0, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.8 AND GREATER THAN 1.5, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 49,300 TREATY KING SALMON, AND]] **the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and** the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the following management measures:

(1) a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;



- (2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (3) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident annual harvest limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (4) from July 1 through July 15, a nonresident annual harvest limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply towards the two fish annual harvest limit;
- (5) from July 16 through December 31, a nonresident annual harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply towards the one fish annual harvest limit;
- (6) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.
- (f) When the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by 5 AAC 29.060, is between 32,191 and 43,643 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 6.0 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 3.8, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.5 AND GREATER THAN 1.2, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 37,900 TREATY KING SALMON, AND]] **the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and** the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the following management measures:
- (1) a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (2) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (3) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident annual harvest limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (4) from July 1 through July 15, a nonresident annual harvest limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply towards the two fish annual harvest limit;
- (5) from July 16 through December 31, a nonresident annual harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply towards the one fish annual harvest limit;
- (6) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.
- (g) When the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by 5 AAC 29.060, is between 22,388 and 32,190 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 3.8 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.6, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.2 AND GREATER THAN 1.0, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 25,800 TREATY



KING SALMON AND]] **the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and** the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the following management measures:

(1) a bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident annual harvest limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from July 1 through July 7, a nonresident annual harvest limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by the nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the two fish annual harvest limit;

(4) from July 8 through December 31, a nonresident annual harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through December 31 will apply towards the one fish annual harvest limit;

(5) [IF THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 3.8 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.0,] a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, will be established in areas where conservation management measures have prohibited king salmon retention or closed fishing for king salmon for all anglers once they reopen.

(h) When the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by 5 AAC 29.060, is between 19,752 and 22,388 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 2.6 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.0, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.0 AND GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.875, THE SPORT FISHERY HARVEST LIMIT WILL BE 20,600 TREATY KING SALMON AND]] **the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and** the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the following management measures:

(1) a bag limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(2) from January 1 through June 30, a nonresident annual harvest limit of three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(3) from July 1 through December 31, a nonresident annual harvest limit of one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply towards the one fish annual harvest limit;

(4) [IF THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 3.8 AND EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.0,] a resident bag limit of two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, will be established in areas where conservation management measures have prohibited king salmon retention or closed fishing for king salmon for all anglers once they reopen.

(i) When the allocation of king salmon to the sport fishery, as determined by 5 AAC 29.060, is less than 19,752 [SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER TROLL FISHERY CPUE IS LESS THAN 2.0, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO



A KING SALMON ABUNDANCE INDEX OF LESS THAN 0.875, THE ALL-GEAR CATCH LIMIT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION, AND]] **the sport fishery harvest limit will be equal to the sport fishery allocation, and** the commissioner may, by emergency order, implement the provisions specified in (g) and (h) of this section.

(j) The commissioner may adopt regulations that establish reporting requirements necessary to obtain the information required to implement the management plan under this section.

(k) The commissioner may, by emergency order, establish that the nonresident harvest and annual limits for king salmon under this section do not apply in a hatchery terminal harvest area.

(l) A harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required for nonresidents.

(m) The department shall manage the resident sport fishery so that there are no closures for residents, unless the commissioner determines that additional harvest reduction to the resident bag limits is necessary to comply with the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

(n) The provisions of this section do not apply after March 31, 2025.

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*The Sitka AC proposes the following language as a streamlined **Replacement of 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan**. The fundamental differences between this document and RC178 is that this proposal specifics that the management objectives are to be met by adjusting the non-resident annual limit based on in-season harvest projections. Also, rather than take a tier-by-tier approach, this document clarifies that the Sport Fishery is to be managed so as to harvest 20% of the combined Sport & Troll harvest ceiling each year, regardless of what that combined total is. This allows this document to be much shorter than 5 AAC 47.055 currently is.*

- a) The commissioner shall establish, by emergency order, the king salmon sport fish bag and possession and annual limits and all other necessary management measures. If the new Southeast Alaska-all-gear harvest limit is not available, management measures will be based on the prior year's harvest limit until the new harvest limit is known.
- b) The objectives of the management plan under this section are to:
 - 1) manage the sport fishery to attain a **[N AVERAGE]** harvest of 20 percent of the annual harvest limit specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 from the harvest limit;
 - 2) allow uninterrupted sport fishing in salt waters for king salmon, while not exceeding the sport fishery harvest ceiling;
 - 3) minimize regulatory restrictions on resident anglers
 - 4) any projected unused balance in sport allocation may transfer to the troll fishery at a date determined by the department
- c) The Sport Fishery Harvest Ceiling of Treaty Chinook shall be 20% of the annual SE all-gear harvest limit specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 from the harvest limit
- d) Resident Sport Fishery:



