

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Finfish | Anchorage, Feb. 7-19, 2020

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**Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage**

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:34 pm.
(Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Done
3. Prayer: Done
4. Establish a Quorum: 11
 - Members Present: Georgeanna Heaverly, Kevin Taylor (Chair), Martin Weiser (Vice-Chair), Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Jim Nabulsi, Rick Rodgers, Ernie Weiss, Shawna Williams, & JR Gates.
 - Members Absent Excused: Neil Dewitt.
 - Members Absent Unexcused: Bryce Ekroth, Tyler Loken, Lynette Moreno Hinz, & Phillip Calhoun.
5. List of User groups present: None
6. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present: None
7. Public present: Thomas Robertson, Chris Allinson, & Abby Duffy.
8. Approve the Agenda: Approved.
9. Public testimony:
 - Thomas Robertson – Big game drawing permit application process and being able to apply multiple times for a specific hunt. In general, those that can apply for these multiple hunts are also those that have the means to travel distances with expensive equipment such as planes. This system is not fair and equitable to all Alaskans. This should apply to both hunting and fishing. The timeframe that ADF&G requires for drawing hunts is a difficult time around the holidays for families to add the added expense to be competitive.
 - Abby Duffy – Adak emergency measures that are coming up for discussion at the Kodiak meeting; Board of Fish-generate proposal #283. This would push the trawl fishery to March 15 to allow the <60 foot fleet to fish. The <60 foot fleet is already allowed to fish starting January 1 so that fleet already has a head-start. However, there is no benefit for the larger, trawling fish to start earlier than early March. This singles out the boats that >60 feet but not a larger, catcher-processor that are delivering fish to offshore processing facilities. Allowing the smaller fleet to fish first may cause the



allocation to be filled prior to the trawling fleet having a chance to fish at all. Ms. Duffy is asking the Board of Fish to NOT pass this emergency measure.

10. Committee Reports

- Game Chair - Matt Moore – Committee meeting 1.7.2020 at Rabbit Creek Rifle Range to discuss proposals 94-154. Attended the Western Region Caribou Working Group meeting in place of Neil DeWitt. The herd is in decline but the harvest opportunity has not been reduced. There were presentations on caribou patterns in a changing climate and when more development is allowed to occur, such as in areas around Ambler and the western NPR-A.
- Fish Chair- Martin Weiser – Results and comments from UCI Meeting in Seward, Alaska, December 11-14, 2019 summarized and presented by Shawna Williams (10 pages). Proposal #6 was contentious as there were many different land owners involved. Proposal #12 & #13 regarding lingcod about them being stocks of concern; ADF&G provided comment that they were not and the proposals failed. ADF&G will set an ANS for Seldovia, the last subsistence fishery without an ANS in the State.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business

1. Prepare comments on BOF Proposals 78-243 – See notes in the ADF&G template provided below. Proposals that were voted as unanimous in the subcommittee will be carried forward with the full committee present (11 members).
2. Representative to the Board of Fish meeting will be Joel Doner. The next Board of Fish meeting is being held in February 7-20, 2020 in Anchorage at the Eagan Center. The fish subcommittee will meet at Copper River Seafoods at 2:00pm on January 17, 2020 to prepare for the next Board of Fish meeting public testimony.
3. Matt Moore will be the representative at the Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska. Discussion topics will be determined at the next AC meeting.

13. Adjourn: 8:07pm

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at Cabela's at 6:30 pm.



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<p><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></p>			
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Support	11	0	Subcommittee supports the intent to effectively set an annual bag limit for king salmon conservation.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	Subcommittee is concerned about safety if a child or elder is handed a rod with a powerful fish on; reg change could lead to abuse of bag limit intent.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	This would prohibit a third party to broker guide services. Brokering is a needed service that provides commerce for Alaskans.
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Oppose	1	10	Not enough information and difficult to determine what the repercussions of this proposal may be. Think that the Department would have trouble making this happen. Support because would like to see an attempt to regulate the Kodiak fishery.



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38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Oppose	1	10	See comments for Proposal 37.
78	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is allocative and too far-reaching. There is ample opportunity for the personal use and sport fisheries, and it is unnecessary to reallocate the resource.
79	Establish a personal use priority for Cook Inlet salmon fisheries (Walt Arthur)		
Oppose	0	11	Invalid argument to compare numbers of fish with poundage. There is ample opportunity for the personal use fishery and it is unnecessary to establish priority.
80	Prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 36" in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial gillnet fisheries (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
Oppose	0	11	Gillnetted salmon are not viable to release; many are dead once gilled.
81	Manage fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet by designating types of salmon habitat (David Chessik)		
Support	11	0	Support the proposal but recognize the logistical difficulties in securing funding and resources and the challenges that come with implementation.
82	Allow two regular 12-hour commercial fishing periods per week (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		



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Oppose	0	9	The advantage of a regulation is that buyers would know when fish are available, however, there is concern for years when stocks are low. Emergency orders are already used as an effective management tool. This proposal would restrict future management. The fisheries should be managed based on abundance, not a calendar. Two abstain: Uncertain/undecided; prefer not to make decision. Cannot support as written.
83	Close all commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet (Neil DeWitt)		
Oppose	0	11	There are severe repercussions for an indefinite commercial fishery closure. There are more relevant threats to stocks such as invasive species.
84	Clarify the requirement of immediately releasing king salmon over 20 inches (Joe Hanes)		
Support	11	0	This proposal would instate clear regulation language to help prohibit stock mortality rates.
85	Limit the prosecution of fishing derbies (John McCombs)		
Oppose	0	11	Recognize that fishing derbies already have regulations that must be followed. Many derbies are charitable and provide support to various community groups. This proposal fuels the division between user groups.
86	Establish resident and non-resident annual limits for sockeye salmon in the Cook Inlet Area (Steve Pratt)		
Oppose	0	11	Recognize the problem and the abuse of the fishery, but this proposal is not the answer. Appreciate the emphasis on residency, but non-residents provide economic benefit to the state.



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87	Eliminate the personal use salmon dip net fishery and prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon in the Kenai Peninsula area (Ron Carmon)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is not in the best interest of the state and the scientific information given does not seem accurate.
88	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver goal ranges (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	11	Increasing SEG also increases OEG proportionally. This proposal is political in nature and seeks to increase sport fishing opportunity.
89	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers and increase the sustainable escapement goal range to 1,300,000-1,750,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is allocative and not the answer to the stated concerns.
90	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers; increase the sustainable escapement goal; and limit commercial fishing periods (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 89.
91	Lower the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon sustainable escapement goal (Teague Vanek)		
Oppose	0	11	Agree with the concept and recognize that there is a way to deal with the given concerns, but instating the 10 year average does not seem to be the appropriate solution.



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92	Reduce the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 450,000–750,000 salmon (John McCombs)		
Oppose	0	11	Given numbers are from older sonar equipment. There are many additional factors now. This appears to be a generalization.
93	Manage the personal use dip net fishery on the lower Kenai River subject to achieving the inriver goal (Nathan Hoff)		
Oppose	0	11	On occasion the PU fishery should remain open when the commercial fishery is closed. Recognize the need to spread the burden of conservation but this is not the way to do so.
94	Implement an additional 24-hour closure in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery at run strengths greater than 4,600,000 Kenai River sockeye salmon (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Oppose	0	11	The reason the original Tuesday setnet closure was lifted was to allow for more flexibility in management, and therefore the closure should not be reinstated.
95	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to remove and replace the provision to manage for commercial uses with a provision to manage for commercial, sport, and personal use groups (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Oppose	0	11	There is already ample opportunity for user groups.
96	Increase the Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement and inriver goals, increase sockeye salmon bag and possession limits, and pair closures (Walt Arthur)		



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Oppose	0	11	There appears to be misinformation in this argument. Management already has EO authority to increase limits and instate closures.
97	Create sport and personal use allocations of sockeye on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (Chris Every)		
Oppose	0	11	Recognize necessity for harvest accountability in PU fishery and setting annual limits to regulate fishery, however, there are difficulties in regulating this. Unsure how to put numbers on it. This is difficult to determine with only a forecast. Suggest using the term 'guideline harvest level' instead of setting hard numbers in the regulation.
98	Establish an annual limit for the Kenai River sockeye salmon sport fishery (Chris Every)		
Oppose	0	11	Cannot support as written. If the Kenai River is over-escaped then an increase in bag limit would seem to help; increasing harvest makes sense on years of large returns. Would support if amended to apply to non-residents.
99	Establish mandatory closed inriver fishing windows for sockeye salmon (John McCombs)		
Oppose	0	11	Proposal and argument are contradictory.
100	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to open commercial fishing periods to stay within ten percent of daily inseason run projections (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Oppose	0	11	Disagree with the premise of the proposal. Mixed stocks and kings are not considered.



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101	Amend the preamble to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan by removing minimize language and adding a provision for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	The proposal deletes clear language from regulation and replaces it with ambiguous language.
102	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage for the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal and replace inriver goals with allocation ranges (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Oppose	0	11	Supports the premise of not over-escaping the Kenai River system, but this model does not seem to be the proper management approach.
103	Make numerous amendments to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Oppose	0	11	Many parts of the proposal are valid in order to enhance management, but there are too many pieces of regulation to amend at once.
104	Adopt an optimal escapement goal and amend the paired restrictions in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal restricts flexibility in management.
105	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000-35,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	11	Recognize that the Department sets escapement numbers. The upper bound given in the proposal seems excessive.



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106	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000–35,000 salmon (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 105.
107	Allow the use of bait and modify maximum size above Slikok Creek when the escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded (Ted Wellman & Bill Tappan)		
Oppose	0	11	The sport fishery should not be liberalized such as this, as there are more salmon spawning beds above Slikok Creek. There appears to be flaws in this language.
108	Reduce the number of hours the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery may be fished in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan paired restrictions (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is too restrictive.
109	Allow set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed independently when under “paired” restrictions (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen’s Association/ Paul A. Shadura II)		
Support	11	0	This would allow another tool for the Department to use to help deal with the consistent over-escapement of the Kasilof River.
110	Modify "paired" restrictions to limit gear in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery only when retention of king salmon is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery (Amber and Travis Every)		
Oppose	0	11	Not feasible in the current climate. Recognize that the number of kings is too low. Support the shared burden of conservation but this does not appear to be the correct approach.



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111	Remove “paired” restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Karen McGahan)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal does not seem feasible and appears unfair to other user groups.
112	Remove gear restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery when the use of bait is prohibited in the sport fishery (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen’s Association / Paul A. Shadura II)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 111.
113	Establish paired restrictions to close personal use fisheries when commercial fisheries are closed (John McCombs)		
Oppose	0	11	The PU fishery is also a tool to help with over-escapement. This proposal is not viable.
114	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Dwight Kramer)		
No action	--	--	Recognize the uncertainty in pre-season assessments, but this proposal does not seem to be the answer. Would like more information and to consult Department.
115	Allow the use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery when the fishery is restricted to catch and release (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	Appears to be incorrect information on mortality rates. If the sport fishery is restricted to catch and release then it makes sense that no bait should be used.
116	Limit sport fisheries for king salmon on the Kenai River based on inseason abundance (Mark Walker)		



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Oppose	0	11	This proposal is not feasible. Restrictions are already in place for the sport fishery.
117	Increase open waters from within 600 feet of mean high tide to within 1,200 feet of mean high tide as a restrictive option in the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery after July 8 (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Support	11	0	Support because this would do what it is intended to do. Would double the area but not necessarily double the people harvesting. It does increase the opportunity.
118	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to include the Kasilof River biological escapement goal (Jeff Beaudoin)		
No action	--	--	Would like Department input as to how a Biological Escapement Goal would affect management.
119	Eliminate the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (Mark Ducker)		
Support	11	0	Recognize the current issues with an OEG. This proposal would seem to help with Kasilof River over-escapement, and not place priority on achieving the lower end of the Kenai. The state has not had difficulties in achieving the Kenai River lower end.
120	Remove the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area from (c)(4) of the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Support	11	0	KRSHA is contentious and does not appear to be following the original intent.
121	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to prioritize achieving the lower end of the Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement goal (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal would restrict user groups.



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122	Create a commercial dip net fishery in the Kasilof River (Nathan Hoff)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal appears to be very contentious, and will cause many foreseeable problems. It does not seem feasible.
123	Rename Drift Gillnet Area 2 to the "Conservation and Northern District Allocation Sanctuary Area" (Ben Allen)		
Oppose	0	11	This restricts future management of the area. It is not feasible.
124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include inriver users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is allocative and politically motivated. Department already manages this appropriately.
125	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan and include inseason assessments (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
No action	--	--	Proposal seems complicated and appears to restrict management decisions.
126	Close the Central District drift gillnet fishery corridor (Neil DeWitt)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is not viable.
127	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is allocative and appears to contain misinformation regarding priority, while also placing blame upon other user groups.



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128	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to remove the provision to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River coho salmon and add a provision for reasonable opportunity for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 101.
129	Allow the commissioner to limit Central District drift gillnets to less than 150 and 200 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	11	Decreasing fathom length of nets can serve as a management tool, but decreasing mesh depth is not feasible to harvesting stock. It is cost prohibitive for commercial fishermen to hang new gear.
130	Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Chinitna Bay subdistrict starting August 15 (Teague Vanek)		
Support	11	0	Recognize the need for an accurate stock assessment in Chinitna Bay and suggest the consideration of a cost recovery test fishery as a management tool. The fishing area can still be closed by EO authority.
131	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (Teague Vanek)		
No action	--	--	This proposal is not politically viable.
132	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (John McCombs)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 131.



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133	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is allocative and restricts area biologist's authority to manage the fishery.
134	Add Drift Gillnet Area 1 to the list of sections that are allowed to be fished during additional fishing time July 16–31 in the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	11	0	Support proposal with the understanding that areas can always be closed under EO authority. This would allow for more opportunity to harvest surplus stocks.
135	Allow one additional regular fishing period in the Central District drift gillnet fishery July 24– 31 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	11	0	See comments for Proposal 134.
136	Open two additional inlet-wide fishing periods per week between July 24 and August 15 in even-numbered years (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	11	0	Recognize economic opportunity to harvest pinks and support proposal as long as it would not interfere with other stocks.
137	Repeal and readopt the Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan to manage for commercial priority and 40–70% exploitation rate (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No action	--	--	Support harvest of excess pinks but uncertain of using this particular management strategy.



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138	Establish drift gillnet weekly fishing periods in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	11	0	Support harvestable surplus of stocks, and recognize that the Department should not rely on aerial surveys as they are known to be an inaccurate assessment tool.
139	Close the drift gillnet salmon fishery in Chinitna Bay (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	The Subcommittee is unsure of accuracy of this information.
140	Allow a dual-permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear on board while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time (Dan Anderson)		
Support	11	0	Understand the difficulty in changing out gear due to the remoteness of the fishing area.
141	Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet Area (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal would result in enforcement issues.
142	Create a commercial set gillnet fishery for coho salmon in the Upper Subdistrict (Chris Every)		
No action	--	--	Unsure of the science and sustainability of this fishery.
143	Clarify the fishing season for king salmon less than 20 inches in length on the Kasilof River (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
144	Align spring sport fishing dates for Bishop and Bench creeks (ADF&G)		



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Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
145	Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15 (Neil DeWitt)		
Oppose	0	11	Extending the season prolongs political pressure on the City of Kenai and commercial fisheries.
146	Increase the sockeye salmon limit to six fish per day in the Kenai River when the commercial fishery is open (Frank Casey)		
Oppose	0	11	Department has authority to issue an EO to up the catch limit, and has done so before. This proposal appears allocative.
147	Prohibit fishing for salmon on the upper Kenai River after taking the bag limit for that day (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	2	9	Oppose: Restricts angler opportunity and poses enforcement issues. Should have the opportunity to catch-and-release fish in this area. People will try to get around this by releasing their last fish over-and-over until they are ready to go home. Support: Helps deal with overcrowding concerns.
148	Allow two unbaited, single-hook artificial flies and limit hook size throughout the Kenai River drainage (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Oppose	0	11	Not necessary on the Kenai River system, and would create an unfair advantage over the average fly fisherman.
149	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Oppose	0	11	Unless science shows that catch and release is not viable then anglers can continue to do so. This inhibits recreational opportunity.



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150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 149.
151	Allow retention of sockeye salmon snagged on the Kenai River (Steve Pratt)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 149.
152	Prohibit barbed hooks when fishing in the Kenai River drainage (Jordan Perrego)		
Oppose	0	11	Barbed release does not affect the fish, it is hook placement. This is not an issue.
153	Increase the bag limit for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery to three fish July 1 – August 31 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Support	11	0	Support unless the department has a biological concern for conservation of the stock. Currently it is not a stock of concern.
154	Increase limits for Kenai River coho salmon from two to three fish (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
No action	--	--	The Subcommittee is unsure of the reason for given start dates.
155	Allow sport fishing guides to sport fish while a client is present from the banks of the Kasilof River (Raymond Davis)		
Oppose	0	11	Guides should not be personally fishing while with clients.
156	Allow sport fish guides to sport fish on the Kasilof River from shore while a client is present (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 155.



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157	Limit the number of client groups per guide or guide vessel on the Kasilof River in July (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	11	Regulations already exist for this. Guides should have ample economic opportunity, as they are small businesses.
158	Prohibit sport fishing guides from sport fishing from shore while a client is present (Paul Boyden)		
Support	11	0	See comments for Proposal 155.
159	Allow five anglers per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	Recognize the issue of turbidity increase when carrying more people. Oppose unless science shows otherwise.
160	Allow transport of more than five persons per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 159.
161	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays in August (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	Current regulations are sufficient; there is already ample opportunity for guides.
162	Remove restrictions to guided sport vessels on the Kenai River when the King salmon sport fishery is closed (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	Regardless if kings are closed or not, restrictions should remain in place.
163	Prohibit guiding in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers personal use dip net fishery (Catherine Felt)		



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Support	6	5	Support: A line must be drawn as to which fisheries are for-profit. If guiding is allowed and this becomes a for-profit fishery, than that is considered commercial fishing. The intent of the PU fishery is for Alaskan residents to fill their freezers, not profit off the fishery. Oppose: Allow for economic opportunity and professionalism in the fishery. This alleviates safety concerns as guides are more knowledgeable of the fishery and it is much safer to dipnet from a boat than the bank.
164	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River from Skilak Lake to the Soldotna Bridge May 1– August 31 (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Oppose	1	10	Oppose: Unrealistic and not the appropriate approach. There are other steps to take before we get to this point. There are also property owners that need access. There are spawning sanctuaries around each tributary. Support: Conservation concerns. Alaskans are loving this River to death. The habitat would be protected.
165	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
Oppose	0	11	Can foresee that other days of the week will become overcrowded. This proposal takes fishing opportunity away from residents in the PU fishery.
166	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 165.
167	Allow sport fishing from a vessel with a motor on board but not in use on the Kenai River on Mondays in July (Eric Christian)		



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Oppose	0	11	Cannot support as written but understand the argument. There would appear to be a potential for abuse.
168	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is not feasible and not realistic.
169	Prohibit motorized vessels on a section of the Kasilof River January 1—September 15 (Charles McCrone)		
No action	--	--	The Subcommittee is not aware or familiar with this problem.
170	Move the ADF&G regulatory marker for personal use dipnetting on the Kasilof River north shore beach (Brent Ramsay)		
Oppose	0	11	This will not alleviate overcrowding; it will result in even more users as additional space is given. This does not solve the stated problem.
171	Reduce the Kenai River personal use bag limit for king salmon to one salmon less than 36" in length (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
Support	11	0	The Subcommittee supports the proposal for the reasons given.
172	Limit personal use dipnetting on the Kenai River by day of the week (Karen McGahan)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is not feasible and unfair to residents whose schedules do not allow for fishing on assigned days of the week.
173	Reduce the annual limit for the Kenai River dip net fishery and create tiered harvest quotas (Chris Every)		
No action	--	--	Recognize the need to share in the burden of conservation. There is no limit to the PU fishery on years of low returns, and



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			something must be done. This proposal appears to be a step in the right direction.
174	Prohibit set gillnets in the personal use salmon fishery if the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai or Kasilof Rivers is restricted (Joe Hanes)		
Oppose	0	11	This does not appear to be an issue as the two are unrelated.
175	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach area starting July 1 (Gary Hollier)		
Support	11	0	This proposal would allow for more opportunity. If there is a surplus of fish, the fishermen should be allowed to harvest them.
176	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach area starting July 8 (Gary Hollier)		
Support	11	0	See comments for Proposal 175.
177	Open the North Kalifornsky Beach set gillnet fishery with the Kasilof section and limit the fishery to within 600 feet of the mean high tide (Chris Every)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 175.
178	Permanently close drift gillnetting in the Upper Subdistrict within one mile of mean high tide north of the Kenai River and within one and one-half miles of mean high tide south of the Kenai River (Ken Coleman)		
Support	11	0	This proposal makes sense to allow for consistency.
179	Extend the commercial salmon fishery season closing date in the Kenai and East Forelands Sections August 15 – September 15 (Karen McGahan)		



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Support	11	0	Recognize that the fishery can still be closed by EO authority. If there are fish later into the year then then the surplus should be harvested. This would leave the option to harvest open.
180	Allow regular weekly fishing periods after August 15 in the Upper Subdistrict sockeye salmon set gillnet fishery based on abundance (Chris Every)		
Support	11	0	See comments for Proposal 179.
181	Delay all Upper Cook Inlet set and Central District drift gillnet commercial fishing opening dates (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	11	This does not help the stated issue.
182	Open the Kasilof Section commercial set gillnet fishery June 20 instead of June 25 (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Support	11	0	This appears to be a solution to catching more Kasilof sockeye in order to help prevent over-escapement.
183	Extend the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet season to August 20 (Joseph Person)		
Support	11	0	Recognize that salmon runs are trending later now. This gives management another tool and allows for flexibility.
184	Open extra commercial fishing periods at a set time of 7 a.m. in the Upper Subdistrict set net fishery (Chris Every)		
Oppose	0	11	It is best to not have a set time as the tides are often not ideal. This is setnet site dependent. The Department can determine when the opening times are.



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185	Open the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery June 20 instead of June 25 provided an estimated 20,000 sockeye salmon are in the Kasilof River (Joseph Person)		
Support	11	0	There is missed opportunity when season opens at this later date. This will help with Kasilof River over-escapement.
186	Eliminate the one percent rule in both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	11	0	The one percent rule is not the best management tool available to determine the commercial fishing season end. This goes against the concept of managing for yield; if there is harvestable surplus, there should be opportunity for harvest. Other tools such as managing for escapement goals and issuing emergency orders can be used. There are many factors to influence inaccuracy of the one percent rule such as run timing and drift fleet and setnet site reduction in number. This rule negatively impacts the Alaska resident permit holders, as they are the ones that rely most on late season fishing openers. As runs seem to be trending later this rule will become more restrictive and ineffective.
187	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery and create mandatory area restrictions based on escapement goals (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 186.
188	Eliminate the one-percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery (Teague Vanek)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 186.



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189	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery (John McCombs)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 186.
190	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Karen McGahan)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 186.
191	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Chris Every)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 186.
192	Amend the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery to apply starting July 31 instead of August 7 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 186.
193	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule beginning August 1 in Cook Inlet Area subdistricts (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 186.
194	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule for both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 186.
195	Amend the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet one percent rule to a two percent rule beginning July 31 instead of August 7 (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 186.



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196	Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fisheries (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	5	6	Support: EO's can still be issued. Leaves the decision on the scientist's hands. Allows the managers have the opportunity to actually manage. Oppose: This is not politically realistic but support the concept and believe that the Department should manage for the strength of the run. The windows allow for people to plan to be able to fish.
197	Provide waypoint locations for landmark names and modify waypoint locations in Chinitna Bay (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
198	Amend waypoint descriptions and provide coordinates for landmark names (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
199	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal restricts management flexibility; EO's can already be issued.
200	Close the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery when the sport fishery in the Susitna or Knik Arm drainages are restricted (Ben Allen)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 199.



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201	Amend paired restrictions in the Deshka River king salmon sport and commercial fisheries (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Support	11	0	This allows for the same opportunity between user groups to harvest surplus. Once sport reopens, the option for commercial reopening can be used.
202	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan to allow operation of one set gillnet per permit (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Support	11	0	Consistent with other subdistrict regulations.
203	Provide additional fishing periods in the Northern District king salmon commercial fishery when the Deshka River king salmon sport fishery is liberalized (Betty Gilcrist)		
No action	--	--	The fishery can already be opened by EO authority.
204	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users (Kristine Ogonowski)		
Oppose	0	11	Unnecessary regulation.
205	Clarify the definition of "minimize" in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Howard Delo)		
Oppose	0	11	Unnecessary to define. Not feasible, both in terms of financial and department resources, to determine which coho were "northern bound." In the management plan they are already restricting northern bound harvest.



