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**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper**  
**Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp)**  
Cordova | December 10 – December 16, 2024

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**On-Time Advisory Committee Comments**

Anchorage AC (11/12/2024) ..... AC1

Copper Basin AC (10/2/2024) ..... AC2

Copper River/Prince William Sou (11/20/2024) ..... AC3

Elfin Cove AC (11/25/2024)..... AC4

Fairbanks AC (11/13/2024) ..... AC5

Homer AC (11/12/2024)..... AC6

Kenai/Soldotna AC (11/13/2024)..... AC7

Matanuska Valley AC (11/20/2024)..... AC8

Petersburg AC (11/20/2024)..... AC9

Prince William Sound/Valdez AC (11/12/2024) ..... AC10

Seward AC (11/14/2024) ..... AC11

Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road AC (11/8/2024)..... AC12

Whittier AC (10/26/2024, 11/13/2024)..... AC13

**Anchorage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2024  
William J Hernandez**

I. Call to Order: 6:03pm by Chair, Kevin Taylor

II. Roll Call:

No	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Terms	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Chair	June 30, 2025	Present
2	Martin	Weiser	Vice Chair- Chair Fish	June 30, 2025	Present
3	Willow	Hetrick	Secretary	June 30, 2025	Present
4	Bryce	Eckroth		June 30, 2025	Present
5	Neil	DeWitt		June 30, 2025	Present
6	Matt	Moore	Chair Game	June 30, 2026	Present
7	Ernie	Weiss		June 30, 2026	Present
8	Nicole	Schmitt		June 30, 2026	Excused
9	Kneeland	Taylor		June 30, 2026	Excused
10	Joni	Earp		June 30, 2026	Resigned
11	Michelle	Bittner		June 30, 2027	Present
12	Ed	Horton		June 30, 2027	Excused
13	Scott	Crowther		June 30, 2027	Excused
14	Tom	Vania		June 30, 2027	Present
15	Lynette	Moreno Hinz		June 30, 2027	Present
16	J R	Gates	Alternate	June 30, 2025	Present
17	Vacant		Alternate	June 30, 2026	N/A

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams (Board Support) and Brittany Blaine (Area Management Biologist, Anchorage/Prince William Sound/North Gulf Coast).
- IV. Guests Present: Ryan Astalos, Brad Golden, and Brian Ubelacker.
- V. Approval of Agenda: Ernie Weiss moved to approve the agenda as written, Neil DeWitt seconded, and it carried unanimously.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports:
- a. Chair's report: Joni Earp has officially resigned from the Anchorage AC. JR Gates

will take her seat and term. Mr. Chair reminded the AC the difference between speaking at public forums on behalf of the Anchorage AC vs. personal testimony and to be cautious to distinguish the two.

- b. ADF&G: none
- c. Others: None.

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Old Business: None.

X. New Business:

- a. Prepare comments for Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Rivers Finfish and Shellfish Proposals (Proposals 1-103).

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<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>			
<b>Ground Fish</b>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
No Action	--	--	Sub-Committee notes proposal needs further development –and bycatch information for this fishery is largely unknown. If pots are considered for this fishery, slinky pots preferable to longline pots.
2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	Need more information on this fishery closure. Protection of juvenile tanner crab still an issue, crab populations have changed.
3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications		
No Action	--	--	Sub-Committee notes halibut fishing is federally regulated and managed. Pot gear is used for halibut in parts of the Bering Sea. Potential to reduce bycatch and whale depredation. Proposal doesn't specify type of pots – slinky pots would seem to make more sense if this moves forward.
4	Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level		

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Support	12	0	The proposal may be effective in reducing the chance of exceeding rockfish GH. The 150,000 GH should be reviewed to see if it is still an appropriate level. Prohibiting auto-bait after GH is 80% harvested seems a good idea.
5	Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation		
Support	12	0	Sub-committee supports providing ADFG authority to close areas with specific gear types for conservation of rockfish, necessary in part to changes in halibut fishery dynamics.
6	Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries		
Support as amended	12	0	<i>Allowing</i> for deepwater release of commercial caught rockfish could lead to high-grading of rockfish. The AC supported as amended to make deepwater of release certain species, such as yelloweye or other species of concern, <i>mandatory</i> .
7	Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound		
Support as Amended	12	0	Proposal was supported as amended to require mandatory deepwater release of all rockfish caught by jig or hand troll during the directed lingcod fishery.
8	Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level		
No Action	--	--	Fish Sub-Committee takes no action on proposals 8-12 that have allocation implications, but, in general, does support proposals that limit bycatch. Interested in further discussion with local fishery participants.
9	Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #8
10	Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #8
12	Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #8
12	Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #8
13	Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery 17		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose due to the lack of comprehensive stock assessment data, the

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			relative catch and composition of skate species, bycatch, and other skate harvest opportunity. The current regulatory structure provides adequate opportunity to harvest skates at sustainable levels.
14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	10	1	Those in support closing trawl fishing in PWS for reasons stated and to show the State and the feds that something drastic needs to change to preserve all fisheries. The opposition was because there are other regulatory changes without completely closing trawl fishery.
15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	12	0	A bycatch limit of five percent by weight of total pollock harvest could equal a substantial amount of bycatch. Sub-committee supports ADFG setting a number of bycatch pounds to not exceed.
16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	10	1	See comments for Proposal #14
17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	12	0	Sub-committee supports use of EM and/or observers for the state-waters pelagic trawl fishery for pollock in the PWS.
18	Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery		
No Action	--	--	The Fish Sub-committee takes no action on proposals 18-24 but support actions that limit bycatch. We understand slinky pots may be more selective than longline gear and also prevent whale depredation, which could influence the changing of season dates. We are concerned about potential enforcement issues and gear conflicts. We look forward to further discussion with local fishery participants on these issues.
19	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #18
20	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #18
21	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #18
22	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #18
23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		

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No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #18
24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	See comments for Proposal #18
25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound		
Support	11	0	Support a potential personal use sablefish fishery. Subcommittee would prefer use of slinky pots, not longline gear. Would also support an amendment that all rockfish must be released at depth of capture. Aligning the season date with commercial season could further conservation goals. One abstention - not enough information.
26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery		
No Action	--	--	
27	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits		
Support	12	0	Support this Department proposal to reduce the rockfish bag limit and institute a yelloweye spawning closure by allowing yelloweye retention only in the last half of the year. A reasonable and enforceable solution.
28	Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit		
No Action	--	--	Sub-committee prefers solution presented in Proposal #27.
29	Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management		
Support	12	0	Sub-committee supports this ADFG proposal, would like to see a more comprehensive rockfish proposal to include both sport and commercial fisheries.
30	Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	There is a need for comprehensive stock assessment data. The current regulatory structure provides adequate opportunity to harvest tanner crab at sustainable levels.
31	Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries		
No Action	--	--	The current regulatory structure provides adequate opportunity to harvest tanner crab at sustainable levels. These waters are all close to access points where small noncommercial users can access without

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			competition from commercial boats. State law does not allow subsistence activity in non-subsistence areas.
32	Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--	Need of comprehensive stock assessment data. It would be irresponsible to open up a fishery without data to establish sustainable harvest levels.
33	Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area		
No Action	--	--	The proposal does not state what shellfish species would fall under this community-based harvest permits. Fisheries are different from big game species and should not be treated the same. There are already opportunities under existing regulations for subsistence shellfish harvests. Similar proposal in 2011. - See print out of staff comments.
34	Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy		
No Action	--	--	The proposal itself contends "This fishery is without accurate population estimate" so it is difficult to support.
35	Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab		
No Action	--	--	If any increase in harvest is to be allowed, it should include all users, not just commercial users.
36	Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
No Action	--	--	Need comprehensive stock assessment data. The current regulatory structure provides adequate opportunity to harvest tanner crab at sustainable levels. If commercial is allowed more pots, then sport, PU, and subsistence should also be allowed more pots.
37	Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
No Action	--	--	The existing regulation allows for flexible management towards sustainability of the resource.
38	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab		

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No Action	--	--			
39			Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--			
40			Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--			
41			Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies		
No Action	--	--			
42			Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
No Action	--	--			Need stock assessment data
43			Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound		
No Action	--	--			Need stock assessment data
44			Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery		
No Action	--	--			
45			Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area		
Oppose	0	12			No valid reason to open a closed area. King salmon tend to hold in the inside waters waiting for the river to open up and ice to clear out. The inside closed waters applies to both subsistence and commercial fisheries as a conservation measure until more information is collected on early run abundance. Up river sport fisheries start up much later than the fisheries at the mouth of the river so restrictions should not be tied together.
46			Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery		
Oppose	0	12			Similar proposal was voted down in 2021. Department opposed and said it is unnecessary because that info is not used to manage these fisheries and places additional burden on users, is challenging to enforce, and will cost the department money.
47			Require in season reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries		
Oppose	0	12			See comments for proposal 46



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48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45		
No Action	--	--	
49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	12	Opportunity provides for access to all subsistence users who may not have the means.
50	Prohibit the use of chart plotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts		
Oppose	0	12	Similar proposal in 2021, department said no evidence to support the proposal. Additionally if it did increase chances of success why would we be opposed to that? Also increases boat safety to know water depth.
51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
Oppose	0	12	Comments made for disapproval of federal fisheries managers submitting proposals to BOF.
52	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
No Action	--	--	Proposer should define what the daily management objective for fish passage is.
53	Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met		
No Action	--	--	
54	Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21		
Oppose	0	12	Current regulation provides for conservative management for king salmon conservation.
55	Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted		
Oppose	0	12	There are already management measures that can be taken to restrict upriver sport fisheries. Run and harvest timing between the two fisheries is dramatically different. Fishing power between the two fisheries is also dramatically different. Commercial fisheries often occur before much information is known. After a commercial harvest of too many fish to then tie the sport fishery to their actions is wrong. Emergency closures are extremely disruptive and costly to guide operations.
56	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders		
No Action	--	--	
57	Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery		

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58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan		
Support	12	0	Support providing opportunity to harvest a king salmon surplus if it is available.
59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan		
Support	12	0	Support providing opportunity to harvest a surplus of sockeye salmon if available.
60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	12	No need to reduce the limit unless there is a biological concern.
61	Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	12	Current limits and permits are working well.
62	Allow in season adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level		
Oppose	0	12	Depart has EO authority to restrict upriver users and has done so often.
63	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery		
Oppose	0	12	Depart has EO authority to restrict upriver users and has done so often.
64	Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year		
Oppose	0	12	Not a biological concern for either fishery.
65	Require a weekly permit and in season reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	12	Not necessary as info is not used to manage the fishery. Challenge to enforce and will cost the department funds they don't have.
66	Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal		
No Action	--	--	Sub Committee notes that Commercial fisheries should be the main provider of broodstock to the river and hatchery. What information would be used to determine if the broodstock goal isn't going to be met? What is the run timing to the hatchery compared to the fishery?
67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Support	7	4	Support for reasons stated. Those opposed were because it can be difficult if the dip net fisherman is tied off and fishing from shore or a cliff. It is better for the fish and should be done where practical.

