

Minto Nenana Advisory Committee
12/8/2018
Teleconference

I. Call to Order: 11:15 pm by Tim McManus

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Conrad McManus, Steve Ketzler, Tim McManus, Mike Carson, Victor Lord (Nenana); Daniel Marks (Undesignated alternate); Charlie Titus Jr* (Minto)

**Charlie was only able to participate in part of the meeting. This will be reflected in the number of those voting below*

Members Absent (Excused): Candace Titus, Eric Bauchmann, Charlie Titus Jr, Peter John, Philip Titus

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Approval of Agenda: Yes

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes, as is

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heather Scannell & Matt Albert (DSF); Jeff Estes & Deena Jallen (DCF); Mark Nelson (DWC)

VI. Guests Present: Brooke Woods, Tanana Chiefs Conference Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

Note on meeting attendance: This AC meeting was to occur on 12/17/2018 in Minto but due to factors outside the committees control, had to carry out business via teleconference on 12/18/2018. Only one individual from Minto was able to participate although he was not able to attend the entire meeting, which will be reflected in the vote tally.

The committee members that did attend was hesitant to meet without more input from Minto, but were concerned that another meeting attempt might not be successful due to the holidays before the Board of Fisheries meeting is set to occur in mid January.

Mark Nelson gave an update on the moose season and survey results in GMU 20A & B.

Ceremonial harvest in the flats was also discussed. Concern was raised over the number of wolves located in the flats and were given an update on lice and other skin conditions that are being found on these packs. Members noted that they are getting reports of skin conditions being noticed by trappers in Cantwell and Healy and are concerned with the size of these packs since wolves and the residents of these communities all depend on the same game resources. No vote was taken on the antlerless reauthorization hunt at this meeting, since the vote isn't

needed until the March BOG, another meeting will be planned that Minto can attend and everyone can vote then.

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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
63	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit		
support	6	0	This is our proposal and we support it.
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support	6	0	We support the authors intent to support the pike that overwinter here
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Oppose	0	6	We don't believe that this proposal goes far enough. We prefer our proposal.
67	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
support	6	0	We support the authors intent to support the pike that overwinter here
68	Open the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary to subsistence fishing through the ice for northern pike		
Oppose	0	6	This proposal wants to remove the protection we are trying to expand
69	Reduce the northern pike harvest trigger in the Chatanika River drainage from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game marker to the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
Oppose	0	6	
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		

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Oppose	0	7	We have previously supported others who wanted to relieve congestion and bottleneaking in other areas, but there is too much junk in the river in this portion to allow drift net fishing here.
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support	7	0	We have never used fishboxes, they are a lot of extra work to put them into your fishwheel and we don't believe they work- they hurt and tire out the kings.
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
TNA			The committee wants people to be able to fulfill their subsistence needs but are not sure they approve of the proposal as written
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Support w/Am	7	0	The committee discussed why this proposal was in place, and then support the department being able to manage this opening period with EOs
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Oppose	0	6	It is our understanding this is already something the department can do if they need to
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	6	7 ½" mesh was already a reduction from the 8", and this restriction was hard won with the entire river. Don't believe we should put further restrictions on just the upper river at this time
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
TNA			There was discussion of having us cut the dorsal fin off in this section of the river a long time ago and at that time we had concerns about safety with having to do this with knives in rough waters

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94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Oppose	0	6	Nenana noted that their community utilizes the permits that the Commercial Fisheries will issue to allow them to take fish for religious purposes, such as potlatch, and that people can fish after ice out for other species and some in the lower river would then catch the first fish. Based on these, we think that this is already being done without involving more regulation
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet		
Support w/Am	6	0	We support with the amendments made by the Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission. We do fish this area and have concerns with having to put nets farther away from each other
96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts		
Support w/Am	6	0	We support with the amendments made by the Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission. We want to ensure that the kings are pretty much done running and we are able to fish them and we make escapement
97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts		
98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area		
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets		
Oppose	0	6	Rivers set their own limits and what gear type works and where. We sometimes fish cut banks and where the river is deep, these are our traditional areas to fish, and we need the deeper nets to be able to meet our needs
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		

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Support	6	0	When people are fall fishing, unless they have a big freezer sometimes they just end up with a lot of trapping bait if the weather doesn't cooperate.
102 TNA			Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area We support traditional subsistence fishing opportunities for those that fish but this proposal is asking for commercial opportunities
103 TNA			Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of Pastolik River and Pastoliak River We support traditional subsistence fishing opportunities for those that fish but this proposal is asking for commercial opportunities
104 TNA			Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers We support traditional subsistence fishing opportunities for those that fish but this proposal is asking for commercial opportunities
178 Support	6	0	Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek We support subsistence needs being met

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161 Oppose	0	6	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders Some us already file a weekly subsistence report, but this would be a hardship on those that are in fish camp all summer that don't have to. This would take a lot of fuel back and forth to report.
162			Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch

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Oppose	0	6	This won't help the department manage inseason, also see above comments
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
Support	6	0	Wasting of resources is wrong, no matter what kind of fish you are harvesting
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Support	6	0	Wasting of resources is wrong

Adjournment: 2:32 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Conrad McManus with help from INT RC

Minutes Approved By: Tim McManus

Date: 11/21/2019