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206	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to allow for regular amounts of set gillnet gear in the Northern District commercial sockeye salmon fishery during times of reduced effort in the Central District (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Oppose	0	11	The two user groups are not connected. This proposal does not make sense.
207	Remove the Eastern Subdistrict gear restrictions in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Russell Clark)		
Support	11	0	If the Eastern Subdistrict does not catch the stock of concern then they should not be held to that restriction, if the science shows this to be the case. The district does not catch Kenai kings, but rather Kenai sockeye, which is another reason to lift restrictions.
208	Modify description of waters open to fishing (David Chessik)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 209.
209	Amend the waypoint location for Light Point on Kalgin Island (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
210	Close waters to drift gillnetting on the west side of Cook Inlet within one mile of shore from the West Forelands to Sea Otter Point (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	The Department determines the fishing area and the drift fleet fishes to that area.
211	Eliminate the four set gillnet per person limit (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		



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Oppose	0	11	This would cause a greater burden for enforcement.
212	Eliminate the requirement to obtain a commissioner's permit for the Cook Inlet Smelt fishery (Teague Vanek)		
Support	11	0	This would alleviate Department time and resources in processing permits. Other fisheries only require the primary permit holder and not crewmembers to deal with this.
213	Allow anglers to use 5 lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to eradicate invasive northern pike.
214	Prohibit live release of northern pike in the Anchorage Bowl and Knik River drainages (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to eradicate invasive northern pike.
215	Create a Susitna and Yentna Rivers King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Oppose	0	11	Once this is put into regulation it is not easily adaptable. The stocks can still be managed by EO authority.
216	Create a Deshka River large king salmon optimum escapement goal (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	Not feasible to count large fish in this river system. It would require implementing sonar as it is not practical with a fish weir.
217	Create a Deshka River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		



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Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 215.
218	Create an optimal escapement goal for McRoberts Creek coho salmon of 450-1,400 fish (Andy Couch)		
No action	--	--	The Subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
219	Create a Little Susitna River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 215.
220	Prohibit retention of rainbow trout and the use of bait in the Lake Creek drainage (Jim Wagner)		
Support	11	0	There is ample opportunity to catch and keep rainbow trout in other waters. This proposal would not prohibit coho fishing with bait, and would allow for economic opportunity for small businesses on the water system.
221	Extend the use of bait to September 11 in Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area sport fishery (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No action	--	--	The Subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
222	Allow fishing for resident species on days closed to king salmon fishing in Unit 2 (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
223	Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the Susitna River (Gene Sandone)		



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Oppose	0	11	The presence of an additional fly is not necessary and poses a risk for damaging catch and release fish. It is established as a single hook fishery for a reason.
224	Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the rainbow trout fishery throughout the Susitna River Drainage (Gene Sandone)		
Oppose	0	11	See comments for Proposal 223.
225	Limit retention of king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace to hatchery fish (Andy Couch)		
Support	11	0	This would create additional opportunity for anglers.
226	Require retention of coho salmon caught in the Little Susitna River sport fishery (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	Contradictory language. There is recreational and economic value in catch and release.
227	Open additional days in the sport fishery in the Fish Creek drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No action	--	--	The Department has EO authority to open the area in times of abundance.
228	Prohibit fishing while wading in Fish Creek (Gene Sandone)		
Oppose	0	11	Difficult to enforce. Cannot dictate how sportfishing will be based on wading.
229	Extend the hours of the Ship Creek youth fishery (Dustin Douglas Slinker)		
Support	11	0	This proposal would allow more opportunity, and makes sense with summer daylight hours and kids being out of school.



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230	Allow retention of snagged sockeye salmon in the Big River Lakes and Wolverine Creek (Adam Housh)		
Oppose	0	11	Snagging in freshwater is dangerous for fish that are close to spawning.
231	Establish limits in the Big River Drainage of two salmon 16" or greater in length (Danny Brewer)		
Oppose	0	11	The Subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
232	Close a section of the south fork of Big River to sport fishing (Danny Brewer)		
No action	--	--	Not enough information. Would support with scientific data to prove the need for spawning protection.
233	Allow fishing for fish, other than salmon, in upper Threemile Creek and the Threemile Lake outlet (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to eradicate invasive northern pike.
234	Create a personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Susitna River (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	Focus on stock of yield concern in the area, and not establishing a new fishery until stock rebounds.
235	Create a lower Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Kristine Ogonowski)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 234.
236	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Frede Stier)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 234.



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237	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Richard Sanderlin)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 234.
238	Create a personal use dip net fishery in Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage (South Central Alaska Dipnetters Association)		
No action	--	--	See comments for Proposal 234.
239	Establish a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Mat-Su valley (Brent Lannen)		
No action	--	--	Support the eradication of northern pike and the concept of a pike PU fishery, but further regulation requirements need to be established, such as season dates, net sizes, enforcement, and protecting indigenous stocks.
240	Create a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Susitna River drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	11	0	See comments for Proposal 239.
241	Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area (Eliza Eller)		
No action	--	--	The Subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
242	Allow two additional fishing days per week in the Upper Yentna River subsistence salmon fishery (Mt. Yenlo Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No action	--	--	The Subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
243	Allow the harvest of other salmon in place of king salmon in the Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		



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No action	--	--	Not in area of Subcommittee's expertise.

Minutes Recorded By: Georgie Heaverley (in the subcommittee meeting) and Willow Hetrick (in the full committee meeting)

Minutes Approved By: Martin Weiser (Anchorage AC Fish Subcommittee Chair) and Kevin Taylor (Anchorage AC Chair)

Date: January 7, 2020



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niwilchik

DATE (of meeting): 12/3/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Vanek
John McCann, Madeline Thompson,
Rion Vanek, Gary Dorman, Dave Blason
Keith Pruskey

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
all others

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:
None

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 8:00 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: Recessed
~~8:30 PM~~ 10:00 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



MINUTES

December 3, 2019

1. Mike Schuster resigned from the Committee.
2. It was moved and seconded that Keith Prestley be appointed to fill out Schuster's term.

Passed unanimously.

3. It was moved and seconded that the Chairman or his designee will represent or AC at the Lower Cook Inlet and the Kodiak BoF Meetings.

Passed unanimously.

4. We then took up the Kodiak proposals.



Date: 12/3/19

Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Dank			
Paul Mark			
Joe Simpson			
John McCool			
Teague Vark			
Dave Blosson			
D Blosson			
Keith Presley			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
6 - Photography 7 - Guiding 8 - Processing 9 - Personal Use 10 - Outdoorsperson
11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niuvitchik

DATE (of meeting): 12/5/19 continuation of 12/3/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Vanek
John McCormick, Rion Vanek,
Dave Blossom, Gary Deiman, Joe Simpson.

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Jeff Berger, ~~Jeff Berger~~, Greg Encelowski,
Keith Priestly, Madeline Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:
Dan Presley, ~~Dan Presley~~

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: _____

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niinicik

DATE (of meeting): ^{11/7/2020} cont. of Dec. 5 meeting Copper Gok Inlet, Fish

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Blossom, Dan Presley
Gary Deiman, Joe Simpson, Madeline Thompson,
Doug Blossom, Steve Vanek, Dave Martin
Keith Presley

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Rion Vanek, John McCombs, Jeff Berger
Greg Enslin

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niuvitchik

DATE (of meeting): 1/9/20 - (Continuation of Dec. 5, 2019 meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Presley, Dan Preatley, Jol Simpson,
Gary Deiman, Jeff Berger, Madeline Thompson,
Dave Martin, Steve Vanek, Dave Blossom,
Doug Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
John McLomby, Rion Vanek
Greg Eniewski

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Charity Lehman - (Bd. Support)

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary

Election Meeting Sign-In Sheet



Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Date: 1/9/20

Name	Residence Community	Email (optional) To be notified for future meetings
Madeline Thompson		
Joe Simpson		
Jan Presley		
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Steve Vank		
Ken & Presley		
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JEFF Berger	Ninilchik	JEFFBerger@Gmail.com
DAVE Blossom		
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 1/20/20

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron VANek, David Martin,
Joe Sampson, Steve VANek, David Blossom,
Madeline Thompson, Jeff Berger, Doug Blossom,
Dan Prestley, Keith Prestley, Gary Peiman

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
John McCombs, Greg Encelowski

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO _____

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



Date: 1/20/00

Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Vanek			
Jeanne Vark			
Don Wright			
Joe Simpson			
Maddie Hagan			
Dave Blue			
Dan Presley			
Jeff E. Byrd	Box 229	All	jeff@bergoil.com
Don Blomson			
Ken Presley			
Gary DeWinn			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
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<p><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></p>			
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<p><i>Five winter king is too small a number for all winter.</i></p> <p><i>Supports felt too many kings are taken now.</i></p>
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<p><i>Leave as is. Current practice involves the fisherman. That's how they learn to fish. Many times the people are not allowed to hook the fish because of a hurry to complete the charter.</i></p>
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<p><i>would monopolize the guiding booking to only guides, would exclude the people who book clients and provide a guide.</i></p>
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<p><i>opposed agreed but by the time to implement it, it would be too late to do any good. other solutions should be imposed sooner.</i></p> <p><i>those in favor believe that something needs to be done about Kodiak king salmon intercept.</i></p>



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38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>we oppose paired restrictions. They do not work. There is no biological reason to do this. It is political</i>
78	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>This goes against the commerce clause of the constitution.</i>
79	Establish a personal use priority for Cook Inlet salmon fisheries (Walt Arthur)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>personal use was established because subsistence was illegal in this area. It should not take the place of historic fisheries.</i>
80	Prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 36" in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial gillnet fisheries (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>The low abundance of kings is because the large kings were targeted in the spawning beds and the smaller ones were released. Now there are no big ones anymore. until there is a prohibition on fishing on the spawning beds, com. fishermen should not have to pay.</i>



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81	Manage fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet by designating types of salmon habitat (David Chessik)		
Support	8	0	Need to protect the salmon spawning beds. Many streams are only fished in lower mile or two. Early run fish that are spawning are caught on their spawning beds when people are fishing for late run fish.
82	Allow two regular 12-hour commercial fishing periods per week (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	8	0	The commercial fisheries is the only indicator and calibration of the test boat of the run strength and salmon species on a real time bases. Without regular 12 hour fishing periods the Department is basically managing blind as to the abundance. The fishery has numerous years of management without regular periods and the results have been consistent over-escapement of all species and lost harvest of surplus salmon.
83	Close all commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet (Neil DeWitt)		
Oppose	0	8	Against all laws and Constitution. Strictly punitive allocation. No scientific or biological justification. Streams in the Susitna are getting escapement and many are overescaped.
84	Clarify the requirement of immediately releasing king salmon over 20 inches (Joe Hanes)		
Support	8	0	The catch & release mortality percentage should be 30 to 50%. The studies the Department uses are outdated and not complete. Lactic acid buildup was not considered nor the viability of the eggs or how many actually spawned after being released. There shouldn't be catch & release on salmon.



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85	Limit the prosecution of fishing derbies (John McCombs)		
<i>support as amended</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Amendment to say "Kenai River", passed 8-0. Derbies fish in the spawning beds of kings which is wrong, hook and released kings do not spawn.</i>
86	Establish resident and non-resident annual limits for sockeye salmon in the Cook Inlet Area (Steve Pratt)		
<i>support</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>There needs to be a limit on salmon taken from the state. Tons of sockeye are taken from the state without any benefit to the state except through license fees.</i>
87	Eliminate the personal use salmon dip net fishery and prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon in the Kenai Peninsula area (Ron Carmon)		
<i>NO action</i>			<i>see proposal # 150</i>
88	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver goal ranges (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>The best escapement numbers for sockeye on the Kenai is 650,000 - 900,000. anything above that produces smaller fish which we are seeing now. That is the result of excess fish in the River.</i>



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89	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers and increase the sustainable escapement goal range to 1,300,000-1,750,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>There are too many issues in one proposal which would require too many amendments. These kind of proposals should be rejected, one issue per proposal.</i>
90	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers; increase the sustainable escapement goal; and limit commercial fishing periods (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Same as 89 proposal #89</i>
91	Lower the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon sustainable escapement goal (Teague Vanek)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>This shows that escapement goals affect the size of the returns.</i>



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92	Reduce the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 450,000–750,000 salmon (John McCombs)		
<i>Support,</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>This puts it in the BEG range. These escapement goal produced some of the largest sustainable sockeye returns on the Kenai late-run.</i>
93	Manage the personal use dip net fishery on the lower Kenai River subject to achieving the inriver goal (Nathan Hoff)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>This is a start to address the basically unregulated & expanding dip net fishery. It bring some order and responsibility for conservation.</i>
94	Implement an additional 24-hour closure in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery at run strengths greater than 4,600,000 Kenai River sockeye salmon (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>The set gillnets are overly restricted now. The escapement is excessive over the BEG for MSY. Can't harvest surplus. Hamstringing biologist from doing abundance based management.</i>



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95	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to remove and replace the provision to manage for commercial uses with a provision to manage for commercial, sport, and personal use groups (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>This is a fairwinded proposal. Don't need it. Managers don't follow the commercial priority anyway. Should change all management plans to include commercial.</i>
96	Increase the Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement and inriver goals, increase sockeye salmon bag and possession limits, and pair closures (Walt Arthur)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>above the BEG everyone should be based on abundance and not a quanted amount.</i>
97	Create sport and personal use allocations of sockeye on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (Chris Every)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>It is too vague. Dept. cant even monitor it now. How would they be able to do it then.</i>
98	Establish an annual limit for the Kenai River sockeye salmon sport fishery (Chris Every)		
<i>support</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>This is a start to begin limiting the number of fish being taken out of the state.</i>



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99	Establish mandatory closed inriver fishing windows for sockeye salmon (John McCombs)		
<i>Support as amended</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>A amendment: establish mandatory closures in River to coincide with east side set net closures, Passed 8-0 This gives a true pass through fishery</i>
100	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to open commercial fishing periods to stay within ten percent of daily inseason run projections (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>this is not biological management and won't allow the biologists to harvest the surplus based on abundance or MSY management</i>
101	Amend the preamble to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan by removing minimize language and adding a provision for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Continued here on 12/5/19 The issue statement says it all. Should be based on abundance based management</i>



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102	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage for the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal and replace inriver goals with allocation ranges (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	7	0	<i>Agree with the issue section - Abundance based management.</i>
103	Make numerous amendments to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Oppose	0	7	<i>To many moving parts, No funds to have additional sonars, Unfair to set netter, Not based on science and abundant based management.</i>
104	Adopt an optimal escapement goal and amend the paired restrictions in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	7	<i>Leave as is under current rep. Too many issues, Too restrictive on the commercial fisheries, Strictly allocative, Commercial fisheries is already overly restricted and is contributing the most for King conservation.</i>



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105	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000-35,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>See # 104</i>
106	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000-35,000 salmon (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>until the Dept. manages to keep people from fishing in spawning beds and hooking and releasing kings it is futile to keep increasing the escapement goal</i>
107	Allow the use of bait and modify maximum size above Slikok Creek when the escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded (Ted Wellman & Bill Tappan)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Should limit the number of people not open more area to increase the number of people.</i>
108	Reduce the number of hours the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery may be fished in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan paired restrictions (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>NO abundance based management. Dept. have EO authority. Set nets are already over restricted.</i>



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109	Allow set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed independently when under "paired" restrictions (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen's Association/ Paul A. Shadura II)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Makes sense Biologist have more flexibility, and can use their EO authority</i>
110	Modify "paired" restrictions to limit gear in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery only when retention of king salmon is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery (Amber and Travis Every)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>This is a fairer paired restriction. Set nets are unfairly restricted now and they forgo harvestable surpluses that no one harvest.</i>
111	Remove "paired" restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Karen McGahan)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>This gets back to managers using EO's to manage on abundance. The paired restrictions have been around long enough to prove they don't work & only lead to gross overescapement of other species.</i>



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112	Remove gear restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery when the use of bait is prohibited in the sport fishery (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen's Association / Paul A. Shadura II)		
Support	6	1	The 29 mesh is only a financial burden and not proven to reduce king harvest as studies show. The oppose didn't want a change.
113	Establish paired restrictions to close personal use fisheries when commercial fisheries are closed (John McCombs)		
Support	6	1	The PU fishery has been increasing unrestricted and this would allow them the responsibility to share in the burden of meeting escapement goals Oppose gave no opinion
114	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Dwight Kramer)		
Support	6	1	Make Sense. Protects kings on low abundance, Helps to rebuild king runs. Opposed gave no opinion.



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115	Allow the use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery when the fishery is restricted to catch and release (Mel Erickson)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>use of bait will cause more kings to hook and release which increase mortality.</i>
116	Limit sport fisheries for king salmon on the Kenai River based on inseason abundance (Mark Walker)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>- 1</i>	<i>The opposed was a set netter, who was concerned about paired restrictions causing him to be closed.</i>
117	Increase open waters from within 600 feet of mean high tide to within 1,200 feet of mean high tide as a restrictive option in the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery after July 8 (Jeff Beaudoin)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>The incidental catch of Kenai kings is minimal in this expanded area. Allows more harvest of Kasilof sockeye which most times is over the maximum number of the escapement goal.</i>
118	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to include the Kasilof River biological escapement goal (Jeff Beaudoin)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>House-keeping - should be in the plan.</i>



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119	Eliminate the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (Mark Ducker)		
Support	7	0	Targeting for the BEG is MSY management.
120	Remove the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area from (c)(4) of the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Oppose	0	7	Leave as it is on the books to use the Special harvest area for a biologist's tool as a last ditch effort to harvest the surplus before they enter the rivers. Prevents over-escapement.
121	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to prioritize achieving the lower end of the Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement goal (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	7	NO. Should be flexible management to harvest various runs of different systems. Have abundance based management.
122	Create a commercial dip net fishery in the Kasilof River (Nathan Hoff)		
Oppose	0	7	Already a fully utilized fishery and has limited entry on commercial fishing. The dip net fishery should be done away with or at least restrict it, so it doesn't continue to take fish away from other users, unrestricted.



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123	Rename Drift Gillnet Area 2 to the "Conservation and Northern District Allocation Sanctuary Area" (Ben Allen)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	7	<i>closer tradition fishing area which does not really do what the proposer says it will. Can be closed by EO when necessary.</i>
124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include inriver users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	7	<i>see # 123</i>
125	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan and include inseason assessments (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	7	<i>The intentions are good but does not solve the problem of overescapement because area 1 does not have the number of fish that Inlet wide openings do.</i>
126	Close the Central District drift gillnet fishery corridor (Neil DeWitt)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	7	<i>Proposer does not understand what the common use of corridor in the Inlet means. How would commercial fishermen benefit from more fish if they can't fish in the whole Inlet. Non-sense</i>



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127	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	7	The commercial harvest is less than that. Can't have a percentage on salmon because the variations in run size & by the time they know the run size the fish are already in the river. would be devastating to commercial fishermen & the Department for managing other system & MSY.
128	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to remove the provision to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River coho salmon and add a provision for reasonable opportunity for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	7	0	See Issue section in proposal. The minimize language has arbitrarily been used to severely restrict commercial fisheries, tie the biologist hands and results in large amount of salmon, from all species, going unharvested. Gross overescapements occur and reduce salmon production because of it.
129	Allow the commissioner to limit Central District drift gillnets to less than 150 and 200 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	7	No biological or scientific justification. Huge financial burden on the commercial fishermen. Nets need to be ordered in the fall. Salmon are running deeper with the warmer waters so actually the net need to be deeper (60 meshes) to have the same efficiency as when the water was cooler. No studies to support. Should experiment with likelihoods. No conservation issues.



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130	Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Chinitna Bay subdistrict starting August 15 (Teague Vanek)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>after august 15 the Chums have already gone into the rivers. If the weather is bad the biologist can't fly and won't open Chinitna Bay until they can. In many years this cost a lot of lost harvest opportunity.</i>
131	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (Teague Vanek)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>any opening can be closed by CO but can't be opened if in regulations it has to be closed. only the Commissioner can override the plan and open it but he never will.</i>
132	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (John McCombs)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>see proposal # 131</i>



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133	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>cont on 1/7/20</i> The drift fishery is already restricted too much. No one can make a living as it is now. Passing this will be the death knell of com. fishing which is the goal of the proposer.
134	Add Drift Gillnet Area 1 to the list of sections that are allowed to be fished during additional fishing time July 16-31 in the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Need to have this area open all the time to slow down the escapement. Can be closed by EO</i>
135	Allow one additional regular fishing period in the Central District drift gillnet fishery July 24- 31 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
<i>support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>see # 134</i>

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136	Open two additional inlet-wide fishing periods per week between July 24 and August 15 in even-numbered years (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	9	0	<p>Agree with issue section</p> <p>Allows some harvest of the 10 to 40 million pink returns.</p> <p>Is abundant based management & harvest some of the surplus.</p>
137	Repeal and readopt the Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan to manage for commercial priority and 40-70% exploitation rate (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support,	9	0	<p>The current pink salmon management plan does not allow the managers the flexibility to manage for harvesting the pink salmon harvestable surplus. Literally tens of millions of pinks are not allowed to be harvested under the current management plans. Under the current management plans less than 20% of the pink salmon runs are harvested. ADF&G data shows the Cook Inlet has had even year returns of up to 40 million pinks, that is a lot of food and economic resource not being utilized.</p>
138	Establish drift gillnet weekly fishing periods in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	9	0	<p>This is our Committee's proposal. The issue section explains in detail the need to pass this proposal. Weather & clarity of water is the main reason for unreliable areal surveys. Past data shows there won't be any conservation concerns. Under the current plan, because of weather budget, & water clarity, the fishery hasn't opened sometimes until the run is over.</p>



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139	Close the drift gillnet salmon fishery in Chinitna Bay (Mel Erickson)		
oppose	0	9	This is blatantly untrue Proposer is a guide that doesn't want competition & mainly bear views Salmon runs here have not been poor. The commercial drift participation is small but very important to those, mainly Locals, that do.
140	Allow a dual-permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear on board while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time (Dan Anderson)		
No Action			See # 141
141	Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet Area (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	9	0	This was passed by the Board at the last UCI cycle but was put into regulation to only pertain to the allowance of D boats in the Kaslof terminal fishery. That didn't address the issue we were trying to solve. This proposal will address our issues and the Board's intent passage at the last meeting of UCI fish. The issue section explains in detail what the problem is and how to solve it. Cook Inlet might be unique on some of the examples. All examples here and will continue to happen! These examples are ^{not} evchronic. This proposal will protect the good Samaritan and alleviate abandon gear unintentionally abandoned gear ^{from} remaining in the water. It will also allow common sense efficiency for fishermen to fish in various areas that have different gear limitations.



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142	Create a commercial set gillnet fishery for coho salmon in the Upper Subdistrict (Chris Every)		
Support	9	0	This seems reasonable. These coho are bound for Turnagain arm and Chickaloon River rather than Susitna
143	Clarify the fishing season for king salmon less than 20 inches in length on the Kasilof River (ADF&G)		
oppose	0	9	Should not fish any kings above the bridge. This allows that to happen. Not a good idea.
144	Align spring sport fishing dates for Bishop and Bench creeks (ADF&G)		
support	9	0	This seems to be housekeeping
145	Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15 (Neil DeWitt)		
oppose	0	9	Commercial fishermen are already restricted in order that dip netters get more fish. The over escapement now is caused by restrictions on the comm. fishermen so that there are more fish for the dip netters. Allowing dip netting to go on past July 31 will cause more restrictions.



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146	Increase the sockeye salmon limit to six fish per day in the Kenai River when the commercial fishery is open (Frank Casey)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>sockeye fishing is a snag fishery which requires a lot of salmon to be present. The only way more salmon will be present is if comm. fishermen are further restricted. There are too many restrictions now which cause overestimates. Better to limit dipnetters so more fish available for anglers.</i>
147	Prohibit fishing for salmon on the upper Kenai River after taking the bag limit for that day (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Hook and release causes huge mortality. Do not play with food. The best use is food on the plate not playing with fish.</i>
148	Allow two unbaited, single-hook artificial flies and limit hook size throughout the Kenai River drainage (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
<i>support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>with such a small hook salmon are not snagged.</i>



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149	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Support	7	2	Catch & release does not work for salmon because fish stressed salmon don't spawn. Do away with pair king salmon restrictions. Opposed - the paired restrictions closes the beach when don't have catch & release.
150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	9	0	The issue section goes into detail why sockeye salmon on the Kenai River should be catch and keep. The practice of catching & releasing Kenai sockeye all day results in large numbers of sockeye dying. Even though it might be fun to catch & release 50, 60, 70 or more sockeye a day (and many do during the peak) it is not sustainable no being good stewards of this valuable high protein food source.
151	Allow retention of sockeye salmon snagged on the Kenai River (Steve Pratt)		
Support	9	0	See 150 comments & issue section.



