# On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish
Anchorage, March. 10-22, 2022

**Craig AC Meeting Dec. 6, 2021**

**Call to Order:** 6:05pm

**Roll Call:**

**Members present:**

| Craig AC Members | Officer | Designation | Present | Absent | Unexcused | Expiration |
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All members present!

**Excused:**

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**Guests present:** Steve Merritt, Forest Braden (phone)

**Fish & Game Staff present:** Craig Schwanke (sport fish), Bo Meredith (Commercial fish-phone)

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:32pm

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**Call to Order:** 6:02pm

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**Guests present:** Doug Rhodes

**ADFG Staff present:** Craig Schwanke (sport fish), Adam Messmer (ADFG crab-phone)

**Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 12.8.2021**

**Moved and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from 12.6.2021**

**New Business:**

Proposal 110:
Mike Kampnich: A lost gill net is a navigation hazard, kills animals and pollutes the water. Doug Rhodes agrees.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 111:
**No action**

Proposal 112:
**No action**

Proposal 113:
Doug Rhodes: If the proposal is approved then the mesh size will be restrictive.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 114:
Craig Schwanke: Hand trollers can use down riggers during the winter season but currently can not use them in the summer. This proposal wants to use a down rigger year round. Enforcement can be an issue.
**No action**

Proposal 115:
This proposal wants the start date of winter troll to start Oct. 1.
Mike Douville: Is not in favor of changing the dates.
Ray Douville: Gave background info.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 116:
**No action**

Proposal 117:
**No action**

Proposal 118:
**No action**

Proposal 119:
Doug Rhodes: This passed the BOF six years ago but was later sunsetted. This proposal clearly denotes a boundary line that is currently confusing.
Mike Douville: He's in favor because it doesn't change anything but rather clarifies/cleans it up.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 120:
This proposal is the sister proposal to prop 119.
**Move and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 121:
**Move and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 122, 123, 124:
**No action**

Proposal 125:
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 126, 127
**No action**

Proposal 128:
**No action**

Proposal 129:
Mike Kampnich: The sockeye are showing up later and later into September so there's a potential to catch sockeye while fishing for coho.
Mike Douville: The potential of harvesting sockeye is very real which would be a bad thing since there is a conservation concern for them.

Fred Hamilton: He said he supports more fishing for coho and a higher annual limit for coho but th harvesting sockeye if allowed to fish earlier. He is in support if we have an amendment. He supports a higher annual coho limit but there is no need to fish above the bridge and risk catching sockeye. There are plenty of coho below the bridge to catch. We do not support changing the dates.

**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 130:
Moved and seconded to support.
Discussion:
Mike Douville: Klawock River and Klawock Lake are federal waters so the motion is removed.
Mike Douville and Fred Hamilton are in support of the proposal but without seeing the lat/longs and not knowing if it goes into federal waters prompted them to remove the motion.
**No action.**

Proposal 134:
Mike Douville doesn't support this proposal because if you are using a gill net this makes sense but in small areas like Sarkar, when using a beach seine net this doesn't make sense.
**No action**

Proposal 135:
**No action**

Proposal 136:
**No action**

Proposal 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142
**No action**

Proposal 143:
Craig Schwanke: ADFG gets good info from surveys but ADFG is content with the overall response with current regs. ADFG would have a big job getting this proposal in the works.
Mike Douville: The RAC has looked at limiting the non-resident anglers.
Joel Steenstra and Kurt Whitehead: Are all in favor of making unguided non-res start being regulated.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes. We just need to add the word unguided in front of nonresidents having to report since guided non-residents already report.**

Proposal 144:
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 145:
Joel Steenstra: The way it's written now it would affect the guided non-residents as well.
**No action**

Proposal 146, 147, 148, 149
**No action**

Proposal 152
Craig Schwanke: This summer is the last return of fish for the hatchery so many are worried that overfishing of 108 creek will happen unless this prop is approved. The way this prop is currently written would close most of the creek but the intent of the prop at the East POW meeting was to close 300' above and 300' below the LOWER falls because the fishing pressure is intense in low water years since the fish are trapped in the pool and/or cannot get about the falls. Released fish also suffer a high mortality due to the low water and the closure of the Whale Pass fish hatchery/poor run returns has and will continue to shift fishing pressure to 108 creek.

**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no. We would support the proposal if the [illegible] above and 300' below the lower falls.**

Proposal 153
Craig Schwanke: This will close all of the fishing at the falls.
Mike Douville supports it to protect coho but said its a good spot to fish cutthroat during other times of the year. He suggests closing it in July, August and September.
Discussion ensued to close it when the coho are there and leave it open the rest of the time.
Doug Rhodes: The way the proposal is currently written will effectively close the whole stream.
Craig Schwanke and Kurt Whitehead stated that the proposals intent was not supposed to close it year round but rather to protect the returning salmon since there is more fishing pressure from the Whale Pass hatchery closing/ having poor fish runs.

**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no. We support the concept and a closure of 300' upstream and 300' downstream of the falls during the months of July, August & September to protect salmon but leave it open the rest of the year to catch cutthroat.**

Proposal 154
**No action**

Proposal 155
**No action**

Proposal 156-161
**No action**

Proposal 162
Discussion: Mike Douville and Fred Hamilton agreed the total amount should to be raised.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 163-169
**No action**

Proposal 170
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 171
Area A is all of SEAK.
Mike Douville: Is opposed to this proposal. The quality of the shrimp is poorer in March due to them molting.
Fred Hamiltion: This would impact the commercial fishermen simply from a timing standpoint. The current season works best for them.
Ray Douville: Is not opposed to it for the resource but he's opposed to it because the quality of the shrimp in the spring isn't as good as the fall and every year shrimp die off in the summer so by having a fall season you could actually catch the shrimp before they die.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 172
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 173
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 174
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 175
Ray Douville: Currently, you need 2 buoys if fishing 5 or more pots.
**No action**

Proposal 176
Ray Douville: It would be bad for the resource because it will force guys to double pick the gear. Currently the regs are good for normal sized boats.
**No action**

Proposal 177
Ray Douville said the lat/longs in the proposal are confusing. He also said to leave it to ADFG to choose which area to close. There doesn't seem to be a stock of concern in that area.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 178
Craig Schwanke: There has historically been a concern of commercial fishing in front of Kasaan for several years.
Ray Douville: The area seems to be pretty large and he's says ADFG should be the one to close an area.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 179
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 180-182
**No action**

Proposal 183
**No action**

Proposal 184
**Moved and second to support. Unanimous vote-no. We like the regulation the way it is currently written.**

Proposal 185
Craig Schwanke: There is no regulation prohibiting the use of light in sport fishing.
**No action**

Proposal 186-188
**No action**

Proposal 189
**No action**

Proposal 190-199
**No action**

Proposal 200
Kurt Whitehead: He is in support of this since is a small area creating a subsistence use area in front of Klawock and he will directly be affected by it but still supports the closure.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes**

Proposal 204
Kurt Whitehead: Is in support of this citing the safety of floatplanes and how a floatplane hit a navigation buoy in the cove because it was dodging crab pots.
**No action**

Proposal 205

Kurt Whitehead said he's in support of this if the lat/longs are the same as 204 closing just the Co
appear they are the same.
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.**

Proposal 206
Craig Schwanke: Showed the closure is just the cove and doesn't extend past it.
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Proposal 208
**No action**

Proposal 209
Kurt Whitehead: Is in support citing all the non res fishing pressure and how much do they actually need to eat. Also stated the reason for all these crab fishing closures are the sea otters!
**Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.**

Proposal 210
**No action**

Proposal 211-216
**No action**

Proposal 217
**We support our proposal.**

Proposal 218-223
**No action**

Proposal 224
Discussion:
Mike Douville, Fred Hamilton, Kirk Agnitsch, Craig Schwanke: You can set a longline for rockfish currently with no permit. We would all like to use a pole but we don't want to get a permit to catch a rockfish. Personal use is allowed despite conservation concern. Personal use fishing is just for alaska residents.
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Proposal 225
**No action**

Proposal 226
Craig Schwanke: Gave background.
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Proposal 227
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Proposal 229
**No action**

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Proposal 231-233
**No action**

**Craig Schwanke said the Board of Fish meeting in Ketchikan is Jan. 4-15**

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**Minutes recorded by:** Kurt Whitehead
**Minutes approved by:**
**Date:**

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**Roll Call:**

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| William Pattison | Vice Chair | Whale Pass | x | | | June 2024 |
| Kurt Whitehead | Secretary | Big Salt | x | | | June 2022 |
| Jim Beard | | Coffman Cove | x | | | June 2023 |
| Matt Beck | | Whale Pass | x | | | June 2023 |
| Della Colburn | | Kasaan | x (phone) | | | June 2022 |
| Dave Egelston | | Thorne Bay | x (phone) | | | June 2022 |
| Amy Jennings | | Thorne Bay | x | | | June 2022 |
| Kim Redmond | | Thorne Bay | x | | | June 2023 |
| Doug Rhodes | | Craig | x | | | June 2024 |
| John Ryan | | Hollis | x (phone) | | | June 2024 |
| Ray Slayton | | Craig | x (phone) | | | June 2024 |
| Dick Stewart | | Coffman Cove | x (phone) | | | June 2023 |

**Number needed for a quorum:** 7

**ADFG Staff Present:**
Craig Schwanke (sportfish), Henry Lesia (board support-online)

**Guests present:** Russ Holbrook, Mike Warner, Frank Wetherbee (left after 5 min)

**Approval of Agenda:**
**Motion made to approve the agenda.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
**Moved and seconded to approve the minutes from 3.15.2020.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the 11.29.2021 minutes.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Reports:**
**Chair:** None
**ADFG:** None
**Other:** None
**Public Comment:**

None

**Old Business:**
None

**New Business:**
**Elections:**
Can Ray Slayton be elected tonight? Henry said yes we can hold elections. Terms expire in June.
**Moved and seconded to have elections.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Elections:**
**Motion made and seconded to elect Ray Slayton.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**
**Motion made and seconded to elect Amy Jennings.**
**Unanious vote-yes.**
**Motion made and seconded to set expiration terms as notified via email.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Proposals:**
Everyone agreed to go through the proposals as notified via email.

**134:**
**Motion made and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Doug Rhodes: It you are using a beachseine this proposal doesn't work easily. For a gill net it make perfect sense.
Amy Jennings: You could shorten it up.
John Ryan: This regulation is already on the books is several locations. Currently this happens all the time in the Karta, Red Bay and one other location.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-Yes.**

**152:**
**Motion made and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Craig Schwanke: Fish spawn above the falls, there are no conservation concerns. There will likely be higher effort due to the closing of the hatchery. Craig has never seen anyone sportfishing there but there could be personal use fishing.
**Vote:**
**No-Doug Rhodes**
**Yes-All others**
**Motion passes.**

**153:**
**Motion made and seconded to support.**
Vote: Doug Rhodes objects.
Discussion:
Doug Rhodes: This will close the entire creek. There are two sets of falls on this creek. The way this is written it doesn't define the falls.
Jim Beard: He thought we were thinking of the lower falls. Asked if we need to clarify our proposal.
Craig Schwanke: No conservation concerns. Craig said he measured the proposed closure of 300' below the falls this past summer and this will still leave the first big hole below the falls open. There is no conservation concern for Log jam creek. Craig said you can not use rod and reel for subsistence.
John Ryan: Write in our comments to add the language in our comments. We should not be voting down our own proposal. He suggests to support it with a comment.
Ray Slayton: He is opposed to closing the lower pool.
Amy Jennings: Are there dip netters at Log Jam?

Mike Warner: Who is Steve McCurdy? He is a retired fish biologist. Why are we closing this due to evidence? His concern is we are closing this to locals.

**Motion to amend to limit this motion to closing log jam from 300' above to 300' below the lower falls during the months of July, August, September.**
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**174:**
**Motion made and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
John Ryan: There was a "shrimp" meeting in Sitka after our proposal and it was pointed out that the resource will benefit.
Doug Rhodes: In support due to conservation concerns.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**178:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
John Ryan: Gave background on the proposal and how the numbers of shrimp caught have been going down. Shrimpers should not be fishing directly in front of the communities.
Della: We don't have enough shrimp and we don't want to compete against commercial shrimpers.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**179:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
This will expand the area that's closed in Hollis.
Doug Rhodes: Asked John about the background for this proposal.
John Ryan: The commercial guys are catching double when they open it then it gets shutdown for years.
Russ Holbrook: Asked why the proposal is worded the way it is.
Amy Jennings: Does this include the entire 12mile arm? Yes it does.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**183:**
**No action**

**204:**
**Perry Olson: Jim Beard was online and voting for this proposal and wasn't being counted so he would like to bring this back up for discussion.**
**Motion made and seconded to support.**

Craig Schwanke: This would close non res sport fishing.
Discussion:
Doug Rhodes: We are considering a closure to limit the locals that are living here. The sea otters are the problem. We need to think long and hard about closing this as it would affect many locals.
Amy Jennings: We are having the same issues in Thorne Bay due to so many pots. Float plane traffic is affected. It would make it easier for the locals. The cove is a small area. The lodge owners can go a short ways out of the cove and around the corner so their clients can fish. We just need to push them out a short ways.
Perry Olson: Crabbing in Coffman Cove and also Lake Bay have not been good crabbing.
Matt Beck: Has the same issues in Whale Pass. There are so many pots and fishermen that its difficult for the locals.
Jim Beard: There are so many pots in the cove that it is very difficult for us.
Russ Holbrook: All the logs that were dumped in the waters is possibly damaging the habitat.
Ray Slayton: Had similar comments of support.

John Ryan: This proposal should be supported for all the reasons previously stated.
Kurt: Asked John Ryan, Did the floatplane that crashed into the navigational marker this summer because he was dodging crab pots? John had no comment.
**Vote:**
**No-Doug Rhodes**
**Yes-All others, motion passes.**

**205:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Kurt: Asked Henry if it's true we have to make motions in the positive. Henry said that is correct.
Perry Olson: Read the proposal verbatim.
Doug Rhodes: Charted these lat/longs and said none of the proposals have good lat/longs. 205, 206 and 207 all have the exact coordinates. The coordinates are wrong. 5.8 million lbs of crab were caught in AK by commercial crabbers last year and its more than double the 10yr average, so crabbing in good in AK.
Matt Beck: The coordinates are correct for the Whale Pass proposal.
Adam Messmer: These coordinates are wrong for this proposal. They are in Whale Pass.
John Ryan: We should submit a proposal with the correct lat/longs.
Adam Messmer: What is the crab population in this area. Do you have specific info for Lake Bay and Barnes Lake.
**Motion to table moved and seconded.**
**Vote:**
**Yes- 4 in room plus Dick, Ray, Della total 7 yes votes.**
**No-Dick, Perry, Kim, John, total 4 no votes.**
**Motion to table passes 7-4.**

**207:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Doug: This will affect one commercial fisherman. It is already closed in the summer so this affects just the fall season. By talking about closing these small areas, we are concentrating these commercial guys. Closing it down in the summer is a good compromise.
Matt Beck: There are people that fish it year round but there is less fishing pressure in the fall. He only took 5 legal crabs. They would like the same things as Perry asked for which is just a small area for the locals so the small resident boats can get their crab.
Will: Gave background and how he represents the city of Whale Pass and how they just want a small area to catch crabs. We have more and more people moving in and after the commercial guy fishes it in the fall, most folks don't fish during and after the commercial anglers because there aren't any crabs for many weeks afterwards.
Perry Olson: Asked if these proposals go through, where else can the commercial guy fish? He went over to Etolin and found several areas that were carpet bombed. Locals report that crabbing is poor around Coffman Cove and wants to push the commercial boats back a short ways in front of the cove for the residents.
Russ Holbrook: Commercial crabbers fish differently from year to year based on the fishing. The boat he fishes uses 300 pots. In general it is self regulatory since they move around. There are other smaller areas to fish if this is closed. They are looking at other areas.
John Ryan: There is no reason why a small area shouldn't be shut down just for locals.
Amy Jennings: She was a commercial shrimp and she agrees that the commercial guy can go further out.
Kurt: The sea otters are what's driving the issue, they are eating us out of house and home so that's what's going on in these proposals. Closing a small area around the communities is reasonable.
**Vote:**
**No-Doug Rhodes**
**Yes-All others**
**Motion passes.**

**208:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Della: The bay used to be very rich in crab. That is not the way it is now.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**235:**
**No action**

**241:**
**No action**

**119:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
This was previously adopted in 2015 but later got sunsetted. It was supported by other commercial anglers.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**120:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
This is the sister proposal that clarifies the boundary.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**155:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion:**
Kurt: Not in support of this proposal because it would be very difficult for saltwater anglers to release fish without removing the fish from the water. This works in a river but not on saltwater.
Doug: Support the part about not using table hooks but very hard to release with out removing the fish from water.
Jim: Supports not using treble hooks but doesn't support not being able to remove fish from the water.
Will: Supports no treble hooks.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote no**
**Motion fails. Add comments in support of no treble hooks.**

**129:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
John: The wording of it being C&T is wrong since it's a hatchery. Hatcheries are never C&T.
Will: SSRAA barely met the cost recovery this year.
**Vote:**
**Yes-Ray, Dick, Della total of 3 in support.**
**No-All others**
**Motion fails**

**214:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
John: There are new commercial pots that are square. This proposal will eliminate them from using that manufacture.
**Vote:**
**Yes-Doug**
**No-All others**
**Motion fails.**

**130:**
**No action**

**117:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:
Doug: This proposal will allow trollers to fish six lines in inside waters. Enforcement will be an issu
be an issue. Fishing in tight areas with other boats will be difficult to fish. If the trollers don't catch them, the seiners will catch them since they are hatchery fish. He is opposed to it. Trollers with 4 lines will be conflicting/tangling with trollers with 6 lines in small areas.
John: Enforcement will be difficult but if they want to fish 6 lines then let them decide. This is the only area in the state that it isn't legal.
Will: It will be self regulating.
**Vote:**
**Yes-5 in room, 5 on phone**
**No-3 in room**
**Motion passes 10-3.**

**176:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
John: The quota will be the same but this only make the fishery last longer. Why do we want to reduce the commercial guys even more.
**Vote:**
**Yes-Della**
**No-All others in room**
**Motion fails.**

**125:**
**No action**

**143:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
John: Enforcement issues will be very hard to implement.
Kurt: Asked Mike Warner what he thinks of this proposal since it will affect his unguided clients: Mike said this will be very difficult for them and the creel surveys already cover this data.
Craig: ADFG gets this info on a broader scale through mailed surveys but this will be very burdensome to enact.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-no**
**Motion fails.**

**144:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
John: He opposes it for the same reasons he opposes prop 143 as it will be very hard to enforce.
Doug: He agrees on the intent of the prop but it is very difficult to expect the non res to log this when there is no cell service and no app from ADFG.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-no**
**Motion fails**

**145:**
This will reduce the bag limits for the non res. There are several of these proposals that have the same intent.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Dave Egelston is opposed to this due to annual bag limit being requested is very restrictive.
John: Asked Craig Schwanke if there is any biological concern? Craig said no. John does not support.
**Vote:**
**8 votes in support-**
**5 votes against**
**Motion passes**

**10 min Break**

**184:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
House keeping proposal. Non res cannot longline pots. This proposal seeks clarification.
John: This is clear in regulation that non res cannot longline.
ADFG: Wants the clarification but John says they currently cannot longline and it is very clear in the regs so he doesn't understand the proposal.
**Motion to amend:**
**Keep the reg as is with one pot per buoy for non res.**
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes**

**Motion to support as amended:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**
**Motion passes**

**209:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Kurt: Is in support for limiting non res on the W side of PoW even though it will affect him directly.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**189:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
John Ryan: Seacucumber divers are limited to 2 per vessel and Geoduck divers are limited to 2 divers. This is permit stacking largely driven by WA divers coming up here to get as many as possible.
Matt Beck: Puget Sound used to be a good area for geoducks but overfishing down there has many divers coming up here.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-no.**

**226:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Kurt: Asked Craig Schwanke his thoughts. Craig said DSR are not a conservation concern.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**227:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Kurt: Asked Craig S. his thoughts. Craig said there is clear data showing yelloweye rockfish decline.
Doug: Would hate to catch anymore yelloweye but there are lots of other species available.
John: Very poorly written, the yelloweye should be separated out but we should be able to keep the other non pelagic species.
Will: There are lots of non pelagic species out there and we should be able to retain a quillback.
**Vote:**
**Yes-7 in support**
**No-6 opposed**
**Motion passes 7-6.**

**186:**
**Moved and seconded to support**
Discussion:

Jim Beard: In support of this proposal but would like a limit placed on it.
Doug Rhodes: Agrees with the proposal but would like a limit. You need to fish at least 60-70 fath so having multiple hooks would be beneficial.
John Ryan: Enforcement views one squid jig as one hook. Five to six squid jigs are now illegal.
Craig Schwanke: Squid doesn't have a bag limit.
Dave Egelston: 15 hooks
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Moved and seconded to amend this proposal with a limit of 15 hooks so it matches the number of hooks in other baitfish regs.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**203:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Doug Rhodes: Not in support.
John Ryan: Not in support.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-no.**

**203:**
**Moved and seconded to support.**
Discussion:
Doug Rhodes: Not in support.
John Ryan: Not in support.
**Vote:**
**Unanimous vote-no.**

**205:**
**Vote to bring 205 back to discussion.**
**Motion passed unanimously to bring 205 back for discussion.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Motion to support to amend to prohibit the commercial crabbers from fishing inside Coffman Cove proper.**

Jim Beard: Thought we agreed to only closed it in the Coffman Cove proper.
Will Pattison: Thought we agreed to only closed it in the Coffman Cove proper.

**Vote:**
**Motion to support 205 as amended.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Next meeting: Tentatively January 26, 2022**

**Select Representative for board meeting Jan 4-15, 2022 in Ketchikan:**
**Moved and seconded to have Kurt Whitehead represent East PoW at the BoF meetings in KTN.**

**Adjourned: 6:10pm**

**Minutes recorded by:** Kurt Whitehead
**Minutes approved by:** Perry Olson
**Date: 12.20.2021**

**Icy Straits AC**
**February 15, 2021**
**Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 5:16PM by Casey McConnell

II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Ken Meserve
Ian Johnson
Mark Ortega
Calvin Casipit
Faith Grant
Bill Miller
Fagan Skaflestad
Casey McConnell
Andy Savland
Bob Hughes
Jeff Skaflestad

Members Absent (Excused): Bill Mills,
Members Absent (Unexcused): Aaron St. Clair
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
   a. Daniel Teske – Sport Fish and Game
   b. Dave K  Harris – Fish and Game

IV. Guests Present:
   a. Sean Williams

V. Approval of Agenda
   a. Update on Letter regarding HR 8828 Public Safety & Wildlife Protection Act
      i. Calvin – add in closing. In the case that there is a similar legislation that is introduced in the 117th congress please let us know where to submit testimony
      ii. Mark – this has been in congress 3 times. Has not gone for a vote. This could get attached to another bill as a rider and not be seen by ACs.

iii. Ian – add some relevant statistics to the letter
iv. Casey – work on the final draft in the next week or so. Next meeting approval for RAC.

b. Develop plan for submitting AC comments on 2020-2021 Board of Fisheries cycle proposals
   i. Next meeting? Need to determine the timelines
   ii. After March 8th we'll know when our next comments are due
   iii. Casey – makes a motion to postpone to next meeting, Bob Hughes – second
   iv.

c. Discuss BOF Proposals
   i. Proposal 151 was identified as important
   ii. Proposal 231 which includes length for non-residents catching lingcod
   iii. Prop 143 and 144 are related.
   iv. Dan Teske – Everything done so far is correct. BOF meets regionally 3 years. They meet for SE. Those proposals were due last spring. Board is postponing to next Fall or Winter. Our comments on these proposals are due next fall or winter. The only time we can submit out of cycle:
      1. Fishery conservation
      2. Correct Error in regulation
      3. Correct impact on fishery that were not foreseen
   v. There will be more information on the proposals
   vi. Casey Prop 151 – There is very little info on this for stock reassessment. These are the end of year surveys? Dan – yes these are from the fishing license purchasers and confidential information from the freshwater logbook program. There was only 1 registered guide on Salmon river – if it's less than 3 they can't provide more information for amonymity. Need funding and time to do the survey for the Salmon River Stock survey.
   vii. Can that correspondence be shared out? Casey will forward out.
   viii. Mark – Dan, are there any old stream surveys for rearing and spawning habitat. Dan, not aware of any. Would have to look at any data < year 2000.
   ix. Calvin – there were survey completed mid to late 80s and there were habitat surveys as an inter-agency process.
   x. When we add our weight to this.
      1. Dan – when BOF adopts a regulation it takes a bit of time for it to be codified. Department of law has to weigh in the process. If BOF is taking on a regulation that is cost prohibitive. If the regulation doesn't have direct cost to fisher person or the department.
   xi. Dan – department has 3 programs. They recently added 1 metric.
      1. Mail out survey. Statewide harvest survey. This goes out to a portion of fishing license purchasers. Get an estimate of harvest and effort based on response.
      2. Charter logbook program for guided anglers for.

3. Creel program – people on the docks gathering effort. Gustavus and Elfin cove have creel samplers. Hoonah does not have that.
4. Shrimp permit – required for personal, sport. This was recently reestablished.
5. These programs give a pretty good estimate
6. Casey – there is still a hole for the rental vessel business. We currently do not have a way to capture that. P144 suggests there are a lot of rental businesses
7. Cal Casipit. Staff Subsistence Biologist for FS. 25 years of experience. This issue has come up from all communities . They report "staggering" amounts of sockeye and halibut. Non-residents can exceed the limit of the Neva permit. This happens in every community. Effort can focus on community-specific resources. What were the reasons that it's been rejected? "Not enough information". The rental boat business model has been a known issue for awhile.
8. Fagan – Agrees with Cal. You can subsistence fish in Neva – 10 per year. Sport fishers can take 6 . That system is being devastated by sport fishers. We should submit a new proposal.
9. Bob Hughes – Has 145 been repeated multiple years? Cal – 143 and 144 are new proposals. Has spent a lot of time in Neva, Surge, Tacanus, Hoktaheen. East of Excursion – has seen the abuses that were brought up by Cal. We have restrictions (drift nets, tides) it's hard to see that there is no monitoring. How can you justify 145 without 143 and 144.
10. Casey – as an advisory committee we can weigh in whether we can support the idea and concept.
11. Cal – prepared to support the proposals at this time.
12. Bob – moves that the AC support 143.
    a. Cal – second
    b. Ken Meserve Y
    c. Ian Johnson Y
    d. Mark Ortega Y
    e. Calvin Casipit Y
    f. Faith Grant Y
    g. Bill Miller Y
    h. Fagan Skaflestad Y
    i. Casey McConnell Y
    j. Andy Savland Y
    k. Bob Hughes Y
    l. Jeff Skaflestad Y

13. Casey – Motions to approve proposal 144
    a. Bill Miller second

b. Ken Meserve Y
c. Ian Johnson Y
d. Mark Ortega Y
e. Calvin Casipit Y
f. Faith Grant Y
g. Bill Miller Y
h. Fagan Skaflestad Y
i. Casey McConnell Y
j. Andy Savland Y
k. Bob Hughes Y
l. Jeff Skaflestad Y

xii. Proposal 143: Require in-season reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest
xiii. Proposal 144: Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries
xiv.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
a. Bill Miller motions to approve
b. Ian Johnson - seconds

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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. Other business
a. Sean – Next month in HIA we are working with UAS to offer a fisheries technology course. Doing salmon, halibut, crab. Can reach out to Sean sean.williams@hiatribe.org
b. Website development – does the fish and game have a standard on that? Annie can follow up about that. Would be a good community portal.
c. Dan Teske 907 465 8152 (w) 907 209 9901 (c)

XI. New Business

XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XIII. Set next meeting date – not set

XIV. Other

XV. Adjourn – 6:20PM
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Ian Johnson
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

**Icy Straits Advisory Committee**
**November 28, 2021**
**Teleconference**

Phone Number: 1-800-504-8071
Access Code: 4654046

I. Call to Order: 6:25PM by Casey McConnell

II. Roll Call
Members Present: 10

Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused):3

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
ADFG, Public

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
   a. Daniel Teske – Area Management
   b. Dave Harris – Commercial Fish , ADF&G
   c. Dan Churchwell – ADFG
   d. Annie Bartholemew – ADF&G

IV.

V. Guests Present:
   a.

VI. Approval of Agenda
   a. I don't think we got to this

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VIII. Minutes from 01/11 meeting were not distributed prior to this meeting. Will get to this on next meeting.

IX. Reports
   a. Chair's report

i. None provided

b. ADF&G

i. No general report provided. Provided reports for each action item.

c. Others

X. Public Comment

a. None

XI. Old Business

a. None

XII. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries proposals
b. 172 - Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season
c. 173 - Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season
d. 174 - Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season
e. 175 - Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10
f. 184 - Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery
g. 185 - Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid
h. 186 - Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks
i. 187 - Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| **Proposal Number** | **Proposal Description** | | |
| **Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action** | **Number Support** | **Number Oppose** | **Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments** |
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| 172 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season | | |
| | 9 | 1 | Council supported initiatives that didn't put an undue burden on fisherman and looked at long-term stock viability |
| 173 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season | | |
| | 9 | 1 | |
| 174 | Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season | | |
| | -- | -- | Voted to modify agenda to remove this item from agenda. |
| 175 | Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10 | | |
| | | 10 | |
| 184 | Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery | | |
| | 10 | | |
| 185 | Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid<br><br>Motion was for no action on this item | | |
| | 10 | | |
| 186 | Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks | | |
| | | 10 | Opens too many options to abuse the rule and is not clear on hook size or other constraints. |
| 187 | Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day | | |
| | 10 | | |

a. Proposals to be discussed at later meetings

II. Set next meeting date
   a. 12/15/201

III. Other

IV. Adjourn

Adjournment: 8:18PM

Minutes Recorded By: _____Ian Johnson_____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

| | Attending | Vote to modify agenda removing 174 | Proposal 172 | Proposal 173 | Proposal 175 | Motion 184 | No action on 185 | Support 186 | Support 187 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ken Meserve | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Casey McConnell | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Jeff Skafelstad | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Calvin Casipit | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Andy Savland | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Fagan Skafelstad | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Mark Ortega | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Faith Grant | N | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bob Hughes | N | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Aaron St. Clair | N | • | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bill Miller | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Ian Johnson | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Bill Mills | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Number Yes | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | 10 | 10 | | 10 |
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**Icy Straits Advisory Committee**
**December 8, 2021**
**Teleconference**

Phone Number: 1-800-504-8071
Access Code: 4654046

I. Call to Order: 6:25PM by Casey McConnell

II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Cal Casipit
Mark Ortega
Bill Mills
Andy Savland
Jeff Skaflestad
Bill Miller
Fagan Skafelstad
Casey McConnell
Ian Johnson
Faith Grant

Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Bob Hughes
Aaron St. Clair

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
ADFG, Public

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
a. Dave Harris
b. Dan Teske – Fish and Game Sport

IV. Guests Present:

a. Sean Williams

V. Larry Landers

a.

VI. Approval of Agenda

a. I don't think we got to this

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting minutes from previous meeting to be presented at 12/16 meeting

VIII. Reports

a. Chair's report

i. None provided

b. ADF&G

i. No general report provided. Provided reports for each action item.

c. Others

IX. Public Comment

a. None

X. Old Business

a. None

XI. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries proposals

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| 128 | Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries | | |
| | 2 | 8 | Members felt there were too many loopholes in the net tending language to support this proposal. |
| 138 | Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area | | |
| | | 11 | Proposing a fishery just because it can exist is not good enough to have it exist. Conservation concern and by catch concerns with the proposal. |
| 145 | Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area | | |
| | 11 | | SERAC has been working on this for years. Over 10 years from folks from villages saying that this catch is getting out of hand. It doesn't seem fair when compared to subsistence limits for village. |
| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries | | |
| | | 11 | Lots of discussion about the fact that this proposal has two distinct parts that are not related. Took the action of sectioning them into two votes. "Section 1" was a motion to support the clause ". It is prohibited to remove from either freshwater or saltwater a salmon for unhooking, if it is unlawful to retain such a salmon by a sport fisher."<br><br>This was opposed. Too hard to regulate and not practical in almost any circumstance. Fish often need to be removed from water for measuring, too many loopholes to avoid it, and boat height makes it impossible not to remove fish from water. |
| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries | | |

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| | 6 | 5 | As noted above, this proposal was put to two votes. This Section two motion was to support the clause ". It is prohibited to remove from either freshwater or saltwater a salmon for unhooking, if it is unlawful to retain such a salmon by a sport fisher."<br><br>The council supported this vote because they believe treble hooks result in a higher mortality rate in sub-legal king salmon. They want to put measures in place that increase the likelihood of a live-release. |

b. Proposals to be discussed at later meetings

XII. Set next meeting date
   a. 12/15/201

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

Adjournment: 7:57 PM

Minutes Recorded By: _____Ian Johnson_____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

| | Attending | Support 128 | Support 138 | Support 145 | Support 155.1 (the first section of the proposal) | Support 155.2 (second section of proposal) |
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| Ken Meserve | N/Y (late to call) | - | N | Y | N | N |

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| Casey McConnell | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Jeff Skafelstad | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Calvin Casipit | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y |
| Andy Savland | Y | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Fagan Skafelstad | Y | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Mark Ortega | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y |
| Faith Grant | Y | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Bob Hughes | N | - | - | - | - | • |
| Aaron St. Clair | N | - | - | - | - | • |
| Bill Miller | Y | N | N | Y | N | N |
| Ian Johnson | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y |
| Bill Mills | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y |
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| NUMBER N | 3 | 8 | 11 | | 11 | 5 |

**Icy Straits Advisory Committee**
**December 15, 2021**
**Teleconference & Hoonah City Hall**

Phone Number: 1-800-504-8071
Access Code: 4654046

I. Call to Order: Just after 6pm by Casey McConnell

II. Roll Call
Members Present: Calvin Casapait, Mark Ortega, Andy Savland, Faith Grant, Bill Miller, Ken Meserve, Fagen Skaflestad, Bill Mills, Jeff Skaflestad, Casey McConnell

Members Absent (Excused): Ian Johnson
Members Absent (Unexcused): Bob Hughes, Aaron St. Clair
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Harris and Daniel Teske, Annie Bartholomew

IV. Guests Present: Sean Williams, Jay Erickson, and Jennifer Nu, all on phone

V. Approval of Agenda – Andy S. moves agenda, 2nd bill Miller

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - no prior minutes available for approval

VII. Reports
   a. Chair's report – no report
   b. ADF&G – no report
   c. Public Report - no report
   d. Others

VIII. Public Comment – held until specific proposals

IX. Old Business

X. New Business
   a. Board of Fisheries proposals – Andy Savland makes motion to take no action on Proposals 156, 157, 158 on grounds that these proposals, being allocative and

modifying harvest decisions are outside the scope of Icy Straits AC, and have been thoroughly discussed by Sitka AC. Defers management decisions to ADF&G. Motion seconded by Bill Miller. Calvin comments that he agrees that all three proposals are similar and has no problems taking no action on 156 and 157 but would like to voice support for proposal 158. Ultimately, Icy Strait AC voted to take no action on 156,157,158 with 8 yes, 1 no.

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| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 159 | Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound | | |
| | 0 | 9 | Several AC members commented in agreement that it is not good/wise to delete management plan that provides path for subsistence while leaving open ends without providing alternative. Most if not all AC members are strongly against this proposal. |
| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery | | |

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| | 0 | 10 | Multiple AC members voice opposition to reducing access to closer and important subsistence areas. Reducing this core area would create additional tension between subsistence and personal use users and industry/ADFG.<br>Vote number discrepancy: Jeff Skaflestad arrives mid vote on 159 but listens to discussion and votes on 160. |
| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area | | |
| | 0 | 10 | Public comment against instituting permits when current regulations don't limit roe on branch harvest and other harvest reporting already occurs. AC members agree that this proposal trying to fix something that is not a problem or an issue in our eyes; additional permit is unnecessary. |

b. Select representative for Board of Fisheries Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting January 4-15, 2022 in Ketchikan – no AC members volunteered and several that may have interest in attending the meeting already have obligations.

XI. Set next meeting date – Next meeting date sometime in February after conferring with ADFG about future proposal deadlines and after BOF meets and makes decisions on current proposals, especially ones commented on by our AC.

XII. Other – Thanks public input and attendance by ADFG staff to provide context and information about proposals.

XIII. Adjourn

Adjournment: 7pm

Minutes Recorded By: __Casey McConnell, Chair_____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

**Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee**
**11.5.20**
**Online Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [5:39 pm] by [Kevin Maier]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Kevin Maier (Freshwater Charter), Jessie Walker (Sportfish/personal Use) Ed Buyarski, (sportfish/personal use) Peter Robertson (non-consumptive commercial, Thatcher Brouwer, Jason Kolhase, Richard Yamada, Kristine Trott (non-commercial, non-consumptive), Mike Bethers (Hunting, fishing and personal use), Melanie Brown (alternate) Chris Miller (commercial Fishing) Mike Cole (Alternate) Nick Orr (Sport Fishing), Jesse Ross (trapper) Terry White (charter, salt).

Members Absent Atlin Daugherty and Forest Wagner
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: ADFG, Commercial Fish, Sport Fish, Personnel Use, Hatchery.