- 1) If the multi-variate abundance index value is 1.80 or greater, the resident bag limit shall be three king salmon
 - 2) If the multi-variate abundance index value is <1.80 but >1.20 , the resident bag limit shall be two king salmon
 - 3) If the multi-variate abundance index value is <1.20 , the resident bag limit shall be one king salmon, except that if the multi-variate abundance index value is >1.00 , once areas where conservation management measures for all anglers have prohibited king salmon retention or closed to fishing for king salmon have been reopened, the resident bag limit shall be two king salmon for the remainder of the calendar year in the previously-closed areas.
 - 4) The Resident sport fishery shall not be closed except if the SEAK all-gear Treaty Harvest Ceiling has been exceeded in that Accounting Year, or if closure of certain times/areas are required for conservation of specific stocks.
 - 5) The minimum size limit for the resident sport fishery shall be 28".
 - 6) If multi-variate abundance index value is >1.20 , from Oct 1-March 31 a resident may use 2 rods when sport fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this provision may only retain salmon.
- e) Non-Resident Sport Fishery:
- 1) The non-resident bag limit shall be one king salmon except the non-resident sport fishery shall be closed if:
 - A. the Sport Fishery Harvest Ceiling has been exceeded in that Accounting Year or
 - B. the department projects that the resident Sport Fishery Harvest alone during the remainder of the Accounting Year will cause the Sport Fishery Harvest Ceiling to be exceeded or
 - C. the department has conservation concerns for specific stocks that warrant closing certain times/areas
 - 2) Non-resident Annual Limits:
 - A. Except as provided for in section (B) below:
 1. from January 1 through June 30, the annual limit for non-resident sport fishermen shall be three king salmon;
 2. from July 1 through July 15 the annual limit for nonresident sport fishermen shall be two king salmon; any king salmon harvested by a non-resident from January 1 through June 30 will apply towards the two fish annual harvest limit.
 3. From July 16 through December 31 the annual limit for nonresident sport fishermen shall be one king salmon; any king salmon harvested by a non-resident from January 1 through July 15 will apply towards the one fish annual harvest limit.
 4. A harvest record is required as per 5 AAC 75.006
 - B. As soon and as frequently as necessary, but at least once at the conclusion of bi-week 11 and again at the conclusion of bi-week 13 the department shall make a projection of the full-year sport harvest of Treaty Chinook.



1. Based on the projected sport harvest, the Commissioner shall adjust the non-resident annual limit as necessary so to manage the sport fishery catch to equal the Sport Fishery Harvest Ceiling.
 - 3) The non-resident minimum size limit shall be 28".
 - 4) The commissioner may, by emergency order, establish that the nonresident harvest and annual limits for king salmon under this section do not apply in a hatchery terminal harvest area.
 - 5) If multi-variate abundance index value is >1.80 , from Oct 1-March 31 a non-resident may use 2 rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this provision may only retain salmon.
- f) The commissioner may adopt regulations that establish reporting requirements necessary to obtain the information required to implement the management plan under this section.

Minutes Recorded By: Tad Fujioka-secretary
Minutes Approved By: Stacey Wayne-chair
Date: Nov 10, 2023



Wrangell Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nolan Center

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Chris Guggenbickler, Chair
- II. Roll Call
- Members Present (12):
- Chris Guggenbickler
 - David Rak
 - Alan Reeves
 - Robert Rooney
 - John Yeager
 - Travis Bangs
 - Winston J. Davies
 - Jordan Bunes
 - Jason Rooney
 - Brett Stillwaugh
 - Davey Brown (Alt)
 - Scott McAuliffe (Alt)
- Members Absent (Excused) (5):
- Tom Sims
 - Otto Florschutz
 - Marlin Benedict
 - Dave Brown
 - Jared Gross (Resigned from AC)
- Members Absent (Unexcused):
- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: VIA Zoom from Petersburg:
- Troy Thynes
 - Jeff Rice
 - Patrick Fowler
- IV. Guests Present:
- Jimmy Nelson, FS LEO
 - Bill Auger US-Canada Salmon Treaty
 - Caroleine James, Wrangell Sentinel
 - Chris McMurren, Wrangell
 - Josh Conn, Petersburg