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152	Prohibit barbed hooks when fishing in the Kenai River drainage (Jordan Perrego)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	9	<i>Taking barbed hooks out of the tackle box will not solve the problem of catch and release. Most fisheries should be catch and keep.</i>
153	Increase the bag limit for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery to three fish July 1 – August 31 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	9	<i>Commercial fishing is closed because of the coho. If there are enough coho to up the bag limit then comm. fish should be opened more but it won't be so this is unfair.</i>
154	Increase limits for Kenai River coho salmon from two to three fish (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	9	<i>same as # 153. commercial fishing is closed or restricted because of coho. That is why the 1% rule is imposed.</i>
155	Allow sport fishing guides to sport fish while a client is present from the banks of the Kasilof River (Raymond Davis)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	9	<i>a guide is paid to guide. He should not be paid to fish. He can't assist his clients while fighting a fish.</i>



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156	Allow sport fish guides to sport fish on the Kasilof River from shore while a client is present (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>a guide can't take care of his clients while fighting a fish, shouldn't get paid to fish.</i>
157	Limit the number of client groups per guide or guide vessel on the Kasilof River in July (Mike Adams)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Restrictions on other streams brings more guides to the Kasilof. when they run two trips a day this is too much for the River.</i>
158	Prohibit sport fishing guides from sport fishing from shore while a client is present (Paul Boyden)		
<i>support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>a guide should be guiding not being paid to fish. To easy to hand a pole to a client after a fish is caught.</i>
159	Allow five anglers per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>This causes a bigger wake from a loaded boat. Erosion of the bank trumps groups fishing together.</i>



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160	Allow transport of more than five persons per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>See 159 justification & comments.</i>
161	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays in August (Mel Erickson)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>No leave as is. Locals & non-guided anglers look forward to no guiding on Mondays.</i>
162	Remove restrictions to guided sport vessels on the Kenai River when the King salmon sport fishery is closed (Mel Erickson)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>The would be no rest for the river from guides. Private anglers are crowded off the fishing holes & river when guided boats are fishing.</i>
163	Prohibit guiding in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers personal use dip net fishery (Catherine Felt)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Personal use should be personally prosecuted. No by hiring a guide. The guided boat trafficking the lower part of the river from Eagle rock down contributes greatly to bank erosion especially at high tide.</i>



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164	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River from Skilak Lake to the Soldotna Bridge May 1– August 31 (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Drift boats only on the Kenai is a good idea. something has to be done about erosion and turbidity in the River. This helps.</i>
165	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>This is a start to make the Kenai River a drift boat only River. We support this.</i>
166	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>this includes more days for drift boat only. Good start.</i>



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167	Allow sport fishing from a vessel with a motor on board but not in use on the Kenai River on Mondays in July (Eric Christian)		
oppose	0	9	Leave as is, drift boat only on Monday. People look forward to a quiet day on the river.
168	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Support	9	0	This would be the best way to protect the habitat and greatly reduce bank erosion. Also would make fishing trips more enjoyable as other drift boat only systems have proven to do.
169	Prohibit motorized vessels on a section of the Kasilof River January 1—September 15 (Charles McCrone)		
Support	9	0	See 168 comment & his issue section
170	Move the ADF&G regulatory marker for personal use dipnetting on the Kasilof River north shore beach (Brent Ramsay)		
Oppose	0	9	Leave as is currently. If approved this would only contribute to more dune erosion and conflict with set net gear and operations.



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171	Reduce the Kenai River personal use bag limit for king salmon to one salmon less than 36" in length (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	10	<p><u>Jan. 9/2020</u></p> <p><i>We thought it should stay the same. NO change. The dip net fishing is not the problem. Fishing in spawning beds is.</i></p>
172	Limit personal use dipnetting on the Kenai River by day of the week (Karen McGahan)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	10	<p><i>This is unenforceable. Wildlife officers can't enforce the regulations now. How could they do it with this regulation.</i></p>
173	Reduce the annual limit for the Kenai River dip net fishery and create tiered harvest quotas (Chris Every)		
<i>support</i>	10	0	<p><i>need to prevent waste. Too many fish in dumpsters in the spring. Most people don't need that many fish. More of a recreation than a need.</i></p>
174	Prohibit set gillnets in the personal use salmon fishery if the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai or Kasilof Rivers is restricted (Joe Hanes)		
<i>oppose</i>	0	10	<p><i>Set nets have been here for a long time. It's just a guess that many kings are taken in the subsistence nets. This doesn't affect the early run anyway.</i></p>



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175	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach area starting July 1 (Gary Hollier)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>No Leave as is!</i>
176	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach area starting July 8 (Gary Hollier)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>This area & Salamantof Beach should be opened July 1st, should not be tied to paired restrictions</i>
177	Open the North Kalifornsky Beach set gillnet fishery with the Kasilof section and limit the fishery to within 600 feet of the mean high tide (Chris Every)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>See 176 comments.</i>



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178	Permanently close drift gillnetting in the Upper Subdistrict within one mile of mean high tide north of the Kenai River and within one and one-half miles of mean high tide south of the Kenai River (Ken Coleman)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>The buy-back hasn't happened yet. The buy-back will not achieve the results it has been boasted about anyway.</i>
179	Extend the commercial salmon fishery season closing date in the Kenai and East Forelands Sections August 15 – September 15 (Karen McGahan)		
<i>support</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Since there seems to be enough cohos to raise the sport limit then there isn't a reason not to let comm. fishermen fish. Besides, there is very limited participation at this time of year</i>
180	Allow regular weekly fishing periods after August 15 in the Upper Subdistrict sockeye salmon set gillnet fishery based on abundance (Chris Every)		
<i>support</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>fish are coming in later. This would allow fishing on pinks. There is no problem with cohos. There is no biological reason not to allow this</i>



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181	Delay all Upper Cook Inlet set and Central District drift gillnet commercial fishing opening dates (Mike Adams)		
<i>oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<p><i>The Russian River runs and escapement is good. Many year the bag limit is increase.</i></p> <p><i>No biological reason only allocative</i></p>
182	Open the Kasilof Section commercial set gillnet fishery June 20 instead of June 25 (Jeff Beaudoin)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<p><i>There are harvestable surpluses of salmon. The quality & price are both good on the early salmon. Both the Kasilof & Kenai sockeye are grossly over escaped. Taking earlier salmon would help with that. There are also not many kings present at this time.</i></p>
183	Extend the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet season to August 20 (Joseph Person)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<p><i>Run are tending to be later, there are harvestable surpluses and escapements are being exceeded. This would allow for some pink salmon harvest.</i></p>



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184	Open extra commercial fishing periods at a set time of 7 a.m. in the Upper Subdistrict set net fishery (Chris Every)		
oppose	0	10	The mandatory closers restrict the biologist leaving them with unmanageable management plans. They are doing the best they can under the circumstances to use what hours they can have for commercial openings to hopefully harvest the most fish.
185	Open the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery June 20 instead of June 25 provided an estimated 20,000 sockeye salmon are in the Kasilof River (Joseph Person)		
Support	10	0	Salmon are available fetching good prices and good quality. Escapement goals are met & grossly exceeded in the Kenai & Kasilof. Kings are not moving through this area at this time in very large numbers.
186	Eliminate the one percent rule in both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	The 1% rule doesn't work and only creates harm to the fishing industry, communities and the resource. Since its inception there has been millions of salmon gone unharvested and countless systems being over-escaped. There are not conservation concerns with coho. In fact they are returning in record numbers. Kenai sockeye salmon are consistently returning at a higher rate in August and the 1% has prevented their harvest along with foregoing harvest of vast numbers of chum and pink salmon in August.



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187	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery and create mandatory area restrictions based on escapement goals (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	10	0	This is well written and the issue section spells it out in detail the negative affects of the 1% rule and why it is unfair and unscientific. No other place in the State is it used.
188	Eliminate the one-percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery (Teague Vanek)		
Support	10	0	This addresses the economic & job losses and the potential to increase both by eliminating the 1% rule. Also see comment on #186 & #187
189	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery (John McCombs)		
Support	10	0	See Comments on 186, 187, 188.



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190	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Karen McGahan)		
Support	10	0	<i>See comments on Profs. 186, 187, 188</i>
191	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Chris Every)		
Support	10	0	<i>See comment on 186, 187, 188</i>
192	Amend the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery to apply starting July 31 instead of August 7 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Oppose	0	10	<i>This would lead to grossly overescapement the Kenai & Kaslof sockeye and increase the economic harm to the commercial fishing industry and biological harm to the resource through large overescapements. A larger number of harvestable salmon would go unharvested by every user group. The commercial harvest of Kenai coho is less than 10% under the current restrictive management plans. Coho can be harvested up to 70%. No conservation concerns on coho.</i>



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193	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule beginning August 1 in Cook Inlet Area subdistricts (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Would create gross overescapements, would forego the harvest of surplus salmon in large numbers, would harm the resource & sustainability, would be economically harmful to the fishing industry & communities, would waste a valuable high protein food source</p>
194	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule for both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	10	<p>See comments on 193</p>
195	Amend the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet one percent rule to a two percent rule beginning July 31 instead of August 7 (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	10	<p>See comments on 193</p>



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196	Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fisheries (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	Mandatory windows don't work. It is an unreasonable allocation. They prevent the managers from harvesting the surplus salmon and create over-escapements, Biologically harmful to the resource & system. Should be managed on abundance using EO authority for time & area to harvest the surpluses.
197	Provide waypoint locations for landmark names and modify waypoint locations in Chinitna Bay (ADF&G)		
Support	10	0	House keeping
198	Amend waypoint descriptions and provide coordinates for landmark names (ADF&G)		
Support	10	0	House keeping



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199	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Oppose	0	10	Department has ED authority have have abundance based management Harvest the surplus. Shouldn't have paired restrictions See comments on #200
200	Close the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery when the sport fishery in the Susitna or Knik Arm drainages are restricted (Ben Allen)		
Oppose	0	10	Department has ED authority to manage time and area base on abundance. Closing the entire Northern District set net fishery when one system is lacking escapement is shifting management responsibility to harvest surplus stock. Hundreds of systems have king. The fishery closest to the depressed stock should be restricted first. The set net fishery harvest less than 1% of the king ^{run}
201	Amend paired restrictions in the Deshka River king salmon sport and commercial fisheries (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Support	10	0	Should be based on abundance. Shouldn't be paired closures. Set nets have a king cap and their harvest has been way below the cap and less the 1% of the total king run. The consumer, that doesn't fish but wants to eat a king salmon should have the opportunity



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202	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan to allow operation of one set gillnet per permit (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Agree with the issue section. make sense</i>
203	Provide additional fishing periods in the Northern District king salmon commercial fishery when the Deshka River king salmon sport fishery is liberalized (Betty Gilcrist)		
<i>Support</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>See comments on 201</i>
204	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users (Kristine Ogonowski)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Shouldn't have priority, Should be base on management plans that harvest the surplus of all salmon species using abundance based management achieving escapement goals. Commercial fisheries are the only industry that is capable of harvesting the surplus of all the salmon species, that spawn in all of Cook Inlet anadromous streams.</i>



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205	Clarify the definition of "minimize" in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Howard Delo)		
oppose	0	10	The total coho returns to the Cook Inlet is in the one to two million range. The exploitation rate can be as high as 70%. There are over a thousand streams in Cook Inlet that have silvers. The exploitation of sport & commercial is less than 20%. The commercial harvest used to average 500,000 to 800,000 annual harvest. Catches now show a harvest drastically reduce and greatly minimized. The minimized language does away with abundant base management for MSY & waste harvestable surpluses.
206	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to allow for regular amounts of set gillnet gear in the Northern District commercial sockeye salmon fishery during times of reduced effort in the Central District (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Oppose	3	7	Should have ED authority. They should have a full compliment of gear & drifter shouldn't be restricted either, abundance based management.
207	Remove the Eastern Subdistrict gear restrictions in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Russell Clark)		
Support	10	0	The mainly catch non Susitna drainage salmon.



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208	Modify description of waters open to fishing (David Chessik)		
No Action			Let the Department do it.
209	Amend the waypoint location for Light Point on Kalgin Island (ADF&G)		
No Action			Let the Department do it.
210	Close waters to drift gillnetting on the west side of Cook Inlet within one mile of shore from the West Forelands to Sea Otter Point (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	10	This would basically close the whole west side fishery. Economic harm to the fishery. No biological reason. Forgo all the salmon harvest of surplus. All anadromous streams are protected by regulations of not fishing within a certain distance of their mouth depending on the system.
211	Eliminate the four set gillnet per person limit (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No Action			Not our area of expertise.



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212	Eliminate the requirement to obtain a commissioner's permit for the Cook Inlet Smelt fishery (Teague Vanek)		
Support	10	0	Makes sense, this would make it the same as other fisheries, have the permit holder and crew members, would stop doing an unnecessary permitting process.
213	Allow anglers to use 5 lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice (ADF&G)		
Support	10	0	Pike are invasive and have decimated salmon & trout population in the Susitna drainages. Some systems to the point of no pike in them. Any means to kill pike should be encourage as long as it is not negatively affecting other fish species
214	Prohibit live release of northern pike in the Anchorage Bowl and Knik River drainages (ADF&G)		
Support	10	0	See 213 comments,



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215	Create a Susitna and Yentna Rivers King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
<i>No Action</i>			
216	Create a Deshka River large king salmon optimum escapement goal (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
<i>No Action</i>			
217	Create a Deshka River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
<i>No Action</i>			
218	Create an optimal escapement goal for McRoberts Creek coho salmon of 450-1,400 fish (Andy Couch)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Shouldn't be an OEG maybe an SEG. Shouldn't be an indicator system for salmon run strength because it has all the negative effect in salmon production caused by Urbanization.</i>



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219	Create a Little Susitna River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
<i>No Action</i>			
220	Prohibit retention of rainbow trout and the use of bait in the Lake Creek drainage (Jim Wagner)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Should be able to harvest Rainbow Shouldn't be a rainbow trophy fishery,</i>
221	Extend the use of bait to September 11 in Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area sport fishery (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Catch & Release mortality with bait is as high as 70% with the warmer water it is harder on Salmon Leave as is</i>
222	Allow fishing for resident species on days closed to king salmon fishing in Unit 2 (ADF&G)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>NO, would catch more kings in their spawning mode. High catch & release on kings. If had a small hook gear restriction it might be ok.</i>



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223	Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the Susitna River (Gene Sandone)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>would increase the catch & release mortality by using 1 multiple hooks High stress on salmon especially with the warmer waters.</i>
224	Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the rainbow trout fishery throughout the Susitna River Drainage (Gene Sandone)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>See comments on 223</i>
225	Limit retention of king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace to hatchery fish (Andy Couch)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Leave as is under Department's support reg current regulations.</i>



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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
226	Require retention of coho salmon caught in the Little Susitna River sport fishery (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	11	0	<p>See the Issue statement detailing the problem.</p> <p>This will protect the coho especially during the longer times, up to 4 weeks, that they are staging in the confluence because of the warmer waters.</p> <p>There is alot of more sports fishing effort on Susitna Coho so they should not be wasted by dying at catch & release mortality.</p>
227	Open additional days in the sport fishery in the Fish Creek drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Department has EO authority to open based on abundance.</p>
228	Prohibit fishing while wading in Fish Creek (Gene Sandone)		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Not necessary</p> <p>Hard to enforce</p> <p>Too restrictive</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
229	Extend the hours of the Ship Creek youth fishery (Dustin Douglas Slinker)		
Oppose	0	11	No don't need special more time. Adults will be helping to fish. 12 hrs now is adequate
230	Allow retention of snagged sockeye salmon in the Big River Lakes and Wolverine Creek (Adam Housh)		
Support	11	0	This would reduce catch & release mortality. This is a small run & gets a lot of fishing pressure from fly in charters. Catch & Release mortality might not be sustainable for this run
231	Establish limits in the Big River Drainage of two salmon 16" or greater in length (Danny Brewer)		
Support	11	0	See comment # 230 Small sockeye with heavy fishing pressure. These proposals 230-232 are trying to prevent over fishing of the small early sockeye run.
232	Close a section of the south fork of Big River to sport fishing (Danny Brewer)		
Support	11	0	This protects spawning beds and spawning salmon



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
233	Allow fishing for fish, other than salmon, in upper Threemile Creek and the Threemile Lake outlet (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	This would allow harvest of Invasive Northern pike.
234	Create a personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Susitna River (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	The management restricts commercial and sports fisheries to meet escapement goals. This is a fully allocated fishery and adding a new dip net fishery would increase restrictions on the current user groups. People have a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon or buy salmon under the current sports and commercial fisheries.
235	Create a lower Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Kristine Ogonowski)		
Oppose	0	11	See 234 comments



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
236	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Frede Stier)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>See 234 comments</i>
237	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Richard Sanderlin)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>See 234 comments</i>
238	Create a personal use dip net fishery in Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage (South Central Alaska Dipnetters Association)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>See 234 comments</i>
239	Establish a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Mat-Su valley (Brent Lannen)		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>This proposal would not implement a controlled fishery. Current gillnetting for pike is permitted, controlled, & monitored. We are all for killing pike though.</i>
240	Create a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Susitna River drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
<i>Oppose</i> <i>Support</i>	<i>0</i> <i>11</i>	<i>11</i> <i>0</i>	<i>Because Department has control this is feasible</i>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
241	Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area (Eliza Eller)		
Support	11	0	Agree with issue section
242	Allow two additional fishing days per week in the Upper Yentna River subsistence salmon fishery (Mt. Yenlo Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	Leave as is. Have they been getting their limit.
243	Allow the harvest of other salmon in place of king salmon in the Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No Action			Leave up to them.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek

Minutes Approved By: David Martin

Date: 1-22-20



Excerpted for UCI proposals

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1/8/2020 Meeting Minutes
Ruth Burnett Sportfish Hatchery
Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Chair at 6:38PM

II. Roll Call:

	<u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucaas	Gale Vick	Mike Quinn	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	
Absent								
Abs/Excused								x
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Richard Doering	Warren Guichici	Mike Bryan	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Virgil Umphenour (alternate)
Present	X	X		X	X		X	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused			x			X		

III. Introduction of Guests: Matt McClurg (FAI Airport Chief of Operations), Julie Doll, Jennifer Yuhas, Rep. Jim Sackett, Al Barrette (BOG), Trooper Abbott (AWT)

Fish & Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Bob Schmidt, Mark Nelson, Nissa Pilcher

IX. Other:

Fish Subcommittee: motion to accept subcommittee chair comments on Upper Cook Inlet proposals passed unanimously



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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
78	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Support	13	0	This would change allocation criteria to more heavily weigh the criteria involving harvest by residents, and the importance of the fishery to the economy of the state
86	Establish resident and non-resident annual limits for sockeye salmon in the Cook Inlet Area (Steve Pratt)		
Oppose	0	13	This would include personal use into the definition of sport fisheries and combine the limits. This would reduce Personal use opportunities, and result in a lower allocation amount for personal use harvest.
88	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver goal ranges (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Support	13	0	This proposal puts more Sockeye in the river for resident opportunity.
124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include inriver users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
Support	13	0	These proposals would restrict the ability to order Central District wide gillnet openers between July 16-August 15 to promote more fish passing into the Northern District by limiting the openers to certain smaller sections
127	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
TNA			133 and 124 accomplishes the same goal (more fish passage into Northern District) in a manner that can be more easily managed.
133	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	13	0	These proposals would restrict the ability to order Central District wide gillnet openers between July 16-August 15 to promote more fish passing into the Northern District by limiting the openers to certain smaller sections
145	Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15 (Neil DeWitt)		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	13	0	This would leave Sockeye season open the first two weeks in August if surplus fish are available. This could be done by E.O. because the fishery is managed off sonar passage.
204	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users (Kristine Ogonowski)		
Support	13	0	Similar to 133 and 124, this proposal directs management to promote a reasonable opportunity to harvest Salmon in river throughout the run, and increase passage of Silvers.
234	Create a personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Susitna River (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	13	0	This would create a limited dipnet personal use fishery in the Susitna River, to provide a personal use harvest opportunity for residents of Mat-Su closer to their homes than the Kenai or Copper Rivers.

Game Subcommittee: next meeting Jan. 27th at 6:00PM at Fairbanks F&G building, with additional meeting on Jan. 30th if necessary

IX. Adjourn: Chair at 9:30

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



Excerpted for comments on proposals 9, 14, & 15

**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
11/13/2019 Meeting Minutes
Ruth Burnett Sportfish Hatchery
Fairbanks, AK**

I. Call to Order: Chair at 6:35pm

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucaas	Gale Vick	Mike Quinn	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Absent								
Abs/Excused							x	
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Richard Doering	Warren Guichici	Mike Bryan	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Virgil Umphenour (alternate)
Present	x	x			x		x	x
Absent						x		
Abs/Excused			x	x				

III. Introduction of Guests: Al Barrette, Rep. Jim Sackett, Nate Turner
Fish & Game Staff Present: Nissa Pilcher, Mark Nelson, Beth Lenart, Klaus Wuttig

IV. Comments

Chair Comments: no comments at this time; will save comments for discussion on ACRs

Vice Chair – None. Trapping—none. Game—none Fish—none

AC Member Comments: none

Public Comments: none

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Oct. 9th approved unanimously; April 2019 minutes not available

VI. Approval of Agenda: unanimous



Motion to oppose all remaining ACRs passes 10-1-1.

Finalize comments for Lower Cook Inlet BOF Meeting:

Fish subcommittee opposed proposals 2, 13, 15, 16, 32; supported 14, 23-27; no action on remaining proposals by subcommittee. Motion to accept recommendations of fish subcommittee passed by unanimous consent.

Motion to support Proposal 282 giving discretion to close lakes to fishing based on PFAS or other contamination passed by unanimous consent.

Set date for Game/Trapping Subcommittee: Thursday, Nov. 21 6:00pm at Fish & Game office

Airport Property Trapping:

New FAI management has policy not allowing trapping on airport property. May be willing to issue permits for beaver trapping, but will charge fee. Mike Quinn intends to submit a future motion to the AC regarding support for trapping on airport property, but wants to gather additional information first.

IX. Other:

John Siegfried and Gale Vick will not be present for next AC meeting.

IX. Adjourn at 9:38pm

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



Fairbanks Advisory Committee Comments on Lower Cook Inlet Finfish Proposals

The FAC fisheries subcommittee met and reviewed several LCI proposals. Recommendations were made to the full committee and the full committee unanimously endorsed the subcommittee's recommendations.

2. OPPOSE. This would extend the length of current bait bans on roadside streams. ADFG did not supply any biological data in support of this restriction, and a bait ban in August would negatively affect Coho opportunity.

3. OPPOSE. Reduce the Seward Lagoon Youth Fishery harvest limit from 2 to 1 fish. There is no evidence that harvesting two fish a day harms either resource. We understand that this proposal was part of a package of proposals that would also extend the youth fishery season, but again, as with our opposition to proposal 2, there is no data supplied that would suggest that any harvest restriction is biologically justified.

9. OPPOSE. This would impose a winter king season limit of 5 fish. The winter King fishery has provided significant opportunity to harvest feeder Kings distributed over multiple different stocks. Again, there is no data to suggest that restricting this increasingly popular winter opportunity has negatively impacted any King stock of concern.

12-13. OPPOSE. These proposals would restrict the sport harvest of ling cod with no supporting biological data, such as the amount of commercially caught ling cod in these areas compared to the sport catch, or a link between the alleged declining stocks and sport harvest.

14. SUPPORT. This would legalize the practice of "hooking and handing". After significant debate, the committee felt the positives of legalizing this common practice outweighed the negatives.

15. OPPOSE. The Board does not have authority to regulate booking agents.

16. OPPOSE. The Seine industry is trying to put restrictions on personal use fishing with dipnets for hatchery produced fish. These are no wild fish harvested and the percentage of personal use fish compared to the Seiners is miniscule.

17. OPPOSE. This would require a set netter to be physically on site. This restriction is already included in permit stipulations and will remain so until no longer deemed biologically necessary at which point it can be easily removed, unlike a board approved regulation.

22-27. SUPPORT. These various proposals all recognize that many hatcheries run by commercial fishing interests are not operating under the terms of their permits and that ADFG needs to provide greater oversight and impose necessary restrictions on hatchery overproduction and cost recovery fisheries.



