Edna Bay Advisory Committee Jan 05, 2018 Edna Bay, Alaska

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Myla Poelstra, Secretary
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Myla Poelstra; Lee Greif; Joe Wargi; John Dodson; Richard Stockdale Members Absent: Patrick Richter, Heather Richter, Spencer Richter Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4 List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, sport fishing/hunting, subsistence, personal use

- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimous
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: Sharon Wargi, Maureen Viera, Mike Woodhouse
- VII. New Business:
 - a) Elections
 - i. Myla Poelstra nominated Mike Woodhouse to fill the seat vacated by Carleigh Fairchild. Second by John Dodson. Unanimous
 - ii. Myla Poelstra nominated Joe Wargi for another term. Second by Lee Greif. Unanimous
 - iii. Richard Stockdale nominated Heather Richter for another term. Second by John Dodson. Unanimous (Heather Richter accepted via email)
 - iv. Myla Poelstra nominated Lee Greif to serve as Vice Chair. Second by John Dodson. Unanimous
 - b) Board of Game Comments -

Proposal 2 – Oppose (6) – A hunter's education course should be required. Regulation should remain the same.

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	Southe		utat Finfis	h & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018
Prop.	Position	# Suppor t	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
53				Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.
	support	6	0	Support Fish & Game recommendations
54				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.
	no action			
55				Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.
	no action			
56				Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.
	no action			
57				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	no action			
58				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	no action			
59			[Close the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab sport fishery.
	no action			
60				Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound.
	no action			
61				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area A to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.
	no action			
62				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area D to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.
	no action			
63				Open an exploratory commercial red king crab fishery in specific areas during years of low estimated abundance.
	no action			

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64				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial red king crab fishery under an equal quota share when harvestable surplus is less than 200,000 pounds.		
	no action					
65				Expand fishing area for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.		
	no action					
66				Implement weather-related fishery closure delays for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.		
	no action					
67				Establish a regulatory closure date for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.		
	no action					
68				Define methods used to set guideline harvest levels in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.		
	no action					
69				Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges.		
	no action					
70				Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel.		
	no action					
71				Allow operation of commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots in the 14 days after closure of the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.		
	no action					
72				Re-define 'non-core' areas and define 'exploratory' areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.		
	no action					
73				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery using an equal quota share.		
	no action					

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74				Establish a tanner crab fishery in a section of the Yakutat District.
	no action			
75				Reopen the personal use shrimp fishery in Section 11-A.
	no action			
76				Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots.
	oppose	0	6	Poorly defined.
77				Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations.
	support	6	0	
78				Add sections for Districts 6, 8, and 10 and provide shrimp fishery guideline harvest ranges for the new areas.
	no action			
79				Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp.
	no action			
80				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel, limit the number of pots per string and pot spacing, and limit gear to one operation cycle per day in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery.
	no action			
81				Allow commercial shrimp pots in the Southeastern Alaska Area to be pulled only one time per day.
	no action			
82				Close the Section 11-A commercial shrimp fishery.
	no action			
83				Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab.
	no action			
84				Close additional waters in District 2 to commercial pot shrimp fishing.
	no action			
85				Expand current beam trawl shrimp fishery logbook requirement to cover all fishing areas.

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Prop.	Position	# Suppor t	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes			
	no action						
86				Open fishing areas deemed to have stable sea cucumber populations to commercial harvest of sea cucumbers without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.			
	no action						
87				Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest.			
	no action						
88				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery.			
	no action						
89				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial geoduck fishery.			
	no action						
90				Open previously non-surveyed fishing areas to a limited commercial harvest of geoducks without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.			
	no action						
91				Establish a weekly geoduck harvest limit of 1,000 pounds per diver in the Southeastern Alaska Area.			
	no action						
92				Remove guideline harvest range for District 16 scallops and set one guideline harvest range for all of Scallop Registration Area D.			
	no action						
93				Establish a commercial fishery for squid, using purse seine gear, in the Southeastern Alaska Area.			
	no action						
94				Reduce the amount of herring spawn reasonably necessary for subsistence in Sitka Sound.			
	oppose	0	6				
95				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C.			
	support	6	0	If stocks are depleted, stop commercial harvesting			