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved by unanimous consent.

Agenda

According to my admittedly less-than-perfect records, we need to hold elections for the following seats tonight:

- Designated Seat: Processor (Jason Kolhase)
- Designated Seat: Sport Fish/Hunting/Personal Use (Jesse Walker)
- Designated Seat: Commercial Fishing (Forest Wagner)
- Designated Seat: Charter Fishing – Freshwater (Kevin Maier)
- Alternates: (Melanie Brown, Mike Cole)

Per our usual practice, if elections are contested, we will ask each candidate to offer a brief statement of interest and then open floor for questions before voting.

· Discussion of BOF Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting proposals, with particular focus on: 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 89, 90, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 132, 134-141, 143-148, 150, 155, 171-173,202, 220, and 223, 225

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Annie Bartholomew (ADFG), Dan Teske (ADFG), Dave Love, (ADFG) David Harris (ADFG), Bob Chadwick (ADFG), Andrew Olson (ADFG)

VI. Guests Present: Katie Harms (DIPAC Director),

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business:

Elections:

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MINUTES

First Order of Business is Elections:

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Passed unanimous consent to reelect current members.

Kevin Maier: Is it okay if we have elections at the next meeting?

No objection.

Kevin Maier: Do you want to set a time limit?

Yes. Two hours was agreed upon.

Statewide Board of Fish Proposals, Joint Board Proposals and Hatchery Resolution.

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast Alaska Finfish | | | |
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| 81 | Commercial | | |
| Oppose | 6 | 8 | Dave Harris: This is a mop up proposal. Excess quota is rolled into troll fishery. This would establish a framework for the troll fleet to catch the remaining Chinook quota when it is clear that the other Chinook fisheries will not be able to harvest the king salmon.<br>Thatcher Brouwer: In support of proposal.<br>Kristine Trott: Are there fish present if the fishermen have a difficult time catching them?<br>Dave Harris: The allocation is set under the salmon treaty. If nobody catches them they are gone. This would be a way to maximize the fishery. Yes.<br>Jesse Walker: How did the department do this very thing, this year, without a board proposal? If they catch the quota will it impact sport fishermen?<br>Dave Harris: Special emergency regulations allowed for the department to reallocate the fish this year. It will not impact sport fishermen.<br>Richard Yamada: How accurate is the data coming from the department? What is the danger of the troll fishery overharvesting?<br>Dave Harris: The commercial net fisheries are pretty much done at this time. We can manage the troll fishery very accurately.<br>Dan Teske: Dave is correct, the majority of sport harvest is already complete by September 1. Working on ways to manage and account for in season sport harvest. It is fairly accurate, but trying to get more accurate.<br>Terry White: Why do we harvest them instead of let them go?<br>Dave Harris: They will be unavailable to harvest. If we do not catch them someone else will in British Columbia or Washington. It is not conservation issue. More about the economics of harvesting the resource.<br>Mike Bethers: My concern is protecting the resident sport fishery. I do not mind catching allocation, but do not want it to impact the resident sport fishery.<br>Dan Teske: It would not impact sport fishery. We already have our regulations set.<br>Ed Buyarski: Some conservation concerns? Would not reduce or catch. |

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| | | | Dave Harris: No, but it is basically forgone catch.<br>Jesse Walker: This proposal would reallocate the fish back to the troll fishery.<br>Dan Teske: It is a timing deal. Most of sport fish have already been caught by September 1. Given the timing, there will be plenty of fish for the winter sport fishery.<br>Jesse Walker: These fish might end up spawning. It is not forgone conclusion that they will be caught.<br>Richard Yamada: What is the difference between proposal 80 and 81?<br>Dave Harris: Proposal 80 is submitted by the department and would help them manage the Chinook fishery based on new treaty agreement.<br>Proposal 81 would allocate the uncaught Chinook quota to the troll fishery after September 1st.<br>Melanie Brown: When does the winter season start and when does the department start counting Chinook for purposes of the quota?<br>Dave Harris: The trollers start harvesting Chinook salmon on October 11 in the winter fishery. These count for the next allocative year.<br><br>Ed Buyarski called question and Jesse Walker 2nd question. |
| 220 | | | |
| Support | 14 | **0** | Andrew Olson: Allow pot gear to be used in Northern Southeast Inside Chatham Strait fishery. Allow gear to be used, but CFEC would need to be petitioned to allow pots. Pot fishing is allowed in the Gulf of Alaska by the federal fishery managers and pot fishing is allowed in Southern Southeast inside waters by ADFG. Currently some boats need to switch between pot fishing and long lining to fish Chatham for boats that have permits in both areas.<br>Kristine Trott: It seems like it is reasonable.<br>Jesse Walker: In support. Pots are a better method for catching sablefish.<br>Jason Kolhase: Pot fishing is much more efficient. The real difference is in reduced buy catch. This is a no brainer. Makes a lot of sense. |

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| | | | Andrew Olson: Long line catches more by bycatch. Especially Rockfish and small black cod.<br><br>Ed Buyarski – Question. Jesse Ross – 2nd. |
| 221 | | | |
| S | 14 | 0 | Andrew Olson: Proposal would require escape rings in the state fishery to be 3 and ¾ inches. All pots would have the same escape ring size.<br>Thatcher Brouwer: Would this put a burden on the fleet?<br>Andrew Olson: No. This would reduce the size currently used in Southern Southeast and it is easy to reduce size.<br>Jason Kolhase: No requirement in gulf for escape rings and it would not be a big burden for fishermen to decrease size in the State fishery. All fishermen would need to do is purchase smaller escape rings.<br><br>Question: Jesse Walker and 2nd Ed Buyarski |
| 223 | | | |
| S | 14 | 0 | Andrew Olson: This would require escape rings in pots used by personal use fishermen. 3 and ¾ inch escape rings is the perfect size based on research done.<br><br>No proposal to long line pot gear in personal use fishery.<br>Jason Kolhase: Why not allow them to be long lined?<br>Andrew Olson: No one submitted a proposal to allow them to be long line them.<br>Jason Kolhase: Should we amend the proposal to allow long lining of pots by personal use fishermen?<br>Jesse Walker: Would support allowing long lining of pots.<br>Richard Yamada: It would set a bad precedent to change the wording of the proposal.<br>Kevin Maier: We have amended proposals in the past. There is some precedent to amend the proposal.<br>Richard Yamada: It might be a note rather than an amendment. Concerned that it sets bad precedent. |

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| | | | Jason Kolhase: Okay if we just send comments to board of fish with proposal.<br>Chris Miller: Fine with making the comment if that would be acceptable.<br><br>Kevin Maier: Proposes that we support proposal 223 with a note that we would prefer to amend the proposal so that pots could be long lined.<br><br>Kristine Trott: Why would you longline pots?<br>Jesse Walker: Longline the pots would cut down on the amount of line by half.<br><br>JDAC supported this proposal unanimously |
| 225 | | | |
| S | 14 | 0 | Dan Teske: This would increase the bag and possession limit for the sport fishery for sablefish based on abundance or total allowable catch.<br>Richard Yamada: In 2008 when sport fishing started there was a concern that the sport fishery would take lots of fish. That has not been the case.<br>The average take is about 3% is by the sport fleet in Northern Southeast Alaska black cod quota.<br>This proposal would peg this to some form of abundance.<br>In times of high abundance there would be an increase in bag limits.<br>Andrew Olson: ADFG uses a robust study to estimate the annual harvest objective for NSEI. SSEI they look at trends and do not produce an ABC.<br>As written, this would use the ABC from NSEI to set bag limits.<br>This is an allocative proposal.<br>Jason Kolhase: What is the allowable harvest in Northern Southeast Chatham?<br>Andrew Olson: About 1 million pounds of allowable harvest recently. 2020 was the first year it exceeded 1 million.<br>Jason Kolhase: Concerned about the no annual limit and wanton waste. As it is written I am not going to support this. Irresponsible not to have an annual limit. |

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| | | | Richard Yamada: This does not change the resident annual limit. It keeps it at status quo.<br>Jason Kolhase: Realizes this is the case, but still opposes the fact that there is no annual limit.<br>Jesse Walker: I see there is confusion based on the way the proposal is written.<br>Jesse Walker: Do you have estimates of sport fishing?<br>Andrew Olson: Yes. We get an estimate from the sport fishery.<br>Jesse Walker: Unguided fishermen do not take very much. Not a big deal.<br>Mike Bethers: It is a lot of work and there is not a lot effort by non-guided resident fishermen.<br>Jessie Ross: Is there a growing interest in this fishery?<br>Richard Yamada: Some guests want to fish for sablefish and others do not. Has been pretty stable. Very niche fishery. In existence for 10 years and we have not seen much increase in the sport fishery.<br>Dan Teske: As written it would put an annual limit on residents. It is incorrectly written. We would flag that. If you were to vote on this and support it you would be putting an annual limit of 8.<br>Jesse Walker: I won't be supporting this as written.<br><br>Richard Yamada: Not the intent of our organization to put an annual limit on resident sport fishermen.<br><br>Richard Yamada: I propose we make a comment that we want to strike the annual limit for residents.<br><br>Peter Robertson: I suggest that we amend the proposal to strike the language about the annual limit for resident anglers.<br><br>Kevin Maier: We are discussing voting on a proposal that does not include the annual limit of 8 fish for resident anglers included in it. Discussion of the proposal as amended?<br><br>Jason Kolhase: I am still concerned about the no annual limit. This fishery is maturing and it is irresponsible to not have an annual limit particularly with the pot fishing allowed in the personal use fishery. |

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| | | | Jesse Walker: This is rod and reel fishery. Not the personal use fishery. Just sport fishing. Not legal to sport fish with a pot.<br><br>Jason Kolhase: Thank you. This is just sport fish not personal use. I will retract everything I just said.<br><br>Dan Teske: This proposal just addresses the sport fishery. The rod a reel fishery.<br><br>Kevin Maier: Just to be clear, pots are not allowed in the personal use fishery?<br><br>Dan Teske: Correct.<br><br>Andrew Olson: Pots are only allowed in the personal use and subsistence fishery.<br><br>Jesse Walker: This is the sport fishery not personal use. The confusion is understandable.<br><br>Richard Yamada: There is a typo in the proposal. Again it was not our intent to change resident limit.<br><br>Kevin Maier: I call for unanimous consent to support this proposal as amended to strike the typo of the annual limit for resident sport fishermen.<br><br>Passed by unanimous consent. |

Kevin Maier: I will send a doodle poll regarding the next meeting. We have until April 2, 2021 to get our comments in on these proposals.

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn Kristine Trott 7:27pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer
Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

**Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**11.29.21 – 6:00 pm**
**Virtual - Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Kevin Maier, Chair

II. Roll Call
Members Present: Kevin Maier (freshwater charter), Jessie Walker (sportfish/personal use), Chris Miller (commercial fishing) Ed Buyarski, (sportfish/personal use), Peter Robertson (non-consumptive commercial), Thatcher Brouwer (commercial fishing), Richard Yamada (saltwater charter), Kristine Trott (non-commercial, non-consumptive), Mike Bethers (hunting, fishing and personal use), Melanie Brown (alternate), Nick Orr (sport fishing), Jesse Ross (trapper) Terry White (charter, saltwater), Forest Wagner (alternate), Atlin Daugherty (Hunting Guide).

Members Absent: Jason Kolhase,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: ADFG, Commercial Fish, Sport Fish, Personnel Use, Hatchery.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Harris, Dan Teske, Dave Love, and Troy Tydingco

IV. Guests Present: Forest Braden (SEAGO), Kathy Hansen (SEAFA), Katie Harms (DIPAC), Aaron Brakel (Public)

V. Approval of Agenda: Ed Buyarski motion and Jesse Walker 2nd. Approved by unanimous consent

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ed Buyarski motion and Jesse Walker 2nd approval of the November 5, 2020 minutes. Approved by unanimous consent

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: Thanked Nick Orr for attending, and reporting the recent Regional Advisory Council meeting and explaining the potential impacts to southeast residents and how to participate. Currently there is a Board of Fisheries meeting in Ketchikan scheduled to start on January 4, 2022. Board Support has funds to send a representative from the advisory committee. Please let me know if you are interested.

b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business: Board of Fisheries Proposals

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: Please see doodle poll.

XIII. Other: Send priority proposals to Kevin.

XIV. Adjourn

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| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |

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| **No Action Motion: Mike Bethers Second: Jesse Ross** | **15** | **0** | Dan Teske: Intent of proposal from the Department is to align regulations with recently adopted Pacific Salmon Treaty. To calculate king salmon abundance the treaty team is now using a CPUE model based on the winter troll fishery in district 113. Previously an abundance index was calculated based on a number of factors. With the latest Pacific Salmon Treaty agreement there was also a 7.5% reduction and pay back provisions if the State exceeds its overall allocation. The tiers from the old abundance index do not fit with new model.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: This is a house keeping proposal.<br><br>Mike Bethers: has concerns with this proposal.<br><br>Richard Yamada: This proposal using historic averaging and does not give preference to charter sector in years of low abundance.<br><br>Jesse Ross: Complicated.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: Complicated. We should to take no action.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I support taking no action.<br><br>Peter Robertson: Support department.<br><br>Richard Yamada: Support taking no action. Discussion about going back to historic allocations. I would like to restore some sort of stability for the charter fishery.<br><br>Melanie Brown: We have only been considering sport and commercial sector. Subsistence should come first according to constitution. Do not forget about the people who fished before us.<br><br>Jesse Walker: Some of these proposals address resident priority. |

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| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| **No Action Motion: Mike Bethers Second: Jesse Ross** | **15** | **0** | Dan Teske: This Southeast Alaska Guides Organization proposal seeks adjust allocation depending on abundance to prevent in season closures for the charter sector. In years of low abundance, the charter sector would get fish from the commercial troll sector. The opposite would occur in years of high abundance. This is an allocative proposal.<br><br>Terry White. Does this include hatcheries.<br>ADFG: No<br><br>Richard Yamada. This would help remedy a problem for the charter sector in years of low abundance.<br><br>Ed Buyarski: How would this impact fisheries?<br><br>Dan Teske: in 2020 low effort and in 2021 CPUE way up. Very difficult for the department to predict how this would impact fisheries.<br><br>Kristine Trott: How do you justify keeping it open for residents and prevent overharvest?<br><br>Dan Teske: We manage for sustained yield. Shut down fisheries if there is concern.<br><br>After this discussion on both proposals 82 and 83 a decision was made to take no action on both proposals. |
| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |

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| **Support Motion by Thatcher Brouwer** | **9** | **4** | **1 Abstention.**<br>This proposal would give the department the tools it needs to manage the resident sport fishery so that it is not shut down. The author directs the department to manage the fishery so that the nonresident guided sector does not take the quota early in the season, thus preventing the resident king salmon fishery from being closed prematurely.<br><br>Does the department have the tools they need?<br><br>Dan Teske: The guided sportfishing sector is currently required to report weekly by electronic means. It takes a couple weeks to process the reports. In the Department's opinion, it would be difficult for the operators to report daily and for the department to tabulate the data.<br><br>Richard Yamada: Concerned with increased reporting.<br><br>Terry White: I oppose this. Do not see need for daily reporting. |
| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| **Support Motion: Jesse Walker Second: Mike Bethers** | **10** | **3** | **1 abstention**<br>This proposal seeks to allow resident priority, by requiring the department to adjust bag limits for nonresidents if they think king salmon sport harvest will be exceeded.<br><br>Similar to proposal 84. |
| 86 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |

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| **Support<br>Motion: Mike Bethers<br>Second: Chris Miller** | **10** | **3** | **1 abstention**<br><br>Another proposal that seeks to ensure resident priority for king salmon by asking the department to adjust bag limits for nonresidents if they expect the king salmon quota to be exceeded.<br><br>Currently there is a potential for the nonresident guided sector to take the full sport quota in June in primarily outside waters. If this happens the resident fishery would close.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I urge the committee to support the proposal. |
| 87 | Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did not consider.** |
| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did not consider** |
| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:. | | |

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| **Support Motion: Thatcher** | **7** | **6** | **3 Abstentions**<br>Dave Harris: This proposal would allow commercial trollers to use 6 lines during periods of Chinook non-retention if the vessel was operated with two troll permits. Currently trollers are limited to 4 lines east of Cape Spencer and are only allowed to fish 6 lines west of Cape Spencer outside of 3 miles. Permit stacking is allowed in other fisheries.<br><br>Ed Buyarski: How often do commercial fishermen need to report? Do fishermen need to report?<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Commercial fishing catch is reported at time of delivery and the department coordinates a call in program when they are assessing run strength.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I am concerned impact to other fish species/fisheries.<br><br>Aaron Brakel: This proposal could have a potential negative impact on communities by allowing for permit consolidation.<br><br>Forest Wagner: I support status quo.<br><br>Richard Yamada: Concerned about impact to kings as bycatch. Supportive of proposal as long as it does not increased in bycatch.<br><br>Dave Harris: No information on incidental king salmon catch rates.<br><br>Nick Orr: Support.<br><br>Jesse Walker: Do not support. Permits not currently being fished will be bought up and this proposal will increase effort in the troll fleet.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: I support this proposal. It could potentially allow trollers to earn a little more. Nobody is building new trollers. Currently there is not a lot of money in this fishery. This proposal could benefit the fleet and make the troll fishery more viable. |
| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: | | |
| **No Action Motion:** | **15** | **0** | Dave Harris: This proposal would adjust when king salmon are added to the spring troll fishery to a tier 3 or above with |

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| **Thatcher<br>Brouwer<br>Second:<br>Nick Orr** | | | the CPUE model currently being used to set quota. It would potentially add fish to the spring fishery.<br><br>Concerns that it could potentially increase the quota during the spring fishery when there is a greater chance of catching Southeast stocks of concern.<br><br>Members felt that it is a complex proposal dealing with Pacific Salmon Treaty and opted to take no action. |

Adjournment:

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**Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**12.13.21 – 6:00 pm**
**Virtual - Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Kevin Maier, Chair

II. Roll Call
Members Present: Kevin Maier (freshwater charter), Jesse Walker (sportfish/personal use), Chris Miller (commercial fishing) Ed Buyarski, (sportfish/personal use), Peter Robertson (non-consumptive commercial), Thatcher Brouwer (commercial fishing), Richard Yamada (saltwater charter), Kristine Trott (non-commercial, non-consumptive), Mike Bethers (hunting, fishing and personal use), Melanie Brown (alternate), Nick Orr (sport fishing), Jesse Ross (trapper), Forest Wagner (alternate), Atlin Daugherty (Hunting Guide).

Members Absent: Jason Kolhase (processing), Terry White (charter, saltwater),

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: ADFG, Commercial Fish, Sport Fish, Personnel Use

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Christy Tibbles, Dave Harris, Dan Teske, Dave Love

IV. Guests Present: Mike Riederer, Commercial Fishing.

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ed Buyarski and Seconded Jesse Walker. Passed by unanimous consent.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Thatcher Brouwer has been on vacation and has not had an opportunity to finish the minutes.

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: Terry White and Thatcher Brouwer have expressed interest and ability in attending Board of Fisheries meeting. Terry should be available tomorrow and we will discuss it then.

b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business: Board of Fisheries Proposals

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: December 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm

XIII. Other:

Adjourn: 8:52 pm.

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| *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.* | | | |
| 110 | Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows: | | |

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| **SUPPORT Motion: Jesse Walker Second: Mike Bethers** | **12** | **1** | **1 Abstention**<br>Dave Harris: It would establish a regulation that would require a permit holder to report a lost gillnet within 12 hours. A companion proposal would also be necessary to require permit holder to mark net. Department is neutral. Reporting requirement would be unenforceable without marking requirement.<br><br>Kristine Trott: Is there an additional requirement to mark gillnet with ownership?<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: There are not too many nets left out in the water. Most of the time you can salvage the net. I am not a fan of regulation.<br><br>Peter Robertson: This regulation as proposed is worthless as written since it does not require marking. Would it not be better to require marking of nets.<br><br>Jesse Walker: Under impression marking would go hand in hand with this proposal. I am in favor. Gear should be marked and reported.<br><br>Nick Orr: I support.<br><br>Michael Riederer: Difficult to make repairs with new requirement. Do not want to set our self-up for failure. As long as it not setting us up for failure.<br><br>Mike Bethers: Any information from Bristol Bay on how often it is used?<br><br>Dave Harris: No. I do not know. Greater likelihood of losing a net in Bristol Bay.<br><br>Chris Miller: Not that onerous of a requirement to mark net. I am in support of proposal.<br><br>Forest Wagner: I would reiterate would Chris Miller said. I am for this proposal.<br><br>Melanie Brown: Cork marking is not a hardship. It is good to have a reporting requirement.<br><br>Jesse Walker . Called question and Mike Bethers Seconded. |
| 111 | Change the maximum drift gillnet mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to 6 and one-eight inches, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE<br>Question Chris Miller<br>Second Ed Buyarski** | **4** | **6** | **4 Abstentions**<br>Atlin Daugherty: Nets can stretch and this would allow fishermen to relax about net size because of increase by an 1/8 inch of allowable net size from 6 inch to 6 and 1/8 inch.<br><br>Dave Harris: This could increase incidental catch of king salmon. Two citations for nets greater than six inches in past 5 years. The Department opposes this proposal.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: I do not think people will buy 6 and 1/8 inch net and I do not think you will catch more kings with a larger net.<br><br>Jesse Walker: Is there a case of troopers issuing a ticket for a net that has stretched?<br><br>Dave Harris: No.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Do they stretch?<br><br>Dave Harris: They do stretch, but people have not been ticketed.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: They do stretch, and has heard that at least one person was cited when they thought they have a 6 inch net.<br><br>Nick Orr: If everyone was so worried about net size, maybe they should order smaller nets.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: Sometimes there is a 6 inch minimum so it would not make sense to order a smaller net. I am in support. |
| 112 | Provide the department authority to allow drift gillnets of up to 90 meshes in depth to be used in the District 11 drift gillnet fishery beginning in SW 34, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE Question Kevin Maier** | **4** | **6** | **3 Abstentions**<br><br>Dave Harris: In District 11 fishermen could use deeper gillnets that are approximately 50 percent deeper. There are specific harvest agreements necessary to abide by recent Pacific Salmon Treaty. Department is neutral on allocation, but opposes deeper nets based on increased catch potentially for transboundary fish. Concerns about CPUE with the new net depth. It would complicate matters.<br><br>Mike Bethers: How many more incidental king salmon will we harvest if this proposal is to be adopted.<br><br>Dave Harris: Very minimal king salmon bycatch at the time of the coho fishery. But could impact other stocks.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: What is the Department response. What has the coho escapement been?<br><br>Dave Harris: Neutral on Taku river area, but opposes use in other areas. Escapement above range of 75,000 coho this year.<br><br>Jesse Walker: I am going to oppose.<br><br>Michael Riederer: I support.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I oppose. Concerns about stocks of concern.<br><br>Kristine Trott: Groundfish bycatch?<br><br>Dave Harris: Very small amount of groundfish bycatch.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty. Very minimal groundfish bycatch.<br><br>Richard Yamada: What conditions need to be right for gillnetters to deploy deeper net?<br><br>Dave Harris: The department has not worked out hard numbers when it would be triggered. As written, it would be for times of high coho abundance. |
| 113 | Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented, as follows: | | |
| **OPPOSE Question: Jesse Walker** | **13** | **0** | Dave Harris: Add a mesh size restriction at the discretion of department. Could add additional mess size restriction, but does specify size. Currently use mess size restrictions of 6 inch max or |

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| **Called question.** | | | minimum. Department opposes this proposal. Does not feel it is necessary.<br><br>Nick Orr: I oppose this proposal.<br><br>Michael Riederer: Would this potentially help fishermen retain fishing time if Department could allow another mesh size?<br><br>Dave Harris: This would not allow much more fishing size.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Would this help protect Taku and Stikine stocks?<br><br>Dave Harris: This proposal could reduce incidental mortality, but could also increase time for gillnetters.<br><br>Chris Miller: Oppose. Reduction in mess size does eliminate take of kings. Smaller mess still catches kings.<br><br>Mike Bethers: Concern that kings are smaller and smaller mess could also catch kings. I do not know what the real effect is going to be.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: Support Chris Millers comments |
| 114 | Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE**<br>**Question Chris Miller**<br>**Second Mike Bethers** | **3** | **9** | **2 Abstentions**<br><br>Dave Harris: Allow use of downrigger with fishing rod by hand troller. Increase efficiency for hand trollers. Harvest could increase and could even increase number of permits being fished. Could make it make it more difficult for enforcement. Department is neutral on this allocative proposal.<br><br>Mike Bethers: This would allow more king salmon to be caught. Do not see need for this.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: The number of king salmon available to be caught is set. This will not increase harvest.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: Hand trollers are allowed to run multiple hooks off a single line.<br><br>Ricahrd Yamada: When would this be allowed?<br><br>Dave Harris: This would be allowed throughout the season.<br><br>Jesse Walker: Would you see guides buying hand troll permits?<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Yes. Currently happening. Recent citation for someone doing this and failing to report catch. |
| 115 | Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE** | **1** | **13** | Dave Harris: Winter fishery would start on Stat week 31 rather than October 11. Would increase fishing days. Potentially change CPUE and abundance index ratio in Pacific Salmon Treaty. In 2018 the Department limited the winter fishery to protect stocks of concerns. The department opposes proposal. This would add days to the CPUE assessment period. Department is neutral on allocative aspect of proposal.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Would this proposal impact stocks of concern? Is there a way to recalculate the CPUE?<br><br>Dave Harris: This would change metric. It would be difficult to recalculate it. Would not be comparing apples to apples. Changing number of days would be challenging. Each year is different based on stat week. If this proposal increased overall quota it could impact transboundary stocks.<br><br>Nick Orr: This would mess up Pacific Salmon Treaty. I oppose.<br><br>Jesse Walker: I oppose this. Common sense is that there are more fish available at this time.<br><br>Mike Bethers: We should be very careful with this. I think there could be more transboundary fish at this time |
| 116 | Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of nonretention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE<br>Question Chris Miller<br>Second Mike Bethers** | **0** | **14** | Dave Harris: This would allow retention of king salmon during periods of non-retention. This would decrease value. Incidental mortalities are accounted for. The department opposes this proposal. This would reduce traditional harvest targets and increase harvest of Southeast stocks. Without size limits this would destabilize Pacific Salmon Treaty.<br><br>Mike Bethers: You cannot tell whether or not a fish is going to make it. Tag recoveries from seemingly injured fish. I oppose. |
| 117 | Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 118 | Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 119 | Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 120 | Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 121 | Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
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| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 126 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 127 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 128 | Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 129 | Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 130 | Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 131 | Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 132 | Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 133 | Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows: | | |
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| 134 | Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows: | | |

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| **SUPPORT AS AMENDED BY AC**<br>**Motion: Thatcher Brouwer**<br>**Second: Nick Orr**<br><br>**Amended Motion:**<br>I move that we support with the inclusion of subsistence fishery. And exclude terminal harvest areas. | | | Dave Harris: This would prohibit personal use from obstructing more than half of waterway. Some areas already have restrictions, but not all. The Department is neutral on proposal. Could prevent excessive harvest and allow opportunity for more, however, the salmon fishery has been managed sustainably. Department supports if proposal 126 were to pass.<br><br>Ed Buyarski: Can we amend or recommend an amendment to apply to both personal use and subsistence?<br><br>Dave Harris: The state manages subsistence fishery on state lands/waters. Federal government manages subsistence fisheries on federal lands/waters.<br><br>Jesse Walker: An individual fisherman or permit holder could not obstruct stream? What about a case where two permit holders block off more than half of the river.<br><br>Dave Harris: I believe it is one intended for a single permit holder.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Seems like a common sense proposal. I support.<br><br>Kristine Trott: How do you keep the stream open when there are multiple people with permits blocking a portion of the stream?<br><br>Dave Harris: The intent is to prevent any one harvestor from blocking the stream or waterway. You cannot escape the situation. When you have multiple people fishing there is some gap between nets.<br><br>Nick Orr: In support with exception of sweetheart creek.<br><br>Peter Robertson: What gear types are we talking about. Some gear types are more effective. Only in relation to stream size. Concern that would limit personal use fisheries.<br><br>Mike Bethers: The idea is sound. In concept I support this proposal and should pertain to both subsistence and personal use.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: I agree with Mike.<br><br>Ed Buyarski: Recommend that we support for both Personal Use and subsistence.<br><br>Dave Harris in Response to Kristine Trott: This also pertains to other manmade objects. |

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| | | | Nick Orr: I would like to amend this proposal to exclude Sweetheart Creek.<br><br>Peter Robertson: What about a log or manmade dam obstruction river?<br><br>Richard Yamada: Do we need to go back to the original proposal?<br><br>Chris Miller: We can pass the amended proposal.<br><br>Ed Buyarski: I agree.<br><br>Richard Yamada: That is fine. |
| 135 | Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows: | | |
| **OPPOSE Question Jesse Walker Second Mike Bethers** | **0** | **14** | Dave Harris: If this proposal was adopted. It would reallocate fish to personal use fisheries. Currently salmon are fully allocated. Harvest limits are set by Pacific Salmon Treaty. Opposes issuance of permits for personal use king and coho salmon.<br><br>Nick Orr: Does anyone want to support this? Seems like these are fully allocated fisheries.<br><br>Mike Bethers: This proposal has been proposed for many years. |
| 136 | Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE**<br>**Question Mike Bethers**<br>**Second Chris Miller** | **0** | **14** | Dave Harris: Commercial fishermen have always been allowed to retain a portion of their catch for personal use. This would prohibit a commercial fishermen from retaining personal use fish.<br><br>Nick Orr: I do not understand. I do not support<br><br>Jesse Walker: A solution in search of a problem. |
| 137 | Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE Question Jesse Walker Second Chris Miller** | **3** | **5** | **6 Abstention**<br><br>Dave Harris: This proposal would mean fishermen are not allow harvest of fish by proxy in sweetheart creek. The department is neutral on this allocative proposal. The board has the authority to restrict proxy fishing. No biological concerns.<br><br>Nick Orr: This is a small area and it is a big deal that people are fishing proxies and the rest of the fishermen do not have opportunity. Limits other people's opportunity.<br><br>Melanie Brown: Why do you apply this to sweetheart creek only?<br><br>Nick Orr. I am familiar with this fishery and I am not familiar with other fisheries. It is a long way to go and not have an opportunity to fish.<br><br>Richard Yamada. State has allowed proxy fishing with good intent. May be abused in this situation, but generally a good idea.<br><br>Nick Orr. It is not about abuse, but there are limited spots on the creek.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I understand problem. Maybe we could word it so that someone could not fish their own permit and the proxy permit on the same day.<br><br>Jesse Walker: I am inclined to support this proposal if it was only for the weekend.<br><br>Jesse Ross: People are abusing this fishery. Maybe there should be an annual limit? Some people are not utilizing fish they catch. Maybe you can limit the time you can fish.<br><br>Chris Miller: What are the harvest numbers of proxy permit numbers? Perhaps we can reduce number of fish permits<br><br>Dave Harris: Annual harvest about 4,000 fish with about 230 permits and about 175 proxy fish by 12 permits.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: I am inclined to oppose this proposal. It is not a problem.<br><br>Kristine Trott: Is this fishery enforced?<br><br>Dave Harris: The State Wildlife Troopers stop by when they are in the area. |

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| | | | Atlin Daugherty: Terminal harvest area. The fish are there to be caught. I support status quo.<br><br>Nick Orr: Not a conservation issue. Fairness issue. |
| 138 | Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows: | | |
| **OPPOSE Motion to Oppose Richard Yamada Second Chris Miller** | | | Proposal 138 – 141<br>Dave Harris: There are 4 proposals that are similar. 138-141. These would establish new marine personal use fishery in the for Sockeye in the Juneau area. If these proposals were adopted there would be conservation concerns about populations of sockeye. These fish are fully allocated both domestically and as part of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The department is neutral on allocative nature of proposal. Conservation concerns with fisheries on road system.<br><br>Dave Harris: Some of these proposals would have Pacific Salmon Treaty implications.<br><br>Dave Harris: Species compensation of a personal use fishery would be similar to commercial catch. Approximately 15% of catch.<br><br>Dave Harris: An area would need to be established to reduce conflict with existing fisheries.<br><br>Richard Yamada: I propose we group these proposals and for the reasons mentioned by Dave Harris we oppose these proposals.<br><br>Richard Yamada: I move that we reject these proposals. Chris Miller 2nd. |
| 139 | Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows: | | |

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**Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**12.14.21 – 6:00 pm**
**Virtual - Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Kevin Maier, Chair

II. Roll Call. Members Present: Kevin Maier (freshwater charter), Jesse Walker (sportfish/personal use), Chris Miller (commercial fishing) Ed Buyarski, (sportfish/personal use), Peter Robertson (non-consumptive commercial), Thatcher Brouwer (commercial fishing), Richard Yamada (saltwater charter), Mike Bethers (hunting, fishing and personal use), Melanie Brown (alternate), Nick Orr (sport fishing), Jesse Ross (trapping), Atlin Daugherty (Hunting Guide), Terry White (charter, saltwater),

Members Absent: Jason Kolhase (processing), Forest Wagner (alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: ADFG, Commercial Fish, Sport Fish, Personnel Use

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Forbes, Dan Teske, Dave Love, Adam Messmer

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda: Chris Miller motion and Mike Bethers second. Passed by unanimous consent.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: Board of Game proposals need to be considered and proposals for Southeast Board of Game cycle are due in May. In particular the Department has asked us to host a discussion on Douglas island deer hunt and wolf management.

b. ADFG

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business: Board of Fisheries Proposals

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Thatcher Brouwer has expressed interest in representing the AC in Ketchikan. Thatcher Brouwer noted that he understand the role he has as an AC representative. Representation approved by unanimous consent.

XII. Set next meeting date: To Be Determined by Doodle Poll

XIII. Other: Nick Orr: Is there interest on the AC in the herring proposal?. Kevin Maier: They could have been mine. Scott Forbes: This issue is in litigation. I will not be able to provide a lot. Nick Orr: I see this as a Sitka issue. Kevin Maier: Historically we have talked to them. There are permit holders that live in Juneau. We could bracket them and move to the bottom of agenda. Chris Miller: I agree with Kevin. Motion by Chris Miller and seconded by Mike Bethers to move proposals 156 – 158 to the bottom of agenda. Passed by unanimous consent.

Adjourn: Kristine Trott and Mike Bethers second.