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Jan. 7, 2020
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:02 pm by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Dan Anderson, Gary Sinnhuber, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, Lee Martin, Morgan Jones, Joey Allred, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd.
Members Absent: Dennis Wade, Doug Malone,
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** None
- IV. **Guests Present:** Scott McEwen, Gary Loos, Bob Nathanson, Matt Hockema, Daniel Anderson, Calvin Anderson.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Yes
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Yes
- VII. **Reports:** None
- VIII. **Public Comment:** None
- IX. **Old Business:**
- X. **New Business:**
- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting**
- XII. **Set next meeting date:** Jan. 9, 2020
- XIII. **Other**



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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
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Tabled			
78	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	Repeat of previous proposal that failed.
79	Establish a personal use priority for Cook Inlet salmon fisheries (Walt Arthur)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	Math is skewed and misrepresents the level of opportunity to user groups. Also, Personal Use and Subsistence are not equivalent categories. This proposal would merge the two and essentially classifies all Cook Inlet salmon fisheries as Subsistence, even in urban areas.
80	Prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 36" in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial gillnet fisheries (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	Nearly all salmon caught in gill nets die. Not retaining these fish amounts to wanton waste.
81	Manage fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet by designating types of salmon habitat (David Chessik)		
Support	14	0 - 0	This proposal essentially zones Upper Cook Inlet anadromous freshwaters by type of salmon habitat. The AC supports the concept and pointed out that this is already in limited effect in some areas. However, as the proposal acknowledges, putting this into practice requires additional funding for biologists to inventory these waters and collaboration with the Div. of Habitat. This is beyond the BOF purview but something it could recommend this to ADF&G and the Legislature.
82	Allow two regular 12-hour commercial fishing periods per week (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0 - 4	The AC mostly supports the concept but some felt that the proposal is poorly written and needs more detail.
83	Close all commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet (Neil DeWitt)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	This is not a serious proposal.
84	Clarify the requirement of immediately releasing king salmon over 20 inches (Joe Hanes)		



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Oppose	0	13 - 1	While the intention may be good, the proposal lacks the specifics as to how it would be applied.
88	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver goal ranges (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	Increase in inriver goal would be at the expense of Cook Inlet commercial harvest.
89	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers and increase the sustainable escapement goal range to 1,300,000-1,750,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	AC opposes the deletion of “commercial uses” as primary management goal. Would have serious economic consequences.
90	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers; increase the sustainable escapement goal; and limit commercial fishing periods (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	Same as #89.
91	Lower the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon sustainable escapement goal (Teague Vanek)		
Support	11	1 - 2	Lowering the SEG will increase harvest and avoid challenging the rivers salmon rearing carrying capacity due to too many juvenile fish.
92	Reduce the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 450,000–750,000 salmon (John McCombs)		
Support	10	2 -1	See #91. As one member said, less means more in referring to juvenile versus adult fish.
93	Manage the personal use dip net fishery on the lower Kenai River subject to achieving the inriver goal (Nathan Hoff)		
Support	12	1 - 1	The AC agrees that if restrictions are needed, all user groups should share the burden.
94	Implement an additional 24-hour closure in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery at run strengths greater than 4,600,000 Kenai River sockeye salmon (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		



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Oppose	0	14 - 0	If the sockeye run exceeds 4.6 million, it would be more appropriate to increase commercial harvest rather than impose a closure and reduced harvest
95	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to remove and replace the provision to manage for commercial uses with a provision to manage for commercial, sport, and personal use groups (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	No discussion
96	Increase the Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement and inriver goals, increase sockeye salmon bag and possession limits, and pair closures (Walt Arthur)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	No discussion
97	Create sport and personal use allocations of sockeye on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (Chris Every)		
Support	10	4 - 0	Those in support said that the dip net fishery should be quantified and managed. Those opposed said harvest should be based on availability. If local biologists determine that restrictions are needed, this can be accomplished with an EO.
98	Establish an annual limit for the Kenai River sockeye salmon sport fishery (Chris Every)		
Support	12	2 - 0	The arguments for centered around restricting the sport and personal use catch in order to limit the opportunity for excessive harvest and waste. Arguments against questioned the assumption of widespread waste, saying that most limited their efforts to what they needed. Also, if the commercial harvest is to be based on abundance rather than some prescribed number, then the same standard should apply to sport and personal use fisherman. If overescapement is a problem, then there is no need to limit sport harvest.
100	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to open commercial fishing periods to stay within ten percent of daily inseason run projections (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	The AC did not consider this a realistic management approach. It is too prescriptive and puts too much emphasis on run projections at the expense of real time observations by biologists. The AC favors flexibility in management decisions.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
101	Amend the preamble to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan by removing minimize language and adding a provision for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	11	1 - 2	Support was based on removing difficult to read language. It was felt that this would give managers more flexibility and allow for additional commercial harvest. Those not in support felt that the language was too general.
102	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage for the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal and replace inriver goals with allocation ranges (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	14	0 - 0	The AC supports the concept that if escapement exceeds the upper limit one year, then the management goal for the next year should be the lower limit. The rationale for this is based on the Kenai watershed salmon rearing carrying capacity and that juvenile salmon spend more than one year in the system. Therefore, one year of over escapement reduces the rearing carrying capacity for the next year. This could be mitigated via a lower escapement goal and additional harvest.
104	Adopt an optimal escapement goal and amend the paired restrictions in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	This proposal is no longer valid.
105	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000-35,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	Opposed because the current escapement goals aren't being met, so there is no reason to increase the goal.
106	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000–35,000 salmon (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
			See #105.
108	Reduce the number of hours the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery may be fished in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan paired restrictions (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	This proposal seeks to limit commercial fishing in UCI. ADF&G already has the authority to limit fishing if there is need. One



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			member submitted a written comment that said; <i>Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG)</i> : A level of escapement, indicated by an index or an escapement estimate, that is known to provide for sustained yield over a 5 to 10 year period, used in situations where a BEG cannot be estimated due to the absence of a stock specific catch estimate; the SEG is the primary management objective for the escapement, unless an optimal escapement goal or inriver run goal has been adopted by the board, and will be developed from the best biological information; the SEG will be determined by the department and will be stated as a range that takes into account data uncertainty; the department will seek to maintain escapements within the bounds of the SEG (from 5 AAC 39.222(f)).
109	Allow set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed independently when under “paired” restrictions (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen’s Association/ Paul A. Shadura II)		
Support	14	0 - 0	There is need to separate these fisheries in order to get a better handle for managing.
112	Remove gear restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery when the use of bait is prohibited in the sport fishery (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen’s Association / Paul A. Shadura II)		
Support	13	0 - 1	Abstention based on lack of familiarity.
113	Establish paired restrictions to close personal use fisheries when commercial fisheries are closed (John McCombs)		
Oppose	5	7 - 2	There was some support generally based on objection to the dip net fishery. Lack of support was mostly based on objection to the second paragraph about “illegal personal use fishery”. Others want to eliminate paired restrictions.
114	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Dwight Kramer)		
Oppose	0	14 - 0	The AC generally thought there needs to be more flexibility in managing to keep large female kings in the river. One objected



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			to slot limits on fisheries that are not terminal as not good conservation.
115	Allow the use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery when the fishery is restricted to catch and release (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	Opposition was based on it not being a good conservation measure to allow bait when restrictions are needed. Also, there was disagreement that catch and release with bait has extremely low mortality rates.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _George Matz

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: Jan. 11, 2020



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Jan. 9, 2020
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:03 pm by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Dan Anderson, Gary Sinnhuber, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, Lee Martin, Morgan Jones, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Doug Malone.
Members Absent: Dennis Wade, Joey Allred, Tom Young (vice chair).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** None
- IV. **Guests Present:** Bob Nathanson, Daniel Anderson, Calvin Anderson, Matt Hockemn, Steve Duff, Doug Bailey.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Yes
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** No
- VII. **Reports:** None
- VIII. **Public Comment:** None
- IX. **Old Business:** None
- X. **New Business:** None
- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting**
- XII. **Set next meeting date:** Jan. 14, 2020
- XIII. **Other**



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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
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Oppose	5	7 - 1	Those in support favored the concept. Those opposed felt that the proposal was too vague and open to question. It needs to be more specific. We also considered RC 009, which is essentially an amendment to the proposal. But the amendment goes beyond the boundaries of the proposal and since we didn't approve the proposal, there was need to vote on RC 009. It needs to be its own proposal.
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Oppose	2	10 - 1	Some favored the concept. Others pointed out that there are too many separate stocks that have individual characteristics which need to be treated independent of other stocks. What was also mentioned was conflict in differentiating between wild and hatchery stocks.
117	Increase open waters from within 600 feet of mean high tide to within 1,200 feet of mean high tide as a restrictive option in the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery after July 8 (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Support	7	3 - 3	Support was because this proposal would allow more opportunity for fisherman to harvest sockeye going to the Kasilof River. Those opposed and abstaining weren't clear about what the proposal accomplished.
119	Eliminate the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (Mark Ducker)		
Support	12	1 - 0	The AC agrees that the BEG should be included in the management plan.
121	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to prioritize achieving the lower end of the Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement goal (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	No discussion.
122	Create a commercial dip net fishery in the Kasilof River (Nathan Hoff)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	This would increase traffic in an already crowded area.
123	Rename Drift Gillnet Area 2 to the "Conservation and Northern District Allocation Sanctuary Area" (Ben Allen)		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	13 - 0	Not a relevant proposal.
124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include inriver users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	This is an allocation issue which reduces commercial harvest.
125	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan and include inseason assessments (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Support	6	2 - 5	Support for the concept, but the proposal makes a statement rather than provide specific language. Could be better written.
126	Close the Central District drift gillnet fishery corridor (Neil DeWitt)		
Oppose	0	12 - 1	No discussion needed.
127	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	Allocating 60-80% is an arbitrary number with serious consequences if adopted. No verification data used in proposal.
128	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to remove the provision to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River coho salmon and add a provision for reasonable opportunity for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0 - 3	Support was based on agreement that the language proposed is more clearly understood than what now exists.
129	Allow the commissioner to limit Central District drift gillnets to less than 150 and 200 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	This would make drift gillnets substantially ineffective for commercial fishing. An attempt to limit commercial fishing.
130	Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Chinitna Bay subdistrict starting August 15 (Teague Vanek)		
Support	13	0 - 0	Allowing openings only after an aerial survey has been completed unnecessarily reduces openings because of weather conditions that don't allow flying. Setting a date and then verifying the run with an aerial survey when weather permits would provide better fishing opportunity.



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131	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (Teague Vanek)		
Support	12	1 - 0	Proposal provides more reliable opportunity to fish based on the strength of the runs. If restrictions are needed, ADF&G still has authority for EO's. Vote opposed was based on expectation that BOF won't approve.
132	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (John McCombs)		
Support	12	0 - 1	Same as #131.
133	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	This proposal stifles ability to manage based on escapement.
134	Add Drift Gillnet Area 1 to the list of sections that are allowed to be fished during additional fishing time July 16–31 in the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	13	0 - 0	This proposal would result in better quality and higher value fish getting to the processor.
135	Allow one additional regular fishing period in the Central District drift gillnet fishery July 24– 31 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	11	1 - 1	This proposal gives the manager better flexibility which could result in greater opportunity to fish. Having more openings could spread out the harvest and avoid having too many fish at the processor at the same time.
136	Open two additional inlet-wide fishing periods per week between July 24 and August 15 in even-numbered years (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Oppose	2	9 - 2	Although the AC agrees with the concept of better utilization of surplus pink salmon, it disagrees with the language used in the proposal. Changing "may" to "shall" and "are being" to "will be" takes away discretion to the manager.
137	Repeal and readopt the Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan to manage for commercial priority and 40–70% exploitation rate (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		



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Support	13	0 - 0	This proposal accomplishes much of what #136 intends, but without the language problems.
138	Establish drift gillnet weekly fishing periods in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	12	0 - 1	Previously approved.
139	Close the drift gillnet salmon fishery in Chinitna Bay (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	If real time data indicates that fishing in Chinitna Bay is unsustainable, ADF&G has the authority to close it by EO.
140	Allow a dual-permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear on board while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time (Dan Anderson)		
Support	13	0 - 0	Current regulations require fisherman to expend more time and fuel than is necessary. This reduces that burden.
141	Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet Area (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	13	0 - 0	This proposal reduces a burden on commercial fishermen to comply with a regulation having questionable merit.
142	Create a commercial set gillnet fishery for coho salmon in the Upper Subdistrict (Chris Every)		
Oppose	3	6 - 4	This area has limited opportunity for fishing and that opportunity is already fully allocated. Further consideration of this proposal would require more detailed analysis of the composition of stocks.
143	Clarify the fishing season for king salmon less than 20 inches in length on the Kasilof River (ADF&G)		
Support	13	0 - 0	Housekeeping proposal.
145	Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15 (Neil DeWitt)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	Allowing an extension of the dip netting season runs the risk of coho bycatch which are more prevalent in the river at this time.
146	Increase the sockeye salmon limit to six fish per day in the Kenai River when the commercial fishery is open (Frank Casey)		



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Oppose	0	13 - 0	The sport fisherman on the AC felt that current regulations seem to work well. The regulations are precautionary and allow via EO a timely increase in bag limit if supported by the data.
147	Prohibit fishing for salmon on the upper Kenai River after taking the bag limit for that day (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	13	0 - 0	Catch and release on heavily fished rivers results in fish being caught many times and higher mortality than what might generally be assumed. Having to quite fishing once a person has their bag limit will reduce some of the combat fishing that occurs as well as damage to streambanks and waters from crowded conditions.
148	Allow two unbaited, single-hook artificial flies and limit hook size throughout the Kenai River drainage (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Oppose	0	12 - 1	The AC recognizes that this is a method used in other areas but doesn't believe it is suitable in places like the Kenai River where there is substantial fishing pressure and more concentrations of fish, increasing the chance of snagging.
149	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Support	12	0 - 1	As previously stated, the AC doesn't support catch and release on heavily fished rivers such as the Kenai. Mortality increases for fish caught numerous times. Also, catch and release results in fisherman fishing more hours, adding to the congestion and damage to habitat.
150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	11	2 - 0	This proposal is similar to #147. Those opposed felt that requiring retention will encourage what is now considered illegal snagging. Those in support want regulations to be very clear that intentional, illegal snagging will not be tolerated.
151	Allow retention of sockeye salmon snagged on the Kenai River (Steve Pratt)		
Support	12	0 - 1	While there is logic to this proposal, if improperly worded it might appear to allow or encourage intentional snagging, which



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			the AC would not agree with. Close attention needs to be given to the wording.
152	Prohibit barbed hooks when fishing in the Kenai River drainage (Jordan Perrego)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	This proposal is overly restrictive in not allowing barbed hooks even in one's tackle box and would lead to unintentional citations. There would be unnecessary controversy if this proposal was adopted.
153	Increase the bag limit for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery to three fish July 1 – August 31 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Oppose	0	12 - 1	The proposal states that there is uncertainty with the stocks. That would need to be resolved before increasing bag limits.
154	Increase limits for Kenai River coho salmon from two to three fish (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	See #153.
155	Allow sport fishing guides to sport fish while a client is present from the banks of the Kasilof River (Raymond Davis)		
Support	12	1 - 0	The AC agrees that fishing guides should be able to demonstrate technique to their clients, but not necessarily fish for the client.
156	Allow sport fish guides to sport fish on the Kasilof River from shore while a client is present (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Support	13	0 - 0	See #155
157	Limit the number of client groups per guide or guide vessel on the Kasilof River in July (Mike Adams)		
Support	11	2 - 0	Limiting the number of guided trips per day will reduce congestion and improve the quality of the fishing experience.
162	Remove restrictions to guided sport vessels on the Kenai River when the King salmon sport fishery is closed (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	Opposition was based on the need to reduce fishing pressure regardless of king salmon openings.
163	Prohibit guiding in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers personal use dip net fishery (Catherine Felt)		
Support	13	0 - 0	One of the purposes for dip netting is to be self-sufficient. Having to hire a guide runs counter to that purpose. Also, you



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			don't need a guide to learn how to hold a net in the water. Guided trips should be limited to only sport fishing clients.
164	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River from Skilak Lake to the Soldotna Bridge May 1– August 31 (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Support	12	0 - 1	Support is primarily based on the need to protect river habitat. The abstention was that this is a complicated issue.
170	Move the ADF&G regulatory marker for personal use dipnetting on the Kasilof River north shore beach (Brent Ramsay)		
Oppose	0	10 - 3	Increasing area for dip netting isn't needed. Abstentions were because of lack of familiarity with the exact location.
171	Reduce the Kenai River personal use bag limit for king salmon to one salmon less than 36" in length (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
Oppose	5	7 - 1	Given the condition of Kenai River king stocks, there should be no retention of king salmon bycatch, particularly since releasing fish from a dip net should do minimal harm to the fish. Also, since dipnetters don't normally have rulers, there would likely be a lot of guesswork about size of a fish and illegal retention.
172	Limit personal use dipnetting on the Kenai River by day of the week (Karen McGahan)		
Oppose	0	13 - 0	This proposal would be unworkable and probably result in dipnetters making more trips. Many dipnetters intend to fish until they catch the amount they want for their freezer. This often requires fishing more than one tide cycle. With closure from 11 pm to 6 am, this means camping/staying overnight o reduce travel time and cost. With this proposal, those fishing the evening tide would not be allowed to also fish the next morning tide.
174	Prohibit set gillnets in the personal use salmon fishery if the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai or Kasilof Rivers is restricted (Joe Hanes)		
Support	13	0 - 0	Personal use set gillnets are not compatible with dipnets in terms of fishing the same area. Personal use fishing in these should be limited to only handheld nets.
186	Eliminate the one percent rule in both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		



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Support	13	0 - 0	The one percent rule may have been appropriate at some time in the past, but that is no longer true. Late runs are becoming more common and management plans need to adapt. It should be noted that there are several other proposals that address this issue and that this position applies to those proposals.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Jan. 14, 2020
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:05 pm by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Gary Sinnhuber, Malcolm Milne, Lee Martin, Morgan Jones, Marvin Peters.
Members Absent: Dan Anderson, Wes Humbyrd, Dennis Wade, Joey Allred, Doug Malone, Matt Hakala.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jason Herreman, Charity
- IV. **Guests Present:** There were 59 names on the sign-in sheet, plus a few who didn't sign-in.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Yes
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Yes
- VII. **Reports:** None
- VIII. **Public Comment:** None
- IX. **Old Business:** None
- X. **New Business:** AC elections
- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting:** Dan Anderson
- XII. **Set next meeting date:** Tues, Feb. 4, 2020
- XIII. **Other**

Dave Lyon called for nominations. All current AC members were nominated and several from the floor. Those elected, and their votes were;

Marvin Peters – 57

George Matz – 52

Joe Martishev – 49



Wes Humbyrd – 47
 Dave Lyon – 45
 Lee Martin – 42 filling remainder of term for vacated seat
 Bob Nathanson – 40 alternate
 William Roth – 36 alternate

After elections, AC members voted on officers. Chair Dave Lyon and Secretary George Matz will continue in their two-year term. Since Vice Chair Tom Young was not reelected, we had to fill that position. Tom Hagberg was unanimously elected to be Vice Chair.

After elections, we finished our review of BOF Upper Cook Inlet. Newly elected AC members took the place of Tom Young and Gary Sinnhuber who weren't reelected.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
187	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery and create mandatory area restrictions based on escapement goals (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Support	9	0 - 1	See #186 Comment
188	Eliminate the one-percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery (Teague Vanek)		
Support	9	0 - 1	See #186 Comment
189	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery (John McCombs)		
Support	9	0 - 1	See #186 Comment
190	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Karen McGahan)		
Support	9	0 - 1	See #186 Comment
191	Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Chris Every)		
Support	9	0 - 1	See #186 Comment
192	Amend the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery to apply starting July 31 instead of August 7 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Oppose	0	10 - 0	Makes the rule even more undesirable.
193	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule beginning August 1 in Cook Inlet Area subdistricts (Mike Adams)		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	10 - 0	If one percent is bad, three percent is even worse. Even more opportunity for commercial openings will be lost. This appears to be another attempt to shut down Cook Inlet commercial fisheries.
194	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule for both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	10 - 0	See comment on #193.
195	Amend the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet one percent rule to a two percent rule beginning July 31 instead of August 7 (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Oppose	0	10 - 0	See comment on #193.
196	Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fisheries (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0 - 0	Fishing opportunity is lost when openings are based on windows rather than real time data. Fisherman think that the announcements for windows is too unpredictable and often have too short notice to respond. This also complicates processors ability to adapt to catch.
199	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Oppose	0	9 - 1	This is another attempt by some sport fisherman to shut down the Cook Inlet commercial fishery in order to create a surplus of fish for sport fisherman.
200	Close the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery when the sport fishery in the Susitna or Knik Arm drainages are restricted (Ben Allen)		
Oppose	0	9 - 1	See comment on #199
210	Close waters to drift gillnetting on the west side of Cook Inlet within one mile of shore from the West Forelands to Sea Otter Point (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	9 - 1	This was seen as a NIMBY issue. The abstention felt more verification of issue was needed.
211	Eliminate the four set gillnet per person limit (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	1	2 - 7	The abstentions were because it wasn't clear what this proposal seeks to accomplish. Perplexing.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
243	Allow the harvest of other salmon in place of king salmon in the Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	10 - 0	Opposition was because allowing a harvest of 95 salmon and 10 for each dependent with up to 70 king salmon is excessive and more than individual need.

Adjournment: 8:15

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Oct. 15, 2019
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

I. **Call to Order:** 6:01 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

II. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Tom Young (vice chair), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Dennis Wade, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Morgan Jones.

Members Absent: Lee Martin, Doug Malone, Joey Allred, Gary Sinnhuber. Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Glen Hollowell, Jason Herreman

IV. **Guests Present:** Beaver and Jessie Nelson, Bob Nathanson

V. **Approval of Agenda** yes

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** NA

VII. **Reports**

a. **Chair's report**

b. **ADF&G** Jason gave a preliminary review of this years GMU 15 hunts. It was a good season for moose hunting with 292 from 15C. Other reports for 15C are 30 brown bears, black bears were down perhaps because of forest fires, and only 3 sheep from the Peninsula. Sheep populations are struggling. Jason also talked about attending Federal Subsistence meeting.

c. **Others**

VIII. **Public Comment** None

IX. **Old Business** None

X. **New Business** None

XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting**

XII. **Set next meeting date** Tues. Nov. 13, 6:00 pm. Agenda is to review the LIC proposals we deferred, such as hatchery issues.



XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn 8:25

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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
3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	The AC generally supports efforts that improve opportunity for sport fishing.
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	The AC generally supports efforts that improve opportunity for sport fishing.
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	The AC generally supports efforts that improve opportunity for sport fishing.
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
			Deferred
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	1	8-1	The AC prefers to maintain the status quo. The objection was based on concern with consistency in how we treat hatchery fish and wild stocks. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Support	5	4 - 1	The basic concern was how much is enough, particularly with a sensitive species like king salmon. Having no limits on the number of fish that can be taken encourages exploitation and catching more than is needed. It was felt that 5 fish per angler



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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
			is a reasonable limit. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
			Deferred.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
Support	9	1	The AC expressed concern about recent excessive, nonsustainable sport fishing pressure on lingcod. It was mentioned that many charter boats are also concerned and tend to limit their customers to one lingcod per day.
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9 - 1	While the AC supported reducing the daily bag limit per day for lingcod, it was felt that having a seasonal limit is unnecessary and uncertain as to enforcement. There probably are only a few fishermen interested in multiple lingcod trips, so redefining total harvest would be minimal. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Support	7	3	The AC believes this is a practice that is already widely used by many sport fishermen and adopting it as regulation won't change much. The opposition felt that there isn't sufficient reason to make things easier and that everyone should catch their own fish.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	10	The AC felt that the proposal is too vague and questioned whether this is a legitimate issue for Board of Fisheries action.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	10	0	The AC agrees that the dip net fishery has become congested with boats, creating a safety factor in these tricky waters. Also, there may be an issue whether all dip netters are residents. It



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Nov. 12, 2019
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

I. Call to Order: 6:01 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Tom Young (vice chair), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Dan Anderson, Wes Humbyrd, Morgan Jones, Joey Allred, Gary Sinnhuber. Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne.

Members Absent: Lee Martin, Marvin Peters, Doug Malone, Dennis Wade.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glen Hollowell, Holly Dickson, Mike Booz, Elisa Russ, Ethan Ford

IV. Guests Present: Beaver and Jessie Nelson, Nancy Hillstrand, Tim Blackman, Louise Segvek, Bob Natheson, Dean Day, Ryan Wagner, Jim Herbert, Matt Hockear, Matt Alward, Gus Cotton, Brooke Poirot, Tim Moore, Conrad Hagen, Paul Roth, plus several more who didn't sign-in.

V. Approval of Agenda yes

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes yes

VII. Reports

VIII. Public Comment Cook Inlet Aquaculture stated that they oppose proposals 22,23,24, 25,26, and 27. They support 28.

IX. Old Business None

X. New Business None

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date Tues. Nov. 19, 6:00 pm. Agenda is to continue review of LIC proposals.

