

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
 March 10, 2015
 NERRS Building, Homer, AK.

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 ANCHORAGE

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by vice chair Tom Young at 6:10 PM.
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Tom Young (Vice Chair), George Matz (Secretary), Tom Hagberg, , Doug Malone, , Marvin Peters, , Michael Craig, , Hannah Heimbuch, Phillip Jones, Lee Martin, Gary Sinnhuber
 Members Absent Excused: Dave Lyon, Jim Meesis, Dennis Wade
 Members Absent: Nancy Hillstrand, Joey Allred, Ty Gates
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
 List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman.
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson, Joseph Person, Trent Chwilkowski- AWT, Dwayne Nutsvold.
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: We covered some loose ends on board proposals.
 We agreed to an AC letter supporting the need to provide water rights that protect native salmon breeding and rearing habitat. Tom Young will write the letter and submit a draft to the AC.
 We also agreed to an AC letter supporting a reduction to the bycatch limit in the Bering Sea. Hannah Heimbuch will write the letter and submit a draft to the AC.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	162		Eliminate all early and late season start dates for archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunts in Unit 15.
	0	5, 5	There was a lot of confusion about the language of this proposal, which was the basis for the abstaining votes. Those that voted against it felt that management tools like this should apply only to special hunts.
BOG	183		Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.
	0	10, 0	AC members said that this proposal is counter to the promise when the

			Kachemak Bay SP was created that it would still be used for traditional purposes. Regulations affecting fish and wildlife should be via the SP management plan or the BOG/BOF process. It is not clear that another level of regulation is needed. Also, apparently there will be an updated SP management plan, which could address any concerns.
BOG	194		Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
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BOG	195		Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in Southcentral Region Units.
	9	0, 1	Questions were raised as to how successful a citation for this regulation would be since what needs to be cleaned up is unclear.

BOF	254	Increase the current 25 percent statistical area harvest cap or restriction to 50 percent of the total commercial guideline harvest level (GHL).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0,0	Guest gave presentation
BOF	255	Increase the minimum number of commercial shrimp pots, or require a distance greater than 300 feet between first and last pot, before a buoy must be placed on each end of the longline in Registration Area E.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0, 0	Submitter of the proposal gave a presentation saying that this will reduce the amount of line in the water and opportunity to get fouled up.
BOF	256	Increase the minimum number of commercial shrimp pots before a buoy must be placed on each end of the longline in Registration Area E.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 255
BOF	257	Amend the reporting requirements for the commercial shrimp pot fishery in Registration Area E.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0, 0	We support the Departments position.
BOF	258	Close the commercial shrimp pot fishery in Prince William Sound.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10, 0	This appears to be a conservative managed fishery that doesn't require reduced harvest.