- V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda shared by Chair
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - One drawing permit is being offered by ADF&G for a bull elk on Zarembo Island for 2024.
 - One illegal bull moose was harvested by a Wrangell hunter in 2023. That moose was confiscated by AST and provided to a hunter from another community who has shot what was initially thought to be an illegal moose. All of that hunter's confiscated moose meat was ground by AST into burger, which the hunter would not accept, when charges for taking an illegal moose were dropped by AST. Currently there is no moose meat available to Wrangell elders, or the Wrangell Community potluck.
 - SSRAA staff at the Crystal Lake hatchery were not able to take enough chinook salmon eggs in 2023 due to environmental conditions in Blind Slough. The eggs would have been for chinook salmon release in Anita Bay in 2025. The chinook salmon at the Crystal Lake Hatchery are Stikine River, Andrew Creek Stock. SSRAA is expected to release chinook salmon fry from Chickamin River stock at Anita Bay in 2025.
 - The Regional Planning Team (RPT) will meet in Wrangell on Wednesday November 29, 2023. All who would benefit from actions of that regional team need to attend.
 - Expecting a call for SE finfish and shellfish proposals prior to April 2024.
 - b. ADF&G: Throughout meeting as requested and needed.
 - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business: Elections
 - The following were elected as Members to the Wrangell AC for 3 years:
 1. David Rak
 2. Marlin Benedict
 3. Brett Stillwaugh
 4. Scott McAuliffe



The following was elected as a new member to the Wrangell AC to complete Jared Gross's term for **one year**:

1. Ryan Reeves

The following were reelected as officers to the Wrangell AC for **two years**:

1. Chris Guggenbickler, Chair
2. Tom Sims, Vice Chair
3. David Rak, Secretary

The following were appointed by the Chair, Chris Guggenbickler, to be alternate members to the Wrangell AC for **one year**:

1. Alan Reeves
2. Davey Brown

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: NA
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBD as needed.
- XIII. Other: BOF Proposals



Alaska Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals

November 28-December 1, 2023 | Homer, 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> | | | |
| 257 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 258 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 259 | Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i> | | |
| SUPPORT | 13 | 0 | <p>The Wrangell AC recognizes the need for the chinook salmon management system in SEAK to align with the US-Canada Salmon Treaty. It is recognized that this management system is not a Treaty issue, it is a State issue.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the sport charter chinook salmon fishery will continue to increase as cruise ships increase in SEAK and the model used for the last 20 years may not be an accurate tool for the next 20 years. The increase in cruise ship pressure on kings is already on the horizon for next year. Overharvest of chinook by the charter fleet, particularly on the outside coast, is expected to increase. The charter fleet does not want in season management restrictions to keep harvest in line with the 80/20 allocation split. There are no “payback” provisions for overharvest by the charter fleet.</p> <p>The AC also recognizes an increased pressure from the non-resident non-guided angler as well. As more nonresidents buy up homes and property in SE Alaska, the door remains wide open for more pressure on all species.</p> <p>Some efforts to stabilize the charter fishery within the Treaty would destabilize other chinook fisheries. Other chinook fisheries should not be penalized.</p> <p>The Wrangell AC would like sport harvest of chinook salmon managed to their Treaty allocation. Sport fish should not continue to be allowed to harvest over their allocation, BUT there needs to be a local/subsistence resident sport fish preference, with no further restrictions on the resident sport fishery.</p> |



Alaska Board of Fisheries Kodiak Meeting Proposals

January 9-12, 2024 | Kodiak, 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 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p> | | | |
| 59 | Amend basic management plans. Reduce hatchery production 25%... | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 13 | <p>The Wrangell AC believes there should not be State wide restriction on hatchery production. IF restrictions/reductions are needed, they should be by region, not for the entire State. Hatcheries in SEAK have created a large amount of revenue for communities in SE. A State wide reduction would reduce and limit SSRAA hatchery production, which would negatively impact the economy of Wrangell. There have been years of support of hatcheries by communities in SEAK, including Wrangell. While fisheries are targeting hatchery stocks, wild stocks are being conserved.</p> <p>Note: the proposal includes the "Attorney General ruled the Board does have the authority to regulate the number of eggs taken for production".</p> |

Adjournment: 9:16 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler, Chair

Date: November 12, 2023