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn 9:20



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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
<p><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></p>			
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
Support	11	1 - 0	<p>There was considerable discussion on this proposal. The AC generally agreed that the fisherman who fish in the Barge Basin are interfering and a hazard with workers and machines working on boats. Most of the problem is with fisherman on shore and in small boats those who snag at the nearby Dudiak Fishing Lagoon. Another issue was about the definition of navigability and whether Homer Spit Properties owns the “tidal lands and basin bottom” as stated in the proposal. ADF&G said that the basin waters are considered navigable. While most of the AC agreed that fishing should be closed in this area, they urged caution in terms of treading on navigability issues, which would be a bigger issue than fishing. Opposition noted that fishing does occur in places like the harbor that also have much activity.</p>
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)) – Reconsideration Vote		
Oppose	1	8 - 3	<p>This proposal was amended to change the opening dates from Oct. 1- Apr. 30 to Sept. 1 – Mar. 30. The amendment passed. There was considerable discussion about the origin of the fish being targeted. Those that abstained felt that there is a lack of science to decide either way. Tom asked for a roll call. So, here are the individual votes. Support; Morgan. Oppose; Gary, Tom, Malcolm, Matt, Joey, Dave, Dan. Abstain; Michael, Tom, George.</p>
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
Support	12	0 - 0	<p>There now is a small, commercial harvest of kelp at Anchor Point that requires a permit from the ADF&G Commissioner, but the permitting conditions are ambiguous. This proposal</p>



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December 10-13, 2019 | Seward, Alaska

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241	Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area (Eliza Eller)
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Support	11	0 - 1	While the AC agrees with the purpose of the proposal, we did not agree with the possession limit of 10 pounds. That is not a realistic amount, nor does it make sense to measure by weight. We amended the proposal by deleting 10 pounds and adding a possession limit of one 32 gallon garbage can. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
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Adjournment: 9:20

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon

Date: Nov. 13, 2019



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 19, 2019
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

- I. Call to Order: 6:04 PM by Dave Lyon
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Tom Young (vice chair), Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Gary Sinnhuber, Thomas Hagberg, Dave Lyon (chair), Dan Anderson, Doug Malone, Wes Humbyrd
Members Absent (Excused):
Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Marvin Peters, Morgan Jones, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, George Matz
Members Absent (Unexcused): None
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Elisa Russ, Jan Rumble, Mike Booz
- IV. Guests Present: None
- V. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; Yes
- VII. Reports: ADF&G Elisa Russ presented clarifications on Proposals 41 and 42 as requested by the AC. Information on the harvest of lingcod was also presented as it pertained to the previously passed Proposals 12 and 13.
- VIII. Public Comment: No public comment was given.
- IX. Old Business: Evaluation and recommendations on remaining Lower Cook Inlet Proposals.
- X. New Business: Proposed changing next year's meetings to consecutive Tuesdays until all proposals have been evaluated and voted on. This item tabled to next meeting.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Dan Anderson was appointed as the AC representative to the upcoming Lower Cook Inlet Board of Fish Meeting.
- XII. Set next meeting date: Next meeting is set for the 3rd Tuesday of December, 12/17/19.



XIII. Other: No other items discussed.

XIV. Adjourned at 7:45 PM

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14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
	3	6	This Proposal previously voted on. Opened for reconsideration. This is a statewide proposal and inappropriate for this meeting. It would lead to potential increased harvest from stocks that are already stressed.



**Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee
12/17/2019
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:35 by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap		X	
Andrew	Carmichael			X
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		
Chris	Hanna	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Todd	Smith	7:05pm		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas			X
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
John	Ellanbass		X	
Cody	Rutter	X		
Scott	Miller	X		
Eli	House	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brian Marston

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair’s report



- i. Report on recent board of fish meeting in Seward
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Break 7:55 to 8pm

Chair shared about some news in the Yukon in regard to sheep and moose and the strict testing of domestic animals. Starting January 2020.

XI. Set next meeting date

Next meeting is December 30th starting at 6:30pm at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association.

XII. Other

Chair Mike Crawford will be attending the Kodiak Board of Fish Meetings

XIII. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05PM



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Proposals February 7-20, 2020			
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117	Increase open waters from within 600 feet of mean high tide to within 1,200 feet of mean high tide as a restrictive option in the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery after July 8 (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Supported	6	5	Giving them more option to fish and possibly keeping them out of the terminal fishery. Adding 600 additional feet could cause more harvest of more Kenai kings and or Kenai sockeyes. There already exists a ½ mile limit. This would only be used if fisheries were closed, allowing to fish out to 600 feet, in addition to more gear in the water.
118	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to include the Kasilof River biological escapement goal (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Supported	11	1	Management plan is based on a OEG or a BEG, why have both in the plan to make it more confusing. The supporting votes, this would simply put the BEG stated in the Management plan.
119	Eliminate the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (Mark Ducker)		
Opposed	2	10	The OEG was put in place for management of mixed stocks. The Department needs flexibility of Mixed stock fishery and working on the BEG would be more realistic. Management plan says it must exceed the Optimal Escapement Goal, based on projections this makes management more difficult. There are concerns of over escapement and exceeding the Biological escapement goal.
120	Remove the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area from (c)(4) of the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (Jeff Beaudoin)		
Opposed	1	11	Supported vote - Don't like the terminal fishery. Opposed vote – don't like the idea of keeping the fishery open longer.
121	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to prioritize achieving the lower end of the Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement goal (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		



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Supported	8	4	With paired restrictions this would create more restrictions due to projections. Kasilof sockeye could be missed by the commercial fishery. Continued over escapement and loss of traditional harvest of Kasilof sockeye. In-River might still be fishing if the commercial fishery is closed. This is needed as the bottom end of the Kenai King run should take precedence as it might be met.
122	Create a commercial dip net fishery in the Kasilof River (Nathan Hoff)		
Opposed	0	12	This could create a lot of issue including conflict with current personal dipnet fishery. This would create an entirely new fishery.
123	Rename Drift Gillnet Area 2 to the "Conservation and Northern District Allocation Sanctuary Area" (Ben Allen)		
Opposed	0	12	There is no need to change the area name.
124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include in river users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
Opposed	0	11	This proposal already exists in the Pre-Amble and to manage towards a harvestable surplus would be an un quantifiable number or goal. 1 abstention – appreciate the fact that there is a need for more fish in the northern district and rivers, but this is not the proper tool to get that.
125	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan and include in season assessments (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Opposed	0	12	Current drift fishing in upper cook inlet is restricted based on northern district for both sockeye and Coho. This proposal is only addressing sockeye salmon within the Kenai river. Several of the committee members are concerned about northern district sport fishing. Kenai River ecosystem is not being destroyed.
126	Close the Central District drift gillnet fishery corridor (Neil DeWitt)		
Opposed	0	12	Though it is good to have good sustainable fisheries in the northern district, this is not the correct proposal to ensure that.



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127	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and Coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	3	8	The proposal is contradicting to current management plan. Current management plan is to give Coho priority in the northern district. Meeting an escapement goal alone is not providing an opportunity. 1 abstention: don't want to mandate to spend money and fail and would like to see more fish in the northern district.
128	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to remove the provision to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River Coho salmon and add a provision for reasonable opportunity for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	2	9	This would remove any priorities and change the pre-amble in the management plan. Like the common property fisheries and reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon. 1 abstention – was out for part of the discussion.
129	Allow the commissioner to limit Central District drift gillnets to less than 150 and 200 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Opposed	0	12	This is a gear restriction; the department of fish and game currently does not have the ability to limit gear, unless it is in the management plan. This would decrease the overall amount of gear in the water. Warmer weather and warmer water have fish running deeper. 2019 Drift fleet overall king harvest is small and was 5% of all upper cook inlet king harvest.
130	Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Chinitna Bay subdistrict starting August 15 (Teague Vanek)		
Opposed	0	12	Static opening date can be detrimental to the escapement goals. Lower cook inlet management is who does the aerial surveys
131	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (Teague Vanek)		
Opposed	1	10	1 abstention – did not want to speak for the drift fleet.



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132	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (John McCombs)		
No Action			Based on action on 131
133	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Opposed	0	10	This would extend restrictions into August and decrease the overall harvest, mostly of Coho and potentially later run Sockeye headed for the Kenai / Kasilof corridor. 2 abstention – Northern district is suffering, but this proposal would just shift the fishery. Not sure how this would affect the common property fisheries and harvest opportunity. More pressure on the Kenai/Kasilof Coho
134	Add Drift Gillnet Area 1 to the list of sections that are allowed to be fished during additional fishing time July 16–31 in the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Opposed	4	8	Allowing this would take the drifters out of the corridor. Allocation shift, as it is already a fully allocated and there is no need to change the current allocation.
135	Allow one additional regular fishing period in the Central District drift gillnet fishery July 24– 31 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Opposed	2	10	This would allow the Drift fishermen an additional period of unrestricted fishing while the northern district is restricted. More efficient fishing out in the middle.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05PM

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 12.17.2019 _____



**Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee
12/30/2019
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:35 by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap			X
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Dick	Dykema		X	
Chris	Hanna			X
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Todd	Smith			X
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	7:30pm		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert			X
John	Ellanbass	X		
Cody	Rutter	X		
Scott	Miller	X		
Eli	House	X		

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Colton Lipka

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes from 12/17/19 meeting has been approved.



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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Break at 7:43 to 7:48pm

XI. Set next meeting date

Next meeting is January 6th & January 7th starting at 6:30pm at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association.

XII. Other

Chair Mike Crawford will not be attending the Kodiak Board of Fish Meetings. Paul Shadura will represent the KSFGAC at the Kodiak Board of Fish Meeting.

XIII. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:50PM



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Proposals

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9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Opposed	0	8	<p>Motion to remove 9 from the table, and no objection to vote on 9.</p> <p>Last 3 years are above the 4500 GHl during the winter fishery. There is concern about kings salmon in the north pacific. Also are these fish wild vs hatchery.</p> <p>Regulatory complexity with additional season limit. Department does not show any concern for the fish in the winter fishery.</p> <p>Amendment to move the limit to 10 fish of any size</p> <p>Support for Amendment – 3 Opposed for the Amendment – 9</p> <p>4 abstentions – Would like to see more research and data on the biomass and wild vs hatchery. Spirit of the proposal is good, but the number or lack of numbers (data) is hard to support the amendment.</p>
84	Clarify the requirement of immediately releasing king salmon over 20 inches (Joe Hanes)		
Supported as Amended	10	1	<p>Immediately is not currently defined, and best practice is more crucial for fish survival. Discussion is necessary, but the enforcement is going to be tough.</p> <p>Amendment – if the fish shall not be retained any King salmon landed must be released shall released immediately. The only exception is for safety or the resuscitation of the fish. Photo</p>



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			<p>opportunity needs to be immediate not delayed. At all times entire length of the fish from fork to nose must be in the water</p> <p>Vote on Amendment Support for Amendment – 11 Opposed for Amendment – 0</p> <p>Opposed – too hard to enforce</p>
85	Limit the prosecution of fishing derbies (John McCombs)		
Opposed	1	11	<p>Supporting vote – enough pressure on the resource</p> <p>This is not a department issue, but derbies are good for the economy and are viable when fishing are available.</p>
86	Establish resident and non-resident annual limits for sockeye salmon in the Cook Inlet Area (Steve Pratt)		
Opposed	0	10	<p>Annual limit would be up to the board. No need for annual limit</p> <p>2 Abstention – too many fish leaving the state and there should be a non-resident annual limit. There needs to be some discussion on and clarification on the purpose of this proposal.</p>
87	Eliminate the personal use salmon dip net fishery and prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon in the Kenai Peninsula area (Ron Carmon)		
Opposed	0	11	1 Abstention – does not like the dip net fishery.
88	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver goal ranges (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
			Table for Brian
105	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000-35,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
As Amended	8	3	<p>Current goals are too low and would like to see the goals raised. to escapement-based model vs habitat-based models.</p> <p>Amendment to go from an SEG to an OEG</p> <p>Vote for Amendment Support – 9</p>



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			<p>Opposed – 2 Abstention – 1 – No reason to change proposal when other proposals will already address this.</p> <p>1 abstention – does not believe that the change in the numbers in a minor range will make that much of a difference.</p>
107	Allow the use of bait and modify maximum size above Slikok Creek when the escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded (Ted Wellman & Bill Tappan)		
Opposed	1	11	<p>Historically this was put in place to protect fish that are potential spawners. There is could be liberalized at a later date once fishing stocks</p> <p>Supporting vote is for more tools for Fish and Game to be able to liberalize fishing when run projections are high.</p>
108	Reduce the number of hours the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery may be fished in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan paired restrictions (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
			<p>Current hours during paired restrictions are: No bait is 48 hrs and C&R is down to 24hrs. Hours are possible maximum hours for the setnet fishery per week.</p> <p>2018 Commercial setnet is 613 Sport harvest 1138</p> <p>Motion to Table till a commercial fishing biologist can be here. Proposal 108 is tabled</p>
115	Allow the use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery when the fishery is restricted to catch and release (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	12	Intent of C&R is to preserver stocks, Bait would increase mortality

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 12/30/2019 _____



**Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee
01/06/2020
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:32pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap			X
Andrew	Carmichael			X
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		
Chris	Hanna	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Monte	Roberts	6:35pm		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	7:05pm		
Todd	Smith	6:35pm		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas			X
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
John	Ellanbass	X		
Cody	Rutter	X		
Scott	Miller	X		
Eli	House	X		

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Colton Lipka

IV. Guests Present: 2

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Meeting Minutes from December 30th, 2019 meeting are approved



- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - Break 8:05 to 8:10
- XI. Set next meeting date
 - Next meeting is for tomorrow January 7th, 2020 at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, stating at 6:30pm
- XII. Other
 - Paul Shadura will not be able to make the Kodiak Meeting
- XIII. Adjourn
 - Meeting Adjourned @ 10:20PM



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Proposals

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143	Clarify the fishing season for king salmon less than 20 inches in length on the Kasilof River (ADF&G)		
Support	13	0	This would allow retention of king salmon under 20 inches, which is what many people already believe it is.
144	Align spring sport fishing dates for Bishop and Bench creeks (ADF&G)		
Support	13	0	Cleaning up trout regulations.
145	Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15 (Neil DeWitt)		
Opposed	0	13	This would increase Personal Use during early august which could be a detriment to the early Coho
146	Increase the sockeye salmon limit to six fish per day in the Kenai River when the commercial fishery is open (Frank Casey)		
Opposed	0	13	This is management based on another fishery, ie: commercial fishery. Tools already exist to increase the limit. This would change the sockeye management plan.
147	Prohibit fishing for salmon on the upper Kenai River after taking the bag limit for that day (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	5	8	Enforcement issue, species specific and hard to enforce.
148	Allow two unbaited, single-hook artificial flies and limit hook size throughout the Kenai River drainage (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Opposed	0	13	This proposal has been seen in other BOF sections. The current regulations would have to change, and this should be addressed at the statewide level.
149	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Opposed	2	11	Valuable management tool Catch and Release is killing part of the resource, guides are too efficient at harvesting and putting pressure on Kings salmon even during Catch and Release



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150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	3	10	<p>Even though they mention no snagging, any retention would then allow snagging. Harvest of Sockeye would potentially increase.</p> <p>Anecdotal statement “ Most anglers do not know or use best practices on catch and release which compounds the mortality “ in the proposal which may or may not be true.</p>
151	Allow retention of sockeye salmon snagged on the Kenai River (Steve Pratt)		
No Action			Based on Action on 150
152	Prohibit barbed hooks when fishing in the Kenai River drainage (Jordan Perrego)		
Opposed	3	10	<p>Decrease in catch rates with barbless hooks, especially for young and inexperienced. Barbless hooks does not change mortality as much as barbless hooks.</p> <p>This would have to be river wide for all species since it would be hard to enforce on individual fisheries.</p>
153	Increase the bag limit for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery to three fish July 1 – August 31 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Opposed	5	8	No assessment, lack of data on the coho run. Fully allocated fishery. KRPGA would just like to have the ability to regain back the allocation prior to the historically restrictions put in place during low abundance.
154	Increase limits for Kenai River coho salmon from two to three fish (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Opposed	2	11	<p>This would add regulatory complexity as there would be a moving date as the setnet fishery closes on different dates. Could potentially increase tension between user groups.</p> <p>Would like to see an assessment on the coho run in the Kenai River.</p>



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155	Allow sport fishing guides to sport fish while a client is present from the banks of the Kasilof River (Raymond Davis)		
Support	8	5	Safety issue if guide is fishing instead of doing his actual job. No issue with guides fishing or showing their client how to properly fish.
156	Allow sport fish guides to sport fish on the Kasilof River from shore while a client is present (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
No Action			Based on 155
157	Limit the number of client groups per guide or guide vessel on the Kasilof River in July (Mike Adams)		
Opposed	4	9	Guided trips are similar overall, even with the second trip allowed again in 2011 when compared to single guide trips from 2006 to 2010. The Kasilof king run data is limited and is being managed similarly to the Kenai. There is some anecdotal concern about the late run of wild kings. There is no escapement goal and there is a possibility the run is being over exploited.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee
01/07/2020
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:32pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap			X
Andrew	Carmichael			X
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		
Chris	Hanna			X
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas		X	
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
John	Ellanbass	X		
Cody	Rutter	X		
Scott	Miller			X
Eli	House			X

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brian Marston, Colton Lipka

IV. Guests Present: 5

Mike Flores, Ray Debartelo, Brian Mazurek, Peninsula Clarion

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

Board of Fish – Kodiak Comments need to be submitted as an RC

Letter to Board of Fish Kodiak Meeting to take up proposals that will affect Upper Cook Inlet.

Vote to Send letter – Unanimous consent

XI. Set next meeting date

TBD

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:15



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88	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver goal ranges (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Opposed	5	6	<p>On a percentage basis a strong pink run is still only a small percentage of overall sockeye run numbers. This would increase inriver fishing sport opportunity but would also have an affect on the personal use fishery as they would harvest more.</p> <p>This would decrease overall commercial harvest as more fish will be allowed to escape in to the river. This would be more evident during low run returns.</p> <p>The SEG has already been adjusted by ADF&G and will be up to the board to accept this. This change would already affect the management plan.</p>
89	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers and increase the sustainable escapement goal range to 1,300,000-1,750,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
Opposed		11	This would increase the SEG significantly. This would take away sockeye priority from the commercial fishery, which is their life blood business.
90	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers; increase the sustainable escapement goal; and limit commercial fishing periods (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No Action	0	11	Based on 89
91	Lower the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon sustainable escapement goal (Teague Vanek)		
Opposed	0	11	Could possibly create a lower yield in the future.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
92	Reduce the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 450,000–750,000 salmon (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	11	<p>ADF&G sets the SEG</p> <p>Abstain 1 – Believe that the SEG should be reduced, but does not think these numbers are correct.</p>
93	Manage the personal use dip net fishery on the lower Kenai River subject to achieving the inriver goal (Nathan Hoff)		
Opposed	2	9	<p>This would be to costly to manage, but this proposal would also restrict the predictability for users to come down and fish.</p> <p>There should be some kind of management tool to step down the PU fishery.</p> <p>Personal Use is managed under the SEG Personal Use is paired to the king fishery And they do have the ability to EO close the PU fishery.</p>
94	Implement an additional 24-hour closure in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery at run strengths greater than 4,600,000 Kenai River sockeye salmon (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Opposed	4	7	<p>Adding a 24-hour closure during high run strength, would restrict one group while other groups could potentially be liberalized.</p> <p>Could also create more management issues on the commercial fishery as they would be more restricted as to when they can fish.</p>



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95	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to remove and replace the provision to manage for commercial uses with a provision to manage for commercial, sport, and personal use groups (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Opposed	0	10	This is allocative and not specific on how to change the management plan. Priority for Coho and Kings are already managed for sport. 1 Abstention – believes the department does value sport and personal use, the management plan does not need to give up the commercial priority
96	Increase the Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement and inriver goals, increase sockeye salmon bag and possession limits, and pair closures (Walt Arthur)		
Opposed	0	11	Changing the bag limit to open at 6, it could potentially close the sport fishery and limit management. Proposal objective is unclear.
97	Create sport and personal use allocations of sockeye on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	11	Some in season reporting system should be created. Harvest limit is likely unconstitutional. Also, while in season with high return this would restrict harvest opportunity. Implementation of this would also be very difficult
98	Establish an annual limit for the Kenai River sockeye salmon sport fishery (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	11	This would restrict the sport fishery harvest, especially during strong run returns. The complexity to track every sockeye caught would be very difficult. This could also change the management of the in-river escapement goal.
99	Establish mandatory closed inriver fishing windows for sockeye salmon (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	11	Window openers for the sport fishery would make management very difficult.
100	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to open commercial fishing periods to stay within ten percent of daily inseason run projections (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Opposed	0	11	Not practical



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101	Amend the preamble to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan by removing minimize language and adding a provision for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	10	<p>The management plan has had a lot of work put into it and taking out language would only make the management plan more vague and give less direction. This could also take away priority of the sockeye fishery to commercial.</p> <p>1 abstention – would like a definition of reasonable opportunity</p>
102	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage for the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal and replace inriver goals with allocation ranges (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Opposed	1	10	<p>This would change the SEG range yearly and would also subsequently change harvest on years when fish are managed for lower SEG level.</p> <p>Current estimates are not accurate enough to manage to this proposal.</p> <p>Years with back to back large escarpment can put more pressure on the habitat and food source within the river.</p>
103	Make numerous amendments to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
No Action			



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
104	Adopt an optimal escapement goal and amend the paired restrictions in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Opposed	0	11	<p>This would add the East foreland’s section back into the paired restrictions. Numbers from ADFG Representatives</p> <p>2019 - 613 East Side Setnet Large Kenai Stock</p> <p>Average Estimates 2014-2019 – East Side Setnet – 1764 Large fish 46% 2014-2019 – Kenai River 2928 Large fish In River Catch 54%</p> <p>Average Estimated total commercial king harvest 2014-19 – 6600</p> <p>The proposed paired restrictions with the 36’ retention could create more of a management issue and add additional cost.</p> <p>This proposal would also make the Kasilof managed under the same management plan. This could be an issue in the future if the Kasilof Sonar provides enough data to warrant its own management plan.</p> <p>Could possibly increase Kasilof escapement and would potentially create more issues in the August commercial fishery.</p> <p>Certain parts are liked, but more clarity is needed and would like to see this proposal up at the board of fish with more information.</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
108	Reduce the number of hours the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery may be fished in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan paired restrictions (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Support as Amended	6	5	<p>Notes from 12.30.19 meeting Current hours during paired restrictions are: No bait is 48 hrs and C&R is down to 24hrs. Hours are possible maximum hours for the setnet fishery per week.</p> <p>2018 – Large Kenai Fish Estimated Harvest (ADFG, Colton Lipka) Commercial setnet - 613 Sport Harvest - 1138</p> <p>Motion to Table till a commercial fishing biologist can be here. Proposal 108 is tabled</p> <p>Notes from 01.07.20 meeting Board has a long historical record of this parity on bait vs 48hrs of commercial fishing opening.</p> <p>President of KRPGA does not feel like the paired restriction of no bait is equal in restriction, while commercial fishery still has 48hr to fish.</p> <p>Current management plan is a workable fishery between both sport and commercial. Proposal could unreasonably constrain the setnet fishery.</p> <p>Amendment – Add East foreland section into management plan 6 support 3 opposed 2 abstention – East forland section only had 55 total kings caught in 2019. Though every king may count, this is a very small percentage of kings in the overall harvest.</p>

Adjournment: @ 10:15 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 01.07.2019 _____



**Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee
01/20/2020
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:35 by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Dick	Dykema		X	
Chris	Hanna		X	
Will	Lee – Secretary			X
Monte	Roberts			X
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair			X
Todd	Smith	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
John	Ellanbass		X	
Cody	Rutter	X		
Scott	Miller		X	
Eli	House			X

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brian Marston, Colton Lipka

IV. Guests Present: Roy Rudy

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes : Approved



- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Set next meeting date
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjourn



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<p><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></p>			
110	Modify "paired" restrictions to limit gear in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery only when retention of king salmon is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery (Amber and Travis Every)		
Opposed	1	7	1 abstention – Dire. People voted against because they like the current conservation measures in place.
111	Remove “paired” restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Karen McGahan)		
Opposed	1	8	Some spoke to the fact that paired restrictions have complicated management – even if they are a way to try to keep things “fair”.
112	Remove gear restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery when the use of bait is prohibited in the sport fishery (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen’s Association / Paul A. Shadura II)		
			Tabled till Paul is here. Todd made motion Jerry Second
113	Establish paired restrictions to close personal use fisheries when commercial fisheries are closed (John McCombs)		
Opposed	1	7	Intent of proposal is hard to understand. We think this is aimed at Kings, and don’t think the PU fishery has much impact on Kings when retention is prohibited 1 Abstention – Joe Thomas. Not opposed to paired restriction for Sockeye but this proposal isn’t very clear. Others agreed.
114	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Dwight Kramer)		
Opposed	0	8	1 Abstention – Dire.
116	Limit sport fisheries for king salmon on the Kenai River based on in season abundance (Mark Walker)		
Opposed	0	9	This proposal puts in hard dates to achieve sonar counts in order for fisheries to be open. Would make things tougher for managers.