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| 143 | Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |

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| **OPPOSE Question: Ed Buyarski Second: Mike Bethers** | | **9** | **4 Abstentions.**<br><br>David Love: There are several proposals that you could take up all at once. 143, 145, 146 and 147. They are all about nonresident bag and possession limits.<br><br>Dan Teske: Proposal 143 would require logbook for finfish and shellfish. New logbook program and is duplicative to what is already being done. Proposal 145 would reduce nonresident possession limits and establish annual limits. Proposal 146 would reduce bag and possession limits. Proposal 147 limits coho salmon bag and possession in fresh water between Cape Fairweather and Dixon Entrance.<br><br>Chris Miller: 143 does not impact bag and possession limits.<br><br>Kevin Maier and Department: Agree. We will consider 143 separately.<br><br>Nick Orr: Is this a problem? Regulation in search of a problem.<br><br>Mike Bethers: Submitted by southeast subsistence. Not sure what information are they trying to gather. Unnecessarily burden on department.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Can you comment on timeliness and accuracy of reporting.<br><br>Daniel Teske: Four different programs to measure effort. Mail out survey. Creole survey. Electronic charter log book. Shrimp permit effort and harvest information. Each of these are used in tandem to estimate harvest. This proposal would duplicate efforts and would not lead to any timelier information.<br><br>Peter Robertson: How would catch rates be monitored for non-compliant anglers or unguided rental boat anglers?<br><br>Dan Teske: Does not account for non-compliant anglers but survey is pretty extensive.<br><br>Peter Robertson: What about unguided rental boat anglers who dock at a private dock.<br><br>Dan Teske: Correct no captured in creole survey, but information is captured in mail out survey.<br><br>Jesse Walker: Department is not interested in proposal. Not Necessary. I am going to vote no. |

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| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| **SUPPORT Question: Chris Miller Second: Nick Orr** | **10** | **3** | Dan Teske. Department logbook for non-guided nonresident sport anglers using rental vessels. Currently no definition of rental vessel definitions. Logbooks are only required in guided marine sport fishery.<br><br>Richard Yamada: We discussed this at North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Council wanted registration, but did not go through process. The vessel rental model has been growing. No reason could not start on state side even though it is being done on federal side. I am not in support proposal as written, but I would support defining this type of anger using rental vessels. Could this legally be done by department? What this need to be a separate proposal to define what an angler is?<br>Understand intent. But not in favor as written.<br><br>Daniel Teske: The process would be a collaborative effort between Departments of Fish and Game, Public Safety, Law and Board of Fisheries to come up with a definition.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Is the Department accurately accounting for fish caught by non-resident anglers renting boats.<br><br>Dan Teske: The halibut issue is federal. The Department would like to leave it up to the federal regulatory agencies.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: What about king salmon.<br><br>Dan Teske: Still captured in creole survey and mail in survey.<br><br>Nick Orr. It is an issue we all recognize. In support of proposal.<br><br>Chris Miller: I would move that we amend this proposal to include salmon as well. This is an issue in Southeast. Worth having conservation.<br><br>Kevin Maier: This proposal captures all non-resident, unguided sportfishermen.<br><br>Chris Miller: No need to amend.<br><br>Daniel Teske: For salmon, the bag limit is the same for both guided and unguided non-resident anglers.<br><br>Mike Bethers: This mainly has to do with the definition. The Department is getting the information. This would require additional, duplicative paperwork.<br><br>Kristine Trott: Response rate for mail out survey is low. |

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| | | | Dan Teske: The survey is scientifically rigorous and data is only used if it is statistically significant. All three programs are rigorous and comfortable is comfortable with the data that they receive.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: In support of proposal. The industry is moving this way.<br><br>Chris Miller: What is response rate for survey?<br><br>Dan Teske: Anything that is reported, has undergone a biometric review. Outliers are accounted for.<br><br>Chris Miller: Rough estimate of estimate of response rate for survey.<br><br>Dan Teske: I estimate response rate of 10-20 percent. The shrimp survey response rate is higher.<br><br>Dave Love: Better than 30% for statewide harvest survey.<br><br>Terry White: This is an unfair playing field for operators in terms of halibut. Lots of boats. No creole census on private dock. No logbook for unguided non-resident anglers. Support.<br><br>Peter Robertson: Survey is relying on self-reporting. Issues of recall of catch. Do they know the rules? Could they big error in survey.<br><br>Nick Orr. Private docks. Making money. In support.<br><br>Mike Bethers. Lots of respondents in areas where there are these unguided, non-resident anglers using rental vessels.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: I move that we support this proposal. I would like to see more data. Another tool. |

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| 145 | Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| **OPPOSE Question: Nick Orr Second: Mike Bethers** | **0** | **8** | **5 Abstentions**<br><br>Proposals 145 -148<br><br>Dan Teske: Proposal 145 would reduce nonresident possession limits and establish annual limits. Proposal 146 would reduce bag and possession limits. Proposal 147 limits coho salmon in fresh water between Cape Fairweather and Dixon Entrance for nonresidents. Only one conservation concern.<br><br>Kevin Maier: Do we want to consider these separately or together?<br><br>Richard Yamada: No biological rational for limiting nonresident harvest. I think we should consider them as a group. I do not think the proposals have any traction. These proposals reduce nonresident access to fish in favor of resident access.<br><br>Nick Orr: I move that we vote against them as a group. No biological concern. |
| 146 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |

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| 147 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows: | | |

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| 148 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |

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| 149 | Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did not Consider.** |
| 150 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |

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| **SUPPORT**<br>**Question: Mike Bethers**<br>**Second: Chris Miller** | **11** | **1** | **2 Abstentions**<br><br>Dan Teske: Submitted by the department. Would repeal roadside sportfishing regulations for trout in Dredge Lake area. Provide an area for public to fish in Juneau. Had some successful stocking in area. Not open to salt water. Would like to continue to stock lakes and allow harvest of smaller size trout.<br><br>Ed Buyarski: What is the survival rate of the fish?<br><br>Dan Teske: Some winter survival but do not know rate.<br><br>Kevin Maier: What about cutthroat in that area?<br><br>Dan Teske: Some but not many.<br><br>Mike Bethers: Historically good cutthroat fishing. Do people have a hard time differentiating between rainbow and cutthroat trout?<br><br>Dan Teske: I do not think it was an issue. With new proposal it could be an issue, but Department would make an effort to ensure only rainbows are being harvest.<br><br>Mike Bethers: Support. Another place to take kids fishing. |
| 151 | Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider.** |
| 152 | Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 153 | Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 154 | Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider.** |
| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| **SUPPORT AS AMENDED To only include first part of proposal relating to removing salmon from water. Question: Mike Bethers Second: Jesse Walker** | **9** | **3** | **1 Abstentions**<br><br>Dan Teske: Would prohibit removal of salmon from water when it is a non-retention period. Also prohibit use of multiple hooks in certain sport fisheries.<br><br>Mike Bethers: This should be written as two proposals. I think the first part is a good proposal. The second part regarding multiple hooks is not something I support. In a study years ago, it was found that king salmon survived different hook types at same rate.<br><br>Jesse Ross: I support first part of proposal, but not second part.<br><br>Terry White: I agree with Mike.<br><br>Richard Yamada: The first part of the proposal seems like it would be hard to enforce. Fish identification problem. They might lift fish out of the water to identify fish. Is this proposal saying that you cannot have multiple hooks on a lure?<br><br>Jesse Walker: He is specifically targeting treble hooks.<br><br>Richard Yamada: I am having trouble with part one of the proposal, but support part two. Unintentionally make everyone a criminal.<br><br>Jesse Walker: The proposer is concerned with people take a fish out of the water and handing it around for photos and then throw it back dead.<br><br>Dan Teske: I expect if the first part was adopted the board would come up with some alternative language for enforcement purposes.<br><br>Chris Miller. Most people support intent of first part of proposal. I move that we strike item 2 from the proposal.<br><br>Jesse Walker: Second.<br><br>Terry White: Survival depends on who is dislodging hook.<br><br>Kristine Trott: Are treble hooks used for snagging.<br><br>Kevin Maier: Treble hooks are used for both snagging and fishing.<br><br>Mike and Jesse support as amended<br><br>Department will work out specifics |

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| 277 | Align bag limits for non-resident unguided halibut harvest from rental vessels in Southeast Alaska with NOAA bag limits for guided anglers in Halibut Management Area 2C, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |

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| **NO ACTION Motion to Take No Action: Thatcher Brouwer Second: Jesse Walker Question: Jesse Walker Second: Mike Bethers** | **11 in Support of Motion to take no Action** | **1 in Opposition of Motion to take no Action** | **1 in abstention to motion to take no Action**<br><br>Proposals 156-158<br><br>Kevin Maier: Three proposals submitted by Sitka Tribe of Alaska.<br><br>Scott Forbes: Proposal 156 intent is not clear, but likely proposer would like to reduce harvest from 12% to 7.5% of biomass Sliding scale harvest rate. Bring Sitka sack row fishery in line with other fisheries in southeast. Proposal 157 would modify how guideline harvest limit is calculated by separating biomass between young and old fish. Proposal 158 would prevent Sitka Row Fishery if certain percentage of fish are over five years.<br><br>Jesse Walker: These are complex proposals. I will be abstaining.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: I agree with Jesse. I move that we take no action on these proposals.<br><br>Kristine Trott: I think 156 is the best alternative in my opinion.<br><br>Nick Orr: No action. Sitka issue. All the viewpoints are represented in Sitka.<br><br>Melanie Brown: Does the Department has a position or recommendation on this? Will these proposals make a difference in herring abundance?<br><br>Scott Forbes: I am not comfortable speaking to your question. More appropriate for herring biologist.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I will be abstaining.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer. Motion: No Action on 156-158<br><br>Jesse Walker: Second<br><br>Melanie Brown: Need to bookmark herring. I agree with Sitka Tribe about importance. We need to take these more seriously in the future. I ask that all of us educate ourselves more. Importance in food web and relationship to Chinook salmon abundance.<br><br>Richard Yamada: Heated debate years back. Very complex. People trying to understand science and issue. It is an important issue. |

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| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows: | | |

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| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows: | | |

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| **NO ACTION Motion to Take No Action: Thatcher Brouwer Second: Jesse Walker Question: Jesse Walker Second: Mike Bethers** | **11 in Support of Motion to take no Action** | **1 in Opposition of Motion to take no Action** | **1 in abstention to motion to take no Action**<br><br>Proposals 156-158<br><br>Kevin Maier: Three proposals submitted by Sitka Tribe of Alaska.<br><br>Scott Forbes: Proposal 156 intent is not clear, but likely proposer would like to reduce harvest from 12% to 7.5% of biomass Sliding scale harvest rate. Bring Sitka sack row fishery in line with other fisheries in southeast. Proposal 157 would modify how guideline harvest limit is calculated by separating biomass between young and old fish. Proposal 158 would prevent Sitka Row Fishery if certain percentage of fish are over five years.<br><br>Jesse Walker: These are complex proposals. I will be abstaining.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: I agree with Jesse. I move that we take no action on these proposals.<br><br>Kristine Trott: I think 156 is the best alternative in my opinion.<br><br>Nick Orr: No action. Sitka issue. All the viewpoints are represented in Sitka.<br><br>Melanie Brown: Does the Department has a position or recommendation on this? Will these proposals make a difference in herring abundance?<br><br>Scott Forbes: I am not comfortable speaking to your question. More appropriate for herring biologist.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I will be abstaining.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer. Motion: No Action on 156-158<br><br>Jesse Walker: Second<br><br>Melanie Brown: Need to bookmark herring. I agree with Sitka Tribe about importance. We need to take these more seriously in the future. I ask that all of us educate ourselves more. Importance in food web and relationship to Chinook salmon abundance.<br><br>Richard Yamada: Heated debate years back. Very complex. People trying to understand science and issue. It is an important issue. |

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| | | | Jesse Walker: Echo Melanie and Richard. Herring are incredibly important to food web.<br><br>Jesse Walker called question and Mike B. 2nd.<br><br>Kevin Maier: I agree with Melanie Brown and Richard Yamada. This is complicated. But it is important |
| 159 | Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 162 | Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 163 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 164 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 165 | Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 166 | Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 167 | Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 168 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Section 1-F, as follows: | | |

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| **NO ACTION** | **13 In Support of Motion to Take No Action.** | | Scott Forbes: Proposals 171-173. All shift start of shrimp fishery from fall to spring/summer.<br><br>Thatcher Brouwer: Does the department have a position on this proposal? Can you discuss British Columbia's management of fishery?<br><br>Scott Forbes: The department supports moving the fishery to the spring. Neutral allocative aspects of fishery. Fall fishery was developed in part to avoid competition with BC fishery.<br><br>Scott Forbes: The Department supports moving the fishery to the spring. It is a better time biologically if it occurs after May 15th.<br><br>Jesse Walker: I would like to support all three of these proposals. We should not be harvesting shrimp when they have eggs.<br><br>Atlin Daugherty: I would support the May 21st start date in proposal 173.<br><br>Kevin Maier: I propose we take no action on 171 and 172.<br><br>No objection. |
| 172 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows: | | |

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| 173 | Move the start date of the shrimp fishery to May 21st. | | |

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| 174 | Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 175 | Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10, as follows: | | |
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| 198 | Establish fixed start date for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 199 | Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 200 | Close the Dungeness crab commercial and nonresident sport fisheries in the vicinity of Klawock, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 201 | Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |
| 202 | Reduce waters closed to Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Tenakee Inlet, as follows: | | |
| **OPPOSE Question: Chris Miller Second: Kristine Trott** | **1** | **9** | **3 Abstentions**<br><br>Adam Messmer: Reduce size of area closed to commercial crabbing in Tenakee Inlet. It would leave a portion of the area closed and open another area. No conversation concerns. Department supports allowing commercial fishing when there is not a conservation concern. No position on allocation.<br><br>Mike Bethers: I spend a lot of time in Tenakee. This was established a long time ago because of sport/commercial conflict. The way it is now works well. I do not know of any yacht charters. I like the status quo.<br><br>Jesse Walker: I agree with Mike. Small area that is set aside for personal use crabbing. In opposition to proposal. |
| 203 | Repeal closed waters for Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Merrifield Bay and Port Protection, as follows: | | |
| | | | **Did Not Consider** |



*Minutes compiled by Secretary Thatcher Brouwer and approved by AC Chair, Kevin Maier, via email on 12/21/21 -Annie Bartholomew, DFG Boards Support*

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**Dear Chairman Carlson-Van Dort and Board of Fisheries Members,**

We, the members of the Ketchikan AC seek the Alaska Board of Fisheries support in reviewing and addressing recent management decisions that affect all Southeast resident harvesters of non-pelagic rockfish.

In early 2020 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game determined that the directed harvest of non-pelagic rockfish, including Yelloweye would cease for all user groups. This is especially troubling as these species are one of the most readily available protein sources for residents, besides shellfish. The emergence and continuing Covid-19 pandemic, increasing costs in freight, fuel and groceries, the interruption of the cruise ship industry and an uncertain future has made it difficult for some families to put food on the table. Food security is paramount to all but can be especially challenging in Southeast Alaska when we lose the opportunity to pursue and harvest our natural resources. We are thankful for our harvest opportunities and to maintain these opportunities we support the following principles of sound management.

1.) Identify, accurately survey and monitor resource populations
2.) Study the resource, its lifecycle and habitat
3.) Capture accurate harvest information

We have contacted the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to determine the cost of purchasing a submersible ROV and the required budget to survey inside waters of Southeast Alaska. The ability to effectively survey, study and monitor would provide necessary and valuable biological data to inform better management and harvest opportunity. We ask the Board of Fisheries support this endeavor and support funds be made available during the legislative session.

The Division of Sportfish has made great strides to identify harvest by the guided sport sector, we applaud this effort. We ask the Board now direct that harvest information of all other sport harvest groups be made accessible to the same program, or the new ADF&G app be made to record these harvests in real time.

We request the Board consider Proposal 228 in our efforts to provide harvest opportunity for residents while promoting and implementing sound management of our rockfish resources.

We thank the Board for its time, considerations, and commitment, especially in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Chair Clay Bezenek and the Ketchikan AC

**Ketchikan Advisory Committee**

I. **Please see attached meeting minutes and comments from Ketchikan AC meetings occurring on December 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th.**

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| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Support the Departments need for clarification |
| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support | 7 | 3 | Some concern how allocation might occur, could trollers have to give up allocation. |
| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Support aligning management with PST |
| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Do not support give and take between Sportfish and Troll |
| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |
| Support | 7 | 2 | 1 abstain (not comfortable voting on this proposal). The AC supports flexibility in managing stocks during periods of low abundance. Though we support resident priority this proposal is not supported by the Department and would limit their ability to manage. |
| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 7 | 2 | 1 abstain (not comfortable voting on this proposal). The AC supports flexibility in managing stocks during periods of low abundance. Though we support resident priority this proposal is not supported by the Department and would limit their ability to manage. |
| 87 | Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 1 | Though we sympathize with the proposer and agree with some aspects of the proposal, this proposal is really 7 separate proposals. |
| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The proposer has withdrawn support. Aspects of this proposal are addressed in others. |
| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon non-retention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Gear modification could affect CPUE and thus domestic/international aspects of PST. |
| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Department already has this ability. Could reduce flexibility during periods of low abundance. |
| 91 | Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Could impact troller harvest in August. Could lead to increase in incidental mortality. Could have impact on PST |
| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The Department can already do this by EO |
| 93 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Current tier system already allows for reduced non-resident retention. Could impact Sportfish ability to reach allocation during periods of higher abundance. |
| 94 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Opposed as it is similar to Prop 93 |
| 95 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for in-season liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Some concern it would bring underages into management consideration. Could make it difficult to increase harvest opportunity later in the season |
| 96 | Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The Department has already been doing this. Interception of Unuk chinook is low at this time. Would increase harvest by the Troll fleet. |
| 97 | Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Intent would be to increase Troll access. However, this is a small area, they are not effective in such a small area and there has been little effort in the past when this area was opened. |
| 98 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Allocative and housekeeping for SSRAA |

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| 99 | Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Allocative |
| 100 | Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Allocative |
| 101 | Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | We support enhancement hatcheries and the Department |
| 102 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Allocative |
| 103 | Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock salmon management, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | We support enhancement hatcheries and the Department |
| 104 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | SSRAA housekeeping |
| 105 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Saint Nicholas, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | SSRAA housekeeping |
| 106 | Modify boundaries of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area and allow use of drift gillnet gear for cost recovery operations, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | SSRAA houskeeping |
| 107 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | SSRAA housekeeping |
| 108 | Create a special harvest area for Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
| No Actioin | 10 | 0 | SSRAA housekeeping |
| 109 | Establish a hatchery special harvest area in Carroll Inlet, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | SSRAA housekeeping |
| 110 | Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | This doesn't happen often and is unenforceable without net marking requirements |
| 111 | Change the maximum drift gillnet mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to 6 and one-eight inches, as follows: | | |

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| No Action | 10 | 0 | Not an issue in the Ketchikan area |
| 112 | Provide the department authority to allow drift gillnets of up to 90 meshes in depth to be used in the District 11 drift gillnet fishery beginning in SW 34, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Department is against changes that could impact CPUE, would rather give time than a deeper net. |
| 113 | Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Current regulations are effective in addressing chinook conservation. |
| 114 | Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 2 | 8 | Could impact allocation and efficient. AST are against. |
| 115 | Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | 1 abstain (not comfortable voting). Not an issue for SEAK inside stocks. Changing the date could impact CPUE |
| 116 | Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of non-retention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Concern this would be abused. The regulation would be difficult to enforce and would be a subjective, a personal judgement call. |
| 117 | Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Could lead to changes in the CPUE in the coho fishery and would then conflict with historical data. |
| 118 | Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 119 | Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Aims to make regulations less confusing. |

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| 120 | Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 1 | Gillnetters are behind in species allocation. Would impact CPUE data. |
| 121 | Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial non-retention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | This is allocative and could lead to issues with the PST |
| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | |
| 126 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 127 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 128 | Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 7 | Some members are against not tending a net |
| 129 | Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Should be addressed under personal-use. Concerned about the potential harvest of sockeye |
| 130 | Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Concerned about potential overharvest of sockeye. |
| 131 | Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area. |
| 132 | Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area. |
| 133 | Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area. |
| 134 | Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The proposal would allow more fish to escape. This is already on the KTN management permit. |
| 135 | Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Department would stipulate this would only occur in areas targeting hatchery chinook. |
| 136 | Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | |
| 137 | Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 138 | Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |

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| 139 | Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 140 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 141 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 142 | Establish bag and possession limits and lawful gear for smelt fishing in the Ketchikan area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Department would be comfortable allowing for limited harvest through subsistence use through the USFS |
| 143 | Require in-season reporting of non-resident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 2 | |
| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Concern that a significant amount of boats are not caught in creel. We want to see timely data available to inform management. We support any and all tools to allow for resident priority and good management. |
| 145 | Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Ketchikan is not a federally qualified subsistence community. |
| 146 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Only concern is with McDonald Lake sockeye. |
| 147 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | |

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| 148 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | No biological concern. |
| 149 | Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area. |
| 150 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 151 | Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 152 | Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 1 | Current regs are regional. Higher mortality in freshwater based on research on the Kenai. Support if this does not create a personal resident fishery. |
| 153 | Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows: | | |
| Support | 6 | 2 | 1 abstain (concern there is something else afoot), could create an exclusion subsistence or personal-use fishery. Some support to preserve the resource. |
| 154 | Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | Would this require a bow certification. Concerns with the ability to distinguish between species. Would not be able to safely release non-target species. Could pose a hazard/safety concern in populated areas. |
| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when non-retention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 2 | 6 | Proposal is overly broad. We support good catch-n-release habits to include not removing fish from the water. Do not wish to see people removing fish from the water to take pictures if they are to be released. There is little support for restricting treble hooks. |
| 277 | Align bag limits for non-resident unguided halibut harvest from rental vessels in Southeast Alaska with NOAA bag limits for guided anglers in Halibut Management Area 2C, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 159 | Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 162 | Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | This is often shared with families. This is a way to help provide for others in need. |
| 163 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |

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| 164 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 165 | Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 166 | Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 167 | Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 168 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Section 1-F, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Permit holders would like to keep this on the books. It's difficult to get a fishery back once it's gone. Will not open unless there are multiple years of biomass. No interest in harvest opportunity from stakeholders if the resource can't support it. |
| 169 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Sections 1-E and 1-F, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Permit holders would like to keep this on the books. It's difficult to get a fishery back once it's gone. Will not open unless there are multiple years of biomass. No interest in harvest opportunity from stakeholders if the resource can't support it. |
| 233 | Remove districts 13-A and 13-B from Northern Southeast herring spawn on kelp pound fishery administrative area, as follows: | | |
| No Action | | | Out of the Ketchikan area |
| 170 | Establish a positive customary and traditional use finding for shellfish and plants for all intertidal areas of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |

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| 171 | Change the start of the pot shrimp season from October to after March, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 1 | Support this proposal with a May 15th start date. |
| 172 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 1 | Support this proposal with a May 15th start date. |
| 173 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 174 | Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Support this proposal with a May 15th start date. |
| 175 | Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | The Department manages to meet GHL. |
| 176 | Reduce the number of shrimp pots that a vessel may fish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 9 | Some concern it would benefit smaller operators. Gear could be pulled more often, resulting in the harvest of more small shrimp. |
| 177 | Establish closed waters in the Hydaburg area of Section 3-A, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | We support closing a smaller area to allow for harvest opportunity free from commercial competition. |
| 178 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Kasaan Bay, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Tools exist to manage and close the fishery if needed. |
| 179 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Twelve-Mile Arm, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Tools exist to manage and close the fishery if needed |
| 180 | Repeal observer coverage requirement, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 10 | This tool is optional, is not a requirement and has never been utilized. We would oppose taking this tool away. |
| 181 | Open a directed sidestripe beam trawl fishery in District 8 for remainder of November-February season once the directed shrimp beam trawl fishery has closed, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Would like to give local fishermen some opportunity. |
| 182 | Divide the District 15 GHR into two fishing areas with distinct GHRs for the new areas, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Outside of the Ketchikan area |
| 183 | Establish tunnel eye size requirements for ridged mesh shrimp pots in the personal use and sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | |
| 184 | Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Broad support to disallow non-residents from longlining |
| 185 | Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid., as follows: | | |
| No Action | 10 | 0 | Artificial light is not currently prohibited. |
| 186 | Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Would like to see BoF direction. AC supports current regs for baitfish harvest. |
| 187 | Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Currently co-managed, support to allow it to start any day. |
| 188 | Change the start of the sea cucumber fishery from October 1 to the first Monday or Tuesday of October, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The Department supports. |
| 189 | Allow the department to increase the number of divers allowed to fish from a vessel from two to four by emergency order, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | This would only be done late in the season and would improve economics. |
| 190 | Amend the Red King Crab Management Plan to include trip limits and equal share quotas when harvestable surplus is below threshold, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 1 | 10 | Could result in unsustainable harvest. |
| 191 | Amend the Southeast Alaska Red King Crab Management Plan to base harvestable surplus on historical fishery performance information when surveys are not available, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 2 | 9 | Could lead to overharvest and loss of personal-use opportunity |
| 192 | Establish minimum guideline harvest level and guidance on in-season adjustment of guideline harvest levels in the Southeast Alaska golden king crab fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Department wouldn't be able to close the fishery. Current harvest seems to indicate low abundance. |
| 193 | Extend northern boundary of the Southern management area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Would increase the southern area for golden king crab. The Department supports this proposal. |
| 194 | Remove Glacier Bay from the list of blue king crab fishing areas within Registration Area A, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 11 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 195 | Extend Tanner crab fishing season in exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | The Department supports this proposal |
| 196 | Reduce the commercial golden king crab pot limit in waters of Registration Area A from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Would reduce fishing pressure on golden king crab. |
| 197 | Modify Tanner crab harvest strategy definition of core, non-core, and exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 11 | Would result in a less orderly fishery, difficult to describe, maintain and enforce. |
| 198 | Establish fixed start date for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 11 | Current regulations allow for flexibility and a start to the fishery with better tides. |
| 199 | Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 11 | |

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| 200 | Close the Dungeness crab commercial and nonresident sport fisheries in the vicinity of Klawock, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 1 | Problems might be more associated with sea otters |
| 201 | Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 10 | We would support if it addressed resident priority |
| 202 | Reduce waters closed to Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Tenakee Inlet, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | The remaining closed areas is enough to meet the needs of residents and non-residents. |
| 203 | Repeal closed waters for Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Merrifield Bay and Port Protection, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | |
| 204 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
| Support | 6 | 4 | 1 abstain (not comfortable voting). No conservation concern in this area. Would un-align Federal and State regs. |
| 205 | Close waters in Coffman Cove to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 11 | This would increase fishing pressure and density of gear in open areas. |
| 206 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Whale Pass, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 5 | 6 | No conservation concern. Harvest data has been stable. |
| 207 | Close waters in Whale Pass to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 11 | This would increase fishing pressure and density of gear in open areas. |
| 208 | Close waters in Kasaan Bay to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 10 | No conservation concern. Harvest numbers are good. |
| 209 | Reduce the number of crab pots allowed and the Dungeness crab bag limit for nonresident anglers in District 3, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 11 | 0 | This seems a better way of reducing efficiency but still allow for harvest. |
| 210 | Establish waters closed to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab in Sukwaan Strait, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 10 | AC is sympathetic. Would like to see the closed area reduced due to its large size. Closed area should include Natzuhini Bay as it is a common harvest area. |
| 211 | Repeal and amend Dungeness crab fishing season in Sitka Sound Special Use Area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | Outside the Ketchikan area |
| 212 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | This helps address safety concerns. |
| 213 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | This helps address safety concerns. |
| 214 | Clarify that Dungeness crab pots are circular in shape, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | This clarifies regulations. |
| 215 | Align state waters sablefish fishing season with federal sablefish fishing season, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Historical data and assessment couldn't be used because the fishery would already be occurring. |
| 216 | Extend sablefish fishing season to December 15, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Would create an exclusive fishery for pot gear. |
| 217 | Adjust lingcod bycatch allocations between groundfish and salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Bycatch allocation is currently not fully utilized. |
| 218 | Establish registration requirements for the Pacific cod directed fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | This is housekeeping and is the only fishery currently not requiring registration. |

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| 219 | Clarify lawful gear for rockfish retention, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | We support this Department proposal. |
| 220 | Allow pot gear in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict sablefish commercial fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Much less bycatch with pot gear. Would limit whale predation and bycatch. |
| 221 | Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from four inches to three and three fourths of an inch on pots used to take sablefish, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | This regulation would make it optional to go to a smaller ring. |
| 222 | Require CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut using hook-and-line, pot, or jig gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area to retain and land all rockfish, including thornyhead rockfish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 6 | Unknown how thornyhead survive after release. Concern that the Department would require total retention for commercial but sportfish are required to release all DSR rockfish. Frustration with the lack of inside surveys and having to use outside data to inform management. Support additional funding and surveying for inside waters. |
| 223 | Establish and clarify gear specifications of a groundfish pot for the subsistence and personal use sablefish fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | This is housekeeping and would better define gear between fisheries. |
| 224 | Allow rod and reel as lawful gear to harvest rockfish for personal use, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | This is an effort to allow a resident who can't pull a longline to the opportunity to catch a rockfish. Current longline regs allow for unlimited hooks, bycatch is far higher than if by rod&reel. Deep water releases allow for safe return of fish at depth. |
| 225 | Modify sablefish bag, possession, and nonresident annual limits based on sablefish abundance in NSEI and SSEI sections, as follows: | | |

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| No Action | 9 | 0 | Current participation is low. Some confusion in the proposal. |
| 226 | Establish bag and possession limit for slope rockfish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | The Department is already doing this. Putting it into regulation would limit management tools available to the Department. |
| 227 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit retention of yellow rockfish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Though we support the Department it's hard to accept the complete loss of access to non-pelagics due to yelloweye. |
| 228 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit the retention of yelloweye rockfish by nonresidents in the SSEI Section, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | The Department opposes this proposal. We support the need for more funding and data. Non-resident anglers take the vast majority of the resource. Residents harvest far fewer fish and depend on them for food security. |
| 229 | Establish lingcod bag, possession, size, and annual limits for nonresidents in the Central Southeast Outside Waters section, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 0 | |
| 230 | Amend the Demersal shelf rockfish delegation of authority and provisions for management to provide a resident priority, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 1 | |
| 231 | Amend harvest record recording requirements for lingcod, as follows: | | |
| No Action | 9 | 0 | |

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

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**Call to Order:** 6:12pm by Dennis Nickerson

**Roll Call:**

| Klawock AC Members | Officer | Designation | Present | Absent | Unexcused | Expiration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dennis Nickerson | Chair | Klawock | x (online) | | | June 2024 |
| Kurt Whitehead | Vice Chair | Klawock | x | | | June 2022 |
| Brenda Leask | Secretary | Klawock | x (phone) | | | June 2022 |
| Nick Nickerson | | Klawock | | x | | June 2024 |
| Tom Leask | | Klawock | x (phone) | | | June 2023 |
| Irving Langmaid | | Klawock | x | | | June 2022 |
| Tylo Kennedy | | Klawock | x (online) | | | June 2023 |
| Mike Kennedy | | Klawock | x (online) | | | June 2023 |

**Number needed for a quorum:** 5
**ADFG Staff Present:**
Craig Schwanke (sportfish), Henry Lesia (board support-online)

**Guests present:** Andrew Sanders (online)

**Approval of Agenda:**
**Moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended to add discussion of the proposals.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Reports:**
**Chair:** None
**ADFG:** None
**Other:** None
**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**
None

**New Business:**
**Elections:**
**Kurt nominated Dennis Nickerson, Mike Kennedy, Tom Leask and Tylo Kennedy to the AC.**
**Nominations closed.**
**Moved and seconded to close elections.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Motion made and seconded to elect Dennis Nickerson, Mike Kennedy, Tom Leask and Tylo Kennedy to the AC.**
**Unanimous vote-yes**

**Officer elections:**

**Kurt nominated Dennis Nickerson as Chair.**
**Moved and seconded to close nomination and cast unanimous ballot vote.**
**Brenda Leask nominated Kurt as Vice Chair.**
**Moved and seconded to close nomination and cast unanimous ballot vote.**
**Kurt nominated Brenda Leask as Secretary.**
**Moved and seconded to close nomination and cast unanimous ballot vote.**

**Moved and seconded to have terms expire as shown on the above chart for the AC.**
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Proposals:**
**129:**
**Kurt read comments of concern from the Craig AC: There is a risk of unintentionally harvesting sockeye.**
**Moved and seconded to approve.**
**Discussion:**
Is catching sockeye a concern while targeting cohos in the Klawock river?

Mike Kennedy: I've never caught sockeye while fishing for coho. It's too late for sockeye at that time.
Dennis Nickerson: The run times are different for sockeye and coho. They do not overlap. This is one reason we are proposing to reduce our season for the sockeye in proposal 130. The best time to catch sockeye in the Klawock river is the week of July 19 which is the middle of the season. In all the years he's been fishing he has never caught a sockeye while fishing for coho.
Brenda Leask: Agrees with Dennis and Mike, supports the prop and states that we are literally choking on coho here.
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote**
**Support our proposal with comments that we've never caught sockeye during the coho fishing season because the run times are different.**

**130:**
Kurt: The Craig AC doesn't support it because it involves the federal waters of Klawock lake and river.
**Moved and seconded to support with comments that we change this proposal to the saltwater/estuary only and remove the river/lake.**
**Discussion:**
Kurt read comments from the Craig AC about a concern of having state and federal jurisdictions overlap which is why they weren't in support. Recommended we support the proposal with a change that this proposal to the saltwater/estuary only.
Dennis Nickerson: Good point. we need to keep the state and federal jurisdictions separate. July 7-August 7 was the original season dates and we are willing to give up some days at the beginning and end of the season. We should amend our proposal to only be for the saltwater/estuary and not the river/lake.
Brenda Leask: As the subsistence user, we are taking a hard hit, having to NOT go harvest our traditional foods. We are the ones paying the price. Why aren't things in place to better monitor the predation of the sockeye? I think it's poor management.
Dennis Nickerson: Other measures being taken to address the low sockeye numbers are:
Full support from SSRAA for having a trout fishing day on the lake to harvest cutthroat. Cutthroat vacuum up the sockeye eggs in Three Mile Creek.
Habitat improvements on Three Mile Creek that include removing all the culverts and installing a bridge, a trail along the creek for better access to catch the trout, removing one of the logging roads blocking a tributary,
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**200:**
Kurt read the proposal.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**209:**

Kurt read the proposal. There are 3 different changes rolled into one proposal. We should give the [illegible] on how to reduce the non res harvest however they think best which is the goal of the proposal. V[illegible] hard time harvesting crabs due to the sea otters. This proposal will increase our food security.
Craig Schwanke: Commercial fisheries manages the crab. Sport fish doesn't have any conservation concerns for dungeness crab in SE. The best option is to ask the board for ways to reduce the harvest.
**Moved and seconded to support with comments that the board decides what's best to reduce the non res harvest.**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**236:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. about our seasonal resident proposal. This proposal will have the single biggest impact for food security for SE AK residents.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**217:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. and how it would benefit the trollers and possibly the trollers at the Klawock dock.
**No action**

**227:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would benefit the charter industry and residents. He asked to have the yelloweye rockfish removed from the non pelagic bag limit so the yelloweye aren't lumped into any other bag limits.
**Moved and seconded to support and ask the board to remove yelloweye rockfish from the non pelagic bag limit and put them in a separate category since they are the only rockfish with a conservation concern.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**206:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would benefit local residents and improve enforcement.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**207:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would benefit local residents.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**208:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would benefit local residents.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**204:**

Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would benefit local residents and improve enforcement.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**179:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would benefit local residents and improve enforcement.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**178:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would benefit local residents and improve enforcement.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**174:**
Kurt read the proposal and gave background info. This proposal would improve the resource and benefit local residents.
**Moved and seconded to support.**
**Craig Schwanke said this change in dates might cause a conflict with other boaters/shrimpers during this timeframe.**
**Discussion: None**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**134:**
Kurt read the proposal, gave background info. and noted some Craig AC members had concerns and said this makes sense if you are using a gill net but doesn't work if you are using a beach seine net in small areas.
Dennis Nickerson: This is already a stipulation on the subsistence permit but it is not a regulation. We use the bridge as a guideline. That's something we've always followed.
Brenda Leask: It already says this on our subsistence permit. This is irritating to me. If we can allow fishing lodges squatting at the mouth of our rivers, why are subsistence and personal user groups being singled out in this. This is insulting. It already states on our permits where we can and cannot go. You want to talk about obstruction or manmade objects, I can assure you it's not a gill net or anything else for that matter from the personal user or subsistence user. We have lodges squatting right in the mouth of our rivers and that's more upsetting to me than a gill net.
Kurt Whitehead: We could take no action.
Irving Langmaid: No action.
**No action**

Kurt asked if the AC wants to discuss king salmon proposals 80-95 and deferred to the group.
Craig Schwanke gave an overview of the proposals.

Kurt: We need to select a representative to represent us at the Board of Fish meetings.
Henry Lesia: ADFG has a block of rooms for members of the AC's and pays for one member of the AC to travel as well as a daily allowance for food.
Brenda: Dennis would be a great choice to represent us at the meeting.
Dennis: Would be honored to represent the Klawock AC
**Moved and seconded to have Dennis Nickerson as the Klawock AC representative at the BOF meeting.**

**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

Mike Kennedy: Would like to go as well.
Henry Lesia: The state will only pay for one representative from the AC per meeting. One representative for the board of fish meeting January 4-15 and one representative for the statewide meeting in March 11-16.
Kurt: Anyone can go and testify so please do so. Please fill out the new member forms and return to Henry.
Craig: Gave more info on the meeting
Kurt: East PoW AC representative is Kurt, Craig AC hasn't made their decision yet. Coordinate with Henry on travel plans. Statewide meeting is in Anchorage.

**Next Klawock AC meeting date:**
**March 23, 2022**
May 1 is the deadline for board of game proposals. Proposed to have our next meeting after the statewide meeting. March 23 was agreed.

**Board of Fish representative for the Klawock AC.**
**Moved and seconded to have Dennis Nickerson represent us at the statewide meeting.**
Discussion:
Dennis said he has prior commitments.
Brenda asked Kurt if he would go but he is uncertain. Kurt asked if anyone else would like to go and explained how the testimony works. The reps get 10 minutes to speak and the private persons get 3 minutes.
Brenda nominated Nick Nickerson and Dennis said he will check with him. Kurt said we can select a representative
**Kurt retracted his previous motion and made a new motion to send any member of the Klawock AC to the statewide meeting at a later date.**
**Irving retracted his second on the previous motion and seconded the new motion.**
**Vote:**
**Yes-Unanimous vote.**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:33pm**

**Meeting minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead**
**Meeting minutes approved by: Dennis Nickerson**
**Date: 12.21.2021**

**Petersburg Advisory Committee**
**December 9,10,13,14 2021**
**6:30-9:30pm OBI Cookhouse**

**I.** Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chair Max Worhatch

**II.** Roll Call
Members Present: 9-12 at various times
Ben Case
Bob Martin
Clyde Curry
Don Spigelmyre
Eric Grundberg
Jerry Dahl
Paul Menish
Kirt Marsh
Max Worhatch
Megan O'neil
Ted Sandhofer
After election: Anthony Taiber

Members Absent (Excused):
Frank Neidiffer
David Benitz

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7 at start, 8 once Anthony Taiber voted in.