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68	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	12	No management or biological concerns. Similar proposals submitted in 2017 and 2021 that failed. There is no compelling reason to limit boats in the fishery.
69	Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	12	See comments for proposal 68.
70	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict		
No Action	--	--	
71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	12	Similar proposal submitted in 2021. Opposed to restricting access to this fishery that provides fish for individual consumption.
72	Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River		
No Action	--	--	
73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders		
No Action	--	--	
74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery		
No Action	--	--	
75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
No Action	--	--	
76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders		
No Action	--	--	
77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
No Action	--	--	
78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%		
Support	10	2	Support for reasons stated. Those opposed thought that there is no scientific basis for the 25% number and more information should be provided to support this reduction.
79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations		
Oppose	1	9	Main Bay mainly produces sockeye salmon and they have a barrier seine where sport anglers are not able to fish inside the brood holding area. Average sport harvest is 6,000-7,000 fish and the commercial harvest is

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			700,000 to 800,000 thousand fish. PWSRAC has recently increased their cost recovery goals. Those opposed because the way the proposal is written, no fishing (sport, commercial, subsistence) would occur until PWSAC ends cost recovery efforts in Main Bay for the year. It wouldn't be just while they are actively fishing for cost recovery. And cost recovery is a moving target and if anything happens on the hatchery side (lose a boat, have a breakdown, loose staff, etc.), the entire opportunity could be obliterated. All fishing would be closed until the cost recovery goal is met and they stop fishing. It is likely that other fishing would not be opened until the majority of the run is over. 1 abstention because didn't fully understand the issue.
80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose because "Corporate Escapement Goals" are not defined in regulation. We assume they mean broodstock and cost recovery combined. A similar proposal was submitted trying to modify statewide emergency order authority to allow/direct the department to restrict sport fisheries in order to achieve cost recovery goals. That proposal failed. Department does restrict sport fisheries to achieve broodstock goals, but not cost recovery. The AC's understanding is PWSAC does not have problems meeting broodstock goals. Action has been taken by the board to reduce conflict between sport users and PWSAC operations. Fishing from shore is not extremely popular and does not cause PWSAC to not meet their goals. The sport fishery take is low compared to the commercial fishery and the fish are common property.
81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery		
Oppose	0	12	Sport fishing from shore inside the hatchery barrier seine is minimal.
82	Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76		
No Action	--	--	
83	Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon		
Oppose	12	0	Opposed because the intent was saltwater but as written, it is unclear. This could be an enforcement nightmare. Sport fishing should be with one rod.
84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel		

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Support	12	0	Good for conservation of king salmon and rockfish.
85	Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon		
Support	12	0	Allows for multi day trips.
86	Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek		
Oppose	0	12	Similar proposals have been submitted by this group to restrict Copper River Delta sport coho fishery. Proposal 39 submitted in 2021 asked for a more extensive closure (1/4 mile above the highway. Proposer withdrew support of proposal and board took no action. If adopted, federally qualified subsistence users would still be able to fish with rod and reel in this portion of Ibeck Creek under federal subsistence regulations. There are not any biological concerns for Copper River Delta coho salmon stocks. Department already has EO authority to restrict the sport fishery in season. In 2011 BOF closed Ibeck three miles upstream of highway. Very little angler effort is observed more than 1.5 miles upstream of highway.
87	Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system		
Oppose	0	12	18 Mile Creek is accessed from the highway or Alaganik Slough Road. In 2018 USFS made improvements to a trail that can be accessed from the highway and the upper portion of 18-Mile Creek. Effort levels are too low to be captured in the Statewide Harvest Survey. There are no biological concerns for Copper River Delta coho salmon stocks. Department has authority to restrict fisheries to meet escapement goal. Commercial harvest averages 223,000 coho salmon. Sport catch is minimal.
88	Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed		
Oppose	0	12	Similar proposal submitted in 2021, failed 0/6. Copper River District commercial harvest recent 10 year average harvest is 223,000 coho salmon, sport average is 15,000 coho salmon. Department has used EO authority to close sport fisheries. Another option might be to restrict the commercial fishery to provide for a consistent in river sport and federal subsistence fishery.
89	Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise		
Oppose	0	12	Lake Louise is on the road system and effort can be substantial. It can easily be overfished again.
90	Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake		

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No Action	--	--	Proposal is confusing as it does nothing to address the issue with the lake trout bycatch.
91			Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek
Support	12	0	Support because it simplifies regulation.
92			Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes
Oppose	0	12	Oppose because extension for bait would be in timeframe when burbot are spawning and vulnerable. Argument for support was to increase chances of success.
93			Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek
No Action	--	--	
94			Repeal definition of "bow and arrow" in area regulations
No Action	--	--	
95			Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound
No Action	--	--	
96			Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation
No Action	--	--	
97			Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold
No Action	--	--	
98			Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions
No Action	--	--	
99			Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound
No Action	--	--	
100			Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan
No Action	--	--	
101			Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area
No Action	--	--	
102			Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait
No Action	--	--	
103			Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound
No Action	--	--	

- XI. Select representative(s) to represent Anchorage AC at BOF meeting in Cordova (12/10-12/17): no representative will go to Cordova for the BOF meeting.
- XII. Set next meeting date: Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery at 6pm.
- XIII. Other: None.
- XIV. Adjourn: 7:22pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Tom Vania, Martin Weiser, and Willow Hetrick

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor

Date: November 12, 2024

**Copper Basin Advisory Committee**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Glennallen High School Library**

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Sarah Galt acting chair at 5:07PM on October 2, 2024 in the Glennallen High School Library.

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Designated Seat	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Alysia	Hancock	Chair	Copper Center	resigned
2	Karen	Linnell	Vice Chair	Glennallen	excused
3	Sarah	Galt	Secretary	Kenny Lake	present
4	Nick	Jackson		Gakona/Gulkana	present at 5:34
5	Jim	Odden		Lake Louise	unexcused
6	Dave	Sarafin		Tazlina	present
7	Kirk	Wilson		Undesignated	excused
8	Mike	Willard		Chitina	present
9	Robert	Cyr		Tazlina	present
10	Chuck	McMahan		Gakona/Gulkana	present
11	Wade	Sampson		Copper Center	Present
12	Mercedes	Knighten		Glennallen	present
13	James	Horrell		Tazlina	present
14	Greg	Parish		Undesignated	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

User groups represented: Sport fish, subsistence,

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Sommerville, Tracy Hansen

- IV. Guests Present:

- V. Approval of Agenda: Wade Sampson moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Mike Willard. Motion carried.

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; table for next meeting

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: No Report. Will poll committee for next meeting dates.
- b. ADF&G: no report, just to walk through proposals



c. Others

VIII. Public Comment: none. Allison introduced herself. Asked about why no zoom, on agenda.

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business:

a. Review of 2024 Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish meeting proposals (attached)

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting. It was decided that Greg Parish will attend the Board of Fish meeting in Cordova in December 2024.

XII. Set next meeting date: Chair will poll the committee for next meeting dates.

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn – Wade Sampson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Willard. Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM

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<b>Ground Fish</b>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
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2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		

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14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	10	0	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	10	0	Jim Horrell moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Wade Sampson.
17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	10	0	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
42	Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
Support	10	0	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
43	Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound		
44	Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery		
45	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area		
Support	5	2	Wade 1, Mike seconded.
46	Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery		
TNA			
47	Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries		
Oppose	1	8	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45		
Oppose	0	9	Chuck McMahan moved, Jim Horrell seconded. The take of fish is high with charters
49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict		
Support	6	1	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard, motion carried with 3 Abstaining
50	Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts		
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51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
Support	9	0	<p>Mike Willard moved, Wade Sampson seconded. 1 recusal.</p> <p>We are in a support of a later opening for early season escapement, to ensure sustainability and genetic diversity of runs coming up the river and provide more salmon for all user groups with these proposals.</p> <p>We would not have seen restrictions on state subsistence Chinooks like what happened in 2024.</p>
52	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
Support	9	0	<p>Chuck McMahan moved to support proposal 52, seconded by Wade Sampson. 1 recusal.</p> <p>We are in a support of a later opening for early season escapement, to ensure sustainability and genetic diversity of runs coming up the river and provide more salmon for all user groups with these proposals.</p> <p>We would not have seen restrictions on state subsistence Chinooks like what happened in 2024.</p>
53	Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met		
Support	9	0	<p>Mike Willard moved to support Proposal 53, seconded by Wade Sampson. 1 recusal.</p> <p>We are in a support of a later opening for early season escapement, to ensure sustainability and genetic diversity of runs coming up the river and provide more salmon for all user groups with these proposals.</p> <p>We would not have seen restrictions on state subsistence Chinooks like what happened in 2024.</p>
54	Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Mike Willard moved to support Proposal 53, seconded by Wade Sampson.</p> <p>This does not help the escapement goals, and hurts the fishery. (add more comment) Given the consideration of the Gulf of Alaska king salmon possibly being listed as an endangered/threatened species, it is not wise to lift restrictions.</p>

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			Since the 2024 escapement goals are likely not going to be met, this is not the time to lift or loosen restrictions, even with lowered escapement goals from prior years.
55	Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted.		
Oppose	0	9	Jim moved, Mike seconded. "This proposal removes ability of management to make decisions on the fish at that time, based on data.
58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan		
Support	6	2	Wade moved, Mike seconded. 1 recusal
59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan		
Support	6	1	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard (Starr stepped out for meeting at 7:01) 1 recusal
60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
Support	7	2	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard Break at 7:25 until 7:35pm. There needs to be more fish that make it up the river. And a slight reduction is not substantial.
61	Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose		9	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
62	Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level		
Oppose	0	9	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
63	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery		
defer			Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard. Needs more clarification prior to voting on dates and wording.
64	Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year		
			Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard. Motion withdrawn
65	Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	9	Wade Sampson moved, seconded by Jim Horrell.  F&G -Would need additional resources for additional reporting, with little impact on real time management.
66	Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal		
Oppose	0	9	Wade Sampson moved, seconded by Jim Horrell

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67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	10	Wade 1, Mike 2.
68	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	4	6	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
69	Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	10	Wade 1, Mike 2.
70	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	1	7	Wade 1, Mike 2, 2 abstain
71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	9	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard. Abstain 1 Safety aspect
72	Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River		
			Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard. More clarification and information needed. WE believe this is a good start, and good idea.
89	Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise		
Support	10	0	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
90	Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake		
Oppose	0	10	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard
91	Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek		
Support	9	0	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard1 abstain
93	Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek		
Support	10	0	Mike 1, Wade 2.
94	Repeal definition of "bow and arrow" in area regulations		
Support	9	0	Wade Sampson moved to adopt proposal, seconded by Mike Willard. 1 abstention

Minutes Recorded By: Sarah Gallt, Secretary

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

Date: November 26, 2024



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<b>Ground Fish</b>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
	0	11	Potential gear conflict. Depth of gear/loss. Electronic reels are currently being utilized.
2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		
	0	11	
3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications		
	9	0	Potential to decrease rockfish bycatch.
4	Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level		
	<del>Table</del> <b>NO ACTION</b>		
5	Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation		
	0	11	Intensive management closures for rockfish not necessary at this time, Harvest dominated by sport fish industry.
6	Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries		
	11	0	Has proven to be effective in sport industry no reason not to implement in Jig fishery.
7	Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound		
	0 1A	10	Bycatch in other fisheries. Allocative proposal
8	Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level		
	N/A		
9	Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed		

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	11	0	Minimize rockfish bycatch
10	Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery		
	11	0	Positive fisheries trend that will minimize bycatch
11	Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear		
	11	0	Economic viability, underutilized allocation
12	Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%		
	11	0	Positive fisheries trend that will minimize bycatch
13	Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery 17		
	6	3	Majority: Skates are a underutilized resource Minority: Department needs more data
14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery		
	0	11	Many trawl fishery concerns were voiced
15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
	0	10	Would support if species specific.
16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
	2Abstain	8	Removal of Pollock is not harmful to ecosystem
17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
	8	1	Major bycatch concerns in trawl fishery as well as well as location of harvest and staffing and logistics programs are not established.
18	Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery		
	N/A		No action because of vote on 19 and 20
19	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	10	0	Increase economic viability of fishery.

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20	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	11	0	See Proposal 19 comments
21	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
	N/A		
22	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
	10	0	Further minimize rockfish bycatch, Fishery is trending towards pots
23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		
	11	0	Increase fleet efficiency
24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	N/A		No action because of action taken on 19 and 20
25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound		
	0	11	Currently can execute fishery with electric reels.
26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery		
	0	11	Vague non defined species
27	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits		
	11	0	Rockfish conservation should be shared by fleet harvesting most of resource



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28	Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit		
	0	11	The fleet harvesting the most rockfish is expanding area outside PWS
29	Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management		
	11	0	Rockfish harvest continues to increase by a far ranging and efficient fleet.
30	Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound		
	10	0 1A	Increase economic viability of subsistence fishery
31	Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries		
	11	0	Flawed logic implemented these regulations as reaction to Oil Spill.
32	Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
	11	0	Traditional Commercial fishery that existed for decades. Harvesting legal crab does not harm the fecundity of resource.
33	Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area		
	N/A		Wording did not match Proposal intent
34	Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy		
	11	0	Current Tanner crab harvest strategy does not meet objectives. Committee supports moving away from current bottom trawl survey.
35	Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab		

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	11	0	Current harvest strategy is flawed.
36	Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
	9	0	Increases economic viability of fishery and reduces handling of female and undersized crab.
37	Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
	11	0	Allows time for proper gear preparation
38	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab		
	11	0	Increases economic viability of fishery
39	Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound		
	9	0 3A	Majority: Traditional fishery that would provide more needed wintertime harvest opportunity. Minority: Resource only exists in a very limited area of PWS.
40	Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound		
	9	0 3A	Same as on Proposal 39.
41	Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies		
	N/A		No action based on previous actions.
42	Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
	0	12	Fishery would be executed when crab are molting and susceptible handling. Meat density would also be poor this time of year.