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136	Open two additional inlet-wide fishing periods per week between July 24 and August 15 in even-numbered years (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Opposed	1	8	This proposal lowers the threshold for Sockeye abundance so that if either river will make Sockeye goal, ADFG SHALL give two additional inlet-wide drift openings for “pinks”.
137	Repeal and readopt the Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan to manage for commercial priority and 40–70% exploitation rate (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	1	8	ADFG does not currently have assessment on UCI Pink Stocks, so it would be a huge project to get the needed data to enact this proposed management plan. Pinks are completely underutilized in UCI though.
138	Establish drift gillnet weekly fishing periods in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	9	We support ADFG’s efforts to count these fish. Current management plan allows fishing when escapement is projected to be met.
139	Close the drift gillnet salmon fishery in Chinitna Bay (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	9	Comfortable with current management plan.
140	Allow a dual-permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear on board while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time (Dan Anderson)		
Supported	9	0	As Amended (passed unanimous) to say that extra gear must be stowed away.
141	Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet Area (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	9	The issues with D boats was addressed in the terminal harvest last cycle and in the Chinitna Bay bay in proposal 141. Absent the good samartian part (which would likely be understood in court), this would allow drifters to carry multiple compliments of gear on board, which to our understanding is not allowed in most fisheries.
142	Create a commercial set gillnet fishery for coho salmon in the Upper Subdistrict (Chris Every)		



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Opposed	0	9	Coho fishery is fully allocated.
158	Prohibit sport fishing guides from sport fishing from shore while a client is present (Paul Boyden)		
Opposed	1	7	1 Abstention -Dire.
159	Allow five anglers per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	9	We've been through this issue many times. 4 clients is enough. More people, bigger wakes, etc.
160	Allow transport of more than five persons per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	9	
161	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays in August (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	9	Comfortable with current regs.
162	Remove restrictions to guided sport vessels on the Kenai River when the King salmon sport fishery is closed (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	9	Comfortable with current regs.
163	Prohibit guiding in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers personal use dip net fishery (Catherine Felt)		
Opposed	2	7	Some feel that this fishery should not be for profit. Guides help provide an orderly fishery, give access to folks who may not have it, and probably help ensure more rules are followed on their boats than on many in this fishery. Rules for guiding in this fishery are unclear, however, and should be cleared up. There was considerable support for portions of this proposal which seek to do that. Does a guide participating in this fishery need a guide license? Do they need a PU permit?
164	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River from Skilak Lake to the Soldotna Bridge May 1– August 31 (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Opposed	0	8	1 Abstention - Dire
165	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
Opposed	2	7	



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166	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
No Action			No action based on 165
167	Allow sport fishing from a vessel with a motor on board but not in use on the Kenai River on Mondays in July (Eric Christian)		
Opposed	0	9	Drift Monday is a good day.
168	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	9	Same objections as years past when this proposal popped up.
169	Prohibit motorized vessels on a section of the Kasilof River January 1—September 15 (Charles McCrone)		
Opposed	0	9	BOF can't regulate motorized use relative to non-fishing activity.
170	Move the ADF&G regulatory marker for personal use dipnetting on the Kasilof River north shore beach (Brent Ramsay)		
Opposed	0	9	ADFG can already EO the Kasilof PU fishery up to the bridge.
171	Reduce the Kenai River personal use bag limit for king salmon to one salmon less than 36" in length (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
Supported	9	0	Amended (unanimous) to leave in place the 10 Kings less than 20" may be retained as well. <36" King Salmon are considered by many to be best for consumption. Seems appropriate to say that trophy fish do not need to be retained in a PU fishery.
172	Limit personal use dipnetting on the Kenai River by day of the week (Karen McGahan)		
Opposed	0	9	
173	Reduce the annual limit for the Kenai River dip net fishery and create tiered harvest quotas (Chris Every)		
Opposed	2	7	
174	Prohibit set gillnets in the personal use salmon fishery if the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai or Kasilof Rivers is restricted (Joe Hanes)		
Opposed	0	9	Local fishery with minimal impact on King stocks.
207	Remove the Eastern Subdistrict gear restrictions in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Russell Clark)		
Opposed	2	6	Roy Rudy testified that he supported this proposal. They have lots of restrictions and don't think they need additional Eastside Restrictions to their fishery. According to ADFG they catch more



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			East Side Kenai/Turnagain fish than they do West Side Susitna bound fish. Department is neutral – allocative. Joe Thomas showed up partway through discussion. He will vote on next proposal but not this one. Per Brian M, this proposal would take away the ability for ADFG to implement gear restrictions on the ND eastside fishery. They could only restrict time.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Todd Smith_____

Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford

Date: 01/23/2020_____



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Oct. 29, 2019**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	x		
Andrew	Carmichael		x	
Mike	Crawford - Chair	x		
Dick	Dykema			x
Chris	Hanna			x
Will	Lee – Secretary	x		
Monte	Roberts	x		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	x		
Todd	Smith	x		
Jerry	Strieby	x		
Joe	Thomas		x	
Dyer	Van Devere	x		
Jon	Essert	x		
John	Ellanbass	x		
Mindy	Payne	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

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

Chris Hanna is going to resign as he is now a sport fishing guide.

Mindy Payne – Her husband Chris has drift gillnet permit. Has been leasing it for the past 5 seasons. Last season he leased it for \$2500. This does not provide a significant income from the lease of the permit.

Todd Smith – is now a registered guide, license was free. He is not currently actively pursuing any guiding activities and makes no money from his guide license.

Motion to table issue till next meeting, 11 support tabling till next meeting.

Vice Chair Paul went to board of fish work session, reported that the venue for the Board of Fish meetings will be in Anchorage. Chair Reed Morisky was re-elected as chair. Lower Cook Inlet fin fish meeting is December 10th. Written comments are due by November 25th.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Board of Fish Meetings

Upper Cook Inlet – Paul & Mike

Lower Cook Inlet – Mike & Paul

Kodiak – Paul

Board of Game

Western Region – Mike

Arctic Region – Mike

XII. Set next meeting date

Next Meeting will be November 5th at Cook Inlet Aquaculture.

By-Laws review will take place on November 18th

Election Meeting will be held on November 19th to fill current vacant seats. Board of Game Proposals

Both will be at Cook Inlet Aquaculture

XIII. Other



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Proposals

December 10-13, 2019 | Seward, Alaska

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
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	9	Current rule in place works well, this would induce more party fishing and allow for less participation in any guided fishing activity.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	2	7	There is a long standing relationship between



Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Nov. 5, 2019

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	@7:00X		
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair		X	
Dick	Dykema		X	
Chris	Hanna		X	
Will	Lee – Secretary		X	
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas		X	
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
John	Ellanbass	X		
Mindy	Payne	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Yes. Todd and Mindy abstaining.

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ethan Ford ADFG Homer

IV. Guests Present: Dean Day, ED for CIAA. Ryan Wagner, CIAA Hatchery Operations Manager. Also Gary Fandri

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair’s report

b. ADF&G



c. Others

Paul talked about his role on CIRCAC board and their reaction to the State's push to review disaster plans in Cook Inlet. Appears to be industry driven. Does not appear to be local industry driven in his opinion. Does not appear to be science based.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Proposals

December 10-13, 2019 | Seward, Alaska

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

37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
7	1	We would like to see more King salmon interception data coming out of Kodiak. Last meeting the data came out late with significant gaps. Step it up boys.	
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
			No Action

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Todd Smith _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____ 11/5/19 _____



**Kodiak Advisory Committee
November 18, 2019
ADF&G Building**

I. Call to Order: 5:00pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Paul Chervenak, Chair	Conrad Peterson (phone)
Julie Kavanaugh, Vice Chair	Melissa Berns
Andrew Finke	Ronald Kavanaugh
Kevin 'Kip' Thomet (phone)	Patrick O'Donnell
Theresa Peterson	Nathan Rose
Oliver Holm	Rolan Ruoss

Members Absent (Excused):

Randy Swain
Jason Bunch

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Kevin Adkins
Albert Scmeil
Danny Clarion
George Weaver

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Big Game/guide	Concerned Citizen
Southend Setnet	Small Boat/Herring/Crab
Westside Setnet	Subsistence
Transporter/Sport Fish	Old Harbor

Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tyler Pollum, Biologist	Natura Richardson, Biologist
Todd Anderson, Biologist	Nat Nichols, Biologist
Mark Stichert, Biologist	James Jackson, Biologist
Jeff Spalinger, Biologist	



III. **Guests Present:**

Sarah Lapidus	Darius Kasprzak
Oliver Holm	Matt VanDaele
Len Carpenter	Anita Carpenter
Leigh Thomet	Virginia Adams
Aaron Ellsworth	Duncan Fields
Larry VanDaele	Chris Berns
Wendy Beck	Mitch Keplinger
Susan Payne	Don Dumm
Shane Nicolsen	

Elections:

Chair: Paul Chervenak

Theresa Peterson nominated, Oliver Holm 2nd (vote 13/0 approve)

Vice Chair: Julie Kavanaugh

Theresa Peterson nominated, Paul Chervenak 2nd (vote 13/0 approve)

Secretary: Theresa Peterson

Nathan Rose nominated, Alexis Kwachka 2nd (vote 13/0 approve)

Subsistence: Andrew Finke

Small boat/Herring/Crab: Ronald Kavanaugh

South End Set Net: Theresa Peterson

Concerned Citizen: Melissa Berns

Alternate: Nathan Rose

Alternate: Alexis Kwachka

Kwachka seated, 13 members voting

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Move to approve: Oliver Holm, 2nd Andrew Finke (vote 13/0)

Move to amend: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Theresa Peterson (vote 13/0)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Move to approve: Oliver Holm, 2nd Theresa Peterson

V. **Reports**

- a. Chair's report – Thank you to outgoing Secretary Jason Bunch for his service and wonderful job as secretary.
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VI. **Public Comment**



a. N/A

VII. Old Business

**Move to amend agenda: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Theresa Peterson
Vote 13/0 Support**

**-approve the minutes of the 10/21/2019 meeting
-report on ACR's 6 & 7**

VIII. New Business

Proposal 15

**Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Roland Ruoss
Vote 0/13 opposed**

Department opposes.

Applies only to one region, Cook Inlet and North Gulf Coast, and will be difficult to enforce.

Proposal will be deferred to Department of Law to determine authority.

Proposal 39

**Move to adopt: Roland Ruoss, 2nd Ronald Kavanaugh
Vote 12/1 support**

Department neutral -Statewide proposal.

As written, Chignik will stay super exclusive.
Exclusivity initially established to suit local needs.

Currently Kodiak exclusive registration and department cannot remove/relax until June 10th
Proposal may provide more flexibility for jig gear and interests to move between areas.

Few jig boats now and proposal would provide opportunity to follow cod, alleviate struggle to decide where to register, provide relief for entry level diminished fleet, may help areas without processors and provide ability for maximum production when travelling between areas.

Should the proposal move forward, important to recognize value of entry level opportunity, action should not serve as allocative measure in the future.



**Kodiak Advisory Committee
October 21, 2019
ADF&G Kodiak Office**

I. Call to Order: 5:03p by Paul Chervenak, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Members Present: 12

Paul Chervenak, Chair	Oliver Holm
Julie Kavanaugh, Vice Chair	Roland Ruoss
Jason Bunch, Secretary	Theresa Peterson
Conrad Peterson	Melissa Berns
Ron Kavanaugh	Nathan Rose
Kevin (Kip) Thomet	Kevin Adkins

Members Absent: 5

Tyler Scmeil	Randall Swain
Andrew Finke	Patrick O'Donnell
Danny Clarion	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Big Game/Guide	Small Boat Herring/Salmon/Crab
Southend Set Net	Westside GillNet
Transporter/Sport Fish	Old Harbor
Port Lions	Concerned Citizen

III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Tyler Polum, Biologist	James Jackson, Biologist
Geoff Spalinger, Biologist	Nick Sagalkin, Regional Director

IV. **Guests Present:** Linda Kozak

V. **Approval of Agenda**

Move to Approve:

12-0 Approved



VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Approved by the chair, to meet deadline for on time comments

VII. **Reports**

- a) Chair's report: Next meeting will be the annual election meeting and will discuss Kodiak Finfish issues
- b) ADF&G: NA
- c) Others: NA

VIII. **Public Comment:**

NA

IX. **Old Business**

X. **New Business:** Lower Cook Inlet proposals

XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting**

Moved to select Julie Kavanaugh to attend the LCI meeting (Kip Thomet)
Second (Oliver Holm)
Vote : 11-0 approved

XII. **Set next meeting date**

Next meeting Nov 18; 5pm at the ADFG BLDG to continue on Tuesday the 19th as needed.

Agenda to include: Annual elections, proposals tabled at this meeting, and the Kodiak proposals scheduled for the January Board of Fish meeting; and other items as needed.

XIII. **Other:** request for advertising budget for next meeting.

XIV. **Adjourn**

Move to Adjourn Oliver Holm
Second Kip Thomet



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December 10-13, 2019 | Seward, Alaska

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
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Adopt	0	12	<p>*Seeks to allow an individual to set the hook for youth, disabled, or others that are unable to do so without assistance.</p> <p>*No one from enforcement to comment on the ability to enforce this proposal if adopted</p> <p>*Not currently legal to hand off a rod- could help those that can't remove rod from a holder/ youth that are very young.</p> <p>*Could encourage "party fishing". An illegal practice where anglers with a full limit continue to fish and hand off their rods. This also could impact the halibut "one fish" limit. Anglers never have to put their rod away and can fish catch & release or for other species. Thus making this vaguely written proposal difficult to regulate.</p> <p>The scope is too broad and too vague.</p>
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Tabled	12	0	<p>Tabled to the Nov 18/19 2019 Kodiak AC meeting.</p> <p>Appears to prohibit booking companies from reselling guided sportfishing trips to licensed guides. Some larger businesses, lodges and guiding services have the capacity and need this service.</p>
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		



**Mat Su Valley Fish & Game Sub Committee
1-2-20
Mel Grove's Hangar**

- I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Andy Couch
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Danny Lewis, Andy Couch, Chad Schierman, Mel Grove, Don Dygert, Birch Yuknis, Austin Manelick and Herb Mansavage

Members Absent (Excused): Aron Bloomquist, Chris Alderman, Dan Montgomery, Nick Reeves, Dom Nichols, Casey Dinkel, Chad Lipse, Neil DeWitt
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3
List of User Groups Present: N/A
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sam Ivey, Area Sportfish Biologist
- IV. Guests Present: Israel Payton (Alaska BOF member), Scott Jaynes
- V. Approval of Agenda
-Agenda Approved Unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
-Minutes Approved Unanimously
- VII. Reports
 - a. N/A
- VIII. Public Comment
 - a. N/A
- IX. Set next meeting date
 - a. January 8th 2020 @ 7pm Mel Groves Hangar
- X. Other
 - a. N/A
- XI. Adjourn 10:13pm



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<p><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></p>			
87	Eliminate the personal use salmon dip net fishery and prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon in the Kenai Peninsula area (Ron Carmon)		
Opposed	0	7	We are opposed to this proposal as this would eliminate the Kenai River personal use and catch & release fishery. The harvest numbers given in this proposal for the dipnet and catch & release fisheries seem unrelated to any data our AC has seen. Sam Ivey stated he was not familiar with numbers for catch & release Sockeye salmon.
88	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to increase inriver goal ranges (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Support	7	0	We are in support as this would increase the Kenai River goal providing more opportunity in river for sport, personal use, limited educational and subsistence fisheries. This also would assist with achieving salmon escapement goals in Northern Cook Inlet.
89	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers and increase the sustainable escapement goal range to 1,300,000-1,750,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
Support	7	0	We are in support as we believe other uses and other users are just as important and should be considered in the preamble as stated in the proposal. Everyone should share the abundance when present. We are in support of reducing commercial emergency hour, considering 51 extra hours is generous enough as it does not allow a steady flow of fish into the river. This in turn would lead to even sharing of the resource amongst all user groups. Also, there are safety and enforcement issues with the current extended commercial hours. Members also liked the additional window to let a steady flow of fish into the rivers.
90	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers; increase the sustainable		



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	escapement goal; and limit commercial fishing periods (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	7	0	See Comments Above.
91	Lower the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon sustainable escapement goal (Teague Vanek)		
Opposed	0	7	We are opposed to this as the ADF&G is recommending increasing the Kenai goal which they are tasked with setting the SEG. After a year with a large escapement, this would take away harvest opportunity for in river users and give more to the commercial. Which is contrary to ADF&G's best data. Herb Mansavage Arrived.
92	Reduce the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 450,000–750,000 salmon (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed as this would seek to reduce the SEG similar to last proposal but with a specific range. Again, contrary to ADF&G's best science.
93	Manage the personal use dip net fishery on the lower Kenai River subject to achieving the inriver goal (Nathan Hoff)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed as ADF&G can close the fishery if the goal is not going to be met. The commercial fishery is already inline to harvest with more efficient gear and no harvest limits per participant. King Salmon can be easily released during dip netting and is standard equipment, as well as the hours differ between set netting and personal use or sport fishing regulations. The purpose of the in river goal is to put fish in the river for other user groups, therefore this would take away from the in-river users.
94	Implement an additional 24-hour closure in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery at run strengths greater than 4,600,000 Kenai River sockeye salmon (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Opposed	3	5	Need refreshed
95	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to remove and replace the provision to manage for commercial uses with a provision to manage for commercial, sport, and personal use groups (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		



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Support	8	0	We are in support of this as we all agree that all user groups should be considered for reasonable harvest in the preamble. As our state population grows, more equal sharing of harvest between all user groups should occur. Economically speaking, the commercial harvest has stayed stagnant or declined since the late 1990's
96	Increase the Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement and inriver goals, increase sockeye salmon bag and possession limits, and pair closures (Walt Arthur)		
No Action	0	0	We take no action as the proposal is unclear, although we agree with the concept of equal sharing of the salmon resource between all user groups.
97	Create sport and personal use allocations of sockeye on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to the proposal as this would make season management very difficult for ADF&G, especially with varying run sizes. If allocations are being proposed, then it should include all user groups and be subject to change over time. This also would be very costly to do in season and would require extensive reporting.
98	Establish an annual limit for the Kenai River sockeye salmon sport fishery (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this as there is no conservational concern. If seasonal limits are needed, then it should apply to all user groups. As stated prior, we believe that changes made to the preamble language would create a more equitable harvest opportunity for all user groups.
99	Establish mandatory closed inriver fishing windows for sockeye salmon (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this proposal as to provide reasonable harvest opportunities, windows are not necessary in-river. Very few King Salmon are caught while sport fishing for Sockeye, and most that are caught, are released unharmed.



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100	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to open commercial fishing periods to stay within ten percent of daily inseason run projections (Alaska Outdoor Journal/Gary Barnes)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this proposal because excessive commercial harvest at specific times during fishing seasons can lead to in-season emergency restrictions and economic hardships for all user groups is valid and solutions that provide a more orderly and consistent fisheries are needed.
101	Amend the preamble to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan by removing minimize language and adding a provision for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	8	Northern Coho salmon stocks have historically had failed escapements in the Northern district and created in-river closures. Which we do not support eliminating them from this plan as this would eliminate current allocations at a time when sport harvest as been historically at its lowest.
102	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage for the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal and replace inriver goals with allocation ranges (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this as this would only set up allocation for in-river users. If seasonal limits are needed for one user group, they should also include all other user group, in particular to the user groups harvesting the most salmon. The proposed change for adjusting the next year's escapement goal based on a previous year's escapement would not necessarily better ensure escapements throughout the escapement range over time.
103	Make numerous amendments to the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed as Sam Ivey stated this would change the SEG, something the department does. This would change two tier management and would limit sport fishing to only 12 hours per day. The board is also not allowed to direct the department in how to spend the budget.



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104	Adopt an optimal escapement goal and amend the paired restrictions in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
No Action	0	0	This would adopt a larger OEG which increasing the goal increases the chances that the sport and commercial set net fishery in the Central District will be restricted. This could also increase commercial exploitation of northern bound salmon stocks.
105	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000-35,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
No Action	0	0	See comments above
106	Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000–35,000 salmon (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No Action	0	0	See comments above
107	Allow the use of bait and modify maximum size above Slikok Creek when the escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded (Ted Wellman & Bill Tappan)		
No Action	0	0	
108	Reduce the number of hours the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery may be fished in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan paired restrictions (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
No Action	0	0	
109	Allow set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed independently when under “paired” restrictions (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen’s Association/ Paul A. Shadura II)		
No Action	0	0	
110	Modify "paired" restrictions to limit gear in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery only when retention of king salmon is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery (Amber and Travis Every)		
No Action	0	0	
111	Remove “paired” restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery (Karen McGahan)		
No Action	0	0	
112	Remove gear restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery when the use of bait is prohibited in the sport fishery (South K-Beach Independent Fishermen’s Association / Paul A. Shadura II)		



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No Action	0	0	
113	Establish paired restrictions to close personal use fisheries when commercial fisheries are closed (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this as we disagree there are limits to the personal fishery. There is no regulatory language included and the personal use fishery is managed differently than the commercial fishery and is not set up to be closed whenever the commercial fishery is not open. There should be a more equal sharing of harvest opportunity among user groups.
114	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (Dwight Kramer)		
No Action	0	0	
115	Allow the use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery when the fishery is restricted to catch and release (Mel Erickson)		
No Action	0	0	
116	Limit sport fisheries for king salmon on the Kenai River based on inseason abundance (Mark Walker)		
No Action	0	0	
117	Increase open waters from within 600 feet of mean high tide to within 1,200 feet of mean high tide as a restrictive option in the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery after July 8 (Jeff Beaudoin)		
No Action	0	0	
118	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to include the Kasilof River biological escapement goal (Jeff Beaudoin)		
No Action	0	0	
119	Eliminate the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (Mark Ducker)		
No Action	0	0	
120	Remove the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area from (c)(4) of the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (Jeff Beaudoin)		
No Action	0	0	
121	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to prioritize achieving the lower end of the Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement goal (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
No Action	0	0	
122	Create a commercial dip net fishery in the Kasilof River (Nathan Hoff)		



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Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this as we are happy the way the fishery is managed currently.
123	Rename Drift Gillnet Area 2 to the "Conservation and Northern District Allocation Sanctuary Area" (Ben Allen)		
Support	8	0	We support this as we believe renaming Drift Area 2 to the Conservation and Northern District Allocation Sanctuary Area for Northern Bound Stocks in very appropriate.
124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include inriver users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
Support	8	0	We are in support of this proposal as this would include Northern Bound Salmon rather than just Northern Bound Coho salmon and provide for all in river users in the Central District Drift Fishery Management plan.
125	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan and include inseason assessments (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this as this would likely decreasing harvest sharing between user groups and would likely expand harvest of northern bound salmon in the Central District.
126	Close the Central District drift gillnet fishery corridor (Neil DeWitt)		
No Action	0	0	Proposal is confusing and unclear.
127	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No Action	0	0	Requesting data for further review.
128	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to remove the provision to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River coho salmon and add a provision for reasonable opportunity for common property fishery harvest (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this proposal as this could give more harvest to the user group already harvesting most Northern Coho, Sockeye, pink, and chum salmon. The department would have no direction how to manage the fishery.
129	Allow the commissioner to limit Central District drift gillnets to less than 150 and 200 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		



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Support	8	0	This proposal would provide a tool to allow some commercial drift net harvest without a total closure. Another solution that could be less costly for commercial users would be to allow opener to be restricted to less than 12 hours. See comment on proposal 101 for more reference.
130	Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Chinitna Bay subdistrict starting August 15 (Teague Vanek)		
No Action	0	0	No ADF&G Data
131	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (Teague Vanek)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this proposal because this would overharvest Northern Cook Inlet salmon stocks and take harvest from Northern User Groups.
132	Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	8	See comment above.
133	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	8	0	Still allows commercial drift harvest, but also allows northern stocks to pass through the Central District --- couple help provide reasonable Allocations for all Northern User Groups, helps to achieve Northern escapement goals.
134	Add Drift Gillnet Area 1 to the list of sections that are allowed to be fished during additional fishing time July 16–31 in the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed to this as this would be opposite of the approach we are taking. It would take more salmon from the largest amount of users and allocate to the user group that already harvests the most.
135	Allow one additional regular fishing period in the Central District drift gillnet fishery July 24– 31 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Opposed	0	8	We are opposed as this would take away from other user groups.