List of User Groups Present:

Sport, Personal Use, Subsistence, Commercial Troll, Gillnet, Seine, Longline, Crab, Pot Shrimp, Herring Roe on Kelp, Herring buyer/processor

**III.** Fish and Game Staff Present: At various times: Patrick Fowler, Joe Stratman, Tom Kowalske, Paul Salomone, and on Zoom, Katie Taylor

**IV.** Guests Present: Joel Randrup

**V.** Approval of Agenda

**VI.** Public Comment
none

**VII.** Old Business
none

**VIII.** New Business
Consideration of BoF proposals

**IX.** Adjourn

# Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals

January 4-15, 2022 | Ketchikan, AK

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| **Support/ Support as amended/Oppose/ No Action** | **Number Support** | **Number Oppose** | **Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments** |
| *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.* | | | |
| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | With action plans in development, this seems like a bad time |
| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | |
| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 1 | Our committee supports longer periods of resident fishing opportunity rather than compressing the season into a short competition with non-resident anglers for fish. |
| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 86 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |

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| NA | | | |
| 87 | Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:. | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 7 | Majority felt the potential for unintended drawbacks was not worth the gain. Minority thought the use of a second permit for a little more gear was better than competing with another boat on the water. |
| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 91 | Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Support | 11 | 0 | |
| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: | | |
| Support | 6 | 5 | Most could sympathize with the proposer's reasoning. Ultimately, a sizable minority thought it was not worth the increased risk of recording a Unuk River King on the books. |
| 93 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |

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| 94 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 95 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 96 | Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 97 | Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | This would be a significant loss of net opportunity in a tight THA in exchange for very little catch to the troll fleet. |
| 98 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 99 | Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 100 | Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | No need to permanently exclude gillnet. Hatchery association and ADFG can already do this as needed. 1 abstention did not want to get into allocation squabbles. |
| 101 | Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The state permitting process is extensive and addresses the biological issues |
| 102 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 4 | 4 abstentions not wanting to weigh in on gillnet/seine allocation. |
| 103 | Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock salmon management, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The state permitting process is extensive and addresses the biological issues |
| 104 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 105 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Saint Nicholas, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 106 | Modify boundaries of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area and allow use of drift gillnet gear for cost recovery operations, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 107 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 108 | Create a special harvest area for Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 109 | Establish a hatchery special harvest area in Carroll Inlet, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 110 | Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 5 | 5 | Lively discussion about a rare issue. Lack of markings did not seem to be a driver in the specific instance which motivated this proposal. Concerns about unintended enforcement consequences emerged, such as "what would constitute a 'portion' if someone tore up on a rock or a nasty log" Maintaining markings could be a burden and complicate existing practices of loaning and selling gear another person. |
| 111 | Change the maximum drift gillnet mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to 6 and one-eight inches, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | There is a potential problem at the exact 6 inch dimension that calls for common sense. The spirit of a minimum or maximum mesh size restrictions can be met with a little grace on either side of 6". Otherwise, fishermen may need a dedicated net for minimum and for maximum size rules. So far, enforcement has been reasonable. |
| 112 | Provide the department authority to allow drift gillnets of up to 90 meshes in depth to be used in the District 11 drift gillnet fishery beginning in SW 34, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 1 | Was seen as a tool for the Department to manage the fishery. It might work, but if not they do not have to use it. |
| 113 | Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 9 | The Department is adequately dealing with mesh size in this fishery. |
| 114 | Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 115 | Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |

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| 116 | Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of nonretention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | The waste issue is troubling but overridden by the even more important issue of keeping bycatch at a minimum. |
| 117 | Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 1 | |
| 118 | Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | It was seen as little more than a housekeeping proposal and would not degrade the ability to manage the fishery. Historical fish ticket data assigning a portion of the catch to district 6 or 8 in this heavily fished but very small area on the district 6/8 border was viewed with skepticism. As there has been nothing at stake, reporting practices during a busy fish delivery were viewed as rather lax, subjective, and arbitrary by the gillnetters with extensive experience in the area. The data "lost" by this small change is probably very sloppy anyway. |
| 119 | Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows: | | |
| Support | 6 | 2 | The confusion is real, and should be alleviated. Even experienced gillnetters are often unsure what is open in the area. Some members perceived allocation issues and voted against or abstained because of this. |
| 120 | Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 2 | 7 | We were confused. Does this create additional gillnet area? If so, we were unwilling to contribute to another seine-gillnet conflict. |
| 121 | Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Inexperienced boaters need to learn how to navigate among gillnets and many other boating hazards on the water. Pushing the nets farther out does not really solve the problem. Maybe encountering a net close to town is the safest learning experience. We support education and signage to warn boaters. |
| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 4 | Also 2 abstentions on this allocative proposal |
| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 4 | 2 abstentions not wanting to weigh in on allocation |
| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
| Support | 5 | 2 | 2 abstentions not wanting to weigh in on allocation. Those willing to vote felt this was the least controversial and would restore what was in effect before the sunset changes. |
| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |

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| | | | |
| 126 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | We feel that attending a net is a reasonable requirement. Unattended nets are more likely to cause problems that make nets look bad. |
| 127 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | Dealt with by opposinig 126 |
| 128 | Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | A drifting net will probably hang up on bottom eventually, so it might as well be anchored initially to keep things orderly for the benefit of subsistence uses sharing a small or difficult area. |
| 129 | Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 130 | Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 131 | Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 5 | |

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| 132 | Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | We were not convinced that there was really a problem, or if there was, that both methods could not co-exist somehow. |
| 133 | Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 134 | Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | We felt the spirit of the proposal was good, but wondered about unintended enforcement beyond fresh water. After amending to strike the word "bay" which seemed out of place and vague in the context of a "stream, creek, or river," it was found acceptable. |
| 135 | Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | |
| 136 | Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | We don't think there is a problem to warrant this restriction. Someone might want to fish recreationally after ending a commercial trip and unloading their catch earlier in the day. |
| 137 | Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows: | | |

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| NA | | | |
| 138 | Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate. |
| 139 | Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate. |
| 140 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate. |
| 141 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate. |
| 142 | Establish bag and possession limits and lawful gear for smelt fishing in the Ketchikan area, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 143 | Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | More timely data is needed to manage the fishery. |
| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | We would like to know what is going on in this growing sector of sport fishing. |

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| 145 | Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 7 | 0 | We did not think this would be an undue burden on non-resident sport fishermen. It is still a lot of fish. |
| 146 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 5 | 3 | |
| 147 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows: | | |
| Support | 4 | 3 | |
| 148 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 4 | 3 | |
| 149 | Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | |
| 150 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | |
| 151 | Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |

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| 152 | Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 153 | Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 154 | Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 4 | 4 | Considerable interest in this as a fun and selective way to harvest fish for food, but lost out due to several fish size and species regulation concerns centered around the inability to release a fish and expect it to live. |
| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 277 | Align bag limits for non-resident unguided halibut harvest from rental vessels in Southeast Alaska with NOAA bag limits for guided anglers in Halibut Management Area 2C, as follows: | | |
| | | | |
| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | |
| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | |

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| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | |
| 159 | Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | We felt that repealing these regulations was warranted because they were being used to attempt to shut down the commercial herring fishery and that was not their purpose. |
| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The closures do not seem to be helping anyone. |
| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | A free registration to monitor harvest participation is reasonable, especially when there is so much controversy about this particular subsistence fishery. |
| 162 | Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 163 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 164 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |

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| 165 | Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 166 | Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | It would change the rules in a game already in play, and could have a huge effect on the roe-on-kelp market. |
| 167 | Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | |
| 168 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Section 1-F, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The Department already has the ability to keep this fishery closed. If there is a sound biological justification to open it, then it should be able to do so in the future. |
| 169 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Sections 1-E and 1-F, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The Department already has the ability to keep this fishery closed. If there is a sound biological justification to open it, then it should be able to do so in the future. |
| 233 | Remove districts 13-A and 13-B from Northern Southeast herring spawn on kelp pound fishery administrative area, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | 4 abstained to avoid allocation preference. Majority felt the status quo was fine. |
| 170 | Establish a positive customary and traditional use finding for shellfish and plants for all intertidal areas of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 4 | 4 | Not as much interest in this as the split vote implies. The customary usage was not disputed, but some opposition felt that making this an official finding could blow up into something larger that could negatively affect non-indigenous users. There seems to be plenty of beach food for everyone. |
| 171 | Change the start of the pot shrimp season from October to after March, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 172 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Seems to make sense biologically |
| 173 | | | |
| NA | | | |
| 174 | Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | A season change should affect all areas at once in order to keep effort spread out. |
| 175 | Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The constant tweaking of gear regulations burdens the fleet. |
| 176 | Reduce the number of shrimp pots that a vessel may fish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | The constant tweaking of gear regulations burdens the fleet. |

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| 177 | Establish closed waters in the Hydaburg area of Section 3-A, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | We oppose closing areas without a biological concern. |
| 178 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Kasaan Bay, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | We oppose closing areas without a biological concern. |
| 179 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Twelve-Mile Arm, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | We oppose closing areas without a biological concern. |
| 180 | Repeal observer coverage requirement, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 181 | Open a directed sidestripe beam trawl fishery in District 8 for remainder of November-February season once the directed shrimp beam trawl fishery has closed, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 182 | Divide the District 15 GHR into two fishing areas with distinct GHRs for the new areas, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 183 | Establish tunnel eye size requirements for ridged mesh shrimp pots in the personal use and sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | |
| 184 | Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 185 | Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid., as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 186 | Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 187 | Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | We saw no downside to giving this management flexibility to the Department. |
| 188 | Change the start of the sea cucumber fishery from October 1 to the first Monday or Tuesday of October, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | |
| 189 | Allow the department to increase the number of divers allowed to fish from a vessel from two to four by emergency order, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 7 | Would result in advantages to larger vessels that could change the character of the fishery. |
| 190 | Amend the Red King Crab Management Plan to include trip limits and equal share quotas when harvestable surplus is below threshold, as follows: | | |
| Support | 7 | 2 | Most were open to creative solutions to make this fishery workable during lower but sufficient abundance. Minority was not confident that fishing on weak stocks was justified. |
| 191 | Amend the Southeast Alaska Red King Crab Management Plan to base harvestable surplus on historical fishery performance information when surveys are not available, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 8 | 1 | Seems better than not having a fishery due to budget cuts. |
| 192 | Establish minimum guideline harvest level and guidance on inseason adjustment of guideline harvest levels in the Southeast Alaska golden king crab fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 1 | More flexibility should lead to a better fishery. |
| 193 | Extend northern boundary of the Southern management area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 1 | |
| 194 | Remove Glacier Bay from the list of blue king crab fishing areas within Registration Area A, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 195 | Extend Tanner crab fishing season in exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | We see potential benefit to the fleet and in data gathered by allowing more time to explore these areas. Waiting for good weather and tide conditions would be more more possible. |
| 196 | Reduce the commercial golden king crab pot limit in waters of Registration Area A from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | The status quo seems to be fine. |
| 197 | Modify Tanner crab harvest strategy definition of core, non-core, and exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Little harm is likely come from a poking around in the lightly fished areas. |
| 198 | Establish fixed start date for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 2 | 7 | The proposal seemed quite specific to individual circumstances and not compatible with 195 & 197 |
| 199 | Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | There does not seem to be a problem requiring this change which would allow a loophole in prospecting for commercial crab with non-commercial gear. It could give more advantage to users on commercial pot boats who are fishing in the winter to harvest personal use resources that are not readily accessible by most local residents during those times due to bad weather and short days. |
| 200 | Close the Dungeness crab commercial and nonresident sport fisheries in the vicinity of Klawock, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | The real problem is sea otters, and this just pits users against each other. |
| 201 | Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | |
| 202 | Reduce waters closed to Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Tenakee Inlet, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | We generally oppose closing commercial areas unless there is a biological need. Everyone wants their own exclusive area. Some small communities have been successful in getting one. If this type of thing were scaled up to all of Southeast, there would be few areas left for commercial fishing. This proposal seeks to reduce one of these ill-advised closures. |
| 203 | Repeal closed waters for Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Merrifield Bay and Port Protection, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 9 | 0 | We generally oppose closing commercial areas unless there is a biological need. Everyone wants their own exclusive area. Some small communities have been successful in getting one. If this type of thing were scaled up to all of Southeast, there would be few areas left for commercial fishing. |
| 204 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns. |
| 205 | Close waters in Coffman Cove to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns. |
| 206 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Whale Pass, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns. |
| 207 | Close waters in Whale Pass to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns. |
| 208 | Close waters in Kasaan Bay to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns. |
| 209 | Reduce the number of crab pots allowed and the Dungeness crab bag limit for nonresident anglers in District 3, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |

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| 210 | Establish waters closed to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab in Sukwaan Strait, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns. |
| 211 | Repeal and amend Dungeness crab fishing season in Sitka Sound Special Use Area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | |
| 212 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The consistency argument is reasonable. |
| 213 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 214 | Clarify that Dungeness crab pots are circular in shape, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | We feel that crab pot volume is what should be regulated, not shape. Shape can change from round with with normal use and damage. Some people have invested in square pots. In this case a diagonal instead of diameter measurement or a length times width maximum would preserve the spirit of the regulation without making someone's investment in gear illegal for an arbitrary reason. |
| 215 | Align state waters sablefish fishing season with federal sablefish fishing season, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |

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| 216 | Extend sablefish fishing season to December 15, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 217 | Adjust lingcod bycatch allocations between groundfish and salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 218 | Establish registration requirements for the Pacific cod directed fishery, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 219 | Clarify lawful gear for rockfish retention, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 220 | Allow pot gear in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict sablefish commercial fishery, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 221 | Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from four inches to three and three fourths of an inch on pots used to take sablefish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 3 | |
| 222 | Require CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut using hook-and-line, pot, or jig gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area to retain and land all rockfish, including thornyhead rockfish, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 223 | Establish and clarify gear specifications of a groundfish pot for the subsistence and personal use sablefish fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 8 | 0 | |
| 224 | Allow rod and reel as lawful gear to harvest rockfish for personal use, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 7 | |
| 225 | Modify sablefish bag, possession, and nonresident annual limits based on sablefish abundance in NSEI and SSEI sections, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | |
| 226 | Establish bag and possession limit for slope rockfish, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |
| 227 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit retention of yellow rockfish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Stock concerns |
| 228 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit the retention of yelloweye rockfish by nonresidents in the SSEI Section, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Stock concerns |
| 229 | Establish lingcod bag, possession, size, and annual limits for nonresidents in the Central Southeast Outside Waters section, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 7 | Since the fishery is fully allocated, this would just trigger some other restriction to adjust for the increased retention, possibly reducing resident opportunity. |
| 230 | Amend the Demersal shelf rockfish delegation of authority and provisions for management to provide a resident priority, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 8 | ? |
| 231 | Amend harvest record recording requirements for lingcod, as follows: | | |
| NA | | | |

Minutes Recorded By: __Bob Martin_____
Minutes Approved By: __Max Worhatch_____
Date: _____12/22/21

**Petersburg AC Comments**

**DRAFT-Stikine River and Andrew Creek King Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2021**

The Petersburg AC met December 9, 2021. The proposed Stikine River and Andrew Creek Salmon Action Plan was our first agenda item after elections.

Chair Worhatch and ADF&G representative Patrick Fowler gave an overview of Action Plans, how they are triggered and the time they encompass, as well as requirements for dropping them. The complexities of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and the fact that Stikine River King Salmon are co- managed with Canada in accordance with this treaty was also discussed. It was noted in the DRAFT plan posted on the Board of Fisheries Meeting Information website did not contain 2021 data. Worhatch was able to obtain that preliminary data, and presented it to the committee for reference shortly before the meeting.

The consensus of the committee was Option A for both commercial fisheries and sport, status quoa. It was generally agreed the department had the necessary tools at their disposal to reduce impact. The actions taken since 2017 to reduce harvest in the terminal area as well as non-terminal have been successful. Further actions, if necessary, would be implemented through Emergency Order. We believe a formal Action Plan would likely prove cumbersome, being another layer of management that could possibly complicate treaty obligations or vice-versa.

From Sitka AC
12/9/2021
To; Alaska Board of fish and Board Support

There is concern from some members of the public and at least one Sitka AC member, who would like to attend the meeting, about Covid and the upcoming January 2022 BOF meeting in Ketchikan .

This is in light of a large spike in new cases in Ketchikan Gateway Borough recently. As of today, December 8th, active cases for the last 7 days are 80 and 176 in the last 14 days.

The Sitka AC realizes the train might have already left the station but we would strongly urge that the Board of Fish consider postponing the meeting until the risk level goes down.

Board Support is doing an excellent job of mitigating and lessening the danger of exposure to all involved. We truly appreciate their work.

Respectfully,

Heather Bauscher
Chair, Sitka Advisory Committee to ADF&G

Sitka, Alaska, Dec 15, 2021

Dear Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang,

The Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to communicate our extreme frustration and disappointment with the lack of ADF&G staff comments on 2020/21 Board of Fisheries proposals until Dec.13 for Commercial and subsistence proposals and sport fish proposals still not available on Dec. 15 2021. We understand regional staff comments were submitted by early October and they expected the comments to be available at the latest by mid to late October. The fact that these official written comments were unavailable to committee members and the public has made our and local staff jobs much more difficult and time consuming as we tried to understand the proposals without the “official”written staff analysis and positions.

While local and regional staff have done a superb job of doing their best to inform and advise us while dancing a difficult line without revealing “unapproved” analysis and positions, it is not the same as the committee having the written staff analysis and positions the BOF will have when considering the proposals. In effect ADF&G leaders have compromised the public, their staff, their advisory committees, and the Board of Fisheries by their negligence in getting these comments approved and out to us in a timely fashion so we could make the most informed comments.

Nevertheless we have done the best we could through numerous meetings and hours of testimony and discussion with staff and public to best advise the department and BOF.

Sincerely,

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From :Sitka Advisory Committee
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Heather Baucher
Steve Ramp
Lucas Bastian
Jeff Feldpauch
Karen Johnson
Mo Johnson
Dick Curran
Woody Cyr
John Murray
Aaron Prussian
Tad Fujioka
Eric Jordan
Stacey Wayne sitting in for Andrew as secretary
Joel Markus
Andrew Thoms excused absent
Board support: Annie Bartholomew

Steve Bethune ADFG
Jake Wieleczkiewicz ADFG
Aaron Dupuis ADFG
Troy Tydingco from ADFG
Spencer Chute
Linda Behnken ALFA
Kent Barkau
Jason Jones ADFG,
Anna Laffrey, Erin McKinstry (KCAW)
Tony

Eric Moves to approve minutes from last meeting.Tad seconds
All vote to approve minutes as written
Open nominations for hunting and charter seats.
Spencer Chute is wanting to join as the charter seat.
Eric moves to close nominations Stacey seconds
Luke Bastian nominates Spencer and Karen Johnson seconds. All are in favor of Spencer as the new charter seat.
Tad nominates Kent Barkau to the hunting seat. Eric seconds. Kent accepts the nomination.
Stacey moves to close nominations for the hunting seat. Steve seconds. All are in favor of Kent Barkau for the hunting seat
Annie Bartholomew reports: Boards of fish and game met and the board of game decided to move their 2021 meetings to 2022.. Board of fish is going to compress all of this years meeting into the fall/winter/or spring of 2021/2022

Submit comments by March 2.
Steve moves that we resubmit our request to move the meetings to January. Tad seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
Steve moves to remove the shellfish proposals from tonight's discussion. Kent seconds. Eric calls the question. 8 in favor 1 opposed
Stacey moves to approve the agenda as amended. Steve seconds. All are in favor. Tad Moves to meet in a week Eric seconds. We will take up shellfish and any groundfish proposals that we would like Rhea to address. Motion passes unanimously. Eric suggests having a herring meeting and a salmon meeting later in March to allow staff the opportunity to explain the plan.
Proposal 215 Aligning sablefish season with federal sablefish. Stock assessment happens in the summer and so it would not work
John Murray calls the question
15 vote to oppose proposal 215.
John Murray moves to approve proposal 216. Dick Curran seconds.
Tad comments that processors would not be in favor. Vote 14 opposed one abstention, 0 opposed.
Proposal number 217. John Murray motions no comment and Eric seconds. 15 in support of "no comment".
Proposal 218 John Murray moves to support and Steve seconds. Comment it just seems to be a way to keep track of who is fishing where. Dick comments that it seems like a reasonable requirement.
John Murray calls the question. Vote is 15 in support and 0 opposed.
Eric moves to support Proposal 219 and Dick seconds. Dick Currans is in support of 219 as a good way to keep a more accurate count of catch. .Linda from ALFA is in support. 15 in support none opposed.
Dick moves to adopt 220. John seconds. The proposal is to allow pots in Chatham. Dick recalls from the last cycle:" that the Board Of Fish does not have the authority to make this change. CFEC or State or the only entities that have the ability to make this kind of regulatory change. You might need the legislature to vote to approve this kind of change after consulting all of the IFQ holders". Linda Behkin: ALFA opposes this proposal. Chatham has a sharp edge and there is likely to be conflict between pot and hook and line to avoid gear conflict. The swift current causes gear to move from where it is set.
Steve calls the question. 0 in support and 15 opposed
Steve moves to support 221. John seconds. Linda explains that the department did some experiments and found that they need to adjust the size of the escape rings to be effective. Dick supports it.
Eric calls the question and vote to supports is 15 to 0
Mo moves to support 222 and Karen seconds. John asks for clarification if this is only in state waters or in state and federal waters. Linda from ALFA objects to the proposal because it includes Thornyheaded rockfish and those do not have a swim bladder and should be released. Tad moves to amend the proposal to remove the reference to thornyhead. Eric moves we postpone voting until we hear from Rhea, the groundfish biologist. Steve seconds. 15 in support

of tabling. Linda supports being allowed to support thornyhead being released. She believes the benefit of releasing outweighs the benefit of standardizing with the federal regulations.

Woody moves to support 223. John Murray seconds. John and Dick both feel the proposal has merit.

Steve moves to table. 12 in support of tabling . 3 abstain

Proposal 224 allowing rod and reel for personal use rockfish. Troy from the department recommends asking Rhea.Jeff comments that he thought you could keep rockfish if you have a SHARC card and are using sport gear., Troy comments that currently retention is not allowed. Tad comments that shellfishers can use commercial or sport gear for subsistence and he believes you should be able to use sport gear to fish for dinner. Eric comments that you can use a hand line if you want to subsistence fish for rockfish. Luke speaks out in support as does Woody. Steve believes enforcement would have a tough time knowing if someone were sport or subsistence fishing. Luke points out that we already do that with halibut. You fish those either way. Jeff points out that you should have your SHARC card with you. John wants there to be a clear line between sport and subsistence fishing.

Eric moves that we do not comment. Steve seconds 9 in favor of not commenting. 4 opposed. We will not comment.

Tad moves to support 225 to increase limit. Tad points out there is no annual limit for residents. John Murray feels supportive of this proposal. He feels the stocks are healthy and it would give the lodges more to catch. Steve likes that increased catch is abundance based. Tad points out that the proposals are not really abundance based because the threshold for raising is so low. Dick comments that the bag limits have not been raised for a long time he feels the stocks are about the same as when this was put in place. He feels the current bag limits are fair. Jeff wants to know if there is unallocated harvestable black cod? Troy says it is an allocative proposal. Linda says the allocations for sable fish are tight. She does not see a reason to increase given steady abundance. She agrees that this is a one way proposal and would not drop the limit if stocks drop. Troy points out that this proposal could include outside waters. The intent is not clear.Eric objects strongly to this as it is mostly to benefit out of state guides and anglers. Luke comments that it would be more fair to charter if their take would go up with abundance. Steve moves to amend the proposal to say that the limits should be reduced when the stocks go down. John seconds

With added language to reduce the limit by one fish for every decrease of 100,000lbs Linda thinks we should define the waters this proposal applies to. Steve wants Linda to redraft the proposal. She agrees to try.

Eric moves to table until next meeting. Steve seconds.

15 in support of tabling

John moves to approve proposal 226 and Tad seconds. Troy explains that the proposal mirrors the current management scheme. Tad asks if Thornyhead are included in the rockfish category and Troy says they are not. Tad moves to amend the proposal to include Thornyhead. Eric seconds. Tad explains this is a good opportunity to include Thornyheads in the limits. Steve ask the advantage of including Thornyheads. Tad explains they are found at a similar depth and it is not appropriate to not have a limit. Luke wants to know if Thornyhead are a species of concern. Troy says not that he knows. Luke says he is generally against limits if there is not a concern. Tad points out that it is a vulnerable species and there is not directed fishery of them. Steve

speaks out against an amendment. Linda points out that this species is vulnerable and having a limit is important. Jake from the department reports that Thornyheads are not generally caught by sport. 11 in favor of Tad's amendment. 3 opposed.

12 in favor of amended proposal 226 with 3 opposed.

Mo moves to adjourn the meeting. John Murray seconds. Steve calls the question. Eric would like us to adopt a policy to end meetings after 2 to 2.5 hours.

Minutes of Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting February 17,2021
Agenda: Continue BoF Groundfish Proposals and begin Shellfish proposals as time allows.

Zoom meeting called to order by Vice Chair Murray at 18:10 after delay related to invalid Zoom links

*Board members present:*
John Murray -Power troll; Vice Chair
Steve Ramp -Resident sportfish
Luke Bastian -Hunting Guide
Karen Johnson - At large
Mo Johnson -Seine
Dick Curran -Longline
Woody Cyr -Trapping
Aaron Prussian- Hand troll
Tad Fujioka -Processor
Eric Jordan -At large
Stacey Wayne-Shellfish
Kent Barkau- Hunting

*Board members absent (all excused):*
Spencer Chute- Charter
Heather Bauscher- Alternate; Chair
Joel Markus- Alternate
Jeff Feldpauch-Subsistence
Andrew Thoms-Conservation; Secretary

*ADFG staff present:*
Annie Bartholomew (Board support)
Andrew Olson
Jake Wieliczkiewicz
Jacob Metzger
Troy Tydingco
Aaron Dupuis
Jason Jones

*Other attendees:*
Linda Behnken (ALFA)
Forrest Braden (SEAGO)

- Tad Fujioka volunteered to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Thoms
- Stacy Wayne volunteered to control screen sharing to display the proposals under discussion

Approval of minutes:
- M/S to approve minute from Feb 3 meeting as amended, passed w/o objection or discussion

Groundfish Proposals (continued from last meeting):
- M/S to support **Proposal 222** (previously tabled Feb 3) *to require retention of all rockfish and thornyhead in all commercial groundfish and halibut fisheries in SE*; proposal **AMENDED to exclude thornyhead, passes 12-0**
  - M/S to **Amend Proposal 222 to delete all references to thornyhead rockfish**
  - ADFG clarified that while thornyhead look like a rockfish, they are a different genus, and thus are not included in the current definition of "rockfish"
  - Clarified that the amendment would mean that bycatch thornyhead in excess of bycatch limits could be released, but the other rockfish would still have to be retained
  - ADFG indicated that they would support the proposal (which they sponsored) with or with thornyhead; Their intent was to have state regs match federal regs.
  - Thornyhead do not "blowup" when raised to surface, and thus can be released to swim back down. Most other rockfish will float if released so mandatory retention means that bycatch in excess of bycatch limts isn't wasted and is accounted for. However since thornyhead can survive release, it makes sense to let them go.
  - Unlikely that this would be an issue since thornyhead and rockfish are aggregated towards a common bycatch limit and thornyhead are worth more than most rockfish species, so fishermen would generally keep all their thornyhead anyway until they reach the combined

bycatch limit.
- **Amendment passed 12-0**; question called on amended proposal

- M/S to support **Proposal 223** (previously tabled Feb 3) to *require escape rings with 3-3/4"minimum diameter in P/U and subsistence blackcod pots*; **Proposal passes 12-0**
  - ADFG explained that the proposal was intended to pair with proposal 221 for commercial pots to create uniform escape ring requirements for P/U, subsistence and commercial blackcod pots; explained the 3-1/2" is what the Canadian fishery requires, 4" is the current requirement in SSEI fishery. ADFG did some experiments and found 3-3/4" to be the best compromise.
  - ADFG further clarified that the proposal's 3-3/4" size is a minimum. If somebody wanted to use 4" rings, that would be legal.
  - (To ADFG) What age sablefish are able to escape from a 3-3/4" ring?
  - ADFG: (in response) No sure about age, but fish up to about 3 pounds can get out of a 3-3/4" escape ring.
  - ALFA supports the proposal. The small fish are worth more in the water where they can grow up.

- M/S to support **Proposal 225** (previously tabled Feb 3) to *increase sport blackcod limits as abundance increases*; proposal **AMENDED to specify that limits can go down as well as up, and should change in proportion to the change in AHO from 1.1M lbs baseline, passes 9-3**
  - ADFG clarified that the original proposal does not intend to impose an annual limit on residents and that the proposal would affect bag limits in entire SE region, that ADFG's only survey in in northern inside, hence the use of that survey to represent entire region
  - M/S to **Amend Proposal 225 to instead increase or decrease the regional bag limits and non-resident annual limits for sablefish by 25% or 50% when the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Allowable Harvest Objective (AHO) has increased or decreased by 25% or 50% from 1.1M lbs, with the limits to be effective in the calendar year following the AHO determination.**
  - The 1.1M lb baseline used in the amendment is a more appropriate than the original proposal's 1.0M because the AHO was 1.1M when the existing bag limit was imposed.
  - The amendment is better than the original proposal because the original proposal didn't have a provision for limits to go down when abundance went down. An abundance-based harvest strategy needs to adjust in both directions.
  - The 25% and 50% increments are appropriate triggers. The AHO has been as low as 600,000 pounds (almost 50% below the 1.1M lbs baseline).
  - The AHO has historically been as high as 4.7M lbs, thus the current AHO of 1.1M indicates that the blackcod population is still relatively low. Hence makes sense to keep things conservative.
  - The current 8-fish annual limit is already quite generous. This amended proposal would allow for an annual limit of 12. That's too many! I'm opposed to limits that high.
  - **Amendment passes 11-1**; discussion on amended motion continues...
  - Opposed to allowing electric reels for sport blackcod fishing. Electric reels should be limited to commercial or possibly PU/subsistence
  - (response to above) Electric reels are legitimate sport gear- common in swordfish fishing
  - (rebuttal to above) I've caught swordfish and blackcod on conventional reels- You don't need electric reels for either!

- M/S to support **Proposal 227** to *set region-wide sport non-pelagic rockfish limit at at 1/day 2 in possession, no yelloweye*; **motion fails 0-12**
  - ADFG explains that in 2020 they closed Demeral Shelf Rockfish (DSR) sport fishery for entire year in whole region but allowed 1 slope rockfish/day. They have been reducing the limits/seasons on DSR for many years. Slope rockfish accounted for about 14% of the non-pelagic rockfish harvest.
  - When sport demand for a resource exceeds the available allocation to the degree that it does for DSR, it is appropriate that resident harvest be prioritized over nonresident. The resident sport fishery is a quasi-subsistence fishery in that the harvest is utilized in very similar ways. Hence, for all of the good reasons that subsistence fisheries have mandated priority, this resident sport fishery should also be prioritized. This proposal does not do that. The proposal's bag limits are too high for non-residents and too low for residents.
  - ADFG further explained that in the outside waters the sport restrictions were being driven by needed to stay within the sport allocation. The allocation was less of a restriction on inside waters. But that there was a general conservation concerns for DSR region-wide. There was no directed commercial or PU fishery on DSR or slope rockfish in 2020 and the commercial bycatch allowance is 10% of the weight of the target species with most of the commercial DSR bycatch occuring in the halibut fishery.
  - ALFA has longstanding concern for DSR due to their longevity and slow maturity. ALFA members report their rockfish bycatch rates to ALFA so that they can let other fishermen know about the location of “hotspots” and avoid areas with concentrated rockfish. ALFA's fishermen have also collected high-resolution bathymetric data to be shared so that rockfish habitat can be avoided. These measures help to keep the DSR bycatch in the halibut fishery within the 10% allowance.
  - DSR bycatch in the lingcod dinglebar fishery was minimized once the fishermen started using bigger lures, but it took some time for the fleet to realize the advantages of the larger jigs.
  - (to ADFG) What about non-yelloweye DSR? Is there specific concern for those species? Quillback seem pretty abundant.
  - ADFG: (in response to above): The DSR complex is managed in aggregate because there is so much overlap of habitat. Our conservation concern inherently covers all of the DSR species.
  - (Follow up) What if we didn't manage them all together? While the habitats have quite a bit of overlap, there plenty of areas that don't overlap too. For instance, quillback are found both deeper and shallower than yelloweye.
  - Currently ADFG has a lot of flexibility to mange by EO. This might restrict their ability to continue to do so.

- M/S to support **Proposal 228** to *set SSEI sport non-pelagic rockfish limit at 1/day 1 in possession, no yelloweye*; **motion fails 0-7-5**
  - This is out of our area. We shouldn't be commenting on it. I'm not going to vote on it.
  - (rebuttal) It has implications for us as a precedent.
  - (to ADFG) is it true that ADFG's abundance estimates are based on outside waters only?
  - ADFG (in response): The survey only covers outside waters, but harvest records for both inside and outside are incorporated.
  - This would restrict ADFG's ability to manage by EO. I'm opposed to that.

- M/S to support **Proposal 229** to *increase the CSEO sport lingcod slot limit from 30-35" to 30-45*"; **motion AMENDED to withdraw the proposal passes 12-0**
  - This is a proposal that we sponsored at the request of our former charter representative and chairman who is no longer a member of the AC.
  - ADFG: For simplicity in the past, the Central SE Outside (CSEO) area has had the same regulations as a couple of adjacent areas. The CSEO sport lingcod harvest has been ~30% under the allocation for the past several years. An increase in harvest opportunity is thus warranted for CSEO, but not for all of the other areas managed with CSEO.
  - This would primarily benefit the charter fleet.
  - The resource can support an increase.
  - The current 30-35" slot is so narrow that it is hard to find an lingcod of that size. Many charter clients don't want to bother to target lingcod because of that.
  - For the ones who do target them, you end up sorting through a lot of lingcod before you get one the right size. There is going to be some mortality associated with that. Also increased rockfish bycatch due to the additional fishing effort required to get the right-size lingcod.
  - (to ADFG) Would this proposal limit your ability to manage by EO?
  - ADFG: (in response), Yes; Our plan for 2021 is to decouple the CSEO regulations from the adjacent areas in order to fine tune the slot limits for each area. We expect that the CSEO allocation will be fully harvested with a slot limit of 30"-40", so that's what we intend to allow this summer.
  - (to ADFG) How much over the allocation would you expect to end up if the slot limit was 30-45" as proposed?
  - ADFG: (in response): We would estimate that extending the slot limit up to 45" would result in a harvest that was ~25% over the allocation. Those fish on the upper end of the slot are bigger and they add up fast!
  - This is the first that I have heard about ADFG's plan for 2021 and that a 30-45" slot limit would result in over-harvest. Hence I move that the motion on the floor to support proposal 229 be **amended to say that the Sitka AC withdraws Proposal 229 based on new information that was not available last spring.**
    - **Amendment** was seconded and **carried 12-0** without further debate

- M/S to support **Proposal 230** to *ensure resident DSR limit of at least 3/day including one yelloweye, year-round unless resident sport catch >10% total harvest***; motion passes 12-0**
  - (to ADFG) how has resident DSR harvest changed over time?
  - ADFG: (in response) Resident harvest has been stable.
  - DSR stock assessments showed a decline around 15 years ago, but have been fairly stable recently. I don't understand why resident sport limits and seasons have continued to become more and more restrictive even as DSR stocks have leveled out.
  - In recognition that the DSR stocks are down by about 40% from historic levels, this proposal would still allow ADFG to use EO to reduce the resident sport limit to about half of the bag limit that is in regulation, but as long as the resident sport catch aren't larger than 10% of the total, it would mandate a year-round resident opportunity. Ten percent is hardly a big ask for a user group that should be prioritized.
  - How much of the local DSR sport harvest is by non-residents? Years ago when the Sitka AC was creating the LAMP to manage halibut we were shocked to learn that 93% of the local halibut was being caught by non-residents!

- Resident DSR was closed all last year! Resident harvest makes up only a small p[illegible] of the total harvest even when it is allowed. That non-resident catch and effort have increased shouldn't be a reason to restrict residents.
- I strongly support this proposal. Denying resident opportunity is WRONG!
- ADFG explains that the proposal is very specific in how it limits ADFG's EO authority, rather than restricting all such EO management.
- This is a good and needed proposal. Thanks to proposer for submitting it.
- As part of a class project, the proposer's 7th grade daughter has written a letter of support for this proposal which the chair has distributed by email. The proposer states that he did not have anything to do with writing the letter and actively discouraged it, to no avail. A copy of the letter follows.

*"I'm Alexandra Fujioka and I'm writing in support of proposal 230.*
*I support proposal 230 because I enjoy rockfish. I'm a resident of Sitka who has gone fishing many times as a kid. We went rockfish jigging recently in 2021 and I work on my dad's commercial salmon troller, the FV Sakura.We jigged for a while and caught one rockfish. We had to let it go. I was looking forward to a rockfish dinner. I'm upset at the 2020 closing of the demersal shelf rockfish, as I'm a person who enjoys consumption of rockfish. Some reasons to support Proposal 230:*

**This allows residents to keep more types of rockfish for food*
**Residents don't catch as many rockfish as the nonresidents do in total number of fish numbers because of all the tourists that try to catch rockfish in Sitka.*
**Yellow eye rockfish are the most highly prized species of rockfish. They are very good to eat.*
**Because they are vulnerable to overfishing, if anyone should have the opportunity to catch them, it should be the locals. In some areas, subsistence has first priority over all other fisheries. Most residents in Sitka that are sport fishing probably keep the fish for dinner, instead of taxidermying them.*
**Because of the low survival rate of yellow eye when you have to let them go, being stuck with letting them go can result in almost as many deaths. They would go to waste if they ended dying after they have been let go. This way, at least you get to turn them into dinner. Who doesn't like deep fried rockfish fish and chips?"*

- M/S to support **Proposal 231** to *require non-residents who keep a lingcod to record the fish's length on their license*; **motion passes 12-0**
  - The intent of this proposal which we have sponsored was to provide a mechanism for enforcing the annual limit. The non-resident limit is supposed to be one fish, but in the rare even that somebody catches a 55+" fish they are allowed to keep that one too as a bonus fish. The problem is if somebody has already keep one fish in the slot limit, once that fish has been filleted and frozen back at the lodge, there's nothing to keep the fisherman from keeping a second slot limit-sized fish and claiming that the first fish was a 55" bonus fish.
  - ADFG: it is very rare to see a lingcod over 55". In the last 5 years, the creel census has seen 2 of them.
  - There's no place on the fishing license to write the length
  - (response) Sport licenses are now purchased on-line and printed out. It would be easy enough for ADFG to change the license format.
  - SEAGO executive director: No problem on recording. The change could be built into the charter boat's elogbook software.

