

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Minutes of October 24th, 2018
MTA Building Palmer

- Call to Order: 7:06 pm by Herb Mansavage

- Roll Call:

Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Birch Yuknis, Austin Manelick, Dan Montgomery, Tim Stephens, Neil Dewitt, Chris Alderman, Danny Lewis, Dom Nickles, Andy Couch, Mont Mahoney

Members Absent (Excused): Mel Grove, Bob Marshall, Hans Nordstrom, Chad Lipse, Don Dygert, Terry Nininger

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8?

List of User Groups Present: Alaska Outdoor Council (Rob Arno), ADF&G (Tim Peltier), Rep Eastman (Jerrod McClure), General Public (GlennHelmuth)

- Approval of Agenda:

- New Business: Rob Arno with AOC ACR #4 The Antlerless Moose Hunt in 16B. Basically if we have a Tier 2 hunt (subsistence) how can we have a antlerless hunt? If ADF&G feels that a Tier 2 hunt is necessary then there is not a harvestable surplus. Yet Mr. Pelitier with ADF&G states that the Department feels there is a harvestable surplus. Several AC members feel that the Departments population objective is too low and that the area can support more moose.

- ACR#4 Vote to see if this measure qualifies as an ACR Motion Failed 3-8-0

ACR#2 Vote to see if this qualifies as an ACR, Motion Passed 10-1-0 no opposing comment. ADF&G needs direction on whether to manage invasive species or eliminate them. (Worried about Mule deer and ticks right now)

ACR#3 Vote to see if this qualifies as an ACR, Motion Failed 0-11-0. AC feels that there is no biological issue. And the BOG cannot impose fines

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals

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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
18	Repeal limits to subsistence fishing periods in the Nushagak District		
Fail	0	9-3	Birch Feels that there are currently enough days. Abstaining members felt that if there opportunity was truly limited that more opportunity could be allowed
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
Fail	1	7-3	
20	Allow use of drift gillnets not more than 10 fathoms in length for subsistence salmon fishing in the Wood and Nushagak Rivers near Dillingham		
Fail	0	7-3	Austin Left room. Mr Peltier did not know why we would want to change gear. A Concern was that more subsistence fish would be harvested by commercial operators
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
22	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Egegik District at any time from May 1 through September 30		
Fail	0	7-4	Failed due to possible biological concerns early and late in the season
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
Fail	3	1-7	Less people have the opportunity to fish if one person can fish two permits
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
Fail	0	11-0	See Comments 23
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
Fail	0	11-0	See Comments 23
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear from a single vessel		
Fail	0	11-0	See Comments 23

27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
Fail	0	10-1	See Comments 23
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
Fail	0	11-0	Felt that this would privatize a fishery for a select group
29	Establish mesh size restrictions for the conservation of king salmon in the Naknek-Kvichak and Ugashik Districts		
Pass	11	0-0	Already how ADF&G is managing
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
Fail	0	11-0	Smaller boats could get pushed out of the market. Very historic for 32 feet. Already harvesting plenty of fish
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
Fail	2	6-3	Some felt this would be too efficient
34	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
35	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District near Graveyard Creek		
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
Fail	0	10-1	This takes away the provision for meeting the sockeye salmon escapement goal before opening the fishery
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
38	Repeal provisions to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Wood River exceeds 1,100,000 fish and the escapement is projected to exceed 1,400,000 fish		
Fail	0	8-1	Could harm late run kings and coho. Huge liberization
39	Open the wood River Special Harvest Area to both set and drift gillnet gear after July 17		

40	Establish a drawing system for use of the four furthest downriver set gillnet sites in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
Pass	8	0-3	We support paired restrictions when a conservation concern
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
Pass	8	0-3	See Comments 41
43	Establish subdistricts in the Nushagak District		
Fail	1	8-2	This could have large impacts on king salmon. Kings matter too
44	Allow any remaining unharvested Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp allocation to be reallocated to the Togiak District sac roe herring fishery		
Fail	0	9-2	Worried about overharvest. Herring populations have been declining
45	Allow unharvested Togiak District sac roe gillnet allocation to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
Fail	0	9-2	See comments 44
46	Increase the amount of harvestable surplus Togiak herring allocated to the purse seine fleet from 70 percent to 88 percent		
Fail	0	9-2	See comments 44
47	Adopt the Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan		
NA			WE don't have the plan
48	Modify the sport fishing season in the Naknek River drainage		
Fail	1	9-1	If conditions are crowded, limiting the season dates makes it more crowded
49	Prohibit retention of rainbow trout by nonresident sport anglers in a portion of the Naknek River drainage		
Fail	1	8-2	Only applies to NR. Is there a conservation concern?
50	Prohibit guiding on the Naknek River drainage during spring from the marker at Lake Camp downstream to the marker at Rapids Camp		
51	Establish a limited guide permit system between September 10 and October 20 in a portion of the Naknek River		
Fail	0	10-1	Cumbersome without a conservation concern
52	Limit the number of clients a sport fishing guide or sport fishing guide business may have while targeting trout in a portion of the Naknek River drainage		
Fail	0	7-2	How do you differentiate what one is fishing for?
53	Establish guide permits in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
Fail	1	7-0	Feel people could find ways around this provision
54	Limit the hours guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River		

Fail	0	7-1	People should be allowed to fish when they want. Neil made an amendment that failed to extend the hours from 6am to 6pm
55	Limit the days guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River		
Fail	0	8-0	This will not alleviate pressure
56	Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery		
Pass	8	0-0	If no bait, then no chumming
57	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
Fail	0	8-0	Too broad
58	Close sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River drainage		
Fail	0	5-3	Does not feel this will help
59	Close waters to king salmon sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
Fail	0	5-3	See comments on 58
60	Create a rod limit for nonresident anglers sport fishing for salmon on a portion of the Naknek River		
Fail	0	7-1	Don't see the need to restrict NR
61	Prohibit blocking access to sport fishing locations in the Naknek River		
Pass	7	1-0	This should be done Statewide
62	All sport-caught fish removed from the water in all freshwater drainages of the Bristol Bay Area must be retained		
Fail	1	7-0	Puts the angler in a difficult situation when a fish does what a fish wants to do

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis and Andy Couch
Minutes Approved By: Chair Herb Mansavage
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