

**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	<u>X</u>		
Andrew	Carmichael	<u>X</u>		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	<u>X</u>		
Dick	Dykema		<u>X</u>	
Chris	Hanna		<u>X</u>	
Will	Lee – Secretary			X
Monte	Roberts			<u>X</u>
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair			<u>X</u>
Todd	Smith	<u>X</u>		
Jerry	Strieby	<u>X</u>		
Joe	Thomas	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	<u>X</u>		
Jon	Essert	<u>X</u>		
John	Ellanbass		<u>X</u>	
Cody	Rutter	<u>X</u>		
Scott	Miller		<u>X</u>	
Eli	House			<u>X</u>

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

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Proposals February 7-20, 2020			
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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>			
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 01/20/2020\_\_\_\_\_