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96				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Section 11-A.			
	support	6	0	If stocks are depleted, stop commercial harvesting			
97			1	Open the Southeastern Alaska Area winter commercial food and bait herring fishery on December 1.			
	no action						
98				Reduce harvest rate for commercial herring fisheries in the Southeastern Alaska Area.			
	support	6	0				
99				Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass.			
	support	6	0	Until the herring biomass rebounds a reduction in harvest levels is imperative.			
100				Amend formula used to calculate guideline harvest levels for the commercial herring sac roe fishery in Sections 11- A, 15-B, and 15-C.			
	support	6	0	Until the herring biomass rebounds a reduction in harvest levels is imperative.			
101				Reduce bait fishery harvest limit in the Section 3-B commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery.			
	support	6	0	Until the herring biomass rebounds a reduction in harvest levels is imperative.			
102				Reduce herring bait fishery harvest limit and increase spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit in Section 3- B.			
	support	6	0	Until the herring biomass rebounds a reduction in harvest levels is imperative.			
103				Reduce the Section 3-B winter bait herring fishery harvest limit and increase the Section 3-B spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit.			
	oppose	0	6				
104			1	Repeal closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.			
	oppose	0	6	Regulation should stay in place.			

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Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018						
Prop.	Position	# Suppor t	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes		
105				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.		
	support	6	0			
106				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.		
	support	6	0			
107				Establish a herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B.		
	oppose	0	6	Too much pressure on an already declining fishery.		
108				Expand the open area for the spawn on kelp herring pound fishery in Section 3-B.		
	oppose	0	6	Expansion doesn't make sense in an already declining fishery.		
109				Allow no more than four Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holders to operate in a single pound structure in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.		
	support	6	0			
110				Allow the department to close fishing to some herring pound types to manage the fishery within the allowable guideline harvest level.		
	support	6	0	Support restrictive management decisions by Fish & Game when necessary.		
111				Define and allow closed half pound structures in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.		
	no action					
112				Use a conversion factor applied to final product weight to determine harvest in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.		
	no action					
113				Expand description of allowable groundfish parts that may be used as bait.		
	no action					
114				Allow the transport of live groundfish for the purposes of export or sale for human consumption.		
	no action					

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115				Create a new commercial fishery for spiny dogfish sharks using pot gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.		
	no action					
116			1	Establish a regional sablefish nonresident annual limit.		
	no action					
117				Allow pots as a legal gear type in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use sablefish fishery.		
	no action					
118				Change the season opening date for the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to coincide with the federal sablefish fishery.		
	no action					
119				Amend gear and season dates for Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery.		
	no action					
120				Modify fishing seasons in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to allow concurrent fishing with pot and longline gear.		
	no action					
121				Allow Southern Southeast Inside permit holders the option of using longline or pot gear for sablefish.		
	no action					
122				Base guideline harvest limits for the commercial sablefish fishery on federal survey data.		
	no action					
123				Increase the minimum retention size for lingcod in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area commercial fishery.		
	no action					
124				Allow the sale of up to two lingcod taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery in Sitka Sound.		
	no action					
125				Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.		
	no action					
126				Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deepwater release mechanism.		

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	no action						
127				Establish provisions for reducing the resident pelagic rockfish bag limit in Central Southeast Outside waters.			
	no action						
128				Reduce the pelagic rockfish limits in the Sitka Area.			
	no action						
129				Reduce the trip limit in the East Yakutat Section and clarify trip limits in the Southeast District and East Yakutat Section commercial demersal shelf rockfish fishery.			
	no action						
130				Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1.			
	no action						
131				Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery.			
	support	6	0				
132				Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.			
	no action						
133				Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.			
	no action						
134				Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon.			
	support	6	0	If closure to sport fishermen for low stocks, then closure should include commercial fisherman, too.			
135				Modify lawful gear for subsistence salmon fishing in Yakutat Bay.			
	support	6	0				
136				Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream and upstream of the Situk River weir during June and July.			
	support	6	0				

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137				Increase the regional resident king salmon possession limit when the Southeast Alaska Area preseason king salmon abundance index is greater than 2.0.			
	oppose	0	6				
138				Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods.			
	oppose	0	6				
139				Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator.			
	no action						
140				Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018–2020 fishing seasons.			
	oppose	0	6				
141				Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas.			
	support	6	0	Reasonable proposal.			
142				Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.			
	no action						
143			1	Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.			
	no action						
144				Allow increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity with troll gear in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.			
	no action						
145				Allow commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear in the Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.			
	no action						
146				Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan gear- specific value allocations.			

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	no action			
147				Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging.
	oppose	0	6	
148				Expand the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area to provide additional sport fishing opportunity for hatchery-produced king salmon.
	support	6	0	
149				Extend the closing date for salmon harvest by the hatchery permit holder in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area.
	support	6	0	
150				Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet.
	no action			Unclear reason for proposal.
151				Establish a terminal harvest area and management plan for Carroll Inlet.
	support	6	0	Support management consensus.
152				Update area description and coordinates of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area boundaries.
	support	6	0	Support clear boundaries.
153				Repeal the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan.
	oppose	0	6	
154				Establish a management plan for pink salmon in Lower Clarence Strait.
	no action			
155				Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery.
	no action			
156				Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.
	no action			
157				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.