End of Groundfish proposals; begin shellfish proposals:

- M/S to support **Proposal 170** to *establish a C&T finding for all intertidal plants and shellfish*; **motion tabled**
  - **Move to table until subsistence rep is available, passed without objection**

- M/S to support **Proposal 172** to *change start of commercial shrimp season from Oct 1 to May 15* and take **No Action on Proposals 171 & 174** due to similarities to 170; **Motion passed as AMENDED to change closing date of "Feb 30" to "End of February" 11-1**
  - Proposal 170 is our proposal that was created and endorsed unanimously by the Working Group that we put together last spring. The specific opening date of May 15 is expected to be the most highly contested part. It was recommended to the Working Group by ADFG's Quinn Smith. If the season opens too soon after spawning the shrimp meat will be soft. If it opens too late, it many of them will have already died due to rigors of molting/mating.
  - I like the process by which this proposal was developed. If you get a consensus of stakeholders you've done the hard work.
  - Harvest in down by several 100,000 pounds compared to early 2000's: 569,000 lbs in 2016-17 compared to over 1M lbs back then. Smaller quotas mean that the season has gotten shorter. It is now short enough to fit in between the spring spawn and the beginning of salmon season. Previously, the season was too long to fit in that window and since most shrimpers consider the shrimp fishery to be secondary to their salmon fishing they wanted a fall fishery. These days, the great majority of the shrimp harvest occurs in the first week of the season.
  - That's a big drop in production! (To ADFG) Is this a conservation concern?
  - ADFG (in response): The areas south of Sumner Strait are just fine, but much of the area north of Sumner Strait- including the local Sitka area are having problems. The Hoonah Sound fishery in District 13C has been declining ever since it was opened. It didn't open at all last year.
  - ADFG: There were similar proposals in the 2018 cycle. The department supported the change then, and in all likelihood will support the change this time too. However, the department can manage a sustainable fishery in spring or fall.
  - A spring fishery would allow for utilization of more current survey data. The survey occurs in the fall, but the data doesn't get compiled in time to be utilized in the fall fishery, so quotas are set on one year old data. If the fishery were in the spring, the most recent fall survey data could be used.
  - (To ADFG) Would the GHL be adjusted to recognize that once shrimp have spawned, the weight of their eggs is not longer part of the harvest?
  - ADFG (in response) not sure about an egg weight adjustment, but we do currently adjust for molting.
  - How does Canada manage their stocks? Can we do what they do?
  - (response to above) The Canadian fishery is much larger. They dedicate more resources towards management. They use in-season male:female ratios. Their method works well for them, but I don't think that we can do the same.
  - I talked to several shrimpers about this. They were split. Some said, that it's a "No brainer" to avoid the time of year when they are carrying eggs. Others said, that the shrimp are harder to find in the spring. The season might take too long.
  - (In response to above) It might take some exploration, but they'll learn how to catch them in

the spring! It might just take them a couple of seasons to figure it out.

- Some of the shrimp markets don't want the eggs. It is harder to sell shrimp with eggs than those without.
- (Hunting guide representative) The spring Brown Bear hunting season ends May 20 in inside areas near where most of the shrimping occurs; locally that's Hoonah Sound. Having a bunch of shrimp boats in the area will spook the bears during the last week of the season, which at least now is also the best week for hunting. We should push the start date off until May 21.
- (In response) The May 15 date was identified by ADFG's Quinn Smith as the best date for quality. Opening any later increases the likelihood that the shrimp season will run into the salmon season. Many shrimpers also gillnet, and the gillnet season opens June 1 in hatchery terminal areas.
- (questioning above) Sure the hatchery season opens, June 1, but how many kings do you really catch? Isn't it just a warm-up for the real season?
- (Gillnetter, in response to above) The 2020 chum season was exceptionally bad, but the spring kings made up about half of my income this year. These spring hatchery openers are important! I don't think that I would bother to go shrimping if it was just ten days before my first gillnet opening since I would only have a week or so to shrimp because I would need time to change the boat over to gillnetting. Whereas if the season opened on May 15th, that would be twice as long of a season. That would be worthwhile.
- Sound like May 15 would work for outside areas, and areas without bear hunting, but Hoonah Sound is a major shrimp location and a major bear hunting area. The Hoonah Sound shrimp season is very short. Could it be designated as an exclusive area and open on the 21th while the rest of the region opened on the 15th, with a rule that if you fish anywhere else before the 21th you aren't allowed to fish Hoonah Sound?
- (ADFG in response) That could work for Hoonah Sound. We wouldn't want to delay Hoonah Sound opener without exclusive designation because there would be too much effort, but might work as an exclusive area
- (Hunting guide representative, in response) Actually, most of the region's shrimp harvest are from areas that close to bear hunting on May 20. I just gave Hoonah Sound as a local example.
- I support the process of the Working Group. We shouldn't change their recommendation without their approval.
- We can support this proposal as written and let the BoF sort out the opening date. I'm sure that they will get plenty of comments on it!
- Start date aside, I would like to change the ending date. The current ending date of the secondary season is February 30. That's not a valid date. **Move to amend changing "February 30" to "end of February"**. "End of February" rather than "February 28" avoids any issue with leap years.
    - Amendment seconded and carried unanimously without discussion; Question called on amended motion

Other business:

- Eric Jordan presented a map showing proposed expansion of the Goddard spring troll area. It included some of the water that used to be within the Biorka spring area that has not been opened recently.
- Tad Fujioka: (response to Jordan) The Biorka area developed a reputation for having low Alaska hatchery percentages and that's why it hasn't been opened recently. But that is not a fair

characterization of the Biorka harvest. The most recent years that it was open were [illegible] very high coast-wide abundance of non-Alaska hatchery fish, and this drove the hatchery percentages down in all of the Sitka districts, not just Biorka. Compared to the other districts in the same years, the Biorka percentages were pretty similar.

- Next AC meeting to be February 24th.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

Minutes of Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting February 24,2021
Agenda: BOF proposals Shrimp and Miscellaneous, and shellfish proposals (170, 173 -213)
Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Board of Game
Notice of Proposed Changes on Southeastern Alaska Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations of the Alaska Board of Fisheries
Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Board of Fisheries
Other Business

Zoom meeting called to order by Vice Chair Murray

Board members present:

John Murray- Power troll; Vice Chair
Luke Bastian- Hunting Guide
Mo Johnson- Seine
Woody Cyr- Trapping
Tad Fujioka- Processor
Stacey Wayne- Shellfish
Spencer Chute- Charter
Steve Ramp- Resident sportfish
Karen Johnson- At large
Dick Curran- Longline
Aaron Prussian- Hand troll
Eric Jordan- At large
Kent Barkau- Hunting
Jeff Feldpaush- Subsistence

Other attendees:
Taylor White (Guest),

Department staff present:

Annie Bartholomew (Board Support)
Aaron Dupuis
Jake Wieliczkiewicz
Jason Jones
Lauren Sill
Troy Tydinco

Board members absent (all excused):

Andrew Thoms- Conservation; Secretary
Joel Markus- Alternate
Heather Bauscher- Alternate; Chair

- Luke Bastian volunteered to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Thoms
- Stacy Wayne volunteered to control screen sharing to display the proposals under discussion

Approval of minutes: M/S to approve minute from Feb 3 meeting, Tad will modify as agreed, passed w/o objection

Approve Agenda: amended to start with members of the public to be heard w/o objection

Taylor White asked for a letter of support from the committee to assist in applying for funding for further Pinto Abalone research to fill current and historic gaps in information on harvested pinto abalone and sea otter populations in Sitka Sound using models developed with quantitative surveys, local interviews, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

- Eric moves committee write letter of support, volunteers to write letter with Taylor's assistance
- Tad seconds
- Stacey voices support
- Steve hasn't seen letter previously forwarded, still supports
- Kent also hasn't seen previously forwarded letter, still sports
- John is in support, willing to assist
- Eric will present draft letter to board at next meeting

Question is called, vote is 14-0 in support

M/A to consider **Proposal 170**

- Lauren Sill- gives overview of proposal, which would create a new regulatory category of "Beach Seafood" and grant customary and traditional preference, Local area 13 is already C/T for most listed species
- Kent- SE RAC doing something similar covering anything harvested for subsistence; Ketchikan is a non-subsistence area, special permits required.-in support
- John Murray- some of the language is concerning
- Steve- will this effect established bag limits and the departments ability to manage
- Lauren- F&G can still manage, if there is a shortage there is already a subsistence priority. Proposal would combine all of SE except non-subsistence areas. Most substance communities already have c/t finding. Additional harvest possible but not likely. No change to Juneau and Ketchikan areas.
- Steve- if no effect in Ketchikan area, why did they write the proposal?
- Lauren- not sure, SE RAC moving towards lumping together all SE areas outside of non-subsistence areas.
- Mo- asks if listed species already have c/t finding in area 13
- Lauren- area 13 is well covered, seaweed harvest is not covered by BOF
- Eric- asks if this would change determination in Sitka for geoducks and seaweed?
- Lauren-geoducks may not be included in "Beach Seafood"
- Jeff- locally the geoduck fishery is small, geoducks may not be included since they are generally subtidal
- Tad- the title "Beach Seafood" leaves room for misunderstanding, is there a precedent for the term "Beach Seafood"?
- Lauren- the board does look at harvest methods when considering c/t finding
- Steve- should add language "include all beach seafood" mid paragraph

- Eric- asks about definition of intertidal, geoducks sometimes found intertidally, should this be changed to exempt geoducks and seaweed? Asks Annie for direction
- Annie- committee would need to make a motion to support with amendment to exclude geoducks/kelp
- Lauren- the board may appreciate direction concerning geoducks and kelp, though the BOF has no authority over kelp
- Jeff- geoducks should be considered in proposal as harvest is limited by tide, intertidal is self defined, mentions commercial beach asparagus harvest has been kept away from town to allow for subsistence use
- Tad- supports as written, including geoducks and kelp
- Eric- confers to Jeff and Tad, supports as written wants minutes to reflect that committee considered amending proposal then decided to leave as-is
- Stacey- defers to Jeff, sees no effect on other users
- Steve- agrees not to amend at this time and let the board figure it out
- Tad- wanted to point out that dungies are not included in proposal though they are taken intertidally in some places

Motion to support passes 14-0

M/S support **174** as it is time sensitive

- John- proposal would reauthorize antlerless moose hunts that are commonly used by local Sitka residents
- Steve- supports the continued opportunity to hunt antlerless moose
- Kent- hadn't seen the proposal until now
- Luke- voices support
- Tad- proposal sunsets every year, hasn't been an atlerless hunt in Gustavus since 2008, feels 100 permits is too high as long as this is on the books and the department can implement without delay

Motion to support passed 14-0

Steve moves the Sitka AC offers "No Comment" on other BOG proposals to be considered March 18th as they are outside our local area
Seconded
Passes by unanimous consent 14-0

M/S adopt **276** concerning Seine management plan

- Mo- be good to hear from the department on this
- Aaron Dupuis- for Deep Inlet fishery it would roll over gear ratio mix from 2020 to 2021, If we have questions concerning the N Chatham sockeye cap he can take questions and get back to us
- Mo- in support, all 3 parts of the plan are contentious and shouldn't be changed without full board discussion
- Eric- supports Mo's suggestion, there should be no change without full in-person board procedure

- TAd- in support, though N Chatham issue is probably a mute point this season with projected returns, this is a good compromise position for this season
- Woody- 1 to 1 in Deep Inlet is very reasonable, in support

Question called, passes 14-0 in support

John asked if there is any interest in discussing Neets Bay/ Carol Inlet/ Anita Bay or SSE issues to be considered- no interest

M/S support additional regulation changes to **Title 5 including 41.005, 41.070, 41.075** to allow department to prevent invasive species

- Steve- supports anything allowing state to limit invasive species
- Stacey- move to table until we all have time to review
- Steve- not an actual proposal, the department is asking for comment, March 14 comment deadline
- Tad- heard that this will not go before the board, just a notice of proposed changes to regulation
- John- seems like we should support to reduce invasive species, time sensitive
- Stacey- withdrawing motion to table since we now have it in front of us
- Steve- lets limit the resolution to consider Items 1(41.005), 2(41.070), and 3(41.075)
- Tad- it should still be legal to import these species to use for food if they are dead
- Steve- 41.070 states “live animals”
- Tad- 41.075 doesn’t see where invasive species list is limited to live animals

Question called, passes 14-0

M/S offer No Comment for proposals **171,173,174**
Question called, passes 14-0

M/S take up **175**

- John- doesn't see the problem being addressed, hours are already limited, why slow the fishery further, how would this reduce capture of small shrimp?
- Jeff- looking at last years harvest, most of the districts were over their GHL- will this proposal reduce overage?
- Aaron Dupuis- this would slow the fishery and could reduce overages, the department is mostly neutral
- Steve- how would this slow the fishery?
- Woody- more time pulling line means less pulling pots
- Mo- also more run time between sets
- Tad- asks department if this change would compromise usefulness of CPUE data
- Aaron Dupuis- could cause some issues, the department could probably adjust
- John- what would that do?
- Tad- If the fishery is slowed then some pots will soak longer giving a higher CPUE
- Aaron Dupuis- the value in the CPUE is in consistency, it is used to see long term trends

Question os called, motion fails 1-13

M/S offer No Comment on proposals **177-182** as they are out of our area
Question called, passes 14-0

M/S support proposal **183**

- Questions of whether this effects us
- Aaron Dupuis- in 13C East of Point Elizebeth is a personal use fishery, these pots are popular down south
- Steve- likely many of these pots have been used by folks who didn't know they weren't legal
- Aaron Dupuis- there are probably lots of them in the water that people don't know are illegal
- Tad- clarifies that language concerning rigid pots in paragraph 2 should be in bold as that is the language they wish to add
- Aaron Dupuis- The regulations were put into effect to reduce unwanted bycatch, somebody would have to look into making sure that this change wouldn't allow more bycatch
- Tad- In favor
- Stacey- in support, doesn't see any harm
- Troy Tydinco- tunnel eye opening and escape hatches are developed together, changing the eye opening without changing escape hatches could allow bycatch to get in but not get out.
- Steve- why not include subsistence regulations in the change
- Stacey- not in support if this will increase bycatch
- Kent- would this make the opening larger than the escape hatch?
- Troy Tydinco- yes, this would make the entrance larger than the escape hatch
- Kent- concerning for flat fish that can fit through a 8x2 opening but not a 4x4 opening

Question called motion fails 4-9 with 1 abstaining

M/S approve proposal **184**

- Tad- proposal was written to have the board clarify an ambiguous situation, urge the board to take the position that sport pots not be longlined
- Troy Tydinco- regulations allow longlining of pots, but it is not addressed in sport regulations, asking board for clarification
- Stacey- asks Troy to clarify that sport fishing in our area is mostly non-residents, how many pots are they allowed, are they fishing them on a single buoy?
- Troy- residents could sport fish shrimp, it is mostly non-residents, the Sound is closed to sport shrimping, Non-residents are allowed 5 pots per person-10 per vessel, residents are allowed 10 pots per person/20 per vessel
- Eric- what is the % of resident vs non-resident shrimp harvest? Are guides taking clients shrimping?
- Troy- doesn't have percentages in front of him, there is guided use
- Stacey- in the year we looked at for the conservation proposal the sport fishery took 10k pounds, commercial took 15k pounds
- Luke- wondering what year the data is from as sport regulations only allow 3 pounds of shrimp per person, surprised to hear that the sport fishery took 10k pounds in the area

- Steve- did 10k pounds from sport include subsistence? Annual sport regulations state no longlining of pots is allowed, are the statutes not clear that the department can disallow longlining of sport pots? If so we should support this proposal, this only effect sport, not subsistence or personal use.
- Stacey- 10k pounds was sport as there was no subsistence data from 2018
- Troy- we just want it to be clear
- Steve- so the department wants to continue to keep the sport shrimp pots from being longlined?
- Troy Tydinco- yes, we have been saying that the sport fishery may not longline pots, but we are out on a limb in doing so
- Steve- in support
- Tad- wants the record to be clear that in the past the department has been opposed to allowing the same gear to be used in sport and subsistence fisheries, to allow longlining of pots in both fisheries would be inconsistent with that precedent, supports motion that sport pots be single set
- John- how does this effect areas outside of area 13?
- Troy Tydinco- the sport fishery is open everywhere
- Stacey- some history on sport fishing of shrimp…most of it is by charter fisherman, creates a lot of conflict in the Prince of Wales area between sport and subsistence users. This is a diminishing resource, users are fighting for the resource which was supposed to be addressed by the smaller sport limits. Agrees that charter should be able to get their clients a taste of shrimp but doesn't want to increase the charter take.
- Jeff- concerned that subsistence could get included
- Aaron Dupuis- there is limited subsistence data from 2018
- Stacey- good subsistence data coming in now
- Steve- moves to support as written and also amend to recommend BOF prevent sport longlining of pots
- Eric- department is remaining neutral
- Tad- amendment is friendly
- Luke- support the proposal, with a 3# sport limit what is the difference whether the pots are longlined or not?

Question called, passes as amended 12-2

M/S take up **185**

- Eric- its our proposal, its been covered
- Karen- is this only for market squid or all squid, it isn't clear?
- Steve- it was intended to be only for market squid
- Eric- moves to amend and insert "Market" before squid

Question called for amendment, passes 14-0
Question called on proposal 185 as amended, passes 14-0

M/S support **186** and amend to add "market" before squid
Question called, passes 14-0

Next meeting to be March 3rd
Meeting adjourned

# Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes

**03/03/2021 18:00 via Zoom teleconference due to Covid-19**

## ATTENDEES

Committee Members:

Eric Jordan,John Murray,Spencer Chute, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson,Steve Ramp, Stacy Wayne, Jeff Feldpaush, Kent Barkau, Woody Cyr, Tad Fujioka, Aaron Prussian.

Department Staff Present: Annie Bartholmew, Jake Wieliczkiewicz, Troy Tydinco,Aaron Dupuis, Joe Stratman.

Other Attend. Taylor White, Anne Beaudreau, Jesse Gordon,

Excused Absences: Lucas Bastian, Andrew Thomas, Heather Bauscher, Joel Markus.

## AGENDA

**Last Meeting Follow-up**

Approved Minutes from Luke last week. Passed without Objection.

**New Business**

- Dive and Shellfish proposals 187-214
- Review Letter regarding abalone research for Taylor White.
- Other Business

## NOTES

- Spencer Chute substitute secretary for taking of minutes.
- Stacy Wayne Volunteered to control screen sharing, along with audio recording for future review of minutes.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Review Letter for Abalone research Taylor White

Eric moved to approve, stacy seconded letter.

No opposition to letter. Motion passes.

Getting Information on abalone out is a good thing.

2. **M/A to consider Proposal 187 Holiday Closures for Cucumber Dive Fishery**

Steve Motioned, Stacy Seconded.

- Lots of geoduck and sea cucumber divers in Sitka so Ac should weigh in.
- Question to ADFG on Flexibility.
- ADFG explains issues regarding closures due to Processing restraints, low participation.
- Shifting days of week away from historic MON/TUE opening.
- Unclear if proposal adds days to dive week
- Stacy calls to question.

AC Vote: 10-0-2abstain

**M/A Proposal 188 Cucumber fishery**

- Stacy Moves to Approve, Steve Second.
- Dive Association is a good representation of our local divers.
- 2013,2019 October first fell on second day of dive open. So roll over to following week.
- putting common practice into regulations

Vote: 12-0

**M/A Proposal 189**

- Stacy motion to Approve, Spencer Second.
- Large Geoduck dive fleet out of Sitka.
- Geoduck limits currently 2 divers per vessel, increasing to 4 divers, ADFG neutral. Localized depletion of geoduck allocated consequences, limit permit holder to 1000lb/ day no vessel cap.
- Could this lead to abuse of sharing quota between divers on boat.
- Allocative consequences, unsure of local dive association stance on this proposals.

- Would this change the vessel cap, small daily limits for
- How would this proposal affect current regulations.
- No vessel cap like cucumber dive fishery.
- Major concern for sharing quota between divers.

vote:1-10-1(abstain)

**Proposal 190 Tad motion to support, Steve Second**

- Harvestable surplus but no harvest.limited personal use limits.
- No crab fishery if no crab survey, change to personal use, and allow for personal use. ADFG allocation based red king crab management plan.guide line harvest level. Modify red kc department would open, daily bag limit 3 per person if commercial fishery is open. No survey in hoonah sound, so no red king crab fishery in hoonah sound district 13.
- ADFG:Survey has been done Annually in Ushk bay, Deadman's Reach, Rodman Bay, stock health is poor in those areas. So no personal use opening.
- Proposal encompasses the entire southeast region. This proposal allows for commercial opening on years  with smaller amounts of crab abundance.
- Stacy opposes proposal to protect southeast stocks. Limited fishery level would not build to excess of sustainable levels.

Vote:0-12

**Proposal 191 Steve motion to Consider, Tad Seconds**

- Steve: Cant support because it goes against ADFG data surveys.
- Proposal is asking for historic Guided Harvest Limit(GHL)
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- Adfg: this proposal seeks to modify management plan, so that commercial fisherman can harvest crab from all areas except section 11a. 5 hour notice on closures due to cpe. Biomass estimated to estimate populations in non surveyed areas. Proposal was addressing budget issues with king crab survey. Department was able to procure funding to survey crab. Much more aggressive fishery.
- AC members hold opposition.

- mo made Motion to Amend and take no action due to continuing su being done by ADFG. Eric seconded.
- What is foreseen in future budgets for crab survey.
- ADFG: No big hit for FY1, above pay grade and not able to elaborate.

Vote to take no action 3-8-1 abstain

Vote on proposal 191: 0-11-1abstain

**Proposal 192,193,194,195 no comment. No objections.**

**Proposal 196: pot limit for golden king crab to mirror tanner crab pots. Steve Motion to Consider, Eric Second**

- Lighten fishing pressure on golden crab
- Improve management level precision. Lots of gear for fishery, boats are small. Closure prediction 3-7 days out, tide, weather, major factors, hard to hit target accuracy for ADFG

Vote 11-0-1 abstain

**Proposal 197 no comment**

**Proposal 198 steve motions to discuss. Spencer Second**

- Industry will work out issues on its own.
- Proposal aims to Adopt february 20th start time regardless of tide cycle
- Proposal would be a detriment to small boats
- Currently fishery opens based on Weather delay criteria that can potentially delay start. Based on smallest tides for week of february 10-17.

vote : 0-11-1

**Proposal 199, 200 no comment**

**Prop 201 Tad Motioned to Discuss Stacy second extend commercial crab closed areas to allow better access to personal use and sport crabbing**

- Modification GPS coord. On northern boundary from Nesemini Point to favorite anchorage to allow an area for personal use and sport fish but also to not completely push out commercial fisherman in that area.
- Adding 2 miles of good crabbing for personal use/ sport along goose cove/ Deadman's reach, leaving 2 miles open to commercial fishing north of favorite anchorage. Best crabbing is in this area.
- “Luxury fishery with small amounts of meat.” Current area is large enough as it is.
- Areas that have good crab are in commercial area
- Not much good crabbing ground below kakul narrows. Hard fishing from Dorothy Narrows to Kakul Narrows.

Vote amended language: 6-4-2abstain

Vote on Proposal as Amended: 6-4-2Abs

**Proposal 202-210 no comment**

**Proposal 211: Tad moves to support. Kent second. repeal and amend sitka sound special use area.**

- Current season Oct 1-november 30th  open to commercial crabbing proposal wants to add extra season in Sitka Sound Special Use Area(SSSUA).
- combined effort 2840lbs by 3 permits average over 10 years.
- Wants to extend season into february to allow commercial crabbing in SSSUA.
- Marginal crabbing in SSSUA currently, adding to the season would further put strain on crab population and take away from sportfishing/personal use.

Vote: 0-12 oppose

**Proposal 212/213 Steve motion for discussion, stacy 2nd.**

- Asks to extend pot storage to 7 days in fall season.
- Days are short, weather is poor in most cases.This proposal would help crabbers move gear out of areas in a lawful amount of time.
- Comments :Is there Likely repercussions for staggered closings by extending gear storage from 3 days to 7 days.what is the reason for 3 day gear storage instead of the 5 day or 7 day.
- Stored gear being used for fishing when an area is closed.
- Are there potential enforcement problems in gear storage?
- ADFG: more challenging for troopers to enforce gear storage.
- Weather factors heavily on proposals and requests made year by year depending on if inclimate weather has been a factory in getting gear off of the grounds.

**Proposal 213 friendly amendment to combine the two proposals together.**

Vote on 212&213: 11-0-1 abstain

**Proposal 214: round pot designation only to help enforcements Tad moves. Steve Seconds.**

- Why is it imperative for a pot to be square.
- ADFG: legal gear definitions refer to a diameter measurement.
- Only legal type of legal pot was a round pot.
- Troopers having issues in commercial fishery with enforcement of legal size of dungeness pot when said pot wasn't round.
- Reason for the proposal is troopers asked ADFG submit to clarify the regulations and make it easier to enforce.
- Not in favor of making guys who already have invested in square pots to get rid of pots to buy all new round pots.

Vote: 4-4-4

# Next Meetings Agenda

Brief discussion for next meeting: next wednesday march 10th 2021 6pm

125-142 proposals

Eric proposes to delay meetings until after the board of fish meetings.
Meeting happens 03/08/2021

Consensus is to schedule a meeting for 10th of march and having the ability to cancel meeting until further date.

Vote to meet 3/10: 8-2-1abstain

Meeting schedule passed, meeting set 3/10/2021 18:00

Meeting adjourned. 20:27

Sitka AC
10/21/21
6pm
Present: John, Joel, Kent, Karen Johnson, Eric Jordan, Aaron Prussian, Woody, Tad, Steve, Mo Johnson, Stacey

Quorum is met

Minutes approved

Karen Johnson/Eric Jordan
- There is an opportunity for SAC to provide a NPFMC comment regarding halibut bycatch in the Alaska trawl fisheries
- Express concerns regarding supporting an official comment for the NPFMC
- Reported on mortalities for halibut bycatch in 2021

John Murray/Stacey
- In support and would like to agree on an option for abundance based management (ABM) for halibut

Eric
- Motion: The SAC to NPFMC that we favor reducing halibut bycatch as much as possible as soon as possible. Additionally, we feel that the additional bycatch of salmon, shellfish and sablefish need to be reduced as much as possible as soon as possible.

Stacey
- Agree to have a letter written based on the general motion from Eric.

**Motion passes**

Tad
- Nominate Heather, Eric, Karen to write the letter with Linda's review to get a draft tomorrow to the AC prior to the October 25th

Kent
- Motion to limit the AC meetings to 2 hours
- Seconded

**Motion passes**

John
- In person meeting for Board of Fish in the future
- In person meetings with the Sitka AC in the future

Eric
- Motion- The Sitka AC is disappointed that the BoF is hosting an in-person meeting. We request that the BoF postpone the meeting until it is safe to meet in person in light of the

new delta variant. If the BoF is going to host an in person meeting, we request that the staff use mitigation measures to protect the public and staff.

Comments:
Stacey
- Referenced the need to have certain issues discussed at the meeting.

See mitigation plan:
https://www.entangledsealions.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2021-2022/21_22_bof_bog_mitigation_plan.pdf

Woody
- If the meeting does not take place, we request the BoF define a time that they will be meeting to discuss pressing issues.

Steve
- It has been 4 years since the last meeting. There needs to be a plan to have in-person and remote options to attend the meeting.

Tad
- Traveling to another community involves a different risk factor that should be taken into account.

Eric
- With the discussion around the topic, I will withdraw the motion.

John
- BoG: If Covid-19 prevents a regulatory meeting, they wish to have public comment.

Tad
- Motion: The SAC should meet online until Sitka's Covid 19 levels are below moderate levels and members use mitigation measures to safely meet.
- Second: Stacey

Motion passes

Steve
- Keep the option to meet virtually.

7pm

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**October 27th, 2021**
**Zoom Machine Virtual**

I. Call to Order: 6:01pm by Heather Bauscher, Sitka AC Board Chair

II. Roll Call
Members Present: 12

Members Absent (Excused):1
Members Absent (Unexcused):2
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
   a. Steve Bethune-- Area Game Biologist
   b. Try Tydingco- Sport Fish
   c. Jake Wieliczkiewicz-- Sport Fish Biologist
   d. Mike Vaughn-- Assistant Troll Biologist

IV. Guests Present:
   a. Forest Braden-- SE Alaska Guide Association Executive Director
   b. Katie Rooks
   c. Seth Bone
   d. Josh Nelson

V. Approval of Agenda
John Murray moves to set a hard stop for all Sitka AC meetings at 2.5 hours
Jeff Feldpausch seconds
Vote: unanimous

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   a. Minutes from the last meeting were not set out. They will be sent out for approval before the next meeting.

VII. Reports
   a. Chair's report
      i. Received communication from board support; meetings can be held in person as per ADFG direction

ii. meetings won't be held in person unless covid level falls below moderate

b. Jeff Feldpausch-- reported that No-Thoroughfare Bay Aquaculture Permit granted despite comments opposing it

c. ADF&G

i. Steve Bethune

1. DEER: Spoke about the meeting of the SE Subsistence RAC met to talk about a variety of proposals on deer hunting from rural communities that submitted proposals around meeting subsistence needs

2. BROWN BEAR POPULATION SURVEYS:

a. 2013 reconvening of brown bear management team which reaffirmed strategy for unit 4. however, no new population estimate

b. Need for research for the state team to do a population estimate for unit 4

c. Never been a formal survey for baranof island

d. Andrew Thoms moves to write a letter asking for population survey on bears for Baranof Island

i. Stacy seconds

Vote: Unanimous

3. LOCAL COMMUNITY BEAR PROBLEMS

a. This year was the biggest problem bear year ever

b. Would like to reconstitute the bear task force

c. There are changes that need to be made. Looking for options and creative ideas.

d. Motion:Move the Sitka F&GAC notify the Sitka City & Borough Assembly that we have a bear problem in Sitka.

We recommend the Assembly work with ADF&G, NPS, and the Sitka Bear working group to consider ordinances or other action to mitigate the problem.

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i. VOTE: 11 in favor, 1 against

d. Others

VIII. Set next meeting date

IX. Other

**X.** Adjourn

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
| Support with Amendment | 11 | 0 | John Murray Moves to Support, Tad Fujioka Seconds<br><br>Grant Hagerman (ADFG) gave some background on what the proposal does and ADFG's views on it.<br><br>Amendment on proposal Board of Fish from Sitka AC:<br>Motion: Include an Amendment stating: Overage should come out of the gear group that created the overage. |
| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support with Amendment | 12 | 0 | John Murray moves to support<br>Tad seconds<br><br>Grant Hagerman (ADFG) gave some background on what the proposal does and ADFG's views on it.<br><br>Motion and second to amend proposal:<br>Add "The Troll Fishery AND Sport Fish with the current 80/20 split will be able to harvest excess fish" to line 6; Amendment passed unanimously<br>Discussion:<br>*The Subsistence representative pointed out that in the absence of a saltwater Subsistence Chinook fishery, SE residents use the sport fishery to fulfill their subsistence needs. Thus it is appropriate that some of the extra fish be allocated to resident sport fishermen.<br>* Department staff clarified |

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| | | | that under their interpretation of the proposer's intent they would only distribute an underage if the all-gear catch was below the all-gear allocation, but would not attempt to distribute extra fish from one gear group's underage if a different gear group had already over-harvested and taken the 1st group's underage. |
| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |
| Support with extensive amentments | 12 | 0 | Tad Moves and Eric Seconded to support a modified proposal as follows:<br><br>1st Amendment to clarify that nonresident sport king fishing opportunity should always be adjusted to ensure that the resident fishery remains open:<br><br>5 AAC 47.055. Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan...<br><br>(4) provide stability to the sport fishery by eliminating inseason regulatory changes, except those necessary for conservation purposes or achieving the sport harvest allocation.<br><br>(5) at Alaska winter troll fishery CPUEs less than 6.0 and equal to or greater than 2.6; a resident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length will be established in areas where conservation management measures for all anglers prohibited king salmon retention or closed fishing for king salmon once they reopen.<br><br>(6) [~~at Alaska winter troll fishery CPUEs less than 6.0 and equal to or greater than 2.6; and the department projects that the king salmon sport harvest allocation is going to be exceeded, the department shall, by emergency order, adjust the nonresident seasons and bag limits so to stay within the sport allocation; the department shall prohibit resident king salmon retention or close the resident sport king salmon fishery only if nonresident angler closures are insufficient to remain within the sport fishery allocation.~~<br><br>~~(7) at Alaska winter troll fishery CPUEs less than 2.6 and equal to or greater than 2.0; and~~] If the department projects that the king salmon sport harvest allocation is going to be exceeded, the department shall, by emergency order, adjust |

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| | | | the nonresident seasons and bag limits so that there are no closures for residents.<br><br>2nd Amendment to delete the proposed July 1-July 31 resident closure under (g) (2) that would apply to years when the CPUE is 2.6-3.8:<br><br>(2) when wild stock management measures are unnecessary:<br><br>(A) a resident bag limit of one king salmon **~~except from July 1 through July 31 resident anglers may not retain king salmon;~~**<br><br>(B) a nonresident bag limit of one king salmon except from July 1 through July 31 nonresident anglers may not retain king salmon;<br><br>(C) from January 1 through June 15, a nonresident total harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;<br><br>(D) from June 16 through December 31, a nonresident total harvest limit is one king salmon,<br><br>Comments:<br><br>*Strong view from one AC member that ADFG shouldn't be making allocation proposals, hence the need for the amended language.<br><br>*The Processor representative pointed out that in the absence of a saltwater Subsistence Chinook fishery, SE residents use the sport fishery to fulfill their subsistence needs. Thus it is appropriate that priority be given to the resident sport fishery as it is a quasi-subsistence fishery. |

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| | | | * It was pointed out that it would be politically unpalatable for the resident sport fishery to be closed in July when the biggest commercial king fishery is taking place.<br><br>*A member said that he was found the July resident closure of the original language to be offensive. He was glad that the motion on the table got rid of it.<br><br>*It was pointed out that with the Taku and Stikine Chinook stocks likely to be listed as Stocks of Concern the wild stock management measures were likely to be in place for the foreseeable future, so we ought to be especially concerned with the aspects of the proposal that address that scenario.<br><br>*The ADFG Sportfish biologist explained that 2021 was the first year of electronic logbooks for charter guides. This new technology enables the department to keep close tabs on the catch. Thus they can project the seasonal harvest well in advance, and can take inseason management actions well before the sport allocation is in danger of being exceeded.<br><br>*Troy Tydingco answers questions about proposal and ADFG's perspectives |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____Andrew Thoms Tad Fujioka_____
Minutes Approved By: _____Full AC_____
Date: _____11/4/21_____

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**November 4, 2021**
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Heather Bauscher]

II. Roll Call
Members Present: 11

Members Absent (Excused): 1
Members Absent (Unexcused):5
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9
List of User Groups Present:

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| Subsistence |
| Hunting |
| Seine |
| At Large |
| Power Troll |
| Conservation |
| Processor |
| Resident Sport Fish |
| At Large |
| Trapping |
| Alternate |

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
a. Aaron Dupuois-- Area Biologist
b. Sherry Dressel--Biometrician
c. Kyle Herbert
d. Jason Jones
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IV. Guests Present:
a. Kyle Rosendale, Sitka Tribe of Alaska
b. Troy Denkinger, Seine fisherman
c. Matt Kinney Seine Fisherman
d. Justin Peeler, Sitka Seine Fisherman
e. Matt Jackson
f. Kelly Warren Sitka Herring Fisherman
g. Dale Bartel Sitka Herring Fisherman

h. Chandler Oconnell
i. Jessallyn Former Board of FIsh Staff
j. Skinney tribal citizen and herring fisherman
k. Carlos Schwantes Sitka Herring Fisherman
l. Peter Bradley historical researcher on herring fishing
m. Maya community member and environmental anthropologist
n. Victoria O'connell former ADFG Fisheries Biologist
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V. Approval of Agenda

- Eric Jordan moves to change the agenda to take up reconsideration of crab proposals
- Jeff Feldpausch seconds

move to approve agenda, all agree.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
a. John Murray moves to approve minutes from meeting on October 21st, 2021
b. Karen Johnson 2nds

John Murray moves to approve minutes from meeting on October 27th, 2021
Karen Johnson 2nds

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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business
a. Bear Letter-- no one has written yet. we will take up next meeting
b. King Salmon-- more proposals to work on
c. Justin Peeler is asking us to reconsider action taken on crab proposals that they were not able to be around for when we took up because they were fishing. crabbers didn't feel like they had a chance to speak to proposals.
    i. Eric moves that we reconsider crab proposals
    ii. Woody Cyr seconds
d. AC decides to re-examine the crab proposal again after we get through all the proposals

X. New Business

a. Heather opens with a discussion on how the meeting is going to go
b.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date
a. MONDAY at 6:00pm for continuance of Herring Proposals

XIII. Other

**XIV.** Adjourn 8:49

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| 156<br><br>Oppose<br>5 in favor<br>7 Oppose | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows:<br><br>Department Staff Aaron Dupois<br>● Gives overview of proposal<br>● Sherri Dressel was asked when a report on past season's biomass will come out. She is trying to get it out as soon as she can<br>● Dr. Dressel was asked about the history of the SItka Sac Roe fishery and how GHL for Sitka was set up. She read from some of the departments history of the fishery management<br>● Tad asked about the theoretical unfished biomass; Dr. Dressel responded that the last unfished biomass analysis was done in 1998 and at that time it was estimated at ~67,000 tons. While the 2021 spawning population estimate has yet to be completed, the current biomass, even after the commercial harvest is known to be well in excess of this number.<br>● Dr. Dressel predicted that the 2022 forecast would be somewhere in the neighborhood of the biomass at which Proposal 156 would provide for the same harvest rate as the current formula. (120,000 tons) Even if the forecast was short of 120,000 tons, it wouldn't be short by very much, thus the harvest rate would be close to the same as the current formula, but that a small difference in harvest rate could translate to a significant difference in quota when applied to such a large biomass.<br><br>Kyle Rosendale-- Sitka Tribe of Alaska<br>● Kyle gave presentation on Sitka Tribes Proposals 156, 157, 158 (in AC files)<br><br>**Public Testimony:**<br><br>Matt Jackson spoke in favor.<br><br>Justin Peeler spoke against.<br><br>Ben Hughey Spoke in favor. | | |

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| | Tory OConnell former fish and game fisheries biologist spoke in favor<br><br>Peter Bradley Spoke in Favor<br><br>Troy Denkinger Spoke against and answered questions from AC members about the fishery and markets.<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>John Murray asked proposer some questions on a reference<br><br>Jeff Feldpauch referenced all the other Sac-Roe Herring Fisheries across Alaska that have failed and asked that Sitka take more conservative approach<br><br>Eric Jordan gave some observations on what he has seen in herring population and has noticed herring are moving offshore and not near-shore as before. Thanked everyone for being respectful.<br><br>Kent Barkau-- question for Dr. Dressel on survey methodologies and urged caution in management for ocean warming and ocean acidification reasons<br><br>Heather Bauscher-- big concern on lack of research and monitoring on this fishery and lack of good data<br><br>Moe Johnson--- talks about experience in the ocean winter troll fishing especially. has seen amazing the amount of recruitment of young herring over the last 3 years. Looking out for health of population of herring it looks good for the future. feels that the BOF should come up with an upper limit on sac roe fishery. Would like to see fishermen put a proposal forward with an upper limit.<br><br>John Murray-- conflicted on proposal and lack of good information coming from ADFG<br><br>A committee member expressed disappointment that the 1998 analysis was still the department's most recent estimate of unfished biomass. Last BoF cycle the committee had been told that a new estimate was underway.<br><br>ERIC JORDAN reiterated MOE JOHNSON's comment that there SHOULD BE AN UPPER LIMIT ON HOW MUCH HARVEST CAN OCCUR<br><br>Heather Bauscher states that the department needs more resources for collecting data. |

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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____Andrew Thoms_____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

**Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee**
**November 8, 2021, continuation of meeting begun November 3, 2021**

Call to Order: 8PM by Chair Bausher Via Zoom

Roll Call
Members Present:
Jeff Feldpauch Subsistence
Kent Barkau Hunting
Moe Johnson Seine
Karen Johnson At Large
John Murray Power Troll
Tad Fujioka Processor
Steve Ramp Resident Sport Fish
Eric Jordan At Large
Heather Bauscher Alternate

Members Absent (Excused):Aaron Prussian hand troll, Dick Curran Longline, Andrew Thoms Conservation,
Members Absent (Unexcused):Spencer Chute Charter, Woody Cyr Trapping, Luke Bastain Guide, Joel Markis Alternate, Stacy Wayne Shellfish
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7; quorum established

Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Hebert, Jason Jones, Sherri Dressel,

Guests Present:Anna Laffrey, Paulette Moreno (ANS Exc Com member) , Chandler O'Connell, Peter Bradley, Andy Erickson, Chuck, Lee House, Matt Jackson (subsistence, PU, hunter/fisherman), Dave, Al Stavmount, Johnny and Emily, Justin Peeler (Sitka herring seiner & member Herring Conservation Alliance), Jacyn Schmidt, Matthew Kinny, Tony Bird, Andy Erickson, Rob Woolsey (KCAW reporter), Taylor White, Louise Brady, Tom Gamble (Tlingit & Haida delegate), Carlos, Kyle Rosendale (STA), Juan Cediel, Chris Combs, Anna Laffry, Alex Jenkins

New Business
John Murray moved and Karen Johnson 2nded to have the AC write a letter to ask ADF&G to allocate resources to reevaluate the Sitka Sound herring harvest rate strategy including natural mortality and unfished biomass.