Mat Su Valley Fish & Game Sub Committee
1-8-20
Mel Grove's Hangar

- I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Andy Couch
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Danny, Andy Couch, Chad Schierman, Mel Grove, Don Dygert

Members Absent (Excused): Aron Bloomquist, Chris Alderman, Dan Montgomery, Nick Reeves, Dom Nichols, Casey Dinkel, Chad Lipse, Neil DeWitt, Birch Yuknis, Herb Mansavage and Austin Manelick
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3
List of User Groups Present: N/A
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sam Ivey. ADF&G Sport Fishery Biologist
- IV. Guests Present: N/A
- V. Approval of Agenda
-Agenda Approved Unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
-Minutes to be approved at next meeting
- VII. Reports
 - a. N/A
- VIII. Public Comment
 - a. N/A
- IX. Set next meeting date
 - a. January 22nd 2020 @ 7pm Mel Groves Hangar
- X. Other
 - a. N/A
- XI. Adjourn 11:16pm



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140	Allow a dual-permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear on board while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time (Dan Anderson)		
Opposed	0	4	Enforcement would become more difficult. Fish arrive late in this area when there is less enforcement. There currently is no coho goal for this fishery — and overfishing may be a problem. We would prefer to keep regulations as they are.
141	Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet Area (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	4	See 140 comments. Rather than the way the current regulation allows fishing extra gear out in the middle of the Inlet — we believe it would be more appropriate if it were only allowed in the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point sections to harvest surplus Kasilof or Kenai sockeye. Drift fishing on westside of Cook Inlet late in the season should always be restricted to only one set of gear. In a good Samaritan situation there should be an opportunity to call in and report rather than just a regulation to allow every boat to have more gear than can be legally fished.
142	Create a commercial set gillnet fishery for coho salmon in the Upper Subdistrict (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	4	Opposed to creating new commercial fisheries. If this fishery were being established to primarily harvest coho salmon — there is no in-season assessment for Kenai or Kasilof River, and many years there have been coho salmon conservation issues on Northern Cook Inlet stocks which do have goals. This could lead more in season sport closures. Maintaining the current season closure date helps maintain some harvest opportunity in a way that lessens impacts to the commercial fisheries.



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143	Clarify the fishing season for king salmon less than 20 inches in length on the Kasilof River (ADF&G)		
Support	4	0	Feel this is simply an attempt by ADF&G. Some people wonder why this proposal is necessary. Possibly an ADF&G housekeeping proposal.
144	Align spring sport fishing dates for Bishop and Bench creeks (ADF&G)		
No Action	0	0	
145	Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15 (Neil DeWitt)		
Support	4	0	145. Amendment to extend the personal use fishery through August 15 based on sockeye abundance with concern for king salmon and coho salmon conservation concerns. 2nd by Chris Schierman. Since the 1990s sockeye run timing to Kenai River has grown later this is a good reason to allow later personal use harvest. Sport coho harvest on Kenai River extends through October 31 so there is considerable time for sport harvest even after August 15. This could lessen congestion of personal use fishery with more time to spread out during season. Avoids over escapement issues to Kenai while maximizing economic benefits from the resource during August. Excessive harvest of migrating Northern bound coho salmon could be lessened by harvesting some of the abundance of Kenai sockeye in-river during August. Amendment supported with no objection. Motion supported as amended with no objection.
146	Increase the sockeye salmon limit to six fish per day in the Kenai River when the commercial fishery is open (Frank Casey)		
Support	5	0	Commercial openings for different gear groups and areas differ — so the sport increase date would need to be identified. Would increase crowding and competition for better fishing spots — especially when in-river sockeye numbers were low. Don feels sport regulations should not be built off of commercial regulations. ADF&G says since 2002 the sockeye salmon bag limit has increased by emergency order 12 out of 18 years. Perhaps the sport fishery could be expanded



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			once the lower end of the SEG was projected to be achieved. Herb Mansavage arrived.
147	Prohibit fishing for salmon on the upper Kenai River after taking the bag limit for that day (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	1	5	Some people wanted to support this proposal. Catch and release mortality of sockeye salmon is unknown by ADF&G staff we had present — assumed at possibly 5- 10 percent. Once you have harvested a salmon limit it may be good to get off the river and let others participate. Others believe catch and release is fine when good numbers of fish are present. There is no biological concern to warrant this restriction. There could be an enforcement issue with people fishing for “trout” who “inadvertently” catch salmon. Many people already quit after harvesting a bag limit of salmon
148	Allow two unbaited, single-hook artificial flies and limit hook size throughout the Kenai River drainage (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Opposed	1	4	Kenai River is already very heavily fished with many regulations designed to reduce harvest or catch and release mortality. Some prefer current more conservative regulations. This would increase regulation complexity. Some felt that this would be used primarily in the spring.
149	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	5	Catch and release is useful in that king salmon even when not target can be released successfully to spawn
150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	5	Proposal contradicts itself concerning keeping snagged salmon and no snagging allowed. Fish that will not be eaten should be released. Conservation is important. Do not like wording — if snagging is to be allowed call it what it is. Catch and release provides economic benefit.
151	Allow retention of sockeye salmon snagged on the Kenai River (Steve Pratt)		
Opposed	0	5	See Comments from proposal 150. Enforcement should not be making the call of intent to snag or not snag as the primary enforcement tool. Prefer some of the thoughts behind this proposal compared to 150.



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152	Prohibit barbed hooks when fishing in the Kenai River drainage (Jordan Perrego)		
Opposed	0	5	Would increase enforcement complexity and regulatory complexity. Enforcement nightmare. Some anglers fish for more than one species at the same time. Barbless hooks more impact less experienced anglers. Some people already pinch their barbs. One member of AC mentioned he fishes barbless, but would not make it a requirement.
153	Increase the bag limit for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery to three fish July 1 – August 31 (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Support	4	1	154. See comments from 153 which is similar. These is more conservative action than 153. Motion passed 5-0-0.
154	Increase limits for Kenai River coho salmon from two to three fish (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Support	3	2	One member felt like this proposal follows what currently happens quite a bit of the time. What people do not want to see is one person hook all the fish or a great majority of the fish for a whole boat. AC already took a position supporting this proposal during lower Cook Inlet comments. There are enforcement issues — if a person hooks a fish or if all the rods are in holders and the correct person grabs the rod with the fish what is the difference? Motion approved 3-2.
155	Allow sport fishing guides to sport fish while a client is present from the banks of the Kasilof River (Raymond Davis)		
Opposed	2	3	Would increase regulation complexity. This could allow teaching / showing guests. Some guides would like to fish. Some guests even ask guests to fish. There are many regulations to limit king salmon catching and harvests because of low abundance. Opportunity to guide is more important for most guides than the opportunity for the guide to fish with guests. Motion opposed 2-3-0.
156	Allow sport fish guides to sport fish on the Kasilof River from shore while a client is present (Kenai River Professional Guide Association)		
Opposed	2	3	See Comments from 155. This is actually less restrictive in that guides could fish from the bank. Motion failed 2-3-0.
157	Limit the number of client groups per guide or guide vessel on the Kasilof River in July (Mike Adams)		



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Opposed	0	5	This would increase cost for guided anglers. Most anglers do not own drift boats and this is primarily a drift boat fishery. Motion opposed 0-5-0.
158	Prohibit sport fishing guides from sport fishing from shore while a client is present (Paul Boyden)		
Opposed	0	5	Not needed. This is poorly written. If an action is already illegal we do not need another regulation on top of that — increases regulation complexity. Guides are currently allowed to harvest some fish on their own bag limit. 0-5-0 motion failed.
159	Allow five anglers per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
Support	5	0	Agree with the idea of cutting down boat use on the river. would increase the size of a party that could all fish together as a group. Motion approved 5-0-0.
160	Allow transport of more than five persons per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July (Mel Erickson)		
Support	5	0	There is an inconsistency between Fishing regulations and Parks regulations. some prefer the more restrictive option as outlined in this proposal. Motion approved 5-0-0.
161	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays in August (Mel Erickson)		
No Action	0	0	Did we really take no action or forget to take minutes on this one?
162	Remove restrictions to guided sport vessels on the Kenai River when the King salmon sport fishery is closed (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	5	Some thought this is a good idea to maintain opportunity for other species. With low numbers of king salmon present this may be more important for king salmon conservation. There is also concern for coho salmon. Bait is the problem. This would increase regulation complexity. Motion failed 0-5-0.
163	Prohibit guiding in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers personal use dip net fishery (Catherine Felt)		
Opposed	0	5	Too Restrictive. This restricts access. Not everyone owns a boat or has a friend providing one. This is an Alaskan only fishery. Motion failed 0-5-0.



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164	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River from Skilak Lake to the Soldotna Bridge May 1– August 31 (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
Opposed	0	5	Too restrictive. Greatly reduces economic impact. Motion failed 0-5-0.
165	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	5	We prefer current regulations and do not want to limit motorized access on lower Kenai River. Motions failed 0-5-0.
166	Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	5	We prefer current regulations and do not want to limit motorized access on lower Kenai River. Motions failed 0-5-0.
167	Allow sport fishing from a vessel with a motor on board but not in use on the Kenai River on Mondays in July (Eric Christian)		
Opposed	0	5	Would complicate regulations. Drift boat should have easier access to launch. Motion failed 1-5-0.
168	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River (John McCombs)		
Opposed	0	5	Unrealistic. Restricts access unnecessarily. Motion opposed 0-5-0.
169	Prohibit motorized vessels on a section of the Kasilof River January 1—September 15 (Charles McCrone)		
Opposed	0	4	Motion failed 0-4-1. abstain not familiar with area.
170	Move the ADF&G regulatory marker for personal use dipnetting on the Kasilof River north shore beach (Brent Ramsay)		
			No ADF&G comments. Wants to add more beach area for kids to fish. Tabled for ADF&G comments.
171	Reduce the Kenai River personal use bag limit for king salmon to one salmon less than 36" in length (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
Opposed	2	3	2-3 motion opposed. Potential for extra mortality while measuring. May have conservation benefit while maintaining longer PU harvest season for king salmon.
172	Limit personal use dipnetting on the Kenai River by day of the week (Karen McGahan)		
Opposed	0	5	Dislike strongly by members. Reduces opportunity for no biological benefit. Motion 0-5-0.



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173	Reduce the annual limit for the Kenai River dip net fishery and create tiered harvest quotas (Chris Every)		
Opposed	0	5	Kenai River has largest run of sockeye in all of Upper Cook Inlet and considerably access points for public use. If anything the personal use limit on Kenai River should be larger rather than smaller than other areas. Takes away opportunity for no biological benefit. Motion failed 0-5-0.
174	Prohibit set gillnets in the personal use salmon fishery if the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai or Kasilof Rivers is restricted (Joe Hanes)		
Opposed	0	5	
197	Provide waypoint locations for landmark names and modify waypoint locations in Chinitna Bay (ADF&G)		
Support	4	0	197. ADF&G proposal to make regulation more clear — no big changes. Support without objection.
198	Amend waypoint descriptions and provide coordinates for landmark names (ADF&G)		
Support	4	0	198. ADF&G proposal to make area regulations more clear — housekeeping. Support without objection.
199	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	4	0	199. Amendments would change the plan as to how ADF&G has been managed in the past and would also allow consideration for in season restrictions based on abundance of Little Susitna River king salmon. — if Deshka River king salmon sport fishery closed to retention then Northern District set net fishery would close to the specific dates open to king salmon. Would allow a new restriction of the Northern District set net fishery with shortages of king salmon identified for the Little Susitna River. One member objects to the MAY restrict the commercial fisheries under pt. 13 and pt14. ADF&G will likely be neutral to allocative changes to plan. One member mentioned that people are selling river boats and moving to the ocean. He feels their should be a sport priority. This proposal



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			is partially written in attempt to get current management practices in regulation. Motion passed without objection.
200	Close the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery when the sport fishery in the Susitna or Knik Arm drainages are restricted (Ben Allen)		
Support	4	0	200. This would close the Northern District set net fishery if the sport king salmon fishery if the sport fishery were restricted in any rivers / streams in the Susitna or Knik Drainage. ADF&G comment is that the Department has not been closing or necessarily restricting the commercial fisheries when smaller king salmon fisheries than the Deshka River or Little Susitna River have been restricted or closed. Mel asked when last time sport harvest was allowed on Montana Creek. Sam answered mostly 2011 with a very small amount of harvest allowed in 2012 as well. Mel's comment if a stream the size of Montana is closed to sport harvest there should be a restriction or closure to the Commercial set net fishery. some members like 199 better. Sam mentioned that it is a big deal when Montana Creek is closed to king salmon fishing and that the Unit 2 Eastside fisheries have provided significant king salmon fishing in the past. Share of commercial harvest in Northern Cook Inlet has been going up recently in comparison to sport harvest in Northern Cook Inlet — Andy Couch asked if this is still the case. Sam mentioned in 2018 and 2019 the Department was mainly attempting to get king salmon in streams with total closures to the most important wild Northern King salmon fisheries both commercial and sport. 4-0-0 motion supported. some prefer 199.
201	Amend paired restrictions in the Deshka River king salmon sport and commercial fisheries (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Opposed	0	4	201. Amendment Northern District King Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial king salmon harvest anytime the sport fishery was allowed to fish for king salmon — even if the sport fishery was catch and release. There would also be a commercial harvest opportunity anytime Deshka River was



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			open to any type of king salmon fishing (including limited to catch and release). Multiple members felt the commercial fishery should be closed anytime the sport fishery is closed to harvest. Its 2 and 3 are how management been done recently and we have no objection to those points. 0-4-0 Opposed — pts 1 and 4 would liberalization current Northern Cook Inlet commercial king salmon management regulations.
202	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan to allow operation of one set gillnet per permit (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Opposed	0	4	202. This would be an expansion to northern district king salmon harvest during times of king salmon shortage. 0-4-0. opposed.
203	Provide additional fishing periods in the Northern District king salmon commercial fishery when the Deshka River king salmon sport fishery is liberalized (Betty Gilcrist)		
Opposed	0	4	203. This would expand the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery if Deshka River king salmon fishery was liberalized to a bag limit of two or more king salmon per day. ADF&G has liberalized this fishery by daily bag limit as recently as 2006 or 2007, however the seasonal spot bag limit has always remained in effect. This would be a liberalization to commercial king salmon harvest when sport king salmon harvest could remain restricted in most Northern District streams other than the Deshka River. In most stream of the Northern District the sport fishery can harvest all or nearly all the harvestable surplus and sport regulations are more designed to keep from harvesting too many king salmon. 0-4-0. Motion opposed This currently is the only directed commercial king salmon fishery in Upper Cook Inlet. One member mention he could only support more commercial king harvest if all other king salmon rivers were open to sport king salmon harvest.
204	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users (Kristine Ogonowski)		



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Support	4	0	204. This would recognize opportunity for all user to harvest Northern Bound salmon. Recently sport and guided sport harvest opportunities have declined in Northern Cook Inlet. The economic benefit of these fisheries and the fisheries for other users may far out weigh the ecumenic provided by the commercial fishery. Commercial regulation should not be so liberal that other fisheries with far more conservative harvest opportunities are closed inseason. 4-0-0 motion passed.
205	Clarify the definition of “minimize” in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Howard Delo)		
Support	4	0	205. This proposal primarily show that Northern Cook Inlet coho salmon are not being managed primarily for sport and guided sport users. See numbers in proposal. This supports other proposals. 4-0-0.
206	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to allow for regular amounts of set gillnet gear in the Northern District commercial sockeye salmon fishery during times of reduced effort in the Central District (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Opposed	0	4	206. This would only allow more harvest opportunity to the Northern District Set Gillet fishery and not other users. Currently inriver harvesters have been experiencing closures and restrictions on a regular basis. The Northern District set netters will automatically catch more fish if more fish travel through the Central District — without having more fishing power. Nobody would necessarily be restricted if Northern District commercial liberalizations were not enacted until adequate escapements were occurring to keep in river fisheries open throughout the season. 0-4-0.Motion opposed
207	Remove the Eastern Subdistrict gear restrictions in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Russell Clark)		
Opposed	0	4	207. When ADF&G started partially implementing this policy by allowing two nets on the Eastside of the Northern District in 2015 instead of restrictions to one net —coho salmon escapements suffered at McRoberts / Jjim Creek and Little



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			Susitna River and in 2019 at Deshka River and sport fisheries were restricted, closed, and / or failed to achieved escapement goals. If commercial liberalization were to occur it would be more fair to all harvest groups— if they occurred after adequate escapements occurred inriver. 0-4-0. motion opposed
208	Modify description of waters open to fishing (David Chessik)		
No Action	0	0	
209	Amend the waypoint location for Light Point on Kalgin Island (ADF&G)		
Support	4	0	209. ADF&G housekeeping proposal to more correctly define regulatory area. 4-0-0. motion supported.
210	Close waters to drift gillnetting on the west side of Cook Inlet within one mile of shore from the West Forelands to Sea Otter Point (Mel Erickson)		
No Action	0	0	
211	Eliminate the four set gillnet per person limit (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
No Action	0	0	211. This proposal deals with permit stacking ---Clarifications may be needed under permit stacking. WE would like to see the board re-examine permit-stacking in Upper Cook Inlet. Issues include: This tried in both Bristol Bay and Kodiak and allowed to sunset at both locations. At Yakatat a stacking option that only is allowed when a specific escapement is reached. Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet has some conservation issues restricting the amount of commercial nets that may be fished --- so How wise is it to allow people to fish more nets by simply purchasing an additional permit. Stacked permit holder may fish two permits, but only report as one delivery according to the commercial economics report for this board meeting. Stacked or double drift permits are only allowed to fish less than the full complement of gear --- but stacked set net permits are allowed full complements --- how is this right? NO ACTION.
212	Eliminate the requirement to obtain a commissioner's permit for the Cook Inlet Smelt fishery (Teague Vanek)		



Mat Su Valley Fish & Game Sub Committee
1-15-20
Mel Grove's Hangar

- I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Andy Couch
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Andy Couch, Chad Schierman, Mel Grove, Don Dygert

Members Absent (Excused): Aron Bloomquist, Chris Alderman, Dan Montgomery, Nick Reeves, Dom Nichols, Casey Dinkel, Chad Lipse, Neil DeWitt, Birch Yuknis, Herb Mansavage and Austin Manelick
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3
List of User Groups Present: N/A
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sam Ivey. ADF&G Sport Fishery Biologist
- IV. Guests Present: N/A
- V. Approval of Agenda
-Agenda Approved Unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
-Minutes to be approved at next meeting
- VII. Reports
 - a. N/A
- VIII. Public Comment
 - a. N/A
- IX. Set next meeting date
 - a. January 22nd 2020 @ 7pm Mel Groves Hangar
- X. Other
 - a. N/A
- XI. Adjourn 11:16pm



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<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>			
215	Create a Susitna and Yentna Rivers King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	4	0	215 Would create a king salmon management plan primarily based on current management practices used by ADF&G but would also allow an additional size restricted harvest regulation. This would put current practices used for more than 6 years into regulation. Hope is sport fishing industry may be notified sooner as to what regulations will be in the future. 4-0-0.
216	Create a Deshka River large king salmon optimum escapement goal (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	4	0	216. Would create a large fish king salmon goal for Deshka River. The size is specified at 28 inches, but could be set at any size determined by the Department. Focusing some of the harvest on smaller fish seems like a good idea — especially when production is low, limits are very restrictive, and anglers often prefer to harvest larger fish. ADF&G biologist is not to enthusiastic about going this way. In 2012 ADF&G did maintain a closure on Deshka River after the escapement goal was attained above the weir — the Department’s justification was that there were not enough older larger fish to reopen the sport fishery. The Department should place this number they managed the fishery under into regulation. There is discrepancy in the way the Department views the large king salmon goal within Alaska. 4-0-0 supported
217	Create a Deshka River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	4	0	217. Would place into regulation a management plan for Deshka River king salmon inline with what ADF&G is already doing. Would also provide the option to have a harvest allowed fishery for smaller king salmon. 4-0-0 motion supported.
218	Create an optimal escapement goal for McRoberts Creek coho salmon of 450-1,400 fish (Andy Couch)		
Support	4	0	218. The proposed OEG goal is what is currently in place. History — goal once was a point goal of 800 fish. It is currently 450 -1400 fish. ADF&G is suggesting dropping this



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			goal to 250 — 700 fish. This should be in place until a weir goal is established. There is allocation involved with this goal change. Prefer a precautionary approach with this goal. To provide a similar harvest level in the sport fishery as we had in the past — put to 10,000 — 15,000 sport harvests in some years we need passage into the creek where the sport fishery occurs. 4-0-0.
219	Create a Little Susitna River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	4	0	219. Little Susitna River king salmon management plan putting current ADF&G practices into regulation and adding an option to harvest smaller king salmon only during times of lower abundance. Motion supported 4-0-0.
220	Prohibit retention of rainbow trout and the use of bait in the Lake Creek drainage (Jim Wagner)		
Opposed	0	4	220. Would make all of Lake Creek catch and release only. Last 5 year mean harvest less than 200 fish with a catch of over 12,000 per year according to ADF&G. This low harvest level has little impact, allows people to eat some fish with very little biological impact. Committee prefers to keep regulations intact as they are. Motion opposed 0-4-0.
221	Extend the use of bait to September 11 in Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area sport fishery (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	3	1	221. Would allow bait fishing on Susitna River drainage Unit 2 to target coho salmon. Some rainbow trout would be caught — but current guide data show catch and harvest levels during this time frame show little impact during this time period. Management of rainbow trout would still be conservative. Don't see conservation concern. Proposal should say through bait allowed in Unit 2 through September 10. motion supported 3-1. One member concerned with by catch of rainbow.
222	Allow fishing for resident species on days closed to king salmon fishing in Unit 2 (ADF&G)		



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Support	4	0	222. ADF&G Proposal to allow additional fishing for other species in Susitna River drainage Unit 2 during times of king salmon closure. ADF&G sees this as more consistent with what has been occurring in other areas. Regulation should say that fishing for king salmon is allowed through the 3rd Monday in July AND for the next two consecutive weekends. This is an attempt to provide opportunity where it has been greatly been reduced. Fishing and harvest of other salmon species should all be allowed according to ADF&G. Motion supported 4-0-0.
223	Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the Susitna River (Gene Sandone)		
Support	4	0	223 and 224 — similar would allow use of 2 single hooks per line in area of the Susitna River drainage. Fly fisherman in our group supported. 4-0-0.
224	Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the rainbow trout fishery throughout the Susitna River Drainage (Gene Sandone)		
Support	4	0	223 and 224 — similar would allow use of 2 single hooks per line in area of the Susitna River drainage. Fly fisherman in our group supported. 4-0-0.
225	Limit retention of king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace to hatchery fish (Andy Couch)		
Support	4	0	225. This would create a new sport fishing area for king salmon in the lower Knik River — with a bag limit in the new area that could only be hatchery adipose fin-clipped fish. Mel Grove motioned to Amend the proposal to allowing harvest of all (only hatchery fin-clipped) king salmon from the current Knik River side channel marker boundary down to the railroad bridge (confluence with Knik Arm). 2nd. Sam Ivey with ADF&G contended that if allowed there would likely be some impact on wild stocks and in particular those headed up the Matanuska River, also at this time Eklutna tailrace hatchery released king salmon are not fin-clipped as a budget savings measure, so without the amendment to allow harvest of all king salmon there would likely be no or extremely little legal sport harvest in the proposed area below the current boundary



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			<p>marker. Sam mentioned the Eklutna / Knik River sport king salmon fishery currently sees a harvest of approximately 500 king salmon annually. Mel contended that the amended extended area is small (likely less than 1/4 mile) and that currently there is likely hardly any sport impact on Matanuska River stocks, but the same stock is likely harvested at a higher rate in the Northern District directed king salmon commercial fishery. Since Northern Cook Inlet king salmon are classified by management plan to be managed primarily for sport and guided sport he felt the amendment was entirely appropriate. Andy Couch, writer of the proposal, discussed the nature of this area: early in the season the glacial Knik River is less turbid than the Matanuska River (a channel of which joins the Knik River above the railroad bridge). The Matanuska (north) side of the combined Knik / Matanuska River outflow is so turbid with glacial silt he believed it would be extremely difficult for any sport fisherman to catch a king salmon in that turbidity. It was also pointed out that any Matanuska bound king salmon would likely travel primarily up the north and turbid side of the combined Matanuska / Knik river outflow. On the far (south) side of the combined Matanuska-Knik outflow a small ribbon of cleaner greener colored Eklutna tailrace water flows along the bank, but as the season progresses and both the Matanuska and Knik River rise and become more turbid this ribbon of clearer water disappears from sight. It is likely hatchery released king salmon predominantly travel along this ribbon of tailrace discharge — as even in the Knik River side-channel where sport king salmon fishing is currently allowed — all of the king salmon Andy Couch has seen caught by sport anglers have been taken from the south side of the Knik River side channel. Mel believe any impacts on wild stock (which currently have no sport fisheries) would be minimal. Andy Couch believe the primary effect of this proposal (even as amended) would be to</p>