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43	Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound		
	12	0	Small fishery that would add needed economic oppurtunity
44	Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery		
	0	9	Proposal is too vague.
45	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area		
	2	7	Board of Fish granted additional Saturday opportunity in subsistence fishery in 2017. In 2022 the Federal dipnet fishery was passed on lower Copper. Actions have been taken to increase subsistence opportunity. Would increase pressure on early Chinook run and reduce escapement numbers.
46	Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery		
	9	0	Timely reporting will help management with more current data. This will also help with enforcement, as people will be held more accountable to log their catch in 7 days rather than the end of October.
47	Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries		
	9	0	Same as comments on Proposal 46
48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45		
	0	9	Subsistence should not have a paid service attached to it.

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49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict		
	9	0	Subsistence is a communal activity, that should not be commercialized.
50	Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts		
	N/A		
51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
	0	12	Clear overstep of Federal government on a State regulated fishery. Would lose the Commercial fishery as a crucial early data point, which has been proven to be a more reliable data source than the Miles Lake sonars in the early season. The numbers presented in the proposal seem to be inaccurate, which reflect inaccurate data. <del>_____</del> <del>_____ support from the DWF's resource advisory team.</del>
52	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
	0	12	Limits biologist from using the commercial fishery as a data point, which has the highest reporting accuracy. Support the current model that has worked to manage the Copper River commercial fishery successfully.
53	Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met		
	0	11	Same concerns as Proposals 51-52 except for even more restrictive based on preseason forecast. Concerns with preseason forecast accuracy and legitimacy as a management tool on the Copper River. Have concerns with process issues that brought Proposal forward.
54	Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21		
		N/A	




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55	Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted		
		N/A	To vague in wording. Support concept of sharing burden of conservation across user groups.
56	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders		
		N/A	
57	Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery		
		N/A	
58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan		
	0	11	Identifying inseason surplus of King Salmon is difficult.
59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan		
	0	11	The allotted fish amounts per household are in par with lower river subsistence allotments. These allotments are adequate for local subsistence users without an increase and should coincide with the personal use allotments.
60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
	11	0	Personal Use fishery has been exceeding allocation in recent years. Fishery has potential to keep growing as well as allotments to keep being exceeded. No management in place to restrict participants, like there is in the commercial fishery, which was implemented with limited entry. Also, data and reporting in the mid river fishery is not held to the same standard as the commercial fishery.
61	Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict		

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	N/A		Unnecessarily complicated inseason management.
62	Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level		
	11	0	The burden of conservation should be shared by all stakeholders.
63	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery		
	0	11	Support the concept but wary of Park service influence.
64	Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year		
	11	0	Would like to see this as a state wide regulation. Would prefer to see a cumulative cap based on Copper River bag limits.
65	Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict		
	11	0	CR/PWS AC has always supported inseason reporting on the Copper River.
66	Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal		
	N/A		Support shared responsibility for resource stewardship
67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict		
	11	0	 video evidence of improper king salmon handling prior to live release, has been posted on social media platforms dip netting from boats
68	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
	11	0	Support consistency in regulation, Federal Regulations restrict
69	Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		



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	11	0	AC supported this concept
70	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict		
	0	11	Requested boundary line would move the line right above a tributary. Would not solve problem of congestion. Would make enforcement more difficult due to lack of line of sight.
71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict		
	11	0	Boats and guides have changed harvest patterns in fishery.
72	Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River		
	9	0 1A	Committee was interested in this concept due to climate change implications.
73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders		
	N/A		
74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery		
	N/A		
75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
	N/A		
76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders		
	N/A		
77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		

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	N/A		
78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%		
	0 1A	8	This will make the hatchery program in PWS economically inviable and have severe economic repercussions on all PWS communities.
79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations		
	9	0	Unintended consequences have created problems for cost recovery in Main Bay.
80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal		
	9	0	Would prevent damage to barrier seine as well as risk to cost recovery vessel crew members.
81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery		
	9	0	Same as comments on Proposal 80.
82	Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76		
	0	9	Unnecessarily complicated management requirement
83	Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon		
	0	9	Fisheries in PWS already have sufficient access
84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel		



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	9	0	Consistency with other regions of the state, these are two species that the are discussed at length in our committee
85	Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon		
	0	9	The coho fishery already has a high amount of participants there is no need for increased bag limits.
86	Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek		
	9	0	CR/PWS AC proposal
87	Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system		
	9	0	AC proposal
88	Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed		
	9	0	AC proposal
89	Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise		
	N/A		
90	Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake		
	N/A		
91	Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek		
	N/A		
92	Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes		
	N/A		

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93	Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek		
	N/A		
94	Repeal definition of "bow and arrow" in area regulations		
	N/A		
95	Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound		
	N/A		Biomass triggers are <del>Mon</del> <b>WRONG</b>
96	Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation		
	9	0	
97	Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold		
	9	0	
98	Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions		
	9	0	
99	Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound		
	9	0	
100	Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan		
	9	0	

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101	Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area		
	N/A		
102	Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait		
	9	0	
103	Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound		
	N/A		

**Elfin Cove AC  
11/25/2024  
Zoom meeting**

- I. Call to Order: 6:00pm by Patrick Baum (chair)
  
- II. Members Present:
  - Patrick Baum
  - Eric Stromme
  - Alice Johnson
  - Hayden Meier
  - Susan Meier
  - Haley Janttie
  - Shirley Perkins
  - Mary-Jo Lord-Wild
  - Holly Enderle
  - Ryland Bell
  - Charles Peep
  - Nicole Polluck
  - Nelson Merrill
  
- III. Approval of Agenda
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  
- V. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
  - c. Others
  
- VI. Public Comment
  
- VII. Old Business
  
- VIII. New Business
  
- IX. Set next meeting date
  
- X. Other

Adjourn

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<i>Ground Fish</i>			
14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery		
	13	0	
15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
	13	0	
16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
	13	0	
17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
	13	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Patrick Baum, Chair  
 Minutes Approved By: Alice Johnson by email  
 Date: 11/26/24



**FAIRBANKS FISH AND GAME ADVISORY (FAC)  
NOVEMBER 13, 2024 6:00PM  
FAC COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS FOR**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS DUE NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> TO ALASKA BOARD OF FISH**

**Note: Motion makers noted in meeting written notes**

**All motions on proposals, including TNA, were supported unanimously by  
15 FAC members (including one alternate) present at the November 13<sup>th</sup>  
meeting**

**Support highlighted in yellow, opposition highlighted in blue**

**ADF&G Staff comments not available as of 11/13/24**

**Proposal sections:**

**Groundfish** (29 proposals)

Subsistence Groundfish (1 proposal) #1  
Commercial Groundfish (23 proposals) #2 to #24  
Personal Use Groundfish (2 proposals) #25 to #26  
Sport Groundfish (3 proposals) #27 to #29  
Shellfish (14 proposals) #30 to #43

**Copper River Salmon** (29 proposals) Proposals #44 to #-----

Subsistence (7 proposals) Proposals #44 to #50  
Salmon Management Plans (5 proposals) #51 to #55  
Commercial (2 proposals) #56 to #57  
Personal Use (14 proposals) #58 to #71  
Sport (1 proposal) #72

**Commercial Fishing Permits, Allocation Plan and Hatchery Operations** (9 proposals)

Commercial Fishing Permits (2 proposals) #73 to #75  
Allocation Plan and Hatchery Operations (7 proposals) #76 to #81

**Prince William Sound and Upper Copper and Upper Susitna Rivers Sport** (13 proposals).....

Prince William Sound (7 proposals) #82 to #88  
Upper Copper and Upper Susitna River (6 proposals) #89 to #94

**Herring** (9 proposals) #95 to #103

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<i>Ground Fish</i>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
TNA			
2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications		
TNA			
4	Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level		
TNA			
5	Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation		
SUPPORT	15		
6	Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries		
SUPPORT	15		
7	Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
8	Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level		
TNA			
9	Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed		
TNA			
10	Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery		
TNA			
11	Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear		
TNA			
12	Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%		
TNA			NEEDS REVIEW
13	Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery 17		
TNA			

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14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		The FAC fully supports the intent of this proposal to reduce the dramatic rise of Chinook bycatch.
15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		The FAC fully supports the intent of this proposal to reduce the dramatic rise of Chinook bycatch.
16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		The FAC supports the intent of reduction and controls on trawling, would like to see numbers and research supporting this effort
17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
TNA			The FAC supports the intent of seeking venues for requiring observers on any trawl fisheries
18	Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery		
TNA			
19	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
20	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
21	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
22	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		
TNA			
24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery		
TNA			
27	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		



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28	Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit		
TNA			
29	Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management		
SUPPORT	15		
30	Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound		
TNA			
31	Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries		
TNA			
32	Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
33	Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area		
TNA			
34	Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy		
TNA			
35	Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab		
TNA			
36	Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
TNA			
37	Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
TNA			
38	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab		
TNA			
39	Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
40	Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
41	Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies		
TNA			

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42	Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
TNA			
43	Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound		
TNA			
44	Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery		
TNA			
45	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area		
OPPOSE		15	
46	Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery		
TNA			<b>Is this useful information?</b>
47	Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries		
OPPOSE		15	
48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45		
SUPPORT	15		
49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict		
OPPOSE		15	<b>Needs more information</b>
50	Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts		
OPPOSE		15	<b>Not enforceable</b>
51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
SUPPORT	15		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The FAC strongly supports this proposal, including consideration of FAC member recommendations:</b></p> <p>This proposal addresses the need to conserve king salmon early in the season until early run fish are in river and the run strength can be estimated. However, it only addresses one of several problems with the “plan” that needs change to actually protect the chinook escapement. We encourage the Board to consider other issues in the existing plan and direct changes to make it an operational management tool. Many plan features now may not actually protect king salmon escapement. The problems with the plan as it is currently written are: (1) Chinook salmon in salt water are “salmon” but when in fresh water they become “chinook salmon” and are regulated differently for all fresh water fishermen.</p>

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			<p>(2) The number of salmon caught in the earliest commercial openers is not indicative of their total run strength.</p> <p>(3) The present plan allows commercial fishery managers to open fishing periods for a month or more before the migrating salmon reach the sonar at Miles Lake (the first opportunity for actually counting fish and getting an estimate of the number of salmon for comparable dates and conditions.</p> <p>(4) The Miles Lake sonar has not been used to predict the number of chinook salmon in the daily counts (although it was intended to be able to do so). This failure causes a longer delay in estimating the chinook run strength compared to the escapement targets.</p> <p>(5) During this long period of not having even the total number of salmon, much less king salmon, the salt water fishermen take no conservation measures except restricted areas, resulting in a continued harvest of chinook before any run strength is estimated. (The term salt water fishermen includes commercial and subsistence).</p> <p>(6) These unknowns result in very restrictive, step down harvest regulations in the existing plan for all fresh water fishermen.</p> <p>(7) At present the present plan does not follow the priorities set by statute and policy for which fishermen bear the responsibility for conservation measures if the estimates are lower than needed to support all uses and spawning escapement.</p> <p>Changes to the management plan to fix these problems include:</p> <p>(1) Allow the managers to adjust the number of commercial fishing periods to insure fish passage as described in proposal 51.</p> <p>(2) Use the sonar to differentiate between the total number of salmon and the number of king salmon passing.</p> <p>(3) Recognize the differences in the harvest regime by river distance by looking at segments of the drainage and not assuming a similar situation from Miles Lake to the headwaters.</p> <p>(4) When conservation measures are needed include reporting to measure the effectiveness of those measures. As existing some measures look great on paper but managers have no way of knowing if they are effective. (The decades long data collected for Personal Use and Subsistence includes daily, species, and specific location information yet it is not used to estimate the effectiveness of conservation restrictions).</p> <p>(5) Use run timing related to number estimating rather than historical dates for implementing conservation measures.</p> <p>Why make changes?</p>