Sherri Dressel (explanation given at prompting of chair): The Department has lost 3 Biometricians and only replaced one of them, so is way behind on data analysis. Suggest to request that a biometrician position dedicated to herring be hired. Field staff has

collected herring survey data over the years, but the limited biometric staff has been assigned to address the herring lawsuit rather than analyze the new data. The Unfished Biomass calculation can be performed several ways. Most common would be use a Baysian Age Structured Analysis. Biometry staff has a new Sitka Sound herring model, that has been close to being able to be utilized, but no progress has been made for several years. The new model would be able to compute unfished biomass, but old model does not. AC should think about what questions they have. What do they want the model to do? What are the harvest objectives?

Eric Jordan: Does the Dept have Conservation Concerns at this time?

Sherri: There are two ways to answer this. Is the population at a level now that is a concern? -No; The stock is at the highest point since department records began in 1960s. But if the question is about whether or not the current harvest strategy could lead to concerns in the long run if it is continued to be applied, that's different. Under the best available science that we have from Sitka, the strategy is considered to be conservative, but that conclusion is based on data from the 1990s. Per analysis done in BC, each stock is different and the optimal harvest strategy is different.

Tad Fuijoka: Is it in any way possible for this letter to result in data being produced in time for the BoF meeting in January?

Sherri: No

Kent Barkau: ADF&G might not have a concern for the stock, but STA does.

Paulette Moreno: On Oct 6-10 the ANB/ANS met and passed a resolution stating their concerns for the health and well-being of the herring and calling for a 5 year moratorium on the sac roe fishery. The knowledge of local elders should be incorporated in the harvest strategy.

Justin Peeler: I think that writing this letter is a good idea. Industry writes letters like this all the time to support their specific fishery. (To Sherri) What other fisheries does the biometry staff provide support for?

Sherri (in response to question) All state fisheries- groundfish including sablefish and pollock, shellfish including Bering Sea crab, and SE shrimp, diving fisheries like geoducks an cucumber, salmon; Unless new resources are procured prioritizing herring means deprioritizing these other.

Justin: That's my point; ADF&G needs more resources, not just shifting the existing ones.

Jeff Feldpauch: Does ADF&G consider all herring populations in SE to be a single stock?

Sherri (in response to question): SE has multiple stocks. Sitka is separate from Craig for example.

Tad: In light of this letter having no effect on upcoming BoF meeting, **Move to Table** until after comment deadline; 2nd by Kent; **Passes without Objection**

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 3 | 5 | one member disconnected prior to voting |

M/S Tad/Kent
Jason Jones (explains proposal): Proposal would discount the biomass of 3 and 4 year old (young fish) by 50% when setting the GHL. Official department comments were expected to be available Oct 22, but aren't yet. Will be at least a week before they are out, maybe longer.

John Murray: Is there a possibility that the fishery would be shut down by this proposal?
Jason Jones (in response): No, in-season management wouldn't change. It would reduce the harvest rate, potentially down to 65% of the current formula, but it wouldn't stop the fishery.

Sherri Dressel: The proposal is addressing fishery selectivity, but the calculation that the current 20% harvest rate is based on, already incorporated that, so this would be doing it twice. That would be biometrically odd.

Jeff Feldpauch: Does the current system take into account the 110g threshold of the current market? If the industry isn't able to locate fish over 110g, they don't open a fishery.

Sherri (in response): Using a computer simulation, the 20% harvest rate was found to be safe given a range of selectivity, natural morality and recruitment.

Tad Fujioka: When was this analysis done? Observed natural morality, etc has changed recently. Did the simulation include recent values?

Sherri (in response): The simulation was robust over a range of values, but I don't know if current Sitka conditions were within the range that was evaluated. The unfished biomass was last calculated in 1998.

Kyle Rosendale (STA):Based on average historical observations, proposal 157 would have reduced the GHL by less that proposal 156, but in some years when there were lots of young fish, proposal 157 would have meant a larger reduction.
There are many things besides just the biomass that affect the subsistence harvest; Older fish lead the young fish to the spawning areas and select the spawning substrate. TEK describes a contraction of the duration of the spawn. This has made it more difficult to place hemlock boughs where they will collect good eggs. This proposal is to ensure that herring continue to spawn in the traditional locations.

John Murray: How can you have a fishery without targeting the older herring? That's the point of the fishery.

Jeff Feldpauch: Look at the situation in 2020. The GHL was 25,000 tons, but it was based on a population that was 83% 4 year olds, fish were too small for the commercial markets. Industry only wanted age 6+. There weren't enough old fish to

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| | fill the GHL. The current GHL is based on all fish, but the fishery is only targeting old ones. The proposal is aimed at not allowing unwanted young fish to drive the GHL. If the fishery wasn't so selective, it wouldn't be a problem, but the current system causes over-exploitation of the older fish.<br><br>Tad Fuijoka: The proposal says that it will prevent the older fish from being harvested at >20%, but that could still happen under the GHL that is proposed.<br><br>Kyle Rosendale (in response): Not if the small fish continue to be harvested at around half the rate of the old ones. The harvest rate on the older fish would only be >20% if the fishery became more selective.<br><br>Chandler O'Connell: I support proposal 157. A younger, less age-diverse population is more vulnerable. I am happy that more herring were present in the spring of 2021. Maybe this is due to two years without fishing. Subsistence needs still are not being met. Herring also are eaten by so many other fish that we benefit from.<br><br>Justin Peeler: The written description of this proposal does not address the real goal of the proposal. When we didn't fish in 2019 and 2020, that didn't have anything to do with the big return that we had in 2021. The big year class came out of a year that did fish. Industry declined to fish on the big year class when it was young. When we fish we don't select for old fish now, but under this proposal we will be more selective.<br><br>Matt Jackson: I am originally from Ketchikan. There was a herring fishery there back then. ADF&G said that the fishery was conservtive, that the stock was healthy. But they fished it right up until it collapsed. We need to be more conservative than what ADF&G considers to be conservative. Proposal 157 would help subsistence users because the older herring lead the younger ones. The fishery needs to be managed for subsistence first. A commercial fishery is ok, but only if the subsistence needs are assured first. The ANS hasn't been met in at least 8 of the past ten years. ADF&G doesn't have data available on 2021 yet, so it might be 9 of the past ten. Greater temporal and spatial distribution would help subsistence users. If the seiners don't catch as many that isn't a waste of the resource- that's more food for salmon, halibut and other fish. There have been lots of environmental changes recently, we need to be extra conservative if we are operating on an out-dated model.<br><br>Alex Jenkins: I just fed my 100 year old grandmother some Sitka salmon that was supported by Sitka herring. There are a lot more stakeholders in this issue than just 50-some seiners. Subsistence herring eggs from Sitka are shared statewide. The seine fishery targets the older fish. 86% of this year's return was from just one year class. How can that be a healthy stock? It's actually a fragile stock. All other herring fisheries in SE have closed. Proposal 157 is a common sense measure. |

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| | Paulette Moreno: As a woman and a traditional harvester, I spent 100 hours over a three week period this spring gathering eggs. The ANB/ANS resolution calling for the 5 year moratorium also expressed support for the STA proposals. Tlingit management of 10,000 years has worked.<br>This year I observed a couple of things. 1) The fish were moving around alot. That was due to the scarcity of older fish to lead them. 2) The quality of the eggs on hemlock varied. Yes, there were some good sets, but there were also a lot of poor and mediocre sets. It took ten times as much effort as it should have taken to get top-quality product.<br><br>Matthew Kinny: Only 15 households participated in the subsistence fishery in recent years. That's why the harvest isn't as big as it used to be! What does subsistence mean? Does subsistence mean product shipped out of town, or only eggs eaten in Sitka?<br><br>Anna Laffrey: A lot more than 15 families in Sitka ate herring eggs. STA distributed herring eggs to 100s of people this spring. Herring eggs are a great protein source, better than a commercial protein shake.<br><br>Tad Fujioka: Two points, first, somebody (Matt Jackson) mentioned the disparity within ADF&G between the apparent priorities of the commercial fishery and the subsistence fishery. That is apparent in the data. We have good data from the commercial fishery. Initial harvest estimates come out the morning after each opener and revised catch data shortly thereafter. Both are readily available by News Release. On the other hand the subsistence data lags greatly. We don't even have last spring's data out yet. When it is released it isn't as easy to find. You have to look much harder to find it.<br><br>Second point is the parallels between the herring stock and the blackcod stock. Blackcod fishermen only really want the larger older blackcod. They are worth 5x as much per pound as the youngest ones. The younger fish are better off left alone to grow bigger and more valuable. Yet management bases the blackcod quota off of the total biomass, young and old combined. We try to target the big ones as best we can, but when there are lots of small ones, getting some is unavoidable. We want the quota to be smaller so that we can leave more young fish in the water for them to grow up. The small fish are just bycatch in the effort to catch the bigger fish. The herring situation seems to be the same. The 3 and 4 year olds are unavoidable bycatch in the fishery targeting the bigger fish. If the harvest is reduced in the years when the catch is mostly young fish anyway, those young fish will grow bigger and return when they are more valuable. Just looking at how much the proposal reduces the GHL in a given year is only seeing half the picture. You also have to take into account how much the proposal will increase the GHL in subsequent years.<br><br>John Murray: How selective is the fishery? |

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| | Kyle Hebert (in response): The fishery attempts to take the largest fish that they can, but seines are not selective the way gillnets are. The fishermen are selective, but the gear isn't. The department samples the catch and the spawning escapement. The fish that are caught are somewhat older than the escpaement. The schools have a mix of sizes, the fishermen can't sort within a school.<br><br>Sherri Dressel (also in response to same): This proposal reduces the overall Harvest Rate, which reduces the Harvest Rate on the older fish, but won't make the fishery any more selective.<br><br>Kent Barkau: Sometimes fishermen turn loose a set after it has been sampled if the fish don't meet the buyer's standard. So they are being quite selective in that situation.<br><br>Sherri Dressel (in response): Sets can be released if they aren't held too long. In a race for fish, they won't release a set. The number of sets released affects the selectivity.<br><br>Mo Johnson: How many participants were there in the subsistence fishery? What is the 5 year trend?<br><br>Kyle Rosendale: Don't know the 5 year trend or the 2021 participation level. Do know that participation was down in 2020 due to COVID. Also, when efficiency is low, participation is low. In 2018 and 2019 fishing was bad in the core area, so participation was low.<br><br>Mo Johnson (follow up): Decades ago there were subsistence fishermen that would bring their boats from Angoon, Hoonah, Kake, etc. Now it is just locals and a few Kake boats. There ought to be numbers on this. Harvest is down because participation is down, not because of poor management.<br><br>Eric Jordan (returning to earlier topic): The department staff has said that the age composition of the harvest and the escapement isn't all that different, but STA says that the fishery is selective. How can both of these statements be true?<br><br>Sherri Dressel (in response): The discrepancy comes from words not being precise enough to describe the numbers. The age compositions of the harvest and escapement are similar, but not exactly the same. I have the numbers. Does anybody want me to put them up? (Nobody responds; At this point we have been discussing this single proposal for about 2 hours.) Both of the statements are true. The fishery catches more older fish and fewer younger fish, but when there is a big year class in the escapement, you see it in the catch too. But this factor was already incorporated in the 20% harvest rate. |

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| | Jeff Feldpauch: The fishery is hyper-selective. They make multiple test sets. They won't fish at all without acceptable roe quality and minimum size. That was 110 grams last year. Fishermen are cherry-picking within an opening. Sometimes fish are held several hours and sampled multiple times before being released. In 2020, the age 4 year class made up 80% of the biomass, but the population was deemed "healthy" on the strength of that one year class. That's not a healthy population, that's just one healthy year class.<br><br>Mo Johnson: Does ADF&G have any concern about the age composition?<br><br>Sherri Dressel (in response to previous question screen shares Fig 5 Subsistence Technical Paper 474 "Subsistence Harvest of Herring Spawn in Sitka Sound 2019"): This shows the 5 year trend in subsistence harvesters from 2015-2019 was down continuing a trend of at least 15 years. There were only 29 harvesters documented in 2019.<br><br>(Then goes on to address the most recent question): The recent years with a dominant age class still leaves plenty of older fish. It is just a small percentage because the dominant year class is so big. The Brood Year 2016 is one of the largest on record.<br><br>Mo Johnson: Does the department have any data on whether years with a high percentage of older fish spawn in different places?<br><br>Kyle Hebert (in response): We didn't see any pattern except that older fish seemed to correlate with large shifts in location, not any specific location, just a change in location.<br><br>John Murray: (Question and response missed- Note taker lost Zoom connection.)<br><br>Kyle Rosendale: Some years the Harvest Rate on old fish was over 30%. That's what this proposal is intended to limit. Traditional ecological knowledge says that both the proportion and number of older fish matter. There have to be enough of them and they have to comprise a large enough proportion of the total to be effective leaders.<br><br>Eric Jordan: (Repeats earlier inquiry about discrepancy between ADFG claim that age-compositions of harvest and escapement are similar and STA claim that fishery selects for older fish.)<br><br>Sherri Dressel (Repeats earlier response; Words don't precisely capture the nuance. Age comps are "similar", not identical. the harvest age comps are consistently biased towards older fish, but same strong year classes are still easily recognizable) |

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| | Eric Jordan (Repeats frustration with delay of Department comments): **Move to postpone vote on this proposal until department comments are released or until Dec 15, whichever comes first; Motion dies for lack of second.** Discussion continues.<br><br>Heather Baucher: How much would this proposal help the subsistence users? How much would it affect the seiners?<br><br>Kyle Hebert (in response): The recent historical target harvest rate has been 19%. Under the formula of this proposal, and the same biomass estimates, the target harvest rate would have averaged ~16.5% over the same period. Escapement would have increased by about 2% of the population. Presumably that would have had some positive effect on the subsistence harvest, but beyond that, can't say.<br><br>Tad Fujioka: The 19% target harvest rate is often not achieved. The seiners didn't fish at all in 2019 and 2020. What was the actual harvest rate over that same period?<br><br>Kyle Hebert (in response): The actual harvest rate was only about 14%.<br><br>Tad Fujioka (follow up): So the actual harvest rate has been less than the 16.5% calculated target under this proposal. Thus, the effect of this proposal on the actual harvest might not be all that significant. Certainly it is less significant than the difference in target harvest rate. To the degree that the harvest actually is reduced, the subsequent years will see an increased GHL as those fish return in the future.<br><br>Kyle Hebert (in response):Yes, some years ADF&G has reduced the target harvest rate below what the current formula provides to be extra conservative.<br><br>John Murray: In this past year 86% of the fish were 5 year olds. How would this proposal have affected the harvest this year?<br><br>Jeff Feldpauch (in response): This year was unique. The 5 year olds were small for their age, so while they are counted as "old" fish under this proposal, they really weren't big enough to be desired by the fishery. This year, the proposal wouldn't have had much of an impact. It would have changed the harvest rate a lot in 2020 when the 4 year olds comprised a large proportion of the biomass. This year only 3% of the biomass forecast were young fish, so the Harvest Rate would have been barely affected.<br><br>Mo Johnson: I don't think that this proposal will do what it is supposed to do. Only 3 of the last 20 years have had an actual harvest rate of >20%. Subsistence effort is dropping. That's why subsistence harvest is dropping. It isn't because of the seine fishery. ADF&G already factors in the selectivity of the fishery. No proposal can control where the fish choose to spawn. |

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| | Eric Jordan: I can't support this proposal at this time. I would like more information.<br><br>Jeff Feldpauch: Called question | | |
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Adjournment: 8:49 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Tad Fujioka
Minutes Approved By: ____Full AC_____
Date: __Nov 10th, 2021_____

**SItka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**November 10, 2021**
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [6:04] Heather Bauscher

II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Jeff Feldpauch-subsistence
Kent Barkau-hunting
Moe Johnson-seine
Karen Johnson-at large
John Murray-power troll
Tad Fujioka-processor
Steve Ramp-sport fish
Eric Jordan-at large
Heather Bauscher-alternate-chair
Stacey Wayne-shellfish
Luke Bastain-guide
Dick Curran-longline
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Andrew Thoms-conservation

Members Absent (Excused):Aaron Prussian-handtroll

Members Absent (Unexcused):
Woody Cyr-trapping
Joel Markis-alternative
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7 Quorum established
List of User Groups Present:14

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:Kyle Hebert, Sherri Dressel, Jason Jones

IV. Guests Present:Anna Laffrey,Paulette Moreno,Peter Bradley,Steve Johnsom,Alex Jenkins,David Kreiss -Tomkins,Matt Jackson,Devon Calvin,Kyle Rosendale (STA) and a number of others that did not speak. 36 total

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Eric second Kent

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report:letters in progress for review. 1) bear group draft,will present at a later date2)updated letter to NPFMC, will present later.
Chair updated format for public/staff comments ,questions and imput. AC deliberations

b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. There were 8 public comments. For sense of purpose and streamlining minutes this is a synopsis : concerns about herring stock failure in other areas in SE AK., cultural aspects of the herring resource,distrust of process dealing with herring and distrust of data, voices not being heard by AC,ADFG and BOF. thoughts on studies related to "big fat fecund fish" and their need for healthy fish production, AC comments need to reflect the community, herring fishery isn't being managed for subsistence needs, ANS (amount needed for subsistence) concerns with the needs not being meant.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Steve made motion to discuss Proposal 158 .Second by Eric
***Please note the minutes from November 8th AC meeting dealing with Proposal 157 as it is relevant to Proposal 158 discussion ,deliberations ,public comments and staff comments.

XIII. Kyle Rosendale (Sitka Tribe of Alaska -proposer.)
COMMENTS:ADFG management exploitation rate higher on older fish.Traditional knowledge shows older fish show young fish where to spawn. This Proposal hopes to help subsistence herring harvesters meet their needs. The Proposal is like an on /off .Switch off when below 20% of older fish. On when above.

XIV. QUESTION.How many seasons would this take place if this proposal was in place?
ANSWER a few The questioner mentioned it looked like 6 seasons. ANSWER that could be right.

COMMENTS on Proposal 158 and questions from AC for ADFG staff.
Jason Jones.ADFG . Possible closure of fishery with large recruitment events. If this proposal passes the fishery would have closed once since 2009( looking back) perspective.

XV. QUESTION:JOHN(AC) It looks like 6 seasons would have been closed since 2009 if this proposal had been in place?
ANSWER: 6 seasons

XVI. QUESTION:.JOHN(AC) As proposal is written in underlined language in Proposal.Do pre-season bait fishery or test fishing take place before February 28th? ANSWER:NO .A survey would be needed .A mechanism would be needed to gather a survey. A large undertaking.

XVII. QUESTION:ERIC (AC)Is there a subsistence ADFG staff here tonight? ANSWER : No

QUESTION:ERIC(AC) Are staff comments available? ANSWER :No ,but some staff comments and tables/ graphs were made available for meetings.

XVIII. QUESTION:JEFF(AC) Confidence dealing with 3 year old herring? ANSWER :It would be hard to do. Don't really have a good way to do that.

QUESTION:STACI(AC) 5 year + herring numbers? ANSWER: Screen share by Sherri dealing with 5 up herring showing 2 graphs. 5 year up herring since 1976 show increase in numbers with some bumps down downward depending on year.

QUESTION: KENT(AC) Degrees of availability in total bio-mass? ANSWER: Kyle.Observed data when Sherri does model .There is model based variability around them. Sherri .There are estimates around the model and observed data. This leads on to discussion about gathering weight at age / weight composition via survey cast net.Generally cast net samples are 500 to 1000 plus herring are sampled ,done 20 to 50 plus samples.

QUESTION:ERIC(AC) Dealing with 3 year olds entering the fishery? ANSWER :Sherri. ⅓ 0f 3 year olds seem to spawn but that varies year to year.

QUESTION :ERIC (AC) Are sample sets similar? ANSWER :Sherri.2020 there were more samples with the same pattern with cast nets.

QUESTION: JEFF (AC)? Age of herring behavior account for interaction between age classes ? ANSWER: Sherri . Models are a simplification of reality.

QUESTION:TAD(AC) 2020 graph on age structure showed most of the fish the same age?ANSWER: Sherri . 2020 was odd because of age structure. 2017 better shows fewer net samples (20) with more variation ,a general theme was a similar pattern between cast net and sac-roe fishery.

QUESTION: STACI (AC) (Note I'm winging the question somewhat. JOHN(AC) secretary). Is it bad to fish on older fish ? ANSWER:Sherri .That depends. The key is to sample across the range of sizes. Can change harvest across ages but ADFG feels this fishery is conservative in it's management.

QUESTION:KENT(AC) Can you use that analysis to fish selectively? ANSWER: Sherri. Absolutely.

QUESTION:JEFF(AC) Do markets change selectivity on fishery? ANSWER: Sherri.Yes selectivity happens year to year

End of staff comment/ questions.

ERIC AC .Moved to reconsider 156,157 delay action on 158 till 1) till ADFG subsistence staff presence 2)and until ADFG staff comments come out and postpone herring proposals until this happens.
Second.
Discussion: doesn't give us enough time. Should consider separating 156,157 and delaying 158 till staff comments.
JEFF Deal with proposal 158.
ERIC withdrew his motion.
Motion to table 158 until staff comments are in hand and subsistence staff at meeting.
Vote -9 in support 5 opposed.

Motion to reconsider 156,157 till right time frame ,with subsistence staff and staff comments available or by DEC 15th.(One week before comments do)
Comments: Tad ,timetable issues and won't have time at the end.
Steve ,issues with Dec.15 th.
Karen,don't undo what we have done.
Mo,agrees with Tad and Karen unless there is a radical change with staff comments.
Vote-2 in support 1 abstention 10 opposed

Move to reconsider delay of proposal 158
Seconded
Question 11 support 3 opposed (back on table)

Back to proposal 158
Tad to amend proposal with language :... or the proportion of fish age 5 and older is less than or equal to 0.20 as determined by [PRE-SEASON BAIT FISHERY OR TEST FISHING COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 28TH IN DISTRICT 13-B] **age composition forecast.**
Seconded
Comments :age 3 year herring a wild card . Age 3 herring are a challenge to forecast.
QUESTION:JOHN(AC) When do age composition forecast come out? ANSWER:Sherri . mid December to mid January.
On amending Proposal.
Vote-14 in support.
Back to amended Proposal.
Comments.

Mo ,Certain years it would be detrimental. Spoke about the need for cost recovery or an industry assessment as a means to gather funding for better management.
Tad,analysis question. At what age does a cohort of herring have the greatest spawning biomass?
ANSWER;Sherri ,Pretty involved. Answer: Age 5
Tad(AC) Comment: If the individual growth of uncaught 4 yr. old herring will outpace the annual mortality, resulting in a greater biomass in subsequent years, and they will also be worth considerably more per pound as 5 year olds. why would we want them caught at 4 yr. olds?
Jeff in favor.
Eric ,Wants to let the public know we are listening .The AC supports conservation .
Jeff.Why do we do test fishing if all the fish are homogenous,if all the fish are the same.
ANSWER:Sherri,to know how much they can be selected.
QUESTION
Vote-7 support 1 abstain 6 opposed.

Wrap up discussion. Some conflict with doing herring next week (WEDS) .AC decided on starting doing King Salmon Proposals and misc.

XIX. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XX. Set next meeting date.
Next meeting November 17th King salmon proposals

XXI. Other

**XXII.** Adjourn
8:50 pm

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| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows: | | |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: __John Murray_____
Minutes Approved By: ____Full Sitka AC_____
Date: _____Nov 17th, 2021_____

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**Nov 17, 2021**
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [6:04] by [Heather Bauscher]

II. Roll Call
Members Present: 11+1
ERIC JORDAN JOINED AT 8:03

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Members Absent (Excused): 3
Members Absent (Unexcused):3
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
a. Troy Tydingo Sport Fish
b. Jake Wieliczkeivich Sport Fish
c. Grant Hagerman Troll Biologist
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IV. Guests Present:
a. Tom Fisher Troller
b. Forres Braden SE Guides Association
c. Jeff Farvour Commercial Fisherman
d. Linda Behken- Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association
e. Henry Wurtz
f. Anna
g. Peter Bradley

h. James Hughes

V. Approval of Agenda

Tad Fuijioka moves to approve, Kent Barkhau seconds, all in favor

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Tad Fujioka moves to approve, Stacey wayne seconds, all in favor

VII. Reports

a. Linda Behnken-- Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association to speak on halibut bycatch

i. North Pacific Management Council will consider taking action on halibut bycatch on the trawl fishery

ii. Caps were set many years ago and have not been changed

iii. Halibut biomass has decreased

iv. Longliners and directed fishery can take less, but bycatch levels have stayed the same

v. ALFA prepared a letter in support of alternative 4 which is the most significant reduction in the amount of bycatch

vi. deadline is november 30th. council starts on December 2nd

vii. Andrew Thoms Moves to sign ALFAs letter and direct chair to testify at NPMC meeting, Stacey Wayne seconds; Full AC supports

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

a. Bear Letters--- Andrew wrote, Heather shared with full AC; up for approval by AC at meeting next meeting

b. Herring letters-- drafts are being worked on

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

**XIV.** Adjourn

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| **Proposal Number** | **Proposal Description** | | |
| **Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action** | **Number Support** | **Number Oppose** | **Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments** |
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| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 11 | Move to approve, seconded<br><br>Forrest Braden from SE AK guide association introduces the proposal and why it was put forward by their organization;<br><br>-Stated that this proposal was mutually exclusive with Proposals 82 (by ADF&G) and 88 (by Steve Merritt).<br>-SEAGO wants to go back to pre 1996 management<br>-Would like to avoid in-season closures; need more fish in low quota years to do this under current limits<br>-challenged by terms of the 2018 International Pacific Salmon Treaty which replaced the old soft cap on the SEAK catch with a hard cap<br>-presented a table predicting that under the proposed sport limits, the sport catch would exceed 20% in Tiers 2-4 and be under 20% in Tiers 5-7.<br><br>Steve Ramp asked about if the proposal disregards the new treaty provisions<br><br>Department Staff were given a chance to speak to the proposal<br><br>Tad asked how the non-resident sport effort has trended. |

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| | | | Troy Tydingco outlined the non-resident effort has trended up over the last 30 years. Resident effort has remained stable.<br><br>John Murray asked if the department could lower sport limits earlier in the season to prevent a closure later in the season.<br><br>Troy Tyingco answered that Yes, they could if directed to do so and that the new electronic logbooks for the charter guides allowed quicker analysis of the catch so inseason management is feasible.<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Jeff Farvour-- believes that the AC has already taken action for times when king salmon are at low abundance. There is a reality that we could have long periods of time with low abundance and we have to share the burden-- he does not see that with this proposal.<br><br>James Hughes-- troller with Seafood Producers Coop; concerned about explosive growth of charter sector and would like to see limited entry. does not see us being in high abundance and does not support this proposal. Mentioned the WFC lawsuit that would potentially further reduce Alaska's quota, thus making low quota years when sport harvest would exceed 20% even more likely.<br><br>AC deliberation:<br><br>Tad Fujioka-- This proposal is a big step back. It would erase a management structure that the BoF imposed in the 1990's and has been effective since.<br>-The effort of the charter fleet, particularly early in the season when limits are highest has been increasing for 30+ years. That means that the historical average catches that SEAGO is basing their numbers on, will underforecast the catch of the modern charter fleet.<br>-This will lead to the sport harvest chronically exceeding their 20% share.<br>-The new digital reporting allows in-season management. Catches can be projected far enough in advance that limits can be reduced in time to prevent the need for a full closure.<br>- Does not want to see the 80/20 split go away. |

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| | | | Steve Ramp: has a lot of confidence in the agency doing in-season management and has seen successful action to get to the 80/20 ratio and meet the treaty goals. feels that things are going well and doesn't want to see the changes in this proposal.<br><br>John Murray: --would like to see sport (guided and resident) work with agency to find ways to make the fish last the season;<br>-The last 2 rounds of Treaty negotiations have resulted in Alaska's all-gear quota dropping 22-24%. This has caused pain for all gear groups. All need to accept their share of the reduction.<br>-Sport fishermen already catch a disproportional number of Alaskan hatchery kings, most of which are raised using funding from the commercial sector. Sports are getting 16,000 bonus fish per year on top of their share of the Treaty fish.<br><br>Moe Johnson: against the proposal for many of the same reasons and also wants to point out the last sentence in why the proposal is pushed forward, "The result is insufficient harvest opportunity for the sport fishery during low abundance." and comments that this is part of the fishing business that some years things are good but also some seasons things are bad and it is part of it. That sentence really turned him off to the proposal. |
| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 4 | 7 | Steve Ramp moves to support, John Murray Seconds<br><br>Question for Agency on electronic log-book data and how it is entered, how soon it comes into the agency, how soon it is analyzed, etc.<br><br>Public Testimony<br><br>James Hughes: asked how unguided lodges are recorded |

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| | | | Agency staff-- referenced creel reported from the ADFG staff that take reports at the docks. also the state-wide harvest surveys<br><br>Steve Ramp referred to Proposal 144 which would require logbooks for unguided boat rental and lodge operations.<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve Ramp-- opposed to this one because of the no-fishing days. believes it goes too far and that the department has enough tools to avoid no-fishing days.<br><br>Tad- pointed out that the no-fishing days was one of a suite of suggestions in the proposal, not an inherent part of proposed regulation. |
| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 11 | 0 | Tad Fujioka Moves to support 85 and 85, Stacey Seconds<br><br>Tad spoke on 85 and 86 as being consistent with the Sitka AC's support of proposal 82 with our proposed changes and makes it fair; Since SEAK does not have any saltwater subsistence king salmon fisheries, local residents met their subsistence needs via the sport fishery. Thus it is appropriate to prioritize resident sport above other uses, specifically above non-resident sport and even commercial.<br><br>Troy Tyingco (in response to question) said that it would be extremely unlikely that the resident sport catch would ever be large enough to consume the entire 20% sport allocation.<br><br>Tad pointed out that the ADF&G-sponsored proposal 82 includes this same language for resident priority in the lowest quota years. If the department is comfortable implementing it in those years, there shouldn't be any difficulty in doing so in years with higher quotas.<br><br>Forrest Braden: Supports year-round fishing for residents, but has some concerns about where that would leave charter fleet in low quota years. |

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| | | | Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve Ramp has heard the discussion from agency and feels this is a good proposal and will support. |
| 86 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 11 | 0 | See discussion under proposal 85. |
| 87 | Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows: | | |
| | | | AC didn't discuss because it is out of our area |
| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 11 | Tom Fisher reported that the proposer has withdrawn his support but not the proposal.<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve Ramp-- I'm against this because it goes against the 80-20 allocation compromise<br><br>John Murray- in future the high quota years are likely to be scarce, if they occur at all, so the 80/20 balance will not be achieved.<br><br>Tad Fujioka-- we are on the record supporting proposal 82 as modified and this proposal goes against that. |
| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:. | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 12 | Steve Ramp moves to support, Kent Barkau seconds<br><br>Grant Hagerman from ADFG answered questions: |

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| | | | Concerned that with some boats running 6 lines and other only running 4, the historical CPUE data which is based on 4 lines would no longer provide accurate estimates of inseason abundance. This would cause problems for management. Furthermore, there are Treaty provisions which are also based on troll CPUE that wouldn't be valid either.<br><br>Proposer Matt Lawrie spoke to the proposal: this is a proposal I put in to allow for more production for the troll fleet for people who want to purchase a 2nd permit or bring someone else on the boat. Over time, the troll fleet has had to move away from king salmon to coho and chum which are more of a volume oriented fishery and this proposal would make for increased catches and increased efficiency given the downward trend of decreased revenue for the fishermen in this fishery<br><br>Public Comment:<br><br>Tom Fisher: speaking as a small boat troller; believes we have too many permits but when we get to the 40 foot boat and lower this (operating 6 lines) becomes a very difficult process. This shuts small boats out from the benefits of this change and believes this will lead to the small boats disappearing. Small boats won't be able to compete with the larger boats. Does not support.<br><br>Matt Donahoe: opposes the proposal because this is a big boat proposal and will harm the small boats and will require boats with at least 3 crew or more. extra lines would be more efficient when fishing is slow. When the fishing is good, you increase incidental catch and increased mortality from sealions and sharks getting those fish because the operator can't pull those lines as much as they need to because they are busy enough with just 4 lines.<br><br>Jame Hughes: opposed because of low abundance issues prefers to stick with the status quo<br><br>Committee discussion: |