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			simply provide a larger area with reasonable water depth where sport anglers using boats could spread out while fishing for hatchery king salmon in the Knik River / Eklutna Tailrace fishery. Amendment supported 4-0-0. Proposals as amended supported 4-0-0.
226	Require retention of coho salmon caught in the Little Susitna River sport fishery (Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	4	226. No. 0-4-0. Motion opposed There have already been at least 3 regulations created and adopted to decrease coho salmon mortality on Little Susitna River. People should not be required a fish they do not want to keep or eat.
227	Open additional days in the sport fishery in the Fish Creek drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	4	0	227. Would increase sport fishing season for salmon on Fish Creek. Separation would occur between the early sport fishery (first two weekends in July) and PU dip net fishery. Amendment to open the early fishery weekends only starting June 15 - July 14. August coho fishing would only be liberalized by emergency order by Mel. Chad 2nd. 4-0-0 amendment passed. 4-0-0 motion passed as amended.
228	Prohibit fishing while wading in Fish Creek (Gene Sandone)		
Opposed	0	4	228. Too complicated. Enforcement problem. motion opposed 0-4-0.
229	Extend the hours of the Ship Creek youth fishery (Dustin Douglas Slinker)		
230	Allow retention of snagged sockeye salmon in the Big River Lakes and Wolverine Creek (Adam Housh)		
231	Establish limits in the Big River Drainage of two salmon 16" or greater in length (Danny Brewer)		
232	Close a section of the south fork of Big River to sport fishing (Danny Brewer)		



Mat Su Valley Fish & Game – Fish Subcommittee
1-22-20
Mel Grove’s Hangar

****This meeting was noticed as a meeting of the full AC, but a quorum was not reached. It was conducted as the fish Subcommittee, but that was not reflected in the public notice****

I. Call to Order: 7pm by Andy Couch

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mel Grove, Birch Yukins, Chad Schierman, Don Dygert, Aaron Bloomquist, Andy Couch

Members Absent (Excused): Herb Mansavage, Neil DeWitt, Austin Manelick, Dan Montgomery

Members Absent (Unexcused): Danny Lewis, Casey Dinkel, Chad Lipse, Dom Nickles, Chris Alderman, Nick Reeves

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8. **A Quorum of AC members was not present** --- so the meeting was continued as a fisheries subcommittee meeting to further proposal recommendations / suggest other AC actions . Motions to Support Upper Cook Inlet BOF Proposal made by Birch Yunkis 2nd by Don Dygert

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sam Ivey, Northern Cook Inlet sport fisheries biologist

IV. Guests Present: none

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date



XIII. Other

- a. Andy Couch asked if anyone would like to represent AC at Upper Cook Inlet: Time commitment was a problem and most AC members mentioned while they might be available for a portion of the meeting, they could not attend all of it. Aaron Bloomquist, Chad Schierman, Birch Yuknis, Herb Mansavage, Don Dygert and Andy Couch could all be part of the team representing the AC. There was consensus that any AC representatives to the BOF should work together — follow the positions the AC took — and be able to use all ADF&G data (including data and reports not yet made available) to justify AC positions on proposals.
- b. Aaron mentioned he will be going to Fairbanks for BOG and could represent AC there.
- c. Comments about minutes --- dates need to be corrected for each meeting. There was unanimous consent that Herb could approve and submit the Subcommittee Proposal Comments to meet the Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Deadline.
- d. At the next scheduled full AC meeting — scheduled for 7 pm on February 5 at Mel Grove's Hangar — if a quorum of the AC was available those comments would be considered for adoption by the full advisory committee — Any Advisory Committee action on the subcommittee comments could then be submitted as a Record Copy to the Alaska Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Meeting
- e. Request next meeting February 5th Mel Grove's Hangar. Mel mentioned he may not be able to be at that meeting, but that the AC could use the facility. Agenda will include: 1 consideration / adoption of fisheries subcommittee Upper Cook Inlet fisheries positions for the entire AC. 2. ALL Hunting proposals FOR ARCTIC / INTERIOR. Public notice for regular meeting --- in event that a quorum is not present on February 5 — then the hunting subcommittee will work on recommendations for the Arctic / Interior game proposals.
- f. Notice should be assured for a Matanuska Valley AC game subcommittee meeting to be scheduled on Feb 12 --- and also for a full Advisory Committee meeting to be scheduled on Feb 19 .

XIV. Member Comments

- a. Andy Couch mentioned a discussion with Herb Mansavage concerning some additional members may need to step up and do some secretary duties / minutes / represent AC /help out with the AC work load.
- b. Birch mentioned that the public and AC members could make personal comments on the Department of Fish and Game website. Comments are due by Jan 23 for Upper Cook Inlet BOF. Arctic / Interior Game proposal comments are due by Feb. 21.



- c. Aaron Bloomquist mentioned that he put his name in for a position on the Board of Game and would appreciate a letter of support from the AC.

XV. Adjournment: approximately 9:00pm



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<p><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></p>			

78	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Support as Amended	4	2	Some members felt that board members would still choose which criteria they wanted apply and possibly ignore other criteria on the list. One member felt this listing providing one aspect of sport and recreational criteria use as last in line could easily be used by some board members to avoid providing for sport use. Don would make an amendment to remove the word “residents” in line 6. 2nd by Aaron. Amender felt that point 1 would cover resident sport harvest of food. Another felt that recreational fisheries (listed in spot 6) should only apply to catch and release only fisheries — and not to fisheries that allow harvest. It was mentioned that the largest number of harvesters of fish in the state for personal consumption are sport users. Amendment passed 5-1-0. Opposed vote did not feel it was appropriate to leave out resident recreational. Not in favor believes board may not pass a new criteria listing anyway.
80	Prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 36” in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial gillnet fisheries (Alaska Sportfishing Association/Martin Meigs)		
Support	5	1	Would require the release of king salmon over 36 inches caught in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial fishery. Sam mentioned that some fish caught in a gill net may be killed, but that some fish would survive. It was mentioned that a lot of the larger fish are not normally gilled and that some simply shake out of gill net. Member abstaining is not sure how well this would work. Other comment is that big kings caught in a gill net are a pain. It was discussed that there would be several ways to



			measure fish — and that many king salmon larger than 36 inches could likely be easily identified.
195	Amend the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet one percent rule to a two percent rule beginning July 31 instead of August 7 (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Support	6	0	Some members asked what the 1%, 2%, and 3% rule(s) as mentioned in several proposals referred to. A discussion occurred where it was mentioned that this stipulation provided an earlier transition to sport management of coho salmon fisheries primarily on the Kenai Peninsula, but would also to some smaller effect allow more migration of Northern bound coho salmon into Northern Cook Inlet. As currently configured a provision of the 1% rule for set netters also moves the drift gill net fleet to the west side of Cook Inlet. This rule allows for commercial harvest through August 15 on years where a late abundance of sockeye salmon is available, but provides an earlier transition to sport management when sockeye abundance and commercial catches show a steep decline in early August. It was mentioned that a higher percentage rule (1%, 2%, 3% options) more favored sport management and a lower percentage more favored commercial management. One member mentioned that moving the date back to July 31 made more sense as after August 7 the rule would affect very little if any adjustment to the commercial season length.
234	Create a personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Susitna River (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	6	0	This proposal was submitted by Matanuska Valley AC. Sam Ivey with ADF&G mentioned main stem Susitna River fish wheels have sockeye showing up July 10 - end of August with the run peaking around July 31, Coho timing at the wheel is July 15 — end of July first week of August, and then tapering off mid-august into September. ADF&G neutral on allocation aspects of the personal user proposals. Department weirs are too high in Susitna River drainage for most inseason management scenarios of the proposed Personal Use fishery. Sustainability would be measured by if goals were attained at the upriver goal locations — Judd — Chelatna — Larson — Deshka (mostly postseason). Birch asked if this fishery was approved would ADF&G have to come up with a new measuring tool near the mouth? Sam mentioned the Department is doing some downriver work for coho salmon in the Susitna River drainage at this time. Sam is not sure what an effective tool would be for inseason management further down the Susitna River. According to Sam, no one knows what a dip net fishery



			harvest would be until a fishery ia started. He also mentioned that salmon are headed to a lot of other places in the Susitna River drainage, besides the 4 locations where weirs and goals are located. Cost for current down river assessment programs is approximately 500,000 per year — so an ongoing project would be expensive. A new personal use fishery would cause some allocation readjustments. Sam believes this proposal will get a lot of discussion at the Board of Fisheries meeting. According to ADF&G there is some abundance of harvestable surplus available — how much harvestable surplus is the key question. Mel mentioned the personal use may take some effort off the Kenai River — any portion of a limited harvested at any location in Upper Cook Inlet reduces the amount of harvest that may occur at other Upper Cook Inlet location by the same permit holder(s).
235	Create a lower Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Kristine Ogonowski)		
Support	6	0	We believe some of the aspects of these other proposals could be useful for the board in developing a personal use salmon fishery for the Susitna River.
236	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Frede Stier)		
Support	6	0	We believe some of the aspects of these other proposals could be useful for the board in developing a personal use salmon fishery for the Susitna River.
237	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Richard Sanderlin)		
Support	6	0	We believe some of the aspects of these other proposals could be useful for the board in developing a personal use salmon fishery for the Susitna River.
238	Create a personal use dip net fishery in Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage (South Central Alaska Dipnetters Association)		
Support	6	0	We believe some of the aspects of these other proposals could be useful for the board in developing a personal use salmon fishery for the Susitna River.
240	Create a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Susitna River drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	4	2	This is a Matanuska Valley AC proposal to develop a personal use northern pike fishery. Birch wondered if there would be times when salmon were not present. Sam Ivey mentioned that there are isolated areas of the Sustina River drainage where salmon may not be present and other areas where salmon are likely not present at specific times. ADF&G also has concerns for catch of migratory birds and other animals --- and the possibility that nets could be left out for long periods of time catching taking unknown amounts of unintended by



			<p>catch. One member mentioned that under the ice could be an option that might catch less birds. One member asked if there was a stipulation that users are present would it eliminate the catch of other species, birds, or animals. ADF&G says not entirely, but it might facilitate better live release of unintended catch. ADF&G will not be supporting. Opposed felt ADF&G had good comments about the potential resource impacts of a personal use gill net fishery for Northern Pike. Winter time use would likely create poor handling situations with by catch fish species that were pulled out onto the ice.</p>
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Minutes Recorded By: Andy Couch
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage
Date: 1/23/2020



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
November 19, 2019
Screaming Eagle Archery, Wasilla**

- I. Call to Order: 7:10pm by Mel Grove
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Mel Grove, Andy Couch, Birch Yuknis, Neal DeWitt, Casey Dinkel, Aaron Bloomquist, Danny Lewis, Austin Manelick, Dan Montgomery arrived at 7:10

Members Absent: Chris Alderman, Don Dygert, Chad Lipse, Herb Mansavage, Dom Nickles, Chad Schierman, Nick Reeves
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- IV. Guests Present: Scottie Jaynes 907-414-6799 (would like to be called — concerning meeting times?)
- V. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve agenda made by Neal DeWitt. 2nd by Birch Yuknis
- VI. Meeting Minutes. Andy Couch moved that Mel Grove approve Advisory Committee minutes from this meeting for submission (because there was insufficient time before the lower cook Inlet meeting. 2nd by Neil DeWitt. approved with no objections.
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Add proposal #15 as proposals to be reviewed for lower cook inlet.
 - b. It was also requested that the committee set up a game subcommittee and a fisheries subcommittee. Suggested to have Charity send out meeting notices to AC members as we schedule the meetings. Motion approved without objection.
 - c. Lower Cook Inlet Fisheries Proposals
- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Herb may have to find an Advisory Committee representative for Lower Cook Inlet.
- X. Other
 - a. Neil having knee replacement on December 9 may not be attending for a while afterwards



- b. Mel appointed Andy Couch to be temporary subcommittee of a fisheries group working on Upper Cook Inlet proposals — Danny Lewis, Aaron Bloomquist and Neal DeWitt, Birch Yuknis with Dan Montgomery offering to participate if we were short of AC members on a particular date. Andy will check with Wasilla Library concerning a possible meeting time and place.
 - c. Possible participants in a game subcommittee are Mel, Neal, Danny, Aaron, Birch, Casey, more could be added.
- XI. Set next meeting date: December 4 at Screaming Eagle Archery in Wasilla starting at 7pm.
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm



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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
			salmon were harvested during the winter than during the summer.
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Support	9	0	Would create a 5 fish season king salmon limit from October 1 — April 30 in lower Cook Inlet. This would keep the fishery closer to the guideline harvest — while still allowing each participant to harvest 5 king salmon during the winter. There would also still be more harvest added on during the summer. Comment from a public individual — things have already been restricted around the side of the inlet above Bluff Point.
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Oppose	0	9	No need to change. Steelhead in these fisheries are already being caught and released multiple times.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	2	7	ADF&G says Ling Cod stocks seem to presently be stable with the two fish ling cod limit. This area is a long drive and difficult to access. Commercial harvests have risen over time — so if harvest reductions are necessary they should apply to both user groups. Birch likes the option to harvest two ling cod when he makes the trip all the way to this area with his own boat. Mel mentioned that with restrictions on halibut more charter operators have gone to ling cod in the Valdez area and ling cod stocks over there have gone down. Mel likes to idea of one ling cod and one good-sized halibut per trip.
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		



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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
Oppose	0	9	Annual limit of ling cod of 2 per year. Would put a large restriction on the people who utilize the fishery more --- locals, Alaskans
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Support	6	3	In this situation some people have difficulty catching fish and this would help them. This could help young kids or people be successful, but it also would create the situation where some people would not experience the opportunity of hooking their own fish.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	9	Would only allow registered guides or guide businesses to book fishing charters. Would create unnecessary paperwork — as everyone who wanted to book trips would only need to fill out the guide business paperwork.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Oppose	0	9	This is a small use and small harvest fishery --- and requiring people to permit for this fishery and be excluded from other fisheries might would take local people out of the fishery. Currently no problems and no need for a permit and extra paperwork.
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
Support	9	0	Like this proposal. seals may eat fish in unattended nets
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		



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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
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Support	9	0	We want to support this concept. King salmon are in short supply throughout Alaska and all users should share in the conservation burden.
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Support	9	0	We want to support king salmon conservation. There is an additional proposal for Upper Cook Inlet fisheries that could be used as a basis if approved by the board.
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Couch

Minutes Approved By: _____



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of November 15th, 2019
Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1800 by Michael Opheim, Chairperson
- II. Members Present: Michael Opheim, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jordan Cameron, Stephen Payton, Brian Chartier
Members Absent: Keith Gain

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda: Michael Opheim
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Michael Opheim
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Hollowell
- VI. Guests Present: Jevon Chartier, Jake Corwin, Sandy Murray, Jerry Murray
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Discussion of Proposals

Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting November 15, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa I Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	140		Allow a dual permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear onboard while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time
Oppose	0	6	Committee thought that there would be too much temptation to have that extra shackle of gear on board and use it. Committee thought that fishermen could leave that extra shackle on the dock or on a tender that might be in the area.
BOF	141		Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet area



Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting November 15, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa l Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	6	Committee felt that allowing vessels to carry more than their legal complement would be too tempting to fish that extra gear. Committee thought that extra gear should be left on the dock or on a tender.
BOF	150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River	
Support	6	0	Committee feels there is a high mortality rate with catch and release and that people should keep what they catch and go home with that catch and not stay fishing all day doing catch and release.

Next meeting December 14.

Adjournment: 1930

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of December 20th, 2019
Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:08 pm by Michael Opheim, Chairperson
- II. Members Present: Michael Opheim, Keith Swick, Walt Sonen, Jordan Cameron, Stephen Payton, Jevon Chartier
Members Absent: Brian Chartier, Alvin Swick, Cutter Grahn

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda: Michael Opheim
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Michael Opheim
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robin Dublin, Bronwyn Jones, Lisa Olson, Charity Lehman
- VI. Guests Present: Jerry Murray, Dan Anderson, Chance Collier, Rick Harnes, Josh Wysnewski
- VII. Reports: ADF&G Subsistence staff explains “Amount Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses of Salmon” which the Board of Fish passed at the Lower Cook Inlet meeting in Seward.
- VIII. Old Business: Discussion on Board of Fish passing proposals 18-20.
- IX. Public Comment: Dan Anderson Discussed Proposals 63-66 and other proposals effecting Upper Inlet drifters.
- X. New Business: Discussion of Proposals



Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting December 20, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	186	Eliminate the one percent rule in both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries as follows: Eliminate the 1% rule from the management plan and manage abundance using the most reliable science available.	
Support	6	0	The committee felt the 1% rule is obsolete and unanimously voted to support this proposal. There was clarification this vote supported proposal 186 and not the 10 other proposals regarding the 1% rule.
BOF	193	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule beginning August 1 in Cook Inlet Area subdistricts.	
Oppose	0	6	The committee opposed this proposal to reaffirm the overall disagreement with a percentage rule, and that up to date reliable data should be used to manage the fishery.
BOF	194	Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule for both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries	
Oppose	0	6	The committee opposed this proposal to reaffirm the overall disagreement with a percentage rule, and that up to date reliable data should be used to manage the fishery.
BOF	195	Amend the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet one percent rule to a two percent rule beginning July 31 instead of August 7	
Oppose	0	6	The committee opposed this proposal to reaffirm the overall disagreement with a percentage rule, and that up to date reliable data should be used to manage the fishery.
BOF	192	Amend the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery to apply starting July 31 instead of August 7	
Oppose	0	6	The committee opposed this proposal to reaffirm the overall disagreement with a percentage rule, and that up to date reliable data should be used to manage the fishery.
BOF	173	Reduce the annual limit for the Kenai River dip net fishery and create tiered harvest quotas	



Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting December 20, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa l Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Support	6	0	After discussion on current limits the committee voted to support this proposal.
BOF	129	Allow the commissioner to limit Central District drift gillnets to less than 150 and 200 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth	
Oppose	0	6	The committee strongly opposed limiting the central district drift gillnets.
BOF	82	Allow two regular 12-hour commercial fishing periods per week	
Support	6	0	The committee supported this proposal. Overall agreement that in recent years there has been consistent over escapement and regular fishing periods would provide ADF&G better data to manage the fisheries.

Next meeting January 16th

Adjournment: 8:57 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date: 1/16/20



**Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 10, 2019
Seward Fire Department**

- I. Call to Order: by Jim McCracken at 7:00 PM
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: James McCracken, presiding
Dianne Dubuc Andrew Bacon
Kenn Carpenter W C Casey
Mark Clemens Arne Hatch
Nathan Smith Bob White
Comprising a quorum of the Committee, and
Members Absent (Excused): Trent Foldager, Jim Hubbard
Members Absent (Unexcused): None
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present: 1-7, 9-12
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Jeff Selinger Jay Baumer
Cyndi Wardlow Jason Herreman
- IV. Guests Present:
Trooper Seth Kollman, AWT
Kristin Bates, CIAA
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
Approval of April 4, 2019 meeting minutes is postponed until next meeting
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report- none
 - b. ADF&G – **Jay Baumer** gave an overview of the 2019 Coho Salmon run in Seward, including his department's annual in-stream count and 2020 projected stocking program numbers. Baumer identified the streams surveyed, and reported 1,159 adult Cohos in stream. Baumer reported that Bear Creek/Salmon Creek had higher numbers of Coho and attributed that to the decision to allocate 75% of the 2018 hatchery reared smolt to that system. Baumer reported that the ADF&G now includes season summaries with all of this information. In response to **Dubuc**, baumer stated that the Department has no plans for genetic research on Cohos, beyond that which was done in the last decade.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Proposals December 10-13, 2019 Seward, Alaska			
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
No Action			
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Dubuc disagrees with the wording stating that King salmon stocks are depleted, citing lack of evidence to support the claim. Dubuc stated that our area already had one fish per day in the winter, and the proposal was too broad. Bacon stated that the regulations on King salmon in Resurrection Bay were written because Resurrection Bay is a terminal harvest area for Kings and we have hatchery enhancement, therefore did not agree with changing the regulation to reduce the bag limit in Resurrection Bay. McCracken stated that there was not a problem of overharvest of King salmon in our area, and that the current regulation: allowing 2 per day in summer, 1 per day in winter, and no annual limit worked well for our area.
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) <i>The Seward AC considered both proposals 8 and 9 in their discussion on King salmon regulations. A motion was made on each proposal and the AC voted on each proposal separately.</i>
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
No Action			
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
No Action			
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
No Action			



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Proposals December 10-13, 2019 Seward, Alaska			
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
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Dubuc does not believe there is a biological imperative for adopting this regulation. Clemens stated that the Seward AC just supported the reduction in bag limit in PWS waters, and wanted to see the effect before further reducing catch limits. Smith stated that the commercial catch was down, and commercial boats had to fish further and further from port to find lingcod, and they were deeper.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Bacon) Dubuc stated that this proposal is a slippery slope to party fishing, and guided anglers are paying to hook the fish themselves. Dubuc supports the law as it is written now. McCracken asked how this would be enforced. Bacon stated that enforcement would be difficult either way. Bacon stated that people need help reeling fish, not hooking them. Smith suggests that adopting this proposal may improve the experience for youths, but this already happens in real life and we don't need a rule change.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Dubuc stated that she gets referrals from lodging operators and is concerned this may impact people referring business her way. Smith interprets it to require the person taking the money as needing the license. Clemens concerned that his store brokering fishing trips might be impacted.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action			



Susitna Valley Advisory Committee
January 15, 2020
Latitude 60, Talkeetna

I. Call to Order: 6:00pm by Steve Harrison

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mike Wood
Steve Harrison
Peter Mathiesen
Bryan Kirb
Todd Keening

Members Absent (Excused): NA

Members Absent (Unexcused): NA

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: NA

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sam Oshund ADF&G

IV. Guests Present: Jake Fletcher, Robert Gerlach

Approval of Agenda

Approved by Peter Mathiesen and seconded by
Mike Wood

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Approved by Peter Mathiesen and seconded by
Mike Wood

VI. Reports

- a. Chair's report Steve Harrison outlined the rules the board needed to vote on.
- b. ADF&G Sam Oshund gave information when asked by the board for specific research and ADF&G plans for 2020.
- c. Others

VII. Public Comment: Jake Fletcher asked for a comment on grizzly bear hunting outside of Unakaleet. The board declined comment sighting the area was not in the AC's district.

VIII. Old Business None



- IX. New Business Commenting on the Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Proposal
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting; TBD
- XI. Set next meeting date; TBD
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjourn 8:15pm



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Proposals February 7-20, 2020			
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>			
78	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
Support	3	2	Our committee is in agreement that personal use fishing has priority of commercial fishing the committee our 3 to 2 The two opposed agree that current criteria is adequate. language of proposal #78's.
124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include inriver users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
	0	5	No action support #133
125	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan and include inseason assessments (Mark & Elbridge Walker)		
	0	5	No action support #133
126	Close the Central District drift gillnet fishery corridor (Neil DeWitt)		
	0	5	No action support #133
127	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
	0	5	No action support #133
133	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	5	0	A unanimous yes decision by the board and is one of our most important recommendations. We strongly support the enforcement of the Conservation Corridor to allow Susitna bound fish to have the opportunity to NOT be intercepted by drift nets on the way to the upper Susitna basin.
145	Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15 (Neil DeWitt)		



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Proposals

February 7-20, 2020

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
Oppose	0	5	This would only apply to dip net fishing and could require extra management and enforcement we are also concern for the silvers late return kings that may be intercepted.
199	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	5		We fully support #199
203	Provide additional fishing periods in the Northern District king salmon commercial fishery when the Deshka River king salmon sport fishery is liberalized (Betty Gilcrist)		
Support	5	0	
204	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users (Kristine Ogonowski)		
Support	5	0	
205	Clarify the definition of "minimize" in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Howard Delo)		
Support	5	0	
206	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to allow for regular amounts of set gillnet gear in the Northern District commercial sockeye salmon fishery during times of reduced effort in the Central District (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Support	5	0	
214	Prohibit live release of northern pike in the Anchorage Bowl and Knik River drainages (ADF&G)		
Support	5	0	
215	Create a Susitna and Yentna Rivers King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	5	0	We fully support #215
217	Create a Deshka River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	5	0	We fully support #217
219	Create a Little Susitna River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
Support	5	0	We fully support #219
221	Extend the use of bait to September 11 in Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area sport fishery (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		



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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
Oppose	0	5	
222	Allow fishing for resident species on days closed to king salmon fishing in Unit 2 (ADF&G)		
Support	5	0	
234	Create a personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Susitna River (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	5	At this time, we are against this proposal because of the lack of research of the drainage and safety of state residents in a wilderness setting.
235	Create a lower Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Kristine Ogonowski)		
Oppose	0	5	
236	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Frede Stier)		
Oppose	0	5	
237	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Richard Sanderlin)		
Oppose	0	5	
238	Create a personal use dip net fishery in Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage (South Central Alaska Dip netters Association)		
Oppose	0	5	
239	Establish a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Mat-Su valley (Brent Lannen)		
Oppose	0	5	
240	Create a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Susitna River drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	5	