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			<p>(1) Allowing the plan to add escapement time early, like proposal 51, would at very least insure the early salmon were in river as far as the sonar.</p> <p>(2) The present mark and recapture method used for estimating the number of kings has a terrible standard deviation. Timing, water conditions, fishwheel locations etc. restrict the estimates to a tiny portion of the return. Using the sonar to estimate king salmon run strength would give managers more than a week before the fish reach any upriver fishermen.</p> <p>(3) The existing plan assumes uniform river conditions from the sonar to the headwaters. In reality as salmon get further upstream fishermen do not have similar numbers of fish available or water conditions. As an example subsistence fishwheels working under nice sounding conservation measures like “closely attended” cannot release enough king salmon to affect the spawning escapement. Those operations are never required until very late June. If the managers wanted to examine the possible effectiveness of conservation measures they could look in 40 years of harvest data that record harvest by date and species. The data would show the possible effect of releasing wheel caught king salmon because wheels at Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona etc reported the kings for decades. That data would show, for example, only a few kings ever caught after July 1 above the Gakona River. At one Gakona location the 30 year average is 1.5 kings. During those periods there are good numbers of sockeye present. The survival rate for releasing kings from even a wet box fishwheel is very low. As low as 10% in some research. Why are we using “closely attended” if only one or two kings per wheel are “saved”? If those wheels were closed to operating for a 24-48 hour period every king salmon coming upstream then would survive. With a third of the wheels operating out of 80-100 total look at the potential and compare it with 800 extra kings caught in the commercial fishery. I’m not suggesting that’s bad, merely that if some harvest occurs under conservation conditions a much smaller harvest upriver can also be tolerated. The commercial fishery is under general measures, the upriver fishers have extremely detailed specific measures. Personal use fishermen have the best set of conditions for releasing kings. They catch fish basically individually, get a look and them and can release them without taking the out of the water. The sport fishermen are usually the first to be conditioned.</p> <p>First by number of annual harvest, then by methods and means (like no</p>

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			<p>bait).</p> <p>(4) Add to the plan a reporting requirement for fish released, at least in the subsistence and personal use portions of the river. A measure of the effect of the conservation measure is a basic need to show so managers the effectiveness. In 2024 the managers were in contact with most subsistence fishwheels still operating but never asked if any kings were being released. This type of information would not help with in season management but it would allow the managers and decision makers like the BOF to see if the plan elements were doing any good.</p> <p>(5) Run timing has changed slowly over time. While the early entry into the river begins before the sonar is placed, the first expected counts (fish present after the sonar is in water) are estimated for mid June. 2024 had the low estimate of kings cause the managers to require strict conservation measures by late June for all freshwater fishermen. Sport fishers not allowed to fish for kings, PU release of all kings and closely attended release for fishwheels. It was forecast the to be a terrible escapement year. By third week July the counting tower on the Gulkana showed the third best escapement of the last five years. The last two of those years the escapement significantly exceeded the goals. The final estimate showed the lower limit of the escapement goal was reached.</p> <p>(6) Having an early accurate estimate of king salmon abundance could have guided the extreme conservation measures with less arm waving and stress for everybody.</p>
52	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SEE PROP#51 –</b>
53	Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SEE PROP #51 –</b>
54	Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>The FAC strongly opposes. This presumes that late run Chinook in the inside closure are not Copper River Chinook but are feeders.</b>
55	Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted		

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<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Nothing to do with each other. Would unnecessarily hurt personal use fishermen</b>
56	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Permit stacking without fleet reduction will only increase fishing pressure</b>
57	Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>This proposal needs further discussion. It purports to be a form of fleet reduction. Needs further assessment.</b>
58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>This proposal provides additional opportunity for subsistence and personal use</b>
59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>This proposal provides additional opportunity for subsistence and personal use</b>
60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Opposed based on 10-year average</b>
<b>61</b>	<b>Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict</b>		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>No benefit to the fishery</b>
62	Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Not necessary – incorrect assumptions</b>
63	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Proposition #51 would be a better venue for helping to reach objectives in this proposal. What really needs to happen is a comprehensive review of Copper River and PWS management plans. Note FAC member comments on Prop#51</b>
64	Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Historical statistics do not support this.</b>
65	Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Unnecessary – Dept will not use – talk with ADF&amp;G</b>
66	Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>This will be followed up by an RC</b>
67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>NOT PRACTIBLE</b>

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68			Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>This needs a strong statement</b>
69			Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Additional language/ (See CDA)</b>
70			Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>This is a safety issue</b>
71			Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Would not provide any advantage to fish</b>
72			Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Technical management issue</b>
73			Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Insufficient information without ADF&amp;G assessment</b>
74			Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Insufficient information without ADF&amp;G assessment</b>
75			Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Insufficient information without ADF&amp;G assessment</b>
76			Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Insufficient information without ADF&amp;G assessment</b>
77			Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Pla15
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Insufficient information without ADF&amp;G assessment</b>
78			Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Long standing FAC effort to reduce hatchery egg takes and releases. RCs will be submitted at the Board meeting</b>
79			Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	
80			Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Insufficient information without ADF&amp;G assessment</b>
81			Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery
<b>TNA</b>			
82			Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76
<b>TNA</b>			
83			Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon



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86			Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek
TNA			<b>Needs numbers</b>
87			Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system
TNA			ADF&G opposes
88			Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed
TNA			<b>Needs further information on numbers</b>
89			Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		
90			Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake
TNA			ADF&G opposes
91			Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>No conservation issue</b>
92			Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		
93			Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		
94			Repeal definition of "bow and arrow" in area regulations
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		Housekeeping issue
95			Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound
TNA			<b>Does this affect salmon forage?</b>
96			Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation
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98			Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions
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<a href="#">TNA</a>			
100			Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan
<a href="#">TNA</a>			
101			Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area
<a href="#">TNA</a>			<b>Does this affect salmon forage?</b>
102			Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait
<a href="#">TNA</a>			
103			Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound
<a href="#">TNA</a>			

Adjournment: 9:00pm

Recorded By: Gale K. Vick, Fisheries Subcommittee Chair & Austin Smith, Secretary

Approved By: Jeff Lucas, Chair

Date: 11/26/2024

**Homer ADFG Advisory Committee**  
**11.12.2024**  
**KBNERR**

- I. Call to Order: 1800 by Morgan Jones
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Wes Humbyrd, Morgan Jones, George Matz, Thomas Hagberg, Bob Nathanson, Dan Miotke, Corey DeCook, Josh Wickboldt, Tom Young, Dan Anderson, Dave Lyon, Douglas Malone  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Corey Loos, Andy Fetterhoff, Michael Craig, Joey Allred, Matt Hakala  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Jason Herreman, Chris Bottom (new AB), Jeff Selinger, Martin Schuster, Alissa Cole, Sara Faris
- IV. Guests Present: Sid Wolford, Lauren Wolford, Loretta Brown
- V. Approval of Agenda: agenda was approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes :Vote was unanimous
  - a. Others
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business : Mike Booz spoke briefly to and gave a handout on the sport fish harvest summary
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XI. Set next meeting date Tuesday December 10, 2024
- XII. Next meeting will continue with finfish and shellfish proposals. We also plan to have brief introductions of potential game proposals that any members may wish the AC to

submit for Southcentral Region 2 cycle to be heard in 2025-2026, so that everyone has time to input and vet said ideas.

Adjourned at 20:27

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<i>Ground Fish</i>			
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2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		
3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications		
4	Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level		
5	Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation		
6	Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries		
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8	Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level		
9	Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed		
10	Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery		

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11	Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear		
12	Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%		
13	Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery 17		
14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery		
TNA			Too no Action
15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	7	4	1 abstained due to not enough information. See comment Proposal 17
16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
support	9	3	See comment proposal 17 as these two were discussed together. We feel #17 is a better proposal and the vote reflects.
17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
support	10	0	2 abstained. Concerning proposals 14-17 covering the same issue, most members felt that there is no way NOT to catch chinook/ halibut/ rockfish and other non-target fish while using trawl gear. These non-target species are all stressed populations. We generally dislike trawling as a method due to its indiscriminate nature. We agreed that in the face of conservation it would be best to at least have mandated observing for the trawl fishery.
18			
19	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
20	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
21	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		

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22	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		
TNA			
24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound		
26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery		
27	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits		
support	12	0	Members feel Rockfish are a stressed population at the very least and this modification to the bag limit has been implemented by EO the last 2 years, which drove the unanimous vote.
28	Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit		
oppose	0	12	Not enforceable when splitting PWS into inside and outside districts with separate regulation. #27 is a better proposal.
29	Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management		
support	9	3	Those in support like more tools at ADFG. Those opposed think allocation decisions should be made by elected board, not agency
30	Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound		
31	Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries		
32	Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
33	Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area		
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35			Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab
36			Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
37			Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
38			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab
39			Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound
40			Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound
41			Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies
42			Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound
oppose	1	10	1 abstained. Discussion on this proposal was very short. Majority felt that not enough crab in PWS to justify.
43			Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound
TNA			
44			Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery
45			Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area
46			Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery
47			Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries



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48			Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45
49			Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict
support	8	1	3 Abstentions due to unfamiliarity. Most felt that during a subsistence fishery, there should not be for-profit enterprises helping subsistence users exploit the resource, based on a traditional definition of subsistence. This proposal does not address the PU or sport fishery, where we would feel differently.
50			Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts
51			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
oppose	0	10	2 abstained. The NPS has no business dictating fish and wildlife methods, means, seasons, or bag limits. This is the purview of the State.
52			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
53			Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met
54			Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21
55			Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted
TNA			
56			Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders
support	10	0	2 members abstained. Less net in the water when permit stacking equals less pressure on the fish. In regards to concerns about crowding out young fishermen, the AC feels that this proposal does not effect that outcome; in fact, it could even help younger fishermen as they could hold a permit and fish it from someone else's boat until they could afford their own vessel. Considered concurrently with #57.
57			Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery
support	10	0	2 abstained. See comment #56
58			Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan

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59			Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan
60			Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict
61			Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict
62			Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level
TNA			
63			Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery
64			Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year
support	8	3	1 abstained. Those in favor feel that one PU permit is enough. Those opposed thought that having more than one allows flexibility if, for example, the fishing or weather is poor or perhaps your boat broke down in one then they could go where the harvesting is better/ didn't need a boat. Noted that limits exist for each fishery.
65			Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict
66			Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal
67			Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict
support	11	1	A strong majority of the AC felt this is common language and mandate used everywhere for chinook (and trout) It exists for good reason and should already be familiar to users.
68			Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
oppose	2	8	2 abstained. Members broadly felt that a boat is necessary in this fishery due to dangerous waters and banks in the canyon, as well as onerous tribal trespassing concerns on riverbank land.
69			Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
70			Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict

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71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict		
support	6	5	1 abstained. Members in favor felt that PU is essentially subsistence for non-indigenous residents and in that light consider guiding unethical. Those opposed felt that profiteering should be allowed. Noted that all of us consider Transport-only services to be fair.
72	Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River		
73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders		
oppose	3	5	4 abstained. Proposals 73 and 74 were taken up together as they are similar. The AC opposes permit stacking in the seine fishery, mainly due to the belief that it tends to alienate/crowd out young entry level fishermen, while the Rich get richer. One fisherman/ boat owner could own and fish multiple permits of his own on same boat. Those in favor felt that this is a non-issue. The issue is complex, and 4 abstentions testify to this, citing that they not able to grasp the issue in a meaningful enough way to make an informed vote.
74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery		
oppose	3	5	4 abstained. See comment #73
75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
TNA			
76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders		
TNA			
77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
TNA			
78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%		
TNA			
79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations		
80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal		
81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery		

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82	Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76		
83	Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon		
oppose	2	9	1 abstained. Salmon, especially chinook and now coho, are stressed and the AC felt that one rod is enough. If the proposer would like to “increase efficiency, save fuel, and increase food security” we recommend participating in one of the many PU fisheries.
84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel		
Tie	5	5	2 abstained, not fully understanding the issue. Those in favor felt that so-called “skipper fish” should not be allowed during a for-profit enterprise. Those opposed had the opposite opinion. Tie vote.
85	Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon		
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Adjournment:

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

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

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

**Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee**  
**11/13/2024**  
**Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6pm by Will Lee

II.

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap			X
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Dick	Dykema			X
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas			X
Jon	Essert	X		
Karl	Dagel	x		
Lisa	Gariel			X
Greg	Harrington		X	
Monte	Roberts	X		
Greg	Springer		X	
Ron	Petty			X
Scott	Miller	X		
Scott	Daletas	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		

III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:



IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Colton Lipka

Colton:

ACR's taken up were for commercial dipnet, UCI beach seines, and Kodiak setnet joint ventures. They will be deliberated at Statewide meeting in March. ADFG is in process of turning ACR into proposal.