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	no action			
158				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12.
	no action			
159				Prohibit the use of all aircraft used to locate salmon or direct commercial fishing operations during open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	support	6	0	
160				Allow commercial fishing for salmon in waters near selected streams in Boat Harbor, Anita Bay, Deep Inlet, and Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas up to a straight line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks.
	no action			
161				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters coordinates in Whitewater Bay.
	support	6	0	Support clarification.
162				Open additional fishing area in the remainder of the Yakutat District as mitigation for king salmon conservation closures around the Situk and Lost Rivers.
	no action			
163				Continue to allow set gillnet gear permit stacking in the Yakutat Area, by removing the sunset provision.
	no action			
164				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters description at the mouth of the Situk River to provide a more accurate description of current closed waters.
	support	6	0	Support clarification.
165				Change commercial salmon fishery closed waters description for Tsiu and Tsivat Rivers to more accurately reflect current stream mouth location.
	support	6	0	Updated information needed.
166				Allow a weekly commercial fishery targeting pink salmon with purse seine gear in District 12.

Positions: Support (S), Support as Amended (S/A), Oppose (O), No Action (N/A)

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	no action			
167				Close waters beyond one half mile from shore in Districts 12 and 14 to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.
	no action			
168				Close certain waters of Districts 12 and 14 to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
	no action			
169				Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear.
	no action			
170				Open a portion of District 10 the third Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear only.
	no action			
171				Add District 6 to the mesh-size restriction area and allow implementation of the mesh-size restriction for an additional month.
	support	6	0	Support Fish & Game conclusions.
172				Remove restrictions on harvesting non-Alaska hatchery- produced salmon in the spring commercial salmon troll fishery on the Gravina Island shore.
	no action			
173				Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision.
	no action			
174				Establish commercial fisheries targeting enhanced chum salmon using troll gear in portions of Districts 9 and 10.
	no action			
175				Implement a king salmon possession restriction for vessels participating in the enhanced chum salmon troll fishery.
	support	6	0	Reduction of King take during Chum season a good idea.
176				Establish a commercial fishery using troll gear to target hatchery-produced chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet.

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Prop.	Position	# Suppor t	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes			
	no action						
177				Allow commercial fishing with troll gear for hatchery- produced coho salmon, in certain areas, during commercial troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures.			
	no action						
178				Restrict fishing area in Sitka Sound when harvest of non- Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon reaches 30,000 fish by March 1.			
	no action						
179				Adopt measures to reduce harvest rate in the winter commercial salmon troll fishery during times of high king salmon abundance.			
	no action						
180				Reduce triggers in the Southeastern Alaska Area spring commercial salmon troll fishery by five percent in years of high king salmon abundance.			
	no action						
181				Reduce the percentage of remaining commercial king salmon troll fishery harvest taken during the initial summer king salmon retention period from 70% to 60% during years of high king salmon abundance.			
	no action						
182				Establish a starting date for the reopening the summer commercial king salmon troll fishery.			
	no action						
183				Modify commercial salmon fishing closed waters adjacent to the Situk River.			
	no action						
184				Modify gear specifications for the commercial salmon hand troll fishery.			
	no action						
185				Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery.			
	oppose	0	6	Opens the door for unmanaged harvest.			

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186				Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.				
	support	6	0					
187				Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River.				
	oppose	0	6					
188				Provide for personal use harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in Ketchikan Creek.				
	support	6	0	Support Fish & Game.				
189				Provide regulatory provisions necessary to harvest aquatic plants for personal use within the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game nonsubsistence areas in the Southeast Alaska Area.				
	support	6	0	Support Fish & Game				
190				Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage.				
	no action							
191				Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June.				
	no action							
192				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11.				
	no action							
193				Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A.				
	oppose	0	6	Opens the door for management problems.				
194			1	Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15.				
	oppose	0	6	Opens the door for management problems.				
195				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.				
	support	6	0					
196				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.				
	support	6	0					

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197				Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.			
	support	6	0				
198				Amend the open season for Dolly Varden in Auke Bay.			
	no action						
199				Increase the bag limit for Dolly Varden on the Juneau road system.			
	no action						
200				Prohibit snagging in all salt and freshwaters along the Juneau road system, with minor exceptions.			
	no action						
201				Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.			
	no action						
202				Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.			
	no action						
203				Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.			
	support	6	0				
204				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.			
	no action						
205				Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.			
	no action						

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:Myla Poelstra, SecretaryMinutes Approved By:Lee Greif, Vice ChairDate:01/05/2018