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| | | | John Murray: this works on slow fishing but when it is busy and you have to shake kings it becomes too much gear to tend so doesn't support<br><br>Tad Fujioka: this proposal combines 2 controversial ideas into 1 proposal: 6 lines and permit stacking… makes this very controversial and a lot of reasons to oppose<br><br>Moe Johnson: Oppose for the mortality concerns on being able to work the lines and being able to get to the extra lines… this is going to increase the mortality of incidental king salmon catch<br><br>Eric Jordan: opposed |
| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 12 | 0 | Tad Fujioka spoke to the proposal which he authored--intention both as a housekeeping proposal incorporting the new CPUE standard and to maintain/increase the catch in the spring when the AK hatchery fish are the most abundant thus stretching our treaty quota. The springtime is when get the most value per Treaty fish.<br><br>Grant Hagerman-- housekeeping proposal; currently the department can do this and the department has done it over the last 2 years.<br>-Tiers have a range of AIs. This would slightly lower the abundance level (from 1.15 to 1.005) that would trigger the roll over of uncaught winter quota into the spring season.<br>-There is the potential for the Pacific Salmon Commission to get rid of the CPUE-based quota at the five year review.<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br>Tad: Having a slightly lower trigger for rolling over uncaught winter quota into spring is ok because the only reason that the trigger was put there in the first place was to ensure an adequate summer quota. Under Stock of Concern management, the spring fisheries are so much more restricted than they were, that even with the additional quota, the spring catch will stil lbe much lower than they would have been in the past. |

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| 91 | Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows: (Note that this is the official description, but is incorrect. The proposal actually only addresses the allocation between the summer July and summer August fisheries.) | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 11 | john Murray moves to support, Steve Ramp seconds<br><br>ADFG staff answered some questions:<br>Grant:-Historically proposals to move quota from July to August have been supported because Augest fish are bigger and prices higher.<br>-They were opposed due to concerns that the fleet might not be able to catch the entire remaining quota.<br>-catching the entire summer quota during July is potentially concerning because the new treaty agreement has a limit on incidental Chinook mortality which is estimated by troll effort during the non-Chinook retention periods. The July catch rate is higher then August, so if the entire quota is caught in July that would mean more Chinook non-retention days.<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Matt Donahoe: Haven't had problem catching fish in July and August. Department has the opportunity to do a mop-up fishery and have a trip limit fishery. They work. This is a solution looking for a problem that doesn't exist<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Tad: The proposer states that his objective is to ensure a August fishery of a given length. If that is the objective, why not just write the proposal to close the July fishery at the time that would provide for an August fishery of the desired length? It would be far easier to do this in July of a given year than to set a management plan years in advance.<br><br>John Murray-- has some questions for processor rep if this strains the processor capacity. Processor rep reports that if the fleet has to ice up for a short opener and then head back out for Coho, that would require a lot of ice. For SPC, not a problem. for a smaller processor, maybe. They would have to plan ahead. |

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| | | | -States that there were only 3 times in the past when the troll fleet finished the year under their quota and doesn't see this happening much now because of how efficient the fleet is.<br>-Prefers more quota in August; fleet is more spread out then;<br><br>Eric Jordan: this proposal increases mortality, decreases the value of the summer kings, and increases potential conflict |

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____Andrew Thoms_____
Minutes Approved By: _____Full AC_____
Date: ___12/1/21_____

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**December 1, 2021**
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [6:03
] by Heather Bauscher

II. Roll Call
Members Present: 15

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| Prussian | Aaron | hand troll |
| Feldpauch | Jeff | Subsistence |
| Barkau | Kent | hunting |
| Johnson | Moe | Seine |
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| Curran | Dick | Longline |
| Murray | John | Power Troll |
| Thoms | Andrew | Conservation |
| Fujioka | Tad | Processor |
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| Jordan | Eric | At Large |
| Cyr | Woody | Trapping |
| Bastain | Luke | Guide |
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| Bauscher | Heather | Alternate |
| Wayne | Stacey | Shellfish |

Members Absent (Excused):1
Members Absent (Unexcused):2
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
   a. Grant Hagerman
   b. Troy Tydingco
   c. Mike Vaughn

IV. Guests Present:
   a. Matt Donahoe, Alaska Trollers Association

b. Adam Olson
c. Taylor White
d. Ben Adams (NSRAA)
e. James Hughes
f. Tim McDonough
g. Justin Peeler (SEAS)
h. (James) Carter Hughes

V. Approval of Agenda
   a. John Murray Moved, Eric Jordan seconded all in favor

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   a. John Murray moved to approved, Tad Fujioka seconded, all in favor

VII. Reports
   a. Chair's report
      i. Chair is looking into publication of meeting times
      ii. Chair went on Problem Corner radio show to advertise our meetings and described the issues that we address. Many callers concerned about trawl fleet bycatch
   b. ADF&G
   c. Others

VIII. Public Comment
   a. Matt Donahoe-- Lack of ADFG comments on proposals is unacceptable. Department has had an additional year to get out comments and three weeks before deadline no one has seen them.
      i. Jeff Feldpausch moves to write a letter to BOF and Commissioner on lack of department comment and concerns on COVID outbreak in Ketchikan; Eric Jordan seconds and asks to include Gov and legislature; John Murray wants it to be separate letters, all agree. AC approves this
   b. Taylor White joined to thank the AC for their letter of support for research on SItka Sound that looks at historical data, traditional ecological knowledge, and current surveys. Invites current AC members to be available for interviews if they have knowledge on abalone and otters. twhite1@ucsc.edu

IX. Old Business
   a. Trawl Fleet Bycatch-- Chair reported that our letter on bycatch was submitted

b. Bear Working Group Letter-- Eric Jordan moves to approve letter and send to CIty of Sitka, John Murray seconded; AC approves with 1 member opposing
c. Bear Population Survey Letter; John Murray Moves to Support, Eric Jordan Seconds, Tad will edit and clean up. Full AC supports
d. Herring letter-- still needs more work

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date; monday December 6

XIII. Other

**XIV.** Adjourn 8:39pm

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| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
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| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: | | |
| Support with amendment | 12 | 1<br>1 abstention | John Murray moves to support, Stacey Wayne seconds<br><br>member of public had question on current regs. ADFG says they can do this if needed, but only after that year's THA harvest has been shown to be predominantly AK hatchery fish.<br>While the spring troll season opens May 1, THAs don't open until June 1, and catch data isn't available until enough fish have been caught and the CWTs processed to verify the stock composition. So the spring troll season is mostly over before the size limit can be changed.<br><br>Tad Fujioka points out that in the Sitka spring troll fishery, trollers routinely fish in THAs and non-THAs in the same day. Having a different size limit just in THAs would require offloading their catch when they wanted to fish outside the THAs. This would be a big inconvenience. It is better to have the same size limit apply to THAs and other spring areas. Tad moves to amend proposal to *change the minimum size limit for all of the spring troll fisheries from 28" overall to 26-1/2" from snout to fork of tail.*<br><br>Eric Seconds. Tad explains the rationale for this and outlines that immature fish have deeply forked tail but mature fish have a square tail. Shows photo that demonstrates. |

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| | | |  <br>Mature King salmon on left, immature king salmon on right<br><br>Additionally, Tad points out that:<br>● The only fish that would be shorter than 28” are 2-ocean fish. These are either immatures or jacks. The immature fish will have forked tails and thus an immature fish with a fork length of 26-½” will be at least 28” long, so the amendment wouldn’t result in any additional immature fish being caught. The mature jacks are virtually all males, and thus not directly contributing to hatchery broodstock needs.<br>● In 2018 the BoF directed the department to limit spring trolling to areas with very low prevalence of SE wild stocks. Thus very few Stocks of Concern will be encountered, but even if they are, the amendment only affects spawners that are less than 28”. The wild escapement counts only include “large” Chinook so the fish that are affected by this amendment aren’t ones that would be counted towards escapement goals, and as previously mentioned are surplus males, so they aren’t contributing to reproduction either.<br>● NSRAA, like stocks all over the West Coast and Alaska is seeing an increased proportion of their male spawers returning as 2-ocean jacks. So while forgoing a small proportion of the jack return wasn’t a significant issue in the past, it is a much larger loss than it used to be. With the troll catch of hatchery |

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| | | | fish trailing well being their designated share under 5 AAC 33.364, every additional king would help.<br>● The fork length is a more repeatable measurement since it doesn't vary with the positioning of the tail. An overall length measurement can vary by up to an inch depending upon whether the tail is flared or squeezed. This has caused some fishermen to get citations when their fish pointed its tail when first measured, but went into rigor mortis with a flared tail.<br>ADFG staff confirmed the last point and said that ADFG measures fish to the fork of the tail because it is more consistent.<br><br>Woody Cyr-- all for the proposal; he states that he shakes a lot of 3 year old returning mature fish that are bigger in weight that immature fish;<br><br>Luke Bastian likes the proposal with amendment, but not without it.<br><br>ADFG Grant Hagerman: concern over some of the mixed stock fisheries and lack of data on smaller fish and their origin. Proposal assumes the smaller fish are from the hatcheries but there isn't necessarily data to fully demonstrate this.<br><br>Tad explains that the 26-½" fork length is the equivalent to 28" overall for immature kings. In the Sitka area the spring spawners are virtually all local hatchery fish as there are no wild king salmon rivers nearby. Thus, the amendment wouldn't result in any additional wild fish being retained that wouldn't already be legal under the existing regulation. The only additional fish that the amendment would allow to be kept are mature fish since they have squarer tails.<br><br>Moe Johnson: generally in favor but perhaps moving away from proposal. He definitely favors the reduction to 26.5 in terminal areas but not in the entire spring troll fisheries. Moves to limit this to just the Sitka areas. Amendment accepted as friendly. So Amendment becomes: *Change the minimum size limit for all of the Sitka spring troll fisheries from 28" overall to 26-1/2" from snout to fork of tail.* |

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| | | | Eric Jordan: the value of the catch will be greatly increased because of this amendment change.<br><br>Amendment passes |
| 93 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 13 | Tad moves to support, Jeff Seconds<br><br>Agency Staff-- this may make it hard for the agency to manage to meet its allocation if this amendment were to pass.<br><br>Luke Bastian-- hard to see why it is appropriate to make a blanket restriction in high-quota years for the sector that is the most restricted in low quota years<br><br>John Murray-- agreed that there is a need to manage to catch the sport quota as closely as possible. |
| 94 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| Comment- We support Proposal 82 as amended, which is mutually exclusive to 94. | | | John Murray moves to make no comment on the grounds that we have already endorsed Proposal 82 as Amended which set a management plan; Tad Fujioka seconds. no objections |
| 95 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows: | | |
| Support | 13 | 1 | Tad Fujioka moves to support, Eric Jordan Seconds<br><br>Public Testimony: James Hughes: this is a good proposal. In season management is appropriate. |

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| | | | Tad asks ADFG Sportfish staff how current their in-season harvest projections are now that they are getting charter logbooks electronically.<br><br>Troy responds that they update their projections every two weeks. |
| 99 | Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 2<br><br>2 abstain | Eric Jordan moves to support, John Murray 2nds<br><br>Justin Peeler, on behalf of SEAS spoke on proposal. Described it as just continuing what has been working.<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Tad: Troll fleet is behind in their share of hatchery fish. Under BoF directive, the appropriate remedy is to adjust the THAs fisheries. As such, the trollers, not the seiners should have the right to set the schedule-subject to the 2:5 time ratio that the BoF has previously established.<br><br>Moe: support the proposal.<br><br>Eric Jordan: not a great place to troll and fishery happens when the King opener is going on. |
| 100 | Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 2 | 12 | Tad moves to Support, John seconds<br><br>Committee discussion<br><br>discussion on how allowing gillnetters is there just in case more fish need to be caught and option is needed.<br><br>Tad: Gillnet fleet does not currently, and has not historically fished in SE Cove. This proposal is only about theoretically allowing them to do so in the future. The gillnetters are already catching well more than their share of hatchery fish and have been for decades. Under BoF directive, they would only deserve this THA opportunity at the expense of other gear groups if they were below their allocation. It is inconceivable that they would be below their allocation |

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| | | | before the next BoF cycle, so they should not be on the list of possible gear groups in SE Cove at this time.<br><br>Eric: As an NSRAA board member, he prefers that the BoF delegate NSRAA as much freedom of authority as possible. |
| 101 | Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 10<br>3 abstain | John Murray moves to support, Moe Johnson seconds<br><br>Public testimony<br><br>Matt Donahoe: oppose this<br>Carter Hughes: Why is someone from Cook Inlet proposing on local hatcheries here in SE? This is primarily over chum salmon. He opposes the proposal.<br><br>Justin Peeler: opposes this proposal<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>John Murray: I don't support. Brings up interesting points, but better done through NSRAA board. |
| 102 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| Support with Amendment; Ratio of 1 Seine: 1 gillnet | 13 | 1 | Proposer spoke to the proposal<br><br>Public Testimony<br><br>Justin Peeler: (speaking as representative of SEAS the proposer): This proposal was intended to retain status quo of 2018.<br><br>Justin Peeler, speaking as a sitka seiner: would like to see it 1:1<br><br>Committee:<br><br>Woody Cyr moves to amend to make it a 1:1 ratio of seine days and gill net days; Tad Fujioka seconded |

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| | | | Moe Johnson adamantly agrees with Justin Peeler on making it 1:1; not sure how local gill netters can make it on just 1 or 2 days per week. Acknowledges that gillnetters are above their allocation, but says that Deep Inlet is different for gillnetters since the local gillnetters have no traditional fisheries in this area. They either fish Deep Inlet or they have to leave town. The 1:1 also helps get the fish when they have the highest price<br><br>Tad: Recalled that SEAS rep introduced the proposal saying that it was based on "status quo" of the 2018 ratio of 2 seine:1 gillnet, but didn't say what the ratio has been since then. Asks NSRAA rep what the ratio was in 2019-2021<br><br>Answer: it has been 1:1<br><br>Woody Cyr: appreciates Moe's perspective and pointed out that Deep Inlet is the only gillnet fishery that NSRAA supports<br><br>Amendment passes unanimously; as does proposal as amended. |
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| Oppose | 1 | 11<br>2 abstain | Public Testimony:<br><br>Justin Peeler: not a good proposal<br>James Carter Hughes: not in support<br>Matt Donahoe: proposal trying to shut down all hatcheries but NSRAA has done a good job managing<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br>Eric Jordan: as a founder of NSRAA I oppose this proposal. NSRAA has done a good job<br>Jeff Feldpausch: Have talked to the proposer and does feel there are concerns about hatchery impacts and that there are limits being pushed and are impacts on wild stocks. speaking on a former hatchery manager. |

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| 119 | Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows: | | |
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| 120 | Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows: | | |
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| 121 | Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
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| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
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| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
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| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
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| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |
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| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _Andrew Thoms_____
Minutes Approved By: ___Full AC_____
Date: __12/6/21_____

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**December 6, 2021**
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:08 by Heather Bauscher

II. Roll Call
Members Present: up to 15 (not all present for entire meeting)

| Last | First | User Group |
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| Prussian | Aaron | hand troll |
| Feldpausch | Jeff | Subsistence |
| Barkau | Kent | hunting |
| Johnson | Moe | Seine |
| Johnson | Karen | At Large |
| Curran | Dick | Longline |
| Murray | John | Power Troll |
| Thoms | Andrew | Conservation (left mtg early) |
| Fujioka | Tad | Processor |
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| Ramp | Steve | Res.Sportfish (joined mtg late) |
| Jordan | Eric | At Large |
| Cyr | Woody | Trapping |
| Bastain | Luke | Guide |
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| Bauscher | Heather | Alternate |
| Wayne | Stacey | Shellfish |

Members Absent (Excused):2
Members Absent (Unexcused):1
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
a. Grant Hagerman
b. Troy Tydingco
c. Mike Vaughn
d. Jason Jones
e. Jake Wielieczkiewicz
f. Aaron Dupuis
g. Lauren Sill

IV. Guests Present:
   a. Justin Peeler (SEAS)
   b. Officer Tim Hall (AWT)
   c. Mike Martello
   d. Jud Kirkness
   e. Chris Combs
   f. Tony Byrd

V. Approval of Agenda
   a. Moved/2nd; Stacy Wayne/ John Murray; Carried w/o objection

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   a. Moved/2nd; John Murray; Stacy Wayne; Carried w/o objection

VII. New Business- proposals

**VIII.** Adjourn 9:15 pm

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| **Proposal Number** | **Proposal Description** | | |
| **Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action** | **Number Support** | **Number Oppose** | **Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments** |
| *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.* | | | |
| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
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| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |
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| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |
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| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
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| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
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| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:. |
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| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: |
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| 91 | Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows: |
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| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: |
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| 93 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows: |
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| 94 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows: |
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| 95 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows: |
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| 99 | Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows: |
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| 100 | Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows: |
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| 101 | Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows: |
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| 11 | 1 | 2 | Justin Peeler: This was sponsored by the East POW AC. They have a lot of proposals. Many people on this AC are also on the Craig AC. There were a lot of changes to the East POW AC roster recently.<br>Woody: I have a lot of experience gillnetting, and I am very surprised by this proposal. You would always try to recover your net. They cost $10,000! That's enough incentive that I can hardly think of a scenario where somebody wouldn't continue to make the effort to ultimately get their net back. It would take an inconceivable string of cascading failures to end up in such a situation.<br>Tad: This proposal sounds like a solution in search of a problem.<br>Stacy: I've found abandoned nets while beachcombing. I don't know what they were used for. What would be the harm in requiring the gear to be marked?<br>Woody: Losing a net is such a rare occurrence, there wouldn't be any real benefit. The problem with requiring nets to be marked is that sometimes we have to repair nets mid-opening if we get web in the prop or something. In a situation like that, you cut away the damaged portion of your net and tie what's left back together to be able to keep fishing for the rest of the opener. If the damaged portion included the marked section, then you would accidentally be in violation. It would be adding insult to injury.<br>Stacy: I've fished in the Bristol Bay set net fishery. they have to be marked.<br>Moved/2nd by Eric/Luke : To table and take No Action Fails 6-8 so motion proceeds to a vote. |
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| 0 | 9 | 4 | John: This is out of our area, but it is relevant to the Chinook Stocks of Concern, so it affects Sitka fishermen. Why are they using a 6" mesh to target sockeye anyway?<br><br>Tad: At least around Juneau, the early gillnet fishery used to be a sockeye fishery and is still managed on wild sockeye escapement, but the gillnetters are targeting DIPAC chum. If they catch too many sockeye they get closed. If the sockeye escapements are good, they get longer openings. So, they want to catch the chum without catching too many sockeye. That's why they use a large mesh, so the sockeye can go through. It's goofy in that it is officially a sockeye fishery, but they are trying to not catch sockeye.<br><br>Justin Peeler (SEAS): This would have significant implications for gillnetters. Can't tell how many king salmon it might save. Districts 6 & 8 don't draw much effort that time of year, but districts 11 and 15 are big fisheries. This is outside of Sitka, your AC shouldn't weigh in. At least in some of these areas, they are trying to catch sockeye.<br><br>Woody: Fish are smaller now than they used to be. Guys are already fishing 4-⅞" nets for sockeye and chum. So this proposal is unnecessary. I'm in favor of not adding additional restrictions. I especially don't want an upper and a lower limit in effect at the same time. It gets messy when there are too many different restrictions in nearby areas. Guys aren't able to shift from one area to the next one if they have a net that is only legal in one area. This wouldn't provide much benefit since the gillnetters already don't catch very many kings in districts 11 & 15 with a 6" mesh. |
| 114 | Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows: | | |
| 12 | 1 | 1 | Office Hall (AWT): Concern due to lots of trollers fishing during the spring and summer compared to winter when using downriggers is already allowed; Spring has lots of water closed to commercial troll; If downriggers are allowed for both sport and commercial there is no way to tell from a distance if a fisherman is sportfishing or commercial trolling; |

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| | | | Allowing downriggers would provide the chance for more participation by charter boats; The proposal doesn't limit the number of downriggers- would 4 be allowed, or just 2?; However, overall the previously mentioned enforcement concerns are fairly minor.<br><br>Tad: Hand trollers are already allowed to use rod & reel, so there is already gear overlap. Hence from an enforcement perspective, this proposal wouldn't introduce any fundamentally new complication to the fishery. Actually, since manual downriggers are quite uncommon on sportboats now that most of them have electric models, this would help to reduce the amount of gear overlap.<br><br>Eric: When one goes sportfishing on a commercial boat, you are required to remove the dorsal fin of any salmon you catch to identify it as a sport-caught fish. In many years of operating a derby weight station, I have very rarely seen anybody forget to do this. (To Trooper Hall) How often have you seen this?<br><br>Troller Hall (in response): It happens occasionally; can't really say how often.<br><br>Aaron: Would this allow all downriggers, or just manual downriggers?<br><br>Trooper Hall: It would have to be manual downriggers only, or else it isn't considered handtroll gear.<br><br>Tad: Proposals like this have come up many times in the past. ATA supported one like this last cycle. Enforcement opposed it for instinctive reasons that weren't really all that well grounded- they didn't like the gear overlap issue, but since rod and reel is already allowed, that is a false argument. Furthermore, if the area that the boat is fishing in is closed to trolling, then they can't be legally trolling anyway, regardless of what kind of gear they are using. And if the water is open to trolling, then why does it matter if it is hard to tell whether they are trolling or sportfishing?<br><br>Eric: I strongly support this proposal. Both hand troll and power trollers ought be able to use rods if they want to. |

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| 115 | Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows:<br>**Amended to apply only in years when the winter fishery is scheduled to close March 15 instead of April 30.** | | |
| 14<br>**(Proposal amended to apply only in years when the winter fishery is scheduled to close March 15 instead of April 30.)** | 0 | 0 | Tad: I was on the ATA board when they submitted this proposal. This proposal was intended to provide partial mitigation to the winter fishermen for the loss of the best 6 weeks of winter. It isn't much, but it is something.<br>The CPUE index for district 13 that is part of the new Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement starts with week 41, so opening any earlier would contaminate that index. That's why ATA didn't ask to start any earlier.<br>By moving the opening date from the 11th to the beginning of week 41, it would make the length of the assessment period uniform every year. As it is now, the length varies. So this proposal would make it a better index.<br>The winter fishery used to start on Oct 1. Summer trollers wanted to restrict the winter harvest, so they would get more of the quota and pushed to get the opening date moved to Oct 11. Back then, the winter season always ran through at least mid April. But, in 2018, the BoF shortened the winter season due to Stock of Concern issues and as long as we continue to be in SOC management, it will close March 15. Thus, there is no longer any need to further restrict harvest on the front end of the season.<br><br>Grant (ADF&G Troll biologist): The fishery opening date has been Oct 11th since 1992. Sometimes the 11th is in stat week 41 , sometimes in week 42. This would change the length of the CPUE assessment compared to the 2001-2015 base period which might change the relationship between CPUE and abundance. This might cause a change in the quota. Hard to say whether it would go up or down, but the Alaskan treaty team is nervous, because they would have to explain this change to their negotiation counterparts.<br><br>Mo: What is the earlier possible opening date under this proposal?<br><br>Grant: It would add 3-9 days.<br><br>Kent: So, it would be 6 more days on average.<br><br>Steve: This is an opportunity to gain more data. We don't know what the catch rates will be until we fish. The more |

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| | | | data that we have the better we should be at predicting abundance.<br><br>John: (To Grant) So currently, the CPUE assessment period isn't a fixed number of days?<br><br>Grant (in response): No, it runs from Oct 11 through the end of Week 48. The number of days changes from year to year.<br><br>Tad: This would stop it from changing every year and make it a fixed length. That should make the index more reliable, not less. A desire to remain consistent with how something was done in the past is not a good enough reason to keep doing it poorly.<br><br>Eric: Many years ago, our AC proposed moving the winter line in front of town further out. When that change was made, there happened to be big runs of Robertson Creek hatchery kings coming by those years and we caught lots of them. The winter catch got up around 72,000. It was a substantial fraction of the annual quota. That was good for the resident trollers since winter prices are much higher than summer prices, but the summer guys didn't like it and they wanted the winter season capped at 40,000. We convened a task force to address this. They settled at a winter cap of 45,000. The winter prices are so much higher than the summer prices, it is much better for the year round residents if we catch them in the winter. But now with the season closing March 15, the winter catches are very small. This would help a bit.<br><br>John (Power troll rep): We've lost the best part of our winter season to the SoC management plan. Spring fishing in most areas is shutdown completely. If we can get a few more winter days it would help. There aren't SoC concerns this time of year, so this is the best opportunity to make up a little bit of lost ground.<br><br>Luke: So does this change the CPUE assessment period?<br><br>Tad: Not technically. The CPUE assessment period was set by the 2019 Treaty Agreement as Week 41-48. However, since the agreement went into effect, we haven't started fishing until Oct 11. The assessment period has been open for 3-9 |

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| | | | days before there has been any fishing to assess. This would let us fish the entire assessment period.<br><br>Woody: This is a good proposal. Don't worry about the CPUE effects. They will be minor.<br><br>Mo: I am concerned about the CPUE changes, but I'm more worried about the potential for bycatch. I used to start winter fishing on Oct 1 back when it was allowed. That was a long time ago and the ocean has changed alot since, but back then we used to get a lot of shakers and a lot of juvenile outmigrant coho. I could support this proposal for years when the SoC Plan has the winter fishery closing on March 15, but not in the event that we go back to April 30. If we can fish until April 30, we'll catch our fish in April, so we don't need to start early and have the potential for bycatch. Better to catch them in April if we are allowed to.<br>Also, one of the reasons for changing from Oct 1 to Oct 11 was to make the inside winter guys take some of the burden of the reduction instead of it just coming from moving the winter line in front of Sitka in. The first ten days of fishing in Frederick Sound used to be very good. Giving that up was Petersburg's contribution to reducing winter catch.<br><br>Move/2nd; Mo/Eric to Amend proposal to only apply to years when the winter season will close on March 15<br><br>Kent: Will we know at the beginning of winter season whether it will end on March 15?<br><br>Grant (in response): Yes, winter season will continue to end on March 15 until the BoF lifts the Unuk River SoC management. The Department would have to make a recommendation to do that well in advance of the beginning of winter season.<br><br>Amendment passes 14-0<br><br>Tad: The amendment is consistent with the intent of the ATA board when they made the proposal. This was a compromise proposal between various factions of the troll fleet, but the reason for making the proposal was to provide partial mitigation for the loss of the most lucrative 6 weeks of the winter season. |

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| 116 | Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of nonretention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows: | | |
| 0 | 14 | 0 | Juston Peeler (SEAS): Opposed to this. It would lead to too much mishandling<br><br>Grant (Troll biologist): ADFG has many issues with this. It appears unenforceable<br><br>AWT Officer Hall: On its face, it is unenforceable. It would allow the sale of fish that can't be legally possessed. Fishermen that are catcher/sellers and have private markets could sell the fish to themselves, then resell the fish to a customer under their processor license.<br><br>Tad: Under the new Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement, Alaska has a limit on the number of king salmon that fishermen keep and a separate limit on the incidental mortality. The way that the agreement is written, reducing the latter doesn't allow us to keep any additional fish. We've greatly reduced our identical mortality over the years, and haven't gotten any additional quota in exchange. |
| 117 | Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows: | | |
| 1 | 13 | 0 | Justin Peeler (SEAS): As a seiner and SEAS board member, I support this proposal to make the troll fleet more efficient and make it easier to catch the troll allocation.<br><br>AWT Officer Hall: This would become an enforcement issue if boats fishing 6 lines were required to release king and cohos but boats fishing 4 lines in the same area were allowed to keep them. Is that the department's understanding of the proposal?<br><br>Grant (ADFG troll biologist): Yes, those running 6 lines would have to release kings and cohos.<br><br>AWT Officer Hall: The proposal includes August and September- so the August king opener would be included.<br><br>Eric: I'm strongly opposed to this proposal. I pioneered the chum troll fishery. It is a good one for small boats since it takes place in mostly protected waters. Many small boats don't have 6 gurdies, and even if they did they couldn't run six wires without getting tangled up. Six wires makes boats |

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| | | | less maneuverable. Maneuverability is a big part of success in the chum troll fishery. Running too many flashers will spook the fish and put them off bite for everybody else. Between reduced turning radius, more boats getting in each other's way, extra tangles and spooked fish this isn't likely to lead to higher catches. Probably will result in lower catches if too many guys try this. Furthermore, it is highly allocative since only the biggest boats could run 6 lines successfully anyway.<br><br>AWT Officer Hall: The proposal doesn't specifically say that it is limited to power trollers. Would handtrollers be allowed to run 6 wires too? They aren't even allowed to have 6 gurdies on the boat now.<br><br>Eric: (To Hall) How would you enforce this?<br><br>AWT Officer Hall: It would be very difficult. I would have to go aboard and look at the catch of each boat running 6 wires. That would be very time consuming. I'm not interested in doing this. It wouldn't be a good use of my time.<br><br>John: Would this require a change to 5AAC 29.120 also? That section limits power trollers to 4 lines except west of Cape Spencer.<br><br>Stacy: When we talked about the other 6 line proposal, there were bycatch concerns. When fishing is good, the fish on the 5th and 6th wires get drug around longer so they aren't in as good of shape, if they get released. Would this lead to a 50% increase in bycatch encounters and more than 50% increase in bycatch mortality?<br><br>Eric: There are plenty of reasons to oppose this proposal, but bycatch isn't one of them. The chum troll fishery has very little bycatch- especially when things are busy and the chum are biting well. I once had made an arrangement with an ADFG observer to come along with me on a coho trip because they wanted to get Chinook bycatch data. I got a tip that the chum were in, so I told the observer that I was going chum fishing instead. The observer cancelled because even back then, ADFG knew that bycatch in the chum fishery was so low that it wasn't going to be worth the observer's time to be on board. |

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| | | | Mike Vaughn (ADFG assistant troll biologist): In response to a previous question by AWT Hall, it is ADFG's interpretation that handtrollers would be allowed 4 wires under this proposal. |
| 132 | Prohibit diving (spear fishing) in Redoubt subsistence area: | | |
| No position on this proposal, but inform BoF that there is fishing activity at redoubt that is apparently illegal. | | | Tony Byrd: I spearfish at Redoubt. I oppose this proposal. It is unwarranted. No other type of subsistence gear group is being singled out. The safety concern is being overblown. There are plenty of dangers inherent to dipnetting too. The spear is tethered to the spear gun. It isn't like it is going to go flying off and hit somebody.<br><br>Eric (to Tony): I have flyfished, dipnetted and snagged at Redoubt. Can you spearfish outside of the snagging line instead of right at the base of the falls?<br><br>Tony (in response) : Maybe you could, but it would be much more difficult. You would have to hold your breath much longer. Also, there are lots of boats on the line. It is safer near the falls where there aren't a bunch of boats and snagging hooks.<br><br>Tad (to Tony): The proposer says that spearfishing is inefficient. Can you speak to that?<br><br>Tony (in response): My son and I do well. We get our limits. Spearing allows us to be selective and take the specific fish that we want. Dipnetting is difficult for me. I have a bad back. I do better spearing than dipnetting for sure.<br><br>Ben Adams: I've fished Redoubt for ten years with a dipnet and with spear. The root cause of this problem isn't spearfishing, but rude behavior. I try to be considerate of all other users. Mostly other people are too. I question why the proposal is in effect June 21- August 1. Early in that time period there usually are few if any other people there. Dipnetter spook fish too. It isn't just spearfishermen. You learn how to swim so that you don't spook so many fish. We don't want to spook the fish. It makes it harder for us too. But you have to learn. If you are in the water though, it is easier to see how the fish are reacting. There are many dangers at Redoubt- bears, people with guns, slippery rocks, etc. Spearfishing isn't any more of a danger than those |

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| | | | things. Why should we be singled out. We already are restricted to the side with less current. The current is too strong at the main falls to be able to swim, so that side is always going to be free of spear fishermen.<br><br>Jud Kirkness: I oppose this proposal. I've been dipnetting at Redoubt for 16 years. I catch about 100 sockeye most years and have never had a problem with spear fishermen. The run is as strong as it is because the Forest Service fertilizes the lake. That's to say that all of us, including the spear fishermen, as federal taxpayers are paying for those fish, so they ought to be allowed to continue to harvest them. The mention in the proposal statement about spearfishing being dangerous isn't a legitimate one. Fishing at Redoubt is dangerous for many reasons. Spearfishermen are the least of my safety concerns.<br><br>Mike Martello:I oppose this proposal. I've been spearfishing at Redoubt for 12-15 years. Sure the fish scatter when you go after them, but only for a few minutes. I get my limit, and so do the dipnetters fishing around me. If this proposal were to pass, the snorkelers would have to be out past the snagging line. This would be more dangerous. Fishing at Redoubt can be dangerous for many reasons. I've seen boats flip in the falls, I've seen dipnetters fall in. There are plenty of dangers, but spearfishermen aren't a major source.<br><br>Eric: Is there a possible compromise? The Sitka AC won a major award for developing this management plan. We spent a lot of time on it, and during that time, spearfishing wasn't anticipated. Could there be some time slots when spearfishing wouldn't be allowed? There is a real potential for conflict here. For instance, if there is a spear fisherman in the pool below the falls, I would imagine that it would be pointless to try to fly fish there.<br><br>Mike: I don't think it is appropriate to regulate one gear type over all others. It wouldn't be fair. The fishery is timed around the tides, so a fixed time of day wouldn't work- or at least there would be days when the time you were allowed to fish would be a time when the fish weren't there. People fish after work, so their schedules are limited.<br>I've speared there a lot and rarely does my presence affect any other users. The fish move around. We don't want to spook them unnecessarily. The fish come back within |

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| | | | minutes. It doesn't take any longer for the fish to recover than if you swept a dipnet through the pool.<br>I speared 40 fish last year. Many times when I went there weren't any dipnetters. Why should I be restricted to certain times of day if there isn't anybody else there?<br>Maybe a line closer to the fall could work, but if you are the only one there you ought to be able to go anywhere you want to go. The currents change with the tide. At low tide you can't get close to the falls anyway. As I see it, the user groups already break themselves into separate zones. The snaggers get the outer area. The dipnetters get the falls and the spearfishermen get the middle.<br>John: The Redoubt management plan allows the use of a spear, but does it allow the use of a spear gun? The proposal says that it doesn't.<br><br>Lauren Sill (ADFG Subsistence): 5 AAC 01.010 defines spear to be hand operated. Don't know if a spear gun counts.<br><br>AWT officer Hall: I don't know either.<br><br>Steve: Snorkeling might be legal sport gear, but I don't think that it is legal subsistence gear.<br><br>AWT officer Hall: I think you (Steve) might be right.<br><br>Troy (ADFG Sportfish) The snagging boundary is the fresh/salt water line. Sport spearfishing isn't allowed in fresh water where the current spearfishery is taking place.<br><br>Aaron Dupuis (ADFG comfish): The subsistence regs at Redoubt allow dip nets, gaffs, spears, and hook and line, but dive gear- including snorkeling is not allowed.<br><br>Andrew: So what does that mean?<br><br>Aaron Dupuis: It means that you aren't allowed to use dive gear for subsistence fishing at Redoubt.<br><br>Andrew: I dipnet there all the time, but I've never had a problem with a spearfisherman. I'm fine with them there. I would be willing to make a proposal to change the regs so that they could legally be there. |

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| | | | Luke: I've dipnetted, snorkeled and snagged at Redoubt. I've never had any inter-gear conflicts, just intra-gear ones. I would support making spearfishing legal.<br><br>Steve: If snorkeling is illegal, we should support the proposal.<br><br>Jud Kirkness: As written, this proposal would prohibit anybody being in the water whether they were spearfishing or not. That's overkill.<br><br>Jeff: Dipnetting spots are limited. if snorkelers are spooking fish, that makes things even more difficult. The limited access is the reason for the low harvest. I'm in favor of this proposal.<br><br>Stacy: It is clear that diving isn't legal, and using a spear gun probably isn't legal either. Maybe the best solution for tonight is to table the proposal. The divers need to get together and come up with a proposal that is acceptable to the dipnetters before it is likely to pass. Mostly they need to define ways that would enforce courtesy.<br><br>Andrew: I agree<br><br>AWT officer Hall: The Redoubt Management Plan would have to change. Might have to change sport and Personal Use too.<br><br>Aaron Dupuis: Perhaps one of the other proposals for Redoubt could be amended. That way it could be addressed this cycle. I don't think that it would be appropriate to amend this proposal since it would be the opposite of the proposal's intent.<br><br>Luke: There is a lot more perceived conflict at Redoubt than actual conflict. If the fish aren't running it is easy to blame some other user group. When you are actually in the water, you can see how the fish are really reacting.<br><br>John: Where is the Redoubt Management line? Could they snorkel outside of that line?<br><br>Aaron Dupuis (in response to John's question):The line is out north of Kidney Cove. I.e. The entire fishable water is within the Redoubt Management area, so no, I don't think that is a solution. |