Gave UCI Season Summary Per handout:

Kings and Coho both significantly down state/region wide

V. Guests Present:

VI. Approval of Agenda

No agenda

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

To be approved at next meeting. Secretary is still learning job duties.

No previous minutes

VIII. Reports

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

IX. Public Comment

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XIII. Set next meeting date

December 19<sup>th</sup> To cover Central/SW hunting and cow hunt authorizations.

## XIV. Other

## Adjourn

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18	Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery		
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23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		
24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound		

26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery		
27	<p>Modify rockfish bag and possession limits</p> <p>Proposal 27 Motion Monte Second Jerry. Lowers limits and puts seasonal limits on Yelloweye. Question called by Monte. No objection to unanimous consent. 10 yes 0 no.</p>		
<b>Support</b>	10 yes	0 no	
28	Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit		
29	<p>Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management</p> <p>Proposal 29 Motion Monte Second Jerry Proposes Delegation of Authority for yelloweye rockfish management to ADFG. Gives ADFG broader power to restrict fisheries on rockfish Some are concerned that this could potentially limit sport fishers only to provide more Yellow Eye opportunity to other user groups. Would feel more comfortable if there was a management plan which went through the public process. Could set a worrisome precedent for the rest of the state. Question called Monte: 3 yes 6 no 1 Abstain</p>		
<b>Oppose</b>	3 yes	6 no	1 abstain
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45	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area		
46	Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery Proposal 46 Motion Monte Second Jerry Subsistence harvest reporting Copper River 7 day harvest report deadline Various views on this proposal but everyone seemed to agree that 7 days is a long time if timely reporting is desired. There is precedence in other fisheries to require reporting within 24hrs. Question Monte: 3 yes 7 no		
<b>Oppose</b>	3 yes	7 no	
<b>47</b>	Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries Proposal 47 Motion Dyre Second Monte		



	Subsistence and PU harvest reporting Copper River 5 day harvest deadline Questions as to what benefit this data would provide. Some felt that timely reporting should be encouraged in more fisheries – sometimes you don't know the value of data till you collect and analyze it. Might make it harder for people to fudge harvest numbers vs. End of season reporting. Question Monte: 5 yes 5 no		
<b>Oppose</b>	5 yes	5 no	
48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45		
49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict		
50	Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts		
51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District  Proposal 51 Motion Monte Second Jerry Would essentially establish daily management objectives. Question Monte: 0 yes 8 no 2 abstain		
<b>Oppose</b>	0 yes	8 no	2 abstain
52	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
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56	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders		
57	Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery		

58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan		
59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan		
60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
61	Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
62	Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level		
63	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery		
64	Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year		
65	Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict		
66	Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal		
67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict		
68	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
69	Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
70	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict		
71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict		
72	Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River		
73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders		
74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery		

75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders		
77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%		
79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations		
80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal		
81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery		
82	Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76		
83	Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon		
84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel		
85	Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon		
86	Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek		
87	Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system		
88	Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed		
89	Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise		
90	Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake		

91	Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek		
92	Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes		
93	Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek		
94	Repeal definition of “bow and arrow” in area regulations		
95	Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound		
96	Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation		
97	Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold		
98	Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions		
99	Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound		
100	Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan		
101	Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area		
102	Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait		
103	Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound		

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Todd Smith \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 11/13/2024 \_\_\_\_\_

**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes of 11/20/2024**  
**VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman
  
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
Andy Couch  
Austin Manelick (Zoom)  
Dom Nickles (Zoom)  
Hunter Hongslo  
Danny Lewis  
Robert Cassell  
Ed Soto  
Neil DeWitt (Zoom)  
Steve Bartelli  
Pete Imhof (Zoom)  
Birch Yuknis (Zoom)  
Bruce Privett  
Michelle Heun, Secretary  
  
Members Absent (Excused): 2  
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chairman Game  
Casey Dinkel  
Members Absent (Unexcused): 0  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members  
List of User Groups Present: 0
  
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Alex Niepoth, Fishery Biologist (Zoom)  
Jeremy Botz, Fishery Biologist (Zoom)  
Mark Somerville, Fishery Biologist (Zoom)  
Andy Pollak, Fishery Biologist (Zoom)  
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)
  
- IV. Guests Present: None
  
- V. Motion to approve the agenda made by Andy Couch and seconded.



- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of November 6, 2024, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request.)
  
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
    - Chair Mansavage had nothing to report. He said the committee would be taking up fish proposals in no certain order.
  - b. ADF&G
    - No report
  
- VIII. Public Comment
  - No public present
  
- IX. Old Business
  - a. Input from ADF&G Staff regarding BOF proposals 31-34
    - Staff stated department comments have been published. The department opposes proposal 31.
  
- X. New Business
  - a. Current Board of Fisheries Proposals 31, 32, 34, 42, 43, 49-51, 58, 59, 63-65, 67, 70, 72, 89, 91, and 93
    - Standing Motions and second on proposals will be done by Chair Mansavage and second by a committee member preceding discussion and vote.
    - Due to time constraints priority proposals were addressed.
    - Motion was made and second to include the four bullet points addressed by Mr. Couch in his point paper (those bullet points are highlighted listed under proposal 51).

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<i>Ground Fish</i>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Adopt a provision to close waters to specific ground fish gear types for rockfish conservation</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>PRO:</b> There is a release mechanism requirement</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> PWS has a lot of black rockfish</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Blackfish travel; lingcod and yellow eye more difficult to catch</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Commercial longline gear can take a lot of rockfish in a short amount of time and appears to be having an impact on rockfish that live in specific locations. Of considerable concern is the more inside waters of PWS. This is a conservation concern brought forward by ADF&amp;G and in addition to proposal 5 there are other proposals that would limit sport and charter users to also conserve rockfish</p>
<b>14</b>	<b>Close the Prince William Sound walleye Pollock pelagic trawl fishery</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>PRO:</b> Long time coming nice to see control on this</p> <p><b>CON:</b> How is this enforced? (better gear types available)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> The issues of the trawl fishery damaging habitat by dragging the ocean bottom, and the bycatch and impact on valuable species targeted by other Alaskans have been documented for decades. It is good that public awareness is calling for change. Near shore and more protected waters, and a trawl closure in state water could hopefully spur more conservative action for trawl fisheries in federal waters as well</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> One committee member brought up an ariel image on his iphone that he shared with other people in the room showing a long drag scar where the ocean bottom habitat has been damaged by trawling off of Hinchinbrook Island</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> There are relatively few people involved in the trawl fishery in PWS compared to the number of other users from the Mat-Su, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and local sound communities that harvested fish and shellfish in the sound</p>

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<b>15</b>	<b>Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>PRO:</b> Might be good to support this to put caps on it</p> <p><b>CON:</b> The last sentence of why the board should address this issue would cause some concern with the state</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> It would be good to have cap(s) based on solid numbers of other impacted species – rather than allowing potential over harvest of other important species and impact on other users based primarily on the number of pollock available</p>
<b>16</b>	<b>Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>27</b>	<b>Modify rockfish bag and possession limits</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1 - 1</b>	<p>One member abstains (limited information on the issue)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Would support department proposal</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Not going to support a little harsh; prefer proposal 28</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Inside is basically sport</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Cannot enforce inside/outside</p>
<b>28</b>	<b>Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit</b>		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>CON:</b> How do you prove they were inside or outside</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Enforcement is a problem</p>
<b>29</b>	<b>Create additional provisions for yellow eye rockfish management</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>PRO:</b> Better for them to implement some management while there is fish</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Provisions on these fish is good</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> These restrictions are when there are conservation issues</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Charters hit the same spot every day and they need some restrictions</p>
<b>31</b>	<b>Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries</b>		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<p><b>CON:</b> Vote no on anything includes commercial</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Without justification hard to support</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Commercial proposal and wrapping subsistence into it seems inconsistent</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> There has always been a lot of crab and good harvestable crab; whatever they open will probably be small</p>

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			<p><b>CON:</b> State has not effectively managed pot fishery</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Is there a biological concern for the area? (numbers do not allow for large scale harvest)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Is the population concern enough to support a subsistence fishery without allowing for commercial harvest?</p> <p><b>CON:</b> How current is the Tanner crab data? (Per dept in August)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> The areas listed in this are not the same area (Dept cannot recall northeast survey last done in 2022)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> When we look at juvenile crabs it seems they are able to leave the pots</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Is the threshold to open commercial fishery? Is there a different one for sport fishery?</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Is the data in the northeast proposal different than this? (Dept the northeast section last survey did not perform well)</p> <p>(Board Support: 217,000 versus 327,000; abundance of 50,000)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Not enough abundance to support this proposal for commercial; looking for a reason to support this, but cannot</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Vote is down and move on unless there is more information</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Not getting a lot of small Tanner crab; they put juveniles over the side; they are justified asking for this</p>
<b>32</b>	<b>Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound</b>		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>CON:</b> Sport gets more limited</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> When they have commercial open they get more data</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Subsistence is open for all Alaskans if there is enough resources; if there is a reasonable harvest surplus, but have concerns department doesn't have data</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Would like to disassociate commercial and subsistence</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Difficult for AC to make proposal decisions without data of estimate population and variables</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Every year they can dictate how often to report</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Cannot have commercial with subsistence; cannot just have subsistence without commercial</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> With no data, but seems like pretty conservative</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Looking for a reason to support this, but the dept doesn't have any numbers</p>

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			<b>PRO:</b> Been closed 34 years, would be good to have data <b>CON:</b> As long as commercial fisheries is attached not supporting <b>PRO:</b> Is there any bag limit? Max of 20 pots per vessel (5 per/person) <b>CON:</b> Sustainable harvest is unknown <b>CON:</b> Oppose with an amendment
33	Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	
42	Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use King and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>CON:</b> Pots should be on board or in the water <b>CON:</b> Molting issue (Dept May, June, July); Season is open the weather hits and you will be an exclusive individual; Do we amend this somehow to bridge the beginning and the end to get more opportunity due to weather <b>PRO:</b> Really good Christmas to January <b>CON:</b> Not that many people who would put pots out because of weather
49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Sub district		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>CON:</b> Supported transporters in the past <b>PRO:</b> Harvest above the bridge for personal use; not talking about the personal use fishery
50	Prohibit the use of chart plotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Sub districts		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>CON:</b> Use fair chase <b>CON:</b> Safety issue want to know where I am where to go
51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1-1</b>	(One member abstain due too much going on) <b>PRO:</b> (Refer to comment paper submitted by Mr. Couch.) Issue from Copper River didn't go up river early; late break up; hardly any fish going up the sonar; harvest in May; seemed like more and more escapement. With sockeye it can be made up by restrictions later in the season. With Kings most harvest occurs in May. Fairbanks AC member, Mike Tinker's, comments look to increase fish getting up the river <b>Copper River Management Concepts for Sustainable Maximum Shared Benefit</b> (Following bullet points highlighted from Mr. Couch comments paper distributed to committee members.)

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			<p><b>PRO: Goal: Provide for spawning escapement needs and reasonable harvest opportunities for all user groups through a long season</b></p> <p><b>PRO: Early returning Copper River Salmon stocks provide necessary spawning escapements particularly for the Gulkana River and further upstream tributaries of the Copper River drainage</b></p> <p><b>PRO: Early returning Copper River salmon stocks are highly valued by and may provide significant benefit for ALL user groups</b></p> <p><b>PRO: The earlier in May and continuing through July that adequate (or greater) salmon counts occur past the Miles Lake Sonar (and late the Gulkana River counting tower) the higher likelihood all Upper Copper River salmon spawning escapements will be met or exceeded, and the greater likelihood all Copper River user groups will be provided reasonable shared salmon harvest opportunities throughout the season</b></p> <p><b>CON: Is the trajectory getting better or worse? (Dept Chinook salmon survivals have been down since 2008)</b></p> <p><b>PRO: Allocation wars between harvester groups; one of the big user groups are commercial stores; large majority will purchase commercially caught fish in this state</b></p> <p><b>PRO: Has any commercial fisherman been happy with their harvest?</b></p> <p><b>PRO: A good year is good for everybody</b></p> <p><b>PRO: Timing issue; timing equates to allocation</b></p> <p><b>PRO: See this as a fish production issue; fish need to make it to the river; would like a trajectory</b></p>
<b>52</b>	<b>Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<p>(One member abstain due to too much)</p> <p><b>PRO: Similar to proposal 51</b></p> <p>See comments under proposal 51</p>
<b>53</b>	<b>Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<p>(One member abstain due to too much going on)</p> <p>See comments under proposal 51</p>
<b>84</b>	<b>Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>PRO: When there are shortages of King salmon this is a reasonable way to allow charter operators to run their business</b></p>



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<b>85</b>	<b>Modify the bag and possession limit for Coho salmon</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>PRO:</b> Changes limit from three to six; makes sense from a possession perspective; from sport perspective it is beneficial <b>PRO:</b> More opportunity to put fish in the freezer <b>CON:</b> Dishonest people will take fish <b>PRO:</b> Cost prohibitive to leave and come back
<b>89</b>	<b>Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>PRO:</b> Seems common to see the bag limit increase (Dept closed for 10 years for burbot; closing wasn't really helping; opened for one for some harvest availability; not a sustainability issue; burbot are increasing)

- XI. Select representative(s) for the Board of Fisheries meeting in Cordova, December 10-16, 2024
- Motion made by Mr. Couch to send Chairman Mansavage to Cordova on behalf of the Matanuska Valley AC. Motion was seconded and amended to also suggest Mr. Soto work with Chair Mansavage to determine who would attend and represent the committee at the meeting and they will advise committee members accordingly.
- XII. Set next meeting date
- December 4, 2024
  - December 11, 2024
  - December 18, 2024
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn at 9:03pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary  
 Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
 Date: November 25, 2024

**Petersburg ADF&G Advisory Committee**  
**November 20, 2023**  
**6:30pm**  
**Borough Assembly Chambers**  
***Draft Minutes***

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

1. Max Worhatch
2. Jake Rasmussen
3. Bob Martin
4. Nyle Thomas
5. Ted Sandhofer
6. Paul Menish
7. Anthony Taiber (online)
8. Ben Case
9. Kaleb Baird

Members Absent (Excused):

Megan O'Neil  
Don Spigelmyre  
Joel Randrup  
David Benitz  
Brandon Ware  
Heather Bauscher  
the Troll seat remains vacant

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, sport fishing and hunting, subsistence and personal use.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Katie Taylor  
Jeff Rice  
Tom Kowalske  
Joe Stratman  
Frank Robbins  
Tessa Bergman (online)

- IV. Guests Present:  
Derek Thynes (local commercial fisherman who authored Proposals 250 and 258)  
Nels Evens (Petersburg Vessel Owners Association) (online)
- V. Approval of Agenda  
Shellfish, Dungeness Crab proposals, and others including Board of Game proposals if time allows and there is interest from the members
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: -not ready yet
- VII. Reports: none
- VIII. Public Comment: none
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. New Business: see below BoF proposals 250-262, 78, BoG 129,130
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: no takers yet
- XII. Set next meeting date: November 27, 6:30pm Assembly Chambers

Adjourned: 8:00pm

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250	Reduce the minimum size limit for male Dungeness crab from six and one-half inches to six and one-quarter inches in the Registration A subsistence and personal use fisheries		
Support	8	1	Derek Thynes (Proposal author): sees an opportunity to fish for personal use Dungeness crab at 6 and ¼ inch for male crab. Feels it would allow opportunities before predators get to them. Males of 6.25 inch and males of 6.5 inch are in the same age class and would not affect reproduction. ADF&G: Would increase take of male crab from personal use and reduce the number of legal crab for commercial harvest. Has

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			concerns about reducing size limits and long term harvest sustainability. Max Worhatch (AC): Other Dungeness crab fisheries such as Oregon and Washington have sustainable crab fisheries at lower male size limits.
251	Change the start date of the Registration Area A Dungeness crab commercial fishery's summer season from June 15 to July 1		
Oppose	0	9	Max Worhatch (AC): Crab molt at all different times pushing the opener would not help with meat quality. Derek Thynes (public): opposed to any time changes, crab molt at different times and this change would not help with meat quality. Shorting the season would negatively affect commercial Dungeness crabbers.
252	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Dungeness crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait		
Support	8	0	There were no objections to this method of obtaining bait while crabbing
253	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
254	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
255	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial, personal use, or subsistence shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab f		
NA			
256	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery. In addition, permit ho		

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Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
257	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
Support	9	0	This corrects an unintended consequence of moving the shrimp season and does not pose a threat to the Dungeness crab fishery
258	Open some or all areas closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A		
Support	8	1	Most members felt that the commercial area closures are not justified as they give an exclusive area to a small number of users. By this rational and trend, anything within miles of every community could be closed. The proposer felt that closed areas yield fewer crab in a year than areas that see the largest males removed. The committee feels that this proposal in conjunction with #250 (reduced size limit for subsistence and personal use) would be better at allowing both user groups to access these and all other areas adequately. The opposing vote felt that these areas should be re-considered individually and he generally did not want to give up the potential to have areas dedicated for subsistence.
259	Open all waters closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A between October 1 and November 30, annually		
Support	9	0	Since the closed areas are not used much by locals in the fall, why not open them back up for commercial crabbing for two months every year?
260	Close George Inlet, Carroll Inlet, and Thorne Arm in District 1 to the commercial harvest of shrimp and crab		
Oppose	0	8	There is no evidence that these areas are over-harvested. Everyone wants their own backyard area closed to commercial harvest.
261	Close Traitors Cove to commercial and sport shellfish harvest		
Oppose	0	8	Everyone wants their own backyard area.
262	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in Thorne Bay		
Oppose	0	8	Here again, even though it is already closed to commercial harvest, residents want further restrictions. We are against carving the region into specialized areas for certain user groups. Where would it end?

**PWS Proposal 78:**

Oppose 9-0

The committee feels the need to address this proposal since it was also proposed for Southeast as prop #156. Although it is for PWS, it would set a bad precedent for the Southeast area if adopted at the PWS BoF meeting. There is no scientific data to back it up. These hatchery programs are economically important to our fishers and communities.

### Board of Game Proposals:

129	Establish minimum big game caliber .25		
Oppose	0	9	The proposal is too broad and should not apply to all big game. Deer can be taken with smaller calibers with no issue. Many families have used the same hunting rifles for generations which maybe below the proposed caliber restriction. Several on the committee enjoy hunting deer with a .243 and feel it is fine for that purpose and wish to continue doing so.
130	Establish minimum of .243 caliber for taking moose		
Support	9	0	Caliber restriction on moose makes sense because of their size. Any caliber below the proposed caliber minimum would be hard to justify in the quick clean killing of a big game animal of this size.

Adjournment: 8:00pm

Minutes Recorded By: Rasmussen and Martin  
 Minutes Approved By: Draft reviewed by Worhatch  
 Date:11/25/2024



**PWS/Valdez Advisory Committee**  
**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Zoom Conference**

- I. Call to Order: Nick Crump called to order at 6:00pm on 10/12/2024 and 6:03pm on 11/12/2024
- II. Roll Call for 10/12/2024 and 11/12/2024

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused/Unexcused</b>
Nick Crump	X	
Patrick Day	X	
Bruce Bowman	X	
Dan Eames	X	
Brett Wilbanks	X	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3

List of User Groups Present: 11/12/2024; John Renner PWS/Cordova AC chair

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: 10/12/2024; Martin Schuster  
 Jeremy Botz  
 Mark Somerville  
 Heather Scannell  
 10/12/2024; Andy Pollak  
 Jeremy Botz  
 Mark Somerville  
 Heather Scannell  
 Donald Arthur
- IV. Guests Present: 10/12/2024 Jacob Betts, Mike Wells, Ryan Astalos  
 11/12/2024 Doug Frasher
- V. Approval of Agenda → Approved 10/12/2024 and 11/12/2024.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes → Approved 10/12/2024.
- VII. Reports: no reports were presented
- a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment: Ryan brought forward trawl fishery proposals 14-17 for discussion. See individual comments for further details.

IX. Old Business; discussion regarding the rejected proposal to adopt a fee for the PWS sport shrimp pot fishery.

Mark Sommerville shared details associated with the Chitina Dip Netters Association's successful experience lobbying for a fishery specific enhancement fee. Martin Schuster emphasized the need for more funding to survey areas with high non-commercial harvest, Brett expressed concerns about the department's lack of resources and commitment to assessing fish stocks and lobbying for funding. The group approved sending a letter to the BOF work session (motion- Nick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brett) and continue seeking an enhancement fee in PWS. Further discussion focused on the current survey funding model, which relies almost entirely on commercial fisheries funding sources and the continued effort to support equally based funding input from all user groups. The letter was received at the work session but not discussed. It was suggested that a board member could provide support and bring this item forward during miscellaneous business at any of the upcoming meetings. Nick will discuss the concept with individual board members in December in pursuit of that goal.

X. New Business

10/12/2024; Recap

The Committee discussed various proposals related to fishery management, including concerns about the impact of hatcheries on fish populations, the sustainability of the crab fishing industry, and the current consequences of a trawl fishery. They also discussed the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen sub-district, the allocation plan for Prince William Sound management and salmon enhancement, and the proposed reduction of salmon produced by hatcheries in PWS. The committee agreed to continue discussing proposals and scheduled the date of 11/12/2024 to continue considering proposals (due to the large number).

11/12/2024; Recap

The committee continued discussing various proposals related to fisheries management in Alaska, with a focus on proposals 79, 80, and 81. Also discussed were proposals related to the management of the Copper River district's salmon fishing, the potential for opening new crab fisheries and management of existing PWS (commercial and sport/PU/subsistence) crab fishing, several emerging new fisheries, which furthered discussion to include gear conflicts and the need for consistent regulations, as well as, proposals related to fishing and charter operations, with decisions made to oppose or support certain proposals as noted below.

- a. Prince William Sound Finfish Proposals 1, 14-17, 25, 26, 30-43, 48-54, 58-60, 65, 67-69, 71, 73-81, 84
- b. Shrimp topics to be discussed in January/February include 299-308, 310, 311

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting; 11/12/2024 Nick Crump was nominated to attend PWS and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish in December 2024. Motion by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, carried unanimously.
- XII. Set next meeting date; 12/6/2024 to discuss BOG proposals. Tentative Shrimp meeting considered for late January/ early February TBD.

BOF Meeting			
Meeting	Location	Comment Deadline	Meeting Dates
Work Session	Anchorage	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	October 29-30, 2024
PWS and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp)	Cordova	Tuesday, November 26, 2024	December 10-16, 2024
Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish	Ketchikan	Tuesday, January 14, 2025	January 28-February 9, 2025
Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp and Supplemental Issues	Anchorage	Tuesday, February 25, 2025	March 11-16, 2025

BOG meeting			
Meeting	Location	Comment Deadline	Meeting Dates
Work Session	Wasilla	TBD	January 9, 2025
Central and Southwest Region	Wasilla	Friday, December 27, 2024	January 10-17, 2025
Statewide Regulations	Anchorage	Friday, March 7, 2025	March 21-28, 2025

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1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
Support	5	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett Discussion focused on the establishment of both <b>personal use</b> and <b>subsistence</b> designations/regulations in PWS for this sablefish pot fishing gear proposal, notably there is a parallel proposal, 25 which is also supported by the AC. The potential for gear conflicts with commercial operators was discussed and considered to be minimal- the proposal was unanimously supported.
14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	5	0	Motion- Brett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce This proposal was discussed by the committee and supported the closure of the trawl fishery unless trawlers don't touch the seafloor and have no Chinook bycatch. Dan, Bruce, and Brett expressed concerns about trawl gear's environmental impact and high bycatch rates. Nick proposed allowing trawling to continue only if their gear avoids the seafloor and they have <i>minimal</i> bycatch. Ryan supported this proposal due to bycatch report accuracy concerns and impacts on non-pelagic species.
15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	5	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	5	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett Ryan expressed concerns about the bycatch management of the trawl fishery and supported closing it. Dan proposed voting to support all 4 Trawl fishery proposals, which would effectively close the fishery if it couldn't be managed.
17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery		
Support	5	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett Committee discussion supported having observers/video monitoring to accurately assess <i>total</i> bycatch impacts and further research to understand the Sound wide effects of species-specific bycatch associated with the Trawl fishery.
25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound		
Support	5	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett

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			Discussion focused on the establishment of both <b>personal use</b> and <b>subsistence</b> designations/regulations in PWS for this sablefish pot fishing gear proposal. Like proposal 1 the committee felt that the potential for gear conflicts with commercial operators is minimal- the proposal was unanimously supported.
26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery		
No Action	0	0	5/0 No Action
			Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Discussion as associated with proposal 1 and 25 focused on the establishment of both <b>personal use</b> and <b>subsistence</b> designations in PWS for a sablefish pot fishing gear proposal, the season dates and sport designation components in this proposal resulted in no action taken by the committee.
30	Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
31	Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries		
Support	5	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat
32	Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett
33	Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area		
Oppose	0	5	Motion – Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
34	Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy		
Table discussion			Forward questions to Martin and discuss further
35	Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab		
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36	Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
37	Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Pat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce

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38	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
39	Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Brett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
40	Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett
41	Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies		
No Action	0	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
42	Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
Support	5	0	Motion- Pat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
43	Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince William Sound		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Brett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan, Bruce took no Action
48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett
49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett
50	Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Brett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
52	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
53	Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
54	Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan		
Support	4	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan		
Support	4	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett

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60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett
65	Require weekly permit and in season reporting in the Chitna Subdistrict		
No Action	0	0	5/0 No Action
67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Support	4	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett
68	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
69	Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict		
Oppose	0	4	Motion- Brett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce
73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders		
Support	5	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat Nick supported allowing permit stacking by Prince William Sound Commercial Salmon Purse Seiners, which Patrick and Bruce agreed with, while dan highlighted the cost of buying another permit as a potential downside.
74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery		
Support	5	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat See proposal 73
75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
Oppose	0	4	Bruce abstained, Motion- Pat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Nick discussed the allocation plan for Prince William Sound management and salmon enhancement, proposing changes to the allocation trigger and the removal of the Ester sub-district as a shortfall remedy for the Purse seine fleet. The team expressed concerns about the plan's effectiveness and the potential impact of the proposed changes. They voted to oppose the changes, with the motion passing.