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| | | | Eric (to AWT Hall): Did you know that there is a popular illegal activity going on at Redoubt?<br><br>AWT officer Hall (in response): No. This just came to light researching for this proposal. We didn't realize that it wasn't legal.<br><br>Eric: Because we have had people participating in illegal fisheries, I suggest that users get together to define areas/times when/where spearing can be made legal.<br><br>Heather: This would need a SE RAC proposal too.<br><br>Woody: This proposal says that no person shall remain submerged. What if somebody just wants to go for a swim? What if a dipnetter falls in and gets immersed? they would be in violation. That's overkill.<br><br>Jeff: I don't see another proposal that we could amend to include spearfishing. Proposal 133 is about net gear and 131 is about community harvesting.<br><br>Heather: In that case, we probably can't solve this in time for this BoF cycle.<br><br>Moved/2nded; Steve/Kent to Take No Action on this proposal and inform the BoF that there is an apparently illegal activities taking place |
| 119 | Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows: | | |
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| 120 | Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows: | | |
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| 121 | Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
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| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
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| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
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| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
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| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |
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| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |
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Adjournment: 9:15

Minutes Recorded By: _Tad Fujioka_____
Minutes Approved By: ___Full AC_____
Date: __12/6/21_____

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**December 9 ,2021**
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by Heather Bauscher, Chair

II. Roll Call
Members Present:

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| Prussian | Aaron | hand troll |
| Feldpauch | Jeff | Subsistence |
| Barkau | Kent | Hunting |
| Johnson | Moe | Seine |
| Johnson | Karen | At Large |
| Curran | Dick | Longline |
| Murray | John | Power Troll |
| Thoms | Andrew | Conservation |
| Ramp | Steve | Resident Sport Fish |
| Jordan | Eric | At Large |
| Cyr | Woody | Trapping |
| Bastain | Luke | Guide |
| Bauscher | Heather | Alternate |

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| Johnson | Karen | At Large |

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Members Absent (Excused):1
Members Absent (Unexcused):2
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
   a. Aaron Dupoius
   b. Jason Jones
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IV. Guests Present:

Chuck Olson
Peter Bradley
Devon Calvin
Daphyne Albee-- Alaska Native Sisterhood
Kyle Rosendale Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Tom Gamble
Lauren Sill
Anna
Katherine Rose-- Raven Radio
Justin Peeler
Louis Brady
Paulette Moreno
Mark Browning

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

1) Bear letter on population survey-- held until next meeting
2) Covid Letter-- Held until next meeting
3) Jeff Feldpausch gave an update on tribal lawsuit on herring fishery. Will email out updates and rulings.
4)

IX. New Business

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XI. Set next meeting date

XII. Other

**XIII.** Adjourn

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| 159 | Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| UNANIMOUSLY<br><br>OPPOSE | 0 | 13 | John Murray moves to adopt<br>Tad seconds.<br><br>Representative of Herring Conservation Alliance (seiners) spoke to the proposal on how this regulation of allowing for subsistence use could threaten the fishery and close it down.<br><br>Eric Jordan asked about if this was the concern, how it is that we have had a fishery over the years since the regulation was adopted?<br><br>John Murry: If this is passed, wouldn't the agency have to rewrite the entire management plan?<br><br>ADFG: if this did happen, adfg would use time and area to ensure that subsistence needs were met.<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Kyle Rosendale: STA-- this regulation is part of the lawsuit that STA had in motion. This regulation is one of the core ways that ADFG and regulations meets its obligation to meet subsistence needs. if this was repealed, the Board and State would likely be afoul of meeting subsistence needs. STA is against this regulation |

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| | | | Justin Peeler--- This regulation was tooken to court and maybe it is time to revise it. it is time to get out the misinterpretation of it. bringing it to the floor of the board of fish will allow us to do that.<br><br>Devon Calvin-- member of public-- oppose this proposal.<br><br>Paulette Moreno--oppose proposal 159 on behalf of Alaska Native Sisterhood; this is a matter of respect and having a proposal coming forward like this contrary to previous work done by all parties is disrespectful<br><br>Tommy Gamble-- Opposes this proposal<br><br>Board Discussion:<br>STA and ADF&G had an MOU that required them to work together address reasonable opportunity and address subsistence concerns. In 2009 the State back out of the MOU citing concerns by another user group that STA had access to information that others didn't.<br><br>John Murray: Stocks are robust and the biomass is large so there is enough for subsistence harvest and commercial harvest and all the other critters<br><br>Eric Jordan: Do we need to repeal this to have a sacroe fishery or can the department manage for subsistence and sac roe with this regulation? (to ADFG) Answer from ADFG area Biologist: YES<br><br>Tad: feels like there is an inconsistency from the proposer<br><br>Moe: request we take no action and recommend the BOF revisit the regulation in place and meet with all parties involved to go over regulations and make sure all needs are met. As a seine fisherman, concerned when a regulation ends up in court. BOF should sit down with user groups and come up with better wording<br><br>Moe: move to take action and request BOF revisit the regulation in place with all user groups involved and come up with better wording so that it will not end up in court again.<br>Luke Bastian 2nds<br><br>John-- not in favor of that |

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| | | | Jeff-- not in favor of amendment nor proposal<br>Aaron-- likes the motion and agrees that maybe there is a need to change up the language in the regulation<br>Jeff- would not support rewriting this at this date<br>Steve-- oppose amendment. herring fishery has been run fine with this regulation over the years since adoption<br>motion 11 oppose, 2 support FAILS<br><br>Eric Jordan calls question |
| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE UNANIMOUSLY | 0 | 14 | John Murray moves to discuss<br>Kent Barkhau seconds<br><br>Proposer: we don't want to divide anyone or cause conflict. we just want everyone to get some of the biomass<br><br>Department Comment: if these areas went away, department could have a fishery here. these areas have been fished in the past. this is allocative proposal and department is neutral<br><br>Questions about areas closed. ADFG biologist shows maps of herring spawning protected area and proposal changes<br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Kyle Rosendale: STA opposes this. Long-time subsistence harvesters and elders cite this area that would be taken out of the protected area as the most important spawn area. This is an area set up for the people in the 14 foot open skiffs who are accessing areas for eggs. These areas are set up for those people who can't go out in more unprotected waters and these areas are very important |

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| | | | Justin Peeler-- This proposal is to bring it to the floor and see if we can design it better-- give access to seiners for the deeper water<br><br>Louis Brady-- I oppose this and urge people to respect the opinions and considerations of the first people of this place and the thousands of stakeholders the use these eggs to oppose this proposal<br><br>Paulette Moreno-- strongly oppose this proposal and asks the SItka AC to do the same.<br><br>Tom Gamble-- spoke on his history of being involved with mapping this area and working with commercial sector in figuring out a proposal, original proposal was bigger and was reduced to this current area.<br><br>DElbert Kadake-- Called in from Kake- Goes to SItka to harvest eggs. the area this proposal considers is the hot spot for egg harvest. the only time i have noticed a disturbance is when there is a fishery close by that disturbs fish coming into the protected area. we come to kake to harvest eggs.<br><br>Peter Bradley: Opposed to this proposal and talked about history<br><br>Comments from Committee<br><br>Jeff Feldpautch-- showed maps of spawn frequency and that this area that would be opened up has a high spawn frequency which makes it an important harvest area.<br>A lot of other areas in the sound are bad for herring egg gathering… beaches on kruzof fill the eggs with sand and the conditions out there are not conducive (too much swell and weather)<br><br>Eric: when the protected areas were proposed by the tribe, it was larger than the actual current protected area. The Sitka AC proposed this area which was adopted by the BOF<br><br>Woody-- This protected area has only existed since 2018. It is too early to roll this bad. Let it work for more time |

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| | | | Tad: I find the language on "artificially inflated amount needed for subsistence (ANS)"" is offensive and shame on proposer for including that. The BOF will look down on that.<br><br>Steve: will oppose because there is nothing to replace it, but would like to make comment in notes to direct agency to do in-season management to identify areas of spawn where areas are set aside for subsistence harvesters<br><br>Andrew--disagree with Steve and dont' think it is possible to set aside areas in-season to set aside for subsistence harvest |
| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE UNANIMOUSLY | 0 | 14 | Steve Ramp moves to consider<br>Tad seconds<br><br>Justin Peeler, proposer-- with the increasing number of people engaged in subsistence, feel that this could help track it. Also, apologize on any language that may be offensive. i am here as an individual and did not' necessarily write these proposals that have language that is offensive.<br><br>Department Staff:<br>Department has no position on this proposal<br><br>Woody-- is the department getting the information it needs from the current survey information? Department staff: YES<br><br>Moe: do we have a percentage of harvesters surveyed?<br>Department: we have a percentage of the households we believe participates in the survey based on STA's list of known harvesters. we use chain referral and get pretty good response rates.<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Kyle Rosendale: STA is opposed and we dont' think this gets the reporting in the best way. we would like to see more resources for subsistence staff. The surveys give |

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| | | | opportunities for questions and feedback and reporting in ways that permits would not.<br><br>Anna Lafree-- oppose this proposal<br><br>Peter Bradley-- shared a link and opposed the proposal<br><br>Paulette Moreno-- opposes proposal and has noted changes in fish behavior<br><br>Louise Brady-- Opposes proposal<br><br>Delbert Kadake-- oppose proposal. hard to say how the permit will work when the eggs I collect I share out with everyone. do the people I share with need permits?<br><br>Tom Gamble: Opposes this proposal<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Jeff Feldpausch-- took offense to some of the language in the proposal-- assures that data collected on subsistence harvest by his office is accurate<br>Harvest surveys put managers “in the boat” with the harvesters. Permits will not give this level of data |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _Andrew Thoms_____
Minutes Approved By: __Full AC_____
Date: __December 13, 2021_____

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**December 13th, 2021**
**Location of Meeting**

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

II. Roll Call
Members Present:

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| Prussian | Aaron | hand troll |
| Feldpauch | Jeff | Subsistence |
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| Murray | John | Power Troll |
| Thoms | Andrew | Conservation |
| Fujioka | Tad | Processor |
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| Ramp | Steve | Resident Sport Fish |
| Jordan | Eric | At Large |
| Cyr | Woody | Trapping |
| Bastain | Luke | Guide |
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| Bauscher | Heather | Alternate |
| Wayne | Stacey | Shellfish |

Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused):3
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
   a. Aaron Dupoius
   b. Jason Jones
   c. Jake Wieliczkiewicz
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IV. Guests Present:
   a. Katherine Rose, Raven Radio
   b. Paulette Moreno

c. Chuck Olson
d. Anna Calvin
e. Kyle Rosendale
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V. Approval of Agenda
Agenda Approval by unanimous consent

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Minutes of December 9th meeting approved

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

i. Report on correspondence

b. ADF&G

c. Others

i. Member of AC reported on the lateness of the ADFG comments on proposals

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

a. Update on Bycatch meeting and AC actions

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

**XIV.** Adjourn

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| 162 | Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT UNANIMOUSLY | 12 | 0 | Tad moves to adopt, Jeff seconds<br><br>Proposer Tad Fujioka: I see this as a minor proposal. I tried to make it as non-controversial as possible. The current regulations require the harvester to return to ADFG after harvesting ½ of their annual limit to renew their paperwork. This is onerous and wasteful of staff and harvesters time and limited minus tide opportunities for harvest. This proposal would allow the harvester to harvest their full allotment on one trip. The current limits appear to be random and are difficult to measure in the field. So the proposal rounds the limits up to the next 25 pounds which is half of a standard wetlock box. The proposer considered increasing the limit much more, but decided not to do so in order to avoid introducing potentially controversial allocative aspects.<br><br>Department Staff: went through current regulations-- Department is neutral on proposal and doesn't see conservation concerns on the abundance of resource (kelp or herring); annual harvest is around 2500 lbs<br><br>Public Comment:<br><br>Kyle Rosendale-- Sitka Tribe: totally support this proposal<br><br>Paulette Moreno-- Totally support this proposal |

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| | | | Committee Discussion:<br><br>John Murray: support this proposal. total catch is down compared to total biomass and there is a lot of macrocystic kelp around<br><br>Tad Fujioka-- Have friends in other parts of the state who I share the resource with; last year was about 100 households<br><br>Jeff Feldpausch-- I believe this will improve reporting accuracy of harvest |
| 163 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 11 | 1 | John Murray moves to support, Tad seconds<br><br>Proposer: this proposal is beneficial to everyone who is a stakeholder in the herring fishery<br>I am a permit holder in the sac-roe fishery<br>I have seen improvements every year in this fishery.<br>My concern is that the fishery can be dangerous and costly.<br>3 concerns:<br>1) Conservation<br>2) Cost of monitoring and prosecuting fishery<br>3) Safety--- I have seen vessels hit each other and run over nets.<br>All these concerns can be solved by all permit holders having an equal share in the fishery.<br>The reason we had statehood was to stop fish traps and distribute fishery benefits to fishermen and not just processors. This proposal would make the fishery safer, better, less costly and better for the resource.<br><br>Q:<br>Eric Jordan: This sounds great.<br><br>Jeff: Would the permit holder have to be on the grounds?<br>Chuck: yes |

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| | | | Karen: Have you talked to other permit holders on how they feel?<br>Proposer: there is a poll going around amongst permit holders and the vast majority are in favor. There are only 3 or 4 who are against this. We have a super majority on this amongst permit holders.<br><br>Moe Johnson: when the black cod chatham fishery was shifted to equal share, was it unanimous amongst permit holders?<br>Answer from Proposer: NO, it was not unanimous but the BOF did it anyway. I don't think we would ever get 100% from the SACROE fishery.<br><br>Department Staff:<br>This proposal will not have an impact on ADFG to manage the fishery or meet the harvest quota<br><br>Department is neutral<br><br>Question on meeting GHL?<br>Department: we can meet GHL and manage fishery accordingly. it would more likely be on the processor's capacity to meet GHL rather than us managing.<br><br>John Murray: Appreciate all the points made in the proposal<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Kyle Rosendale, Sitka Tribe: STA supports measures that reduce disturbance to herring spawning, but this proposal doesn't outline how the fishery would be managed and we are very concerned about high grading. It is STA's concern that previous cooperating fisheries that were managed for higher market quality and was essentially highgrading which had an impact on herring populations<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Eric Jordan: I strongly support this. I have been on boats participating in the fishery when boats run over nets and captains are fighting with each other. very unsafe. |

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| | | | Tad: The BoF should consider other stakeholders besides the permit holders. Equal shares would mean negative economic impacts for many other stakeholders-- less crew, less spending in Sitka restaurants/bars/gear stores, less sales tax for the city; less revenue for the harbor department–other vessel owners will see their rates raised to make up for this shortfall.<br>Andrew Thoms: also less reality show crew |
| 164 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 3 | 10 | Jeff Feldpauch moves to adopt<br>John seconds<br><br>Chair: Any further information anyone wants to add to the robust discussion on 163?<br><br>Steve Ramp: question for Department: how would this proposal deal with quota different from 163?<br><br>Answer: For 163, if a permit holder didn't catch their quota, it would be left in the ocean. For 164, there is an overage/underage that would allow others to catch that share.<br><br>Jeff FEldpausch: I see this proposal as putting the onus on the department and 163 as putting the onus on the fishery participants to distribute<br><br>PUblic Testimony<br><br>Kyle Rosendale: Sitka Tribe opposes 164 and the 10% overage/underage clause<br><br>Chuck : the processors would give the totals on product harvested. Overage would be paid to ADFG<br><br>Paulette Moreno: I oppose proposal. We need a solution but it is not this proposal.<br><br>Committee: |

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| | | | John Murray: I support this proposal more. feel like this proposal gives move chance to get more crew members and more dollars out into the community.<br><br>Jeff-- I am going to oppose proposal. it puts too much on department |
| 165 | Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 2 | 11 | Jeff feldpauch move to adopt<br>John Murray second<br><br>Proposer:<br>intent of proposal is to meet guideline harvest level which has not been obtained in quite some time.<br>market for herring roe is getting smaller<br><br>Would like to see the bait fishery be a winter fishery<br><br>Not my intention that these fish are used for fish meal at all<br><br>Department:<br>Currently nearly all of the GHL is allocated to Sac-Roe with only 100 tons allowed for bait fishery<br>Department is neutral on this proposal<br><br>Question: wouldn't passing this create a whole new fishery that needs a whole new management plan?<br><br>Moe: question for Chuck. if this proposal just allowed for bait fishing in just the Sitka Sound sac roe fishery area would that work?<br>Chuck answer: intention was to open Sitka Sound to food and bait and never to harvest south of Aspid Cape.<br><br>Jeff: question for Aaron: where does the majority of the Sitka Sound population go when they are not spawning in the sound?<br>Answer: don't' really know<br><br>Moe: Are the Craig bait fishery sampled?<br>aaron: not totally aware but believe all are from Craig<br><br>Pubic testimony: |

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| | | | Kyle Rosendale: SItka Tribe of Alaska strongly opposes this proposal. Concerned about a fish meal fishery. also we don't' have reliable stock distribution data for winter. Also, the fish left in the ocean not caught in the sac roe fishery are going to feed other fish that have a higher economic value.<br><br>Anna Laugherty-- oppose this proposal<br><br>Steve Johnson: don't support this proposal and this it needs a whole new management plan<br><br>Paulette Moreno: strong opposition to this proposal<br><br>Peter Bradley: opposes this proposal<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve Ramp-- Move to amend that the area of the harvest is between Point Kakul and Aspid Cape<br>Moe Johnson seconds<br><br>amendment passed 11 in support 2 oppose<br><br>Eric Jordan: I supported the amendment but I don't think this is the time for this proposal<br><br>Tad: We import bait from Craig at my processor and I would like to source locally. it wouldn't be a big harvest. I think this proposal would be better if this was the first fishery that could take place and sac roe was second, but I can support it this way.<br><br>Jeff-- if it was just fish and bait, I could maybe support, but with the concerns about herring being converted to fish meal, I have serious concerns. |
| 166 | Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 5 | Tad moves to discuss, steve seconds |

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| | | | Department: has come up frequently in the past.<br>Department is neutral<br><br>public testimony:<br><br>Steve Johnson: I don't think this is the right mechanism. this needs to be studied separately rather than just sliding a few pounds in using a sac roe permit<br><br>Kyle Rosendale: Sitka Tribe of Alaska opposes the proposal because we don't want a sacroe and roe-on-kelp fishery<br><br>Sitka Tribe would support an open pound fishery as a replacement for roe-on-kelp<br><br>Paulette Moreno: oppose<br><br>Committee Discussion<br><br>Jeff Feldpausch-- in favor of the fishery because it doesn't kill herring… but concerned that this won't' go anywhere.<br><br>Woody: I don't think this proposal is perfect but it is a good step to use roe without killing all the fish to cut their eggs out of them.<br><br>Steve Ramp: I want to support the tribe but I think we need to offer alternatives to harvesting all fish and mortality<br><br>Luke Bastian: concerning spawn in Hoonah Sound-- I have not observed spawn in Hoonah Sound in 5 years andI spend a lot of time there in the fall.<br>On this proposal, if we can add value and reduce mortality, I am in favor and support this.<br><br>Moe: wasn't there already a spawn on kelp fishery in SItka sound years ago?<br>Department: recently, only the test fishery in the late 90s.<br><br>Eric: There are a lot more jobs and value with open pound fishery. I am in favor of asking the BOF to direct the department to do a study on this.<br>There was a spawn-on-kelp fishery decades ago. The access to that resource was reallocated to the sac roe fishery. |

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| 167 | Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE UNANIMOUSLY | 0 | 13 | Tad moves to discuss<br>Woody Seconds<br><br>Department:<br>opposes this proposal<br><br>Jeff: clarifies that the department doesn't consider the SItka Sound Stock and Hoonah Sound stock the same<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>CHuck Olson: opposes this proposal. I am permit holder in Hoonah Sound fishery and I don't' believe they are the same stock of fish.<br><br>Paulette Moreno: Oppose this proposal because they are different stocks of fish; they spawn at different times<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br>Eric Jordan: Ralph Guthrie and I opposed eliminating the Salisbury Sound area from the Sitka Sound sac roe fishery years ago. Seiners and department testified that herring move back and forth up Olga and Neva Straits to Salisbury. These are the same stocks (Salisbury and Sitka Sound) but Hoonah Sound is a different stock.<br><br>Tad: Wasn't there a proposal 10-12 years ago to break Salisbury off - maybe the proposal that Eric referenced. And didn't' the tribe do a study that showed they are different stocks?<br>Answer (Jeff): some microchemistry was done at the tribe by Heather Woody at the nursery areas and could identify nursery areas that identified differentiation in stocks. Don't recall the results. |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: __Andrew Thoms_____
Minutes Approved By: ____Full AC_____
Date: ____12/15/21_____

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**December 15th, 2021**
**Zoom**

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

II. Roll Call
Members Present:

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| Prussian | Aaron | hand troll |
| Johnson | Moe | Seine |
| Johnson | Karen | At Large |
| Curran | Dick | Longline |
| Murray | John | Power Troll |
| Thoms | Andrew | Conservation |
| Fujioka | Tad | Processor |
| Ramp | Steve | Resident Sport Fish |
| Jordan | Eric | At Large |
| Cyr | Woody | Trapping |
| Bastain | Luke | Guide |
| Bauscher | Heather | Alternate |
| Wayne | Stacey | Shellfish |

Members Absent (Excused):1
Members Absent (Unexcused):2
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
a. Aaron Dupois
b. Jason Jones
c. Jake Wieliczkiewicz
d. Troy Tydingco
e.

IV. Guests Present:
a. Mike Martello
b. Katherine Rose, KCAW
c.

V. Approval of Agenda
Consent of AC

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   a. Luke moves to approve, Woody seconds; all in favor

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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business
   a. Bear Population letters: Luke Bastian talks about edits made to the letter.
      i. Eric Moves to use that letter with Luke's edits, all in favor.
   b. Herring letter: many in favor; john murray didn't review. Eric wants to read it out loud. will wait on this letter.
   c. Delay in Staff Comments letter- Stacey motions to send, Tad seconds. Full AC approves letter. will be sent
   d. Stocks of Concern Letter: John Murray drafted letter to everyone.

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

**XIV.** Adjourn

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| **Proposal Number** | **Proposal Description** | | |
| **Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action** | **Number Support** | **Number Oppose** | **Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments** |
| *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.* | | | |
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| 131 | Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | Andrews moves to consider, Stacey seconds<br><br>Department:<br>proposal would expand the waters where hand purse seine may be used under a community harvest permit<br><br>Tad: how close is this to the snagging line<br>Answer: very close<br>Tad: there is potential for gear conflict; snagging hooks in a seine would be a problem.<br><br>Eric: on the community harvest permit, doesn't ADFG give permits and set quota and days?<br>Answer from Department: community harvester comes to department with # of households and names and permit is given for catching those fish, Limit is number of households x the household limie, up to a max of 500 fish in possession. We don't issue many of these permits.<br><br>Luke: with the current boundary in place, how productive is it with the current boundary?<br>Answer: would be better closer to the falls. In current area allowed, it is deep and hard to catch fish.<br><br>Stacey: how often does the threshold of over 40,000 get met?<br>Answer: the last several years it has been a regular occurrence. |

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| | | | Steve Ramp-- I see in the proposal that 3 harvest attempts in 2 years has resulted in 3 fish, so the current allowed area isn't that productive.<br><br>In terms of conflict, do you think that if it was moved to 200 yards out, would it reduce potential conflict?<br>Answer: your decision, but likely. this is an allocative issue<br><br>Aaron Prussian: in the proposal it says when the projected total escapement is over 40,000 fish. how will that be established if the model can project that very early in the run. should it say, "when 40,000 fish escape?"<br>Answer: the regulations say projected and that is usually how we manage. We like to wait until the ¼ point of the run when we have a good amount of data to be able to make those calls.<br><br>John: Do community harvest permits get issued often?<br>Answer: the average number of permits given annually is an average of 2<br><br>Tad: how many households need to be represented?<br>Answer: it doens't say, it needs to be more than 1<br>Tad: if this became reg hand seining could become more popular?<br>Answer: yes, most people don't know about this provision.<br><br>Public Testimony:<br>None<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve: I use Redoubt a lot. I see a lot of conflict around that snag line. I see problems there and that is why I asked about that 200 yard distance.<br><br>Stacey: amendment idea-- how would that be enforced?<br>Aaron: we could put markers up wherever we want to<br>in the beginning stages it would be confusing.<br><br>Stacey: I would second Steve's amendment, if he had made one. |

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| | | | Tad: Move to amend the boundary to 50 yards North of Existing Snagging Line<br>Steve Seconds<br>Amendment Passes Unanimously<br><br>Andrew Thoms:<br>Moves a 2nd amendment to include dive gear:<br>John Murray Seconds:<br><br>Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine, spearfishing gear, including speargun or Hawaiian sling, when immersed in saltwater utilizing skin diving equipment including snorkel, as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows:<br><br>5 AAC 01.760<br><br>(C) by spearfishing gear, including speargun or Hawaiian sling, when immersed in saltwater utilizing skin diving equipment including snorkel.<br><br>(C.1) spearfishing is prohibited within 20 feet of falls<br><br>(C.1) spearfishing while using a compressed air system, such as scuba or hookah, is prohibited.<br><br>5 AAC 01.760 (e)(6) for the purposes of this section, the legal gear for harvest under a community harvest permit are a beach seine, hand purse seine, dip net, gaff, spear, spearfishing gear, including speargun or Hawaiian sling, when immersed in saltwater utilizing skin diving equipment including snorkel, and a hook and line attached to a rod or pole<br><br>Tad: 20' seems inadequate. People currently flyfish at the base of the falls. 20' isn't enough room for that. maybe 20 yards would be enough room- barely.<br>Steve Ramp: I don't think this motion fits with the proposal. |

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| | | | Woody: I agree with the motion, I'm not sure of the setback. 20 feet is fine, 20 yards is excessive<br><br>Tad: I just want to remind everyone that at the last meeting when this was discussed, the proposer specifically said that he didn't think it was appropriate to amend this proposal to add dive gear.<br><br>Luke: not sure if we tie it on here or not, but it is important to deal with this because it is a common process. I don't know if there is another way to get it considered. This proposal does deal with legal means in this area. I agree with Woody that 20 feet is adequate.<br><br>Andrew: this is the best vehicle for considering this method of fish<br><br>Steve: Based on what we learned last meeting about spear fishing being illegal in fresh waters and that the snagging line was the department's line between fresh and salt water, I can't vote for an amendment that supports illegal activities.<br><br>John: I'm not sure that this is right in the community use proposal. Maybe we table it and deal with it Monday. I would vote against this as-is. I move we table. Eric seconds.<br>Motion to table until Monday passes. |
| 132 | Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows: | | |
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| 133 | Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 11 | John Muray moves to support |

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| w/ motion to the board to deal with the issues raised by the department by prohibiting seines and gillnets in Redoubt Bay. | | 2 abstain | Aaron Prussian seconds<br><br>Department:<br>this proposal would allow harvesters to use seine and gillnet in the commercial fishing area<br><br>Question: would this be allowed close to the falls?<br>Answer: no, just in the commercial use area<br><br>Question: is gill net gear allowed in the commercial fishery?<br>Answer: No, this would allow it for subsistence only.<br><br>Question: with this, could we have a community gill net permit?<br>Answer: no, community harvest does not include gill-net, it only adds hand purse seine. This is just for individual household permits.<br><br>Tad: Is the department aware of any abuse of the potential conflict you are working to fix?<br>Answer: No, generally not a problem but could happen. They could say they are fishing for chum and catch sockeye.<br><br>Stacey: So you could use gillnet for your household harvest with this change?<br>Answer: yes<br><br>Moe: do you have specs on seine or gillnet gear?<br>Answer: in the regs for subsistence<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Eric: I'm opposed to this proposal. we didn't include this gear in the Redoubt Lake sockeye plan back when the AC set up the plan- which we won a national award for. And there is a reason we didn't include seine and gill net because this is a dipnet fishery and snagging fishery. In opposing this, we should have this regulation cleared up so that it is clear that you cannot fish seine or gill net for any type of salmon in the Redoubt management area.<br><br>John: I see this as a courtesy thing. Aaron showed us the problems in the regs. I'm voting for. |

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| | | | Steve: I'm in support of this. It is pretty clear that it says you can't go past the commercial regulatory markers. It allows another method to gather sockeye and it doesn't create any conflict.<br>Stacey: i'm in support for the same reason. I would rather use a gillnet than a dipnet. Dipnets require too much strength.<br><br>Woody: It is a mess out there with all these regulations. This is supposed to be something you are supposed to enjoy without having to hire a lawyer. For this proposal, I'm in support to clear up lots of regulations out there.<br><br>Moe: I was part of the Redoubt task force when we came up with this plan and there was no intention to allow seine or gill net out in the outer area. I'm in favor of hand seine under the community use permit, but not for household use. There is no business for gillnet here with the amount of king salmon and coho salmon going through there. There will be conflicts with the commercial seine openings. Bycatch on gillnets will be a big issue… every species of salmon goes through here.<br><br>Tad: I am going to support the senior members of this AC who developed the Redoubt management plan and oppose this proposal.<br><br>Eric:<br>Move to amend to eliminate GillNet ; Steve Seconds<br><br>Tad: I don't think that the amendment deals with the problem that the proposer addresses. There would still be the potential ambiguity in the regualtions that could be interpreted as allowing somebody to use a gillnet to target chum and catch sockeye. Furthermore, the author of proposal states clearly that hand purse seining is not effective in the waters that this amendment would allow them. So this amendment doesn't solve the problem that the proposal was trying to address and it doesn't help anybody catch any fish.<br><br>Motion Fails |

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| | | | Moe talked about history of Redoubt management plan and commercial fishery<br>Tad: Upon hearing the history, I think we should oppose this and let the board know that we would like them to change 5 aac 01.720 (a)(1) to say that gillnets and seines may not be used in Redoubt Bay except under the terms of a community harvest permit<br><br>Steve: I am changing my position from support to opposition based on the history I have heard on the development of the Redoubt Lake management plan that this AC has done.<br><br>Vote<br><br>Abstentions: one abstention is because he works in the Forest Service on Redoubt Lake, one is because he is confused about proposal.<br><br>NOTE TO BOF: this proposal seeks to make changes to eliminate potentially conflicting regulations. Rather than support the proposal, the Sitka AC made the following motion that would make the changes to deal with the issues the department is concerned about in this proposal with the following language:<br><br>Move that we **ask the BoF to modify 5aac01.720(a)(1) such that seine and gillnet gear not be allowed for subsistence salmon fishing in Redoubt Bay except as allowed under a community harvest permit**<br><br>Full Sitka AC in support of motion |
| 134 | Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows: | | |
| | | | Stacey Wayne moves to discuss<br>Andrew seconds<br><br>Department: currently regs do not regulation how much nets can cover streams in this area. in Yakutat, we do regulate and in other areas we do regulate.<br>Department is currently neutral on this proposal. |

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| | | | Tad: I think we should skip since we don't have personal use fishing in SItka.<br>John seconds.<br><br>all in favor |
| 135 | Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows: | | |
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| 136 | Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE ANIMOUSLY | 0 | 13 | Department: confusing language<br>*dealt with personal use salmon which we do not have in the Sitka area.<br>*lots of potential for confusion between Personal Use fishing that is the urban alternative to subsistence versus withholding fish out a commercial fisherman's catch for their personal use, also known as homepack.<br><br>Question |
| 137 | Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 138 | Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows: | | |
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| 139 | Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows: | | |
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| 140 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 141 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 142 | Establish bag and possession limits and lawful gear for smelt fishing in the Ketchikan area, as follows: | | |
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| 143 | Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |

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| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT UNANIMOUSLY | 13 | 0 | john murray moves to approve<br>Stacey wayne seconds<br><br>Proposer (Steve Ramp wrote, Sitka AC submitted)<br>this is to deal with non-residents who rent boats to target halibut<br><br>Department Comments:<br>outlined department's comments on proposal<br><br>Question: does the state have the ability to institute a non-resident log-book:<br>Department Answer: Yes<br><br>Tad: how can the state do creel surveys on rental boats that operate out of a private dock?<br>Department: we dont' have a current program on rental boats.<br><br>Department: the department would oppose developing a new logbook system unless there is a conservation concern and department also doesn't have the budget for it. department feels that what we have is adequate<br><br>Tad: With boat rental clients not being included in charter logbooks, and with many boat rental businesses operating from private docks, including the main Sitka rental fleet, and with the statewide harvest survey not specifically identifying boat rental clients, the department doesn't have a way to estimate the catch by rental clients. So of course they haven't identified any concerns with this user group. It is circular reasoning to cite the lack of data as the reason to not gather data.<br><br>Question: what percentage of license purchasers get a creel survey and what percentage send it back?<br>Department: I don't have the answer to that.<br><br>Question: we made the LAMP to provide for subsistence opportunities for Sitka residents. what is the percentage of halibut caught in the sound by rental boats?<br>Department: we dont' know. |

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| | | | Question: does the department know how many rental boats are operating?<br>Department: we dont' know how many rental boats their are<br><br>Question: these boats seem to be a trend with 20 or 30 of these boats operating out of some of these communities. If this were happening in the Sitka Sound, it would have a big impact on the sound. Did the creel census do any work at lodges at remote locations?<br>Answer: depends on what you mean by remote.. we have done them in some communities but not in pelican, or port alexander or angoon and other remote places<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Matt Donahoe:<br>No creel survey in Yakutat, Gustavus, and Elfin Cove and many other SE AK communities so there is no data from those areas.<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br>Steve: this is a region wide issue and we hope the BOF starts the discussion on these issues with rental vessels<br><br>Andrew: proposal 143 will deal with some of this as well. |
| 233 | Remove districts 13-A and 13-B from Northern Southeast herring spawn on kelp pound fishery administrative area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 3 | 7<br><br>3 abstain | John moves to consider, Tad Seconds<br><br>Department staff gives an overview of the proposal and some items of regulation it would govern. Board of Fish doesn't have the authority to do what this proposal asks for. it would require CFEC action.<br><br>Tad asks if a pound fishery could be allowed in SItka Sound if CFEC were to make the change that this requests;<br>Answer, if this passes, NO, not until they made another change to re-allow it. |

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| | | | Committee Discussion:<br>John Murray: I would rather not make a comment on this.<br><br>Tad: I oppose the concept of this proposal because it would create an additional barrier to the Sitka Sound seine fishery transitioning to a spawn on kelp fishery<br><br>Andrew and Woody agree with Tad<br><br>Eric asks Aaron Dupois how many roe on kelp closed pound permits are in the hoonah sound fishery: Answer: 111<br><br>Moe: I support making this area separate from other pound fishery areas. If there is ever a roe on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound again, the harvesters shouldn't necessarily be the folks that hold L21A permits. They should be the folks that used to harvest roe on kelp before the seine fishery usurped them.<br><br>Abstainers commented that they didn't know enough about this to have an opinion and that they needed more information and background. |
| 277<br><br>SUPPORT<br>UNANIMO<br>USLY | 13 | 0 | john murray moves to approve<br>Stacey wayne seconds<br><br>Proposer (Steve Ramp wrote, Sitka AC submitted)<br>this is to deal with non-residents who rent boats to target halibut<br><br>Department Comments:<br>outlined department's comments on proposal<br><br>Question: does the state have the ability to institute a non-resident log-book:<br>Department Answer: Yes<br><br>Tad: how can the state do creel surveys on rental boats that operate out of a private dock?<br>Department: We don't.<br>Tad: How do you collect catch data on rental boat clients?<br>Department: Statewide harvest survey |

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| | | | Tad: Are the rental boat clients specifically identified in the SWHS or just lumped in with everybody else?<br>Department: No, we don't differentiate.<br><br>Department: the department would oppose developing a new logbook system unless there is a conservation concern and the department also doesn't have the budget for it. department feels that what we have is adequate<br><br>Question: what percentage of license purchasers get a creel survey and what percentage send it back?<br>Department: I don't have the answer to that.<br><br>Question: we made the LAMP to provide for subsistence opportunities for Sitka residents. what is the percentage of halibut caught in the sound by rental boats?<br>Department: we dont' know.<br><br>Question: does the department know how many rental boats are operating?<br>Department: we dont' know how many rental boats their are. We don't even define rental boats.<br><br>Question: these boats seem to be a trend with 20 or 30 of these boats operating out of some of these communities. If this were happening in the Sitka Sound, it would have a big impact on the sound. Did the creel census do any work at lodges at remote locations?<br>Answer: depends on what you mean by remote.. we have done them in some communities but not in pelican, or port alexander or angoon and other remote places<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Matt Donahoe:<br>No creel survey in Yakutat, Gustavus, and Elfin Cove and many other SE AK communities so there is no data from those areas.<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br>Steve: this is a region wide issue and we hope the BOF starts the discussion on these issues with rental vessels<br><br>Andrew: proposal 143 will deal with some of this as well. |

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| | | | John: move to take out option 2<br>Woody Seconds<br><br>Tad: Regarding the option of deleting option 2-- one of the BOF members has a boat rental operation operating out of Petersburgh. He might have a problem with the regulation on his business across the board but he might be okay with us just taking action on Sitka. Let's leave the proposal as written.<br><br>Stacey: I don't think we need to take it out. Let's have the conversation<br><br>Eric: i agree with Stacey<br><br>Tad: I support leaving option 2 in the proposal, but I agree that the problem is much bigger than just the LAMP. Even in Sitka, the boats do go outside of the LAMP regularly. I have seen these rental boats anchored fishing on the pinnacles-- a protected area where no bottom fishing is allowed. As they were unguided, maybe they didn't realize that they weren't supposed to be fishing for halibut there.<br><br>Motion on amendment to remove option 2 fails