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76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders		
Oppose	0	4	Bruce abstained, Motion- Pat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Similar to proposal 75 the committee expressed concerns about the plan's effectiveness and the potential impact of the proposed changes.
77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Pat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan
78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%		
Oppose	0	5	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat Nick expressed his opposition to a proposal to reduce permitted egg take levels from Prince William Sound hatcheries by 25%, stating it was based on conjecture rather than settled science. He mentioned that Dr. Katie Howard, an expert in ocean ecology, could not attend the meeting but could join in the future. Patrick emphasized the importance of trusting the current regulatory structure responsible for granting hatchery permits and the coordinated effort of the HMP and ADFG managing biologists to regulate the hatchery component of PWS salmon sustained yield principals. Dan, Patrick, Nick, Mike Wells, Brett, and Heather discussed the impact of hatcheries on fish populations in the area. Patrick observed that there are as many natural fish now as before the hatcheries, and they are more consistent. Nick agreed with Patrick's assessment. Nick also discussed the challenges faced by the fish and game industry due to varying ocean conditions. Mike Wells provided a detailed history of the hatchery's growth, expansion, and economic position in the industry. Brett raised concerns about the potential impact of increased hatchery production. The group concluded that the decision on whether to continue with the hatchery production levels should be made within the department. The team also discussed the topic of wild stocks

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			and their significance in the context of salmon harvesting, with Mike sharing several resources for further understanding.
79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations		
Support	5	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat Nick led the discussion focusing on proposals 79, 80, and 81, all with the similar intent to support hatchery operations with subtle variations. Proposal 79 aimed to keep people out of the special harvest area and terminal harvest areas of Main Bay while the hatchery is conducting cost recovery operations. This strategy was recognized as a critical benefit to hatchery operations and the committee unanimously supported this proposal. Proposal 80, aimed to modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery barrier seine. The team supported this proposal as well. Proposal 81, submitted by Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, aimed to modify the area open to sport fishing near Main Bay Hatchery barrier seine and was slightly less restrictive, but support of the intent was unanimous.
80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal		
Support	5	0	Motion- Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat See proposal 79
81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery		
Support	5	0	Motion Pat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan See proposal 79
84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel		
Support	3	0	Motion- Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brett, Dan abstained.

Adjournment: 10/12/2024 at 8:48 pm  
11/12/2024 at 9:11 pm

Minutes Recorded By:    Bruce Bowman

Minutes Approved By: \_\_Nick Crump\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seward Advisory Committee  
Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Seward Community Library**

I. Call to Order: 7:04 by Jim McCracken

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Jim	McCracken	X	
Dianne	Dubuc	x	
Andrew	Bacon	X	
Mark	Clemens	X	
Bob	White	X	
W.C.	Casey		E
Arne	Hatch	x	
Jim	Hubbard	X	
Maile	Branson	X	
Nathan	Smith		E
Derek	Branson		E

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Leila Williams- ADF&G Board Support – Southcentral region

Brittney Blaine-Roth – Sportfish Division, Southcentral Area Management Biologist

Jeremy Botz- Area Management Biologist, Cordova Area

Heather Scannell – Assistant Area Management Biologist, Cordova Area

IV. Guests Present

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – approved by Chair, consensus

VII. Reports

- a. Chair’s report—next BoF finfish meeting in Seward, December 2026. Vice-Chair Dianne Dubuc was the driving force in submitting all the necessary paperwork for Seward to host this meeting. In Fall 2026 there will be a lot of work to get done in

preparation for the meeting. The Seward Advisory Committee had a lot of positive feedback on the last BoF meeting in Seward and are looking forward to welcoming the Board back for another meeting.

- b. ADF&G Blaine-Roth reported on the poor coho return year, which wasn't only restricted to our area. Egg takes this Fall were low. Locations where staff assess wild stock were low as well. From Valdez to Ship Creek and in between. McCracken asked if there was a common denominator—since hatchery returns were also low. Blaine-Roth spoke to the complexity of the question, theorizing that poor ocean conditions at time of outmigration could be the common denominator. Also pointed out that reports of jellyfish were high. Hubbard noted tons of jellies in May and June, and also reported observing lots of pinks offshore, but not showing nearshore.
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment – Dustin Carl: stated that he is a wildlife biologist who works at the Alutiiq Pride shellfish hatchery here in Seward. Carl stated he was interested in attending this meeting for informational purposes.
- IX. Old Business  
Kid Fish 2024 happened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May. Discussed that the event went well. The Committee was happy that volunteer Kari Boulden did a good job and hoped that Boulden would be involved in Kid Fish 2025
- New Business
- a. Board of Fisheries Proposals 1-103 (*see attached*)
  - b. Other Fish and Game Business as Necessary
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting – Seward AC members will not be available to attend in person meeting. Dubuc volunteered to provide testimony over the phone on behalf of the Seward Advisory Committee.
- XI. Set next meeting date: By consensus, propose to meet again the last week in April – April 24.
- XII. Other

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<b>Ground Fish</b>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		
3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications		
4	Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level		
5	Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation		
6	Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries		
7	Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound		
8	Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level		
9	Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed		
10	Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery		
11	Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear		

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12					Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%
13					Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery 17
14					Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery
15					Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
16					Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
17					Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
18					Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery
<b>Support</b>	8	0			Hubbard/Clemens – Discussed that this proposal extends the season while specifying that the quota is still the same. Approval would give fishermen more time to harvest up to the quota
19					Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
20					Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
21					Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
22					Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
<b>Support</b>	8	0			Hubbard/Dubuc – Discussed that currently fishermen can only have 1 gear type. Many boats carry both gear types. Hubbard stated that an advantage to this proposal is if fishing with hooks and the whales come in, then can switch to pots. This practice is allowed in



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			Southeast AK. Also discussed that this area (are we talking 3A?) is the only area not allowed.
23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		
24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound		
26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery		
Support, as amended	8	0	Dubuc/White – Discussed support for this proposal when available quota is being left on the ground, that there is no reason not to open opportunity to personal use. The Committee then voted to amend the proposal to strike “no bag, no size limit” as is the case in the sport fishery, and instead ask the Board to institute a bag and size limit, perhaps using the regulations in Southeast AK as a guide. Vote on the amendment was unanimous.
27	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits		
Support	8	0	Dubuc/White – Discussed that ADFG has worked to make regulations consistent across our region, and that this proposal would have PWS regulations mirror that of North Gulf Coast
28	Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit		
Oppose	0	8	Dubuc/Hubbard – As discussed above, the Seward AC has agreed with ADF&G efforts to maintain consistency across regulatory areas. The Seward AC has supported past proposals to create consistent regulations from LCI to PWS to help conserve groundfish populations and to help simplify the compliance and enforcement of regulations.
29	Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management		
Support	7	0	Dubuc/Bacon- Discussion stating that this proposal would give more tools to managers for on-time management of the stock until more is known.

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			White abstains, stating that generally not in favor of EO's because they may upend fishing/vacation plans made months in advance and at significant expense to the angler.
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37	Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery		
38	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab		
39	Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound		
40	Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound		

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41			Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies
42			Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound
43			Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound
44			Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery
45			Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area
46			Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery
47			Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries
48			Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45
49			Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict
50			Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts
Oppose	0	7	Dubuc/Hubbard –Discussion relating to commonly available technology. Chart plotters are common and available widely and are commonly used. For boaters, unknown water depth presents safety issues. White abstained.
51			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
52			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District

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53	Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met		
54	Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21		
55	Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted		
56	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders		
1	4	Branson/Clemens – Branson states that the proposals would work to limit congestion in fishing areas by allowing two permit holders on one vessel. Hubbard stated that an additional 50 ftm. is a significant increase in net size, comparing that with seine sector permit stacking regulation which permitted an increase in seine net size that is proportionally smaller than what is being proposed here. Dubuc and Bacon abstain: not an area of their expertise	
57	Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery		
1	4	Dubuc/Branson – This item was taken up for discussion concurrent with proposal 56 because they are closely related. The discussion for proposal 57 was a continuation of 56, and the vote was the same. Dubuc noted that the justification section pointed out conflict/entanglement issues being solved by this proposal. J. Botz from ADFG stated that this was not a widely reported concern. Hatch stated would look at this more seriously if it was put forward by a fisherman’s organization or an AC rather than an individual proposer.	
58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan		
59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan		
60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict		
61	Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict		

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62			Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level
63			Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery
64			Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year
65			Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict
66			Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal
67			Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict
68			Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
69			Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
70			Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict
71			Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict
72			Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River
73			Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders
Support	8	0	Hatch/Clemens- Staff stated that we have dual permits, which require 2 holders to be on board. Department is neutral, since they allow the gear type already, looking to the BoF to make final determination. Hatch stated that in practice, a permit holder/vessel owner needs to put permit in someone else's name, requiring more coordination, possible risk

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			to the boat owner. Adoption of proposal would allow an activity that's already taking place, increase efficiency.
74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery		
Support	8	0	Hatch/Hubbard – same discussion, same reasoning as 73
75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders		
77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%		
Oppose	2	4	Dubuc/Hatch – Committee discussed the economic impact of a 25% reduction. ADFG staff advised the 25% reduction in output would likely correlate in returns and ex vessel value. Discussed financial impacts to commercial fishermen, pink salmon range, effect on food web. Many agreed on the point that it is undesirable to see us restrict one area without buy-in from other areas or other countries. 2 abstain: Hubbard and Bacon. Dubuc, White voted to support.
79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations		
80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal		
81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery		
82	Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76		
	0	8	Dubuc/Clemens- The consensus was that it is counterproductive to create an additional regulatory area in PWS – creates enforcement issues.

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83	Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon		
Support as amended	7	1	Dubuc/Bacon – Consensus was in support of this proposal, however amend the language of proposal to: Allow a <i>resident non-guided</i> sport angler to use two rods while fishing for salmon. Would like to see this adopted in North Gulf Coast waters next. White abstained
84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel		
	0	8	Dubuc/Hubbard - on the king salmon side, Dubuc thinks this is a non-issue, and proposes that if you look at the logbook, it would probably not be significant. Staff researched the logbook data and affirmed, indicating that 2% of total charter harvest was to crew. Consensus of the group was that it was not a significant enough number to warrant reduction. Hatch asked if the CR/PWS AC had discussed this at their meeting, seeking additional insight.
85	Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon		
86	Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek		
87	Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system		
88	Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed		
89	Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise		
90	Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake		
91	Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek		
92	Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes		



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93			Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek
94			Repeal definition of "bow and arrow" in area regulations
95			Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound
96			Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation
97			Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold
98			Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions
99			Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound
100			Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan
101			Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area
102			Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait
103			Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound

XIII. Adjourn Dubuc/Hubbard

XIV. Adjournment: 9:14

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Bacon

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

**Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road Advisory Committee  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Slana School & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 4:20 pm by Ernie Charley

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Seat Designation	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Ernie	Charley	Chistochina	Present
2	William "Cole"	Ellis	Undesignated	absent
3	Amanda	Abraham	Alternate	Present
4	William	Horner	Alternate	Deceased
5	Wayne	Shafer	Mentasta	Moved
6	Christy	Ellis	Undesignated	absent
7	Robert	Herington	Undesignated	No longer interested
8	Eddie	Green	Undesignated	present
9	Keith	Webster	Undesignated	absent

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams, Heidi Hatcher, Mark Somerville

IV. Guests Present: Sue Ensminger, Susie Martin, Tim Olson, Sterling Spilinek

V. Approval of Agenda

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

- a. Elections – 7 seats, 2 alternates, All officer roles
  - i. Ernie Charley- Chistochina/Chair
  - Lauree Bertrand- Vice Chair
  - Amanda Abraham- Secretary
  - Susie Martin-Mentasta Chair
  - Eddie Green-Alternate
  - Tim Olson- Alternate
  - Sue Ensminger- Alternate
  - Thomas Abraham- Undesignated
- b. Board of Fish Proposals 1-103
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date Dec.13, 2024, 5 pm

XIII. Other

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<i>Ground Fish</i>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		
3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications		
4	Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level		

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5			Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation
6			Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries
7			Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound
8			Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level
9			Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed
10			Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery
11			Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear
12			Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%
13			Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery 17
14			Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery
	8		Support protection of pollock and oversight.
15			Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
	8		Same as 14
16			Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
	8		Same as 14
17			Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
18			Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery
19			Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound

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20			Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
21			Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
22			Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
23			Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters
24			Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
25			Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound
26			Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery
27			Modify rockfish bag and possession limits
28			Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit
29			Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management
30			Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound
31			Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries
32			Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound
33			Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area

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34			Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy
35			Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab
36			Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
37			Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
38			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab
39			Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound
40			Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound
41			Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies
42			Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound
43			Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound
44			Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery
45			Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area
46			Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery



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47			Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries
		8	Lack of internet access for many rural residence
48			Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45
		8	Should not use guides for subsistence fishing
49			Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict
	8		Keep business going in our community
50			Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts
	8		Need more enforcement
51			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
	8		Need more enforcement
52			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
	8		Need more enforcemnet
53			Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met
	8		Need to get more salmon up river
54			Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21
		8	Limited king salmon stock
55			Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted
	8		We all share the same burden
56			Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders
57			Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery
58			Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan
		8	Not sustainable long term
59			Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan
		8	Be conservative with sockeye
60			Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict
		8	Sustainable as is
61			Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict
		8	Sustainable as is
62			Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level

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		8	Burdensome
63	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery		
	8		More fish in the upper fisheries
64	Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year		
		8	No real consequences
65	Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict		
		8	Data not needed, no point to do this.
66	Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal		
		8	Can't manage all people in river
67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict		
		8	Hard to enforce
68	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
		8	no issue with it as is.
69	Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict		
		8	No issue with it as is.
70	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict		
		8	Do not want to extend boundary
71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict		
		8	It is not hurting anything.
72	Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River		
	8		It can help with get fish to the Gulkana Fishery
73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders		
74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery		
75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan		
76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders		

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77			Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan
78			Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%
	8		In support of helping pink salmon population
79			Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations
80			Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal
81			Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery
82			Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76
83			Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon
84			Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel
85			Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon
86			Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek
87			Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system
88			Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed
89			Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise
	8		See no issue with this.
90			Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake
		8	Does not make sense

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91	Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek		
	8		See no issue with proposal
92	Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes		
	8		See no issue with proposal
93	Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek		
	8		See no issue with proposal
94	Repeal definition of “bow and arrow” in area regulations		
	8		See no issue with proposal
95	Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound		
96	Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation		
97	Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold		
98	Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions		
99	Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound		
100	Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan		
101	Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area		
102	Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait		
103	Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound		

XIV. Adjourn

XV. Adjournment: 6:49 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_11/8/2024\_\_\_\_\_

**Whittier Advisory Committee**  
**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Anchor Inn & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 1:31pm by Jon van Hying

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Title
Jon	Van Hying	Chair
David	Pinguoch	Vice Chair
James	Norris	Secretary
Brett	Wilbanks	
Brett	Roth	
Jody	Mason	
Gordon	Scott	
Brad	Von Wichman	
Darrell	Melancon	ALT
Bruce	Bowman	ALT

Members Present: Jon Van Hying, David Pinguoch, Jim Norris, Brett Wilbanks, Bret Roth, Jody Mason, Gordon Scott, Bruce Bowman

Members Unexcused: Brad Von Wichman, Darrell Melancon

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Art Nelson, Martin Schuster, Jeremy Botz, Leila Williams, Brittany Blain Roth, Sam Kirby

IV. Guests Present: Chance Nygard, Zeke Brown

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: No report. Jon asked ADFG about lack of salmon in the summer of 2024.
  - b. ADF&G: Jeremy Botz discussed the lack of Salmon, and said everything was normal overall.
  - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: Someone recommended inviting Mark Summerville to the Whittier AC meetings.
- IX. Old Business: Bruce Bowman wanted to discuss the non-commercial Prince William Sound Shrimping fee. It was decided that the Whittier AC should contact Board members to push for the fee.
- X. New Business
- a. Elections: 3 seats, 2 alternates  
Nominations:  
Chair: David Pinguoch  
Vice Chair: Brett Wilbanks  
Secretary: Jim Norris  
Regular member: Bruce Bowman
  - b. Board of Fish Proposals:1, 14-29, 79-85 and 88
  - c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
  - d. David discussed moving the Whittier AC meeting to Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.. The committee agreed to the change.
  - e. The committee agreed that there should be a work group created to better understand Proposals 1,25 and 26.
  - f. The committee agreed on creating a work group for Sablefish. Leila will be sending out a signup sheet.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: None, at this time.
- XII. Set next meeting date: no date set at this time
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn: 4:30 p.m.



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1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for Sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries.		
	2	/ 3	/ 2 abstain
14	Close the PWS Walleye Pollock Pelagic trawl fishery		
	5		1 abstain
15	Modify bycatch limits in the PWS pelagic trawl fishery.		
			No action
16	Close the PWS pelagic trawl fishery		
	5		1 abstain
17	Establish observer requirements in the PWS pelagic trawl fishery		
	3	3	The AC would like to amend the proposal too. The commissioner Shall require 100 percent onboard electronic observation or 50 percent physical onboard observers on a vessel during fishing observations.
18	Extend the season dates in the PWS Sable fishery		
	6	0	unanimous
19	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	3		3 abstain
20	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	6		unanimous
21	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
	6		unanimous
22	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
	6		unanimous
23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		
			No vote

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24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	5		1 abstain    Gordon would like an amendment to make dates aligne with commercial halibut season.
25	Establish a personal use Sablefish fishery in PWS		
	2	3	2 abstain
26	Establish a PWS groundfish personal use fishery		
	2	3	2 abstain
29	6		<p>Create additional provisions for Yelloweye Rockfish management if amended to say.</p> <p>(a) The purpose of this delegation of authority is to stabilize the harvest of Yelloweye Rockfish in the waters of the PWS area. Yelloweye Rockfish will be managed for long-term sustainability of the stock. If the commissioner determines that the Yelloweye Rockfish sport fishing regulations must be modified to keep the sport fishery within a sustainable harvest level, the commissioner may, by emergency order, require one or more of the following management measures.</p> <p>(1) Modify bag and possession limit for nonresident  (2) Implement an annual limit for nonresident  (3) <b>Implement a size restriction</b>  (4) Implement an annual limit for resident anglers  (5) <b>Charter vessel operators and crewmembers may not retain rockfish while clients are on board the vessel.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>#3 and # 5 have been switched.</b></li> </ul>
79			Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations

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	5		1 abstain Jody made a motion to oppose. <b>David has a written proposal to add to this.</b>
80			Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goals
	6		Jody made a motion to oppose.
81			Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery
	2	2	2 abstained
83			Allow all resident sport anglers to use 2 rods when fishing for salmon.
	6		Jody made a motion to oppose
84			Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining King Salmon and Rockfish while clients are on board the vessel.
	5	1	Jody made a motion to oppose
85			Modify the bag and possession limit for Coho Salmon
	5	1	Jody made a motion to oppose

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jim Norris  
Minutes Approved By: David Pinguoch  
Date: 11/13/2024

**Whittier Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Zoom**

- I. Call to Order by Chairman David Pinguoch @ 4.17 pm  
 (6-6:17 informal workshop on Proposal 3)

- II. Roll Call  
 Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Title
<b>David</b>	<b>Pinguoch</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Brett</b>	<b>Wilbanks</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
James	Norris	Secretary
Jon	Van Hying	
<b>Brett</b>	<b>Roth</b>	
Jody	Mason	
<b>Gordon</b>	<b>Scott</b>	
Brad	Von Wichman	
<b>Bruce</b>	<b>Bowman</b>	

**Members in bold above present- 5**

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

**As this meeting was mainly called for the purpose of a workshop on Proposal 3, other members not present not addressed.**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
 Leila Williams, Jeremy Botz, Brittany Blaine Roth, Andy Pollak
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda  
**Agenda approved with addition of adding Proposal 43 to new business**
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
**Minutes not provided at time of meeting so not approved at this meeting.**
- VII. Reports - **NO REPORTS**
- a. Chair's report

- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment  
**NONE**

IX. Old Business  
**NONE**

X. New Business

- a. Review Board of Fisheries Proposal 3

**Unanimous vote to SUPPORT Proposal 3. Passage was partially based on belief that this has been approved by the NPFMC, but may not be implemented yet. No opposition was provided.**

### **Slinky Pots Proposal for Halibut Management**

David, Brett, Jeremy, and Gordon discussed a proposal for sport, fish management, specifically regarding the use of slinky pots in Prince William Sound. Brett explained that the proposal aims to allow the use of pots with larger openings for halibut, which could potentially reduce bycatch and whale predation. Jeremy had no comments on the proposal, suggesting it be directed to Martin. Gordon agreed with the idea of trying the slinky pots, but noted that the proposal as written would not require a black cod permit. Brett added that a large boat had successfully used the slinky pots in the area, catching a significant amount of halibut.

- b. Sport Fish Management Plan Discussion

### **Sport Fishing Quotas and Scheduling**

David and Brett discussed the issue of commercial fishermen harvesting a significant portion of the fish in Prince William Sound, which they agreed was not fair. They proposed creating a plan to assign specific times for sport and commercial fishing, and possibly relocating some fish to other streams to increase sport fishing opportunities. They also considered the possibility of delaying the commercial harvest of silvers until after Labor Day to allow sport fishermen to catch more. The goal was to establish a quota for sport fishermen and work towards achieving it.

Committee agreed to start working on a possible Prince William Sound management plan for future submission to the Board of Fisheries.

- c. Proposal 43

**Motion to oppose Proposal 43 passed 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstain**

### **Directed Octopus Fishery Proposal Discussion**

Brett discussed a proposal for a directed octopus fishery, questioning whether it would affect the allowed retention in the commercial shrimp fishery. Bruce clarified that the 35,000 pounds mentioned in the proposal was not defined in the proposal and needed further clarification from the department. Brett proposed a motion to oppose the proposal, expressing concerns about the potential impact on the shrimp fishery and the effectiveness of the gear type. David Pinguoch confirmed the motion to oppose the proposal. Andy added that there was no stock assessment for octopus, but they were considered abundant.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

**NO VOLUNTEERS**

XII. Set next meeting date

**NOT SET. Will set date after information on PWS shrimp data is available- probably January.**

XIII. Other

### **Next steps**

- Brett to research further details on Proposal 43 regarding octopus fishery and its potential impact on existing fisheries.
- David to start compiling data and information for a potential sport fish management plan focusing on sockeye and silver salmon in Prince William Sound.
- Brittany to assist David with data collection and analysis for the sport fish management plan.
- David to explore funding options for hiring a retired biologist to help formulate the sport fish management plan.
- Bruce to continue pursuing funding options for sport fishery research, particularly for shrimp fisheries.
- Andy to provide more information on funding sources for the commercial shrimp survey.

XIV. Adjourned **approximately 5:20 pm**

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: David Pinguoch

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

Date: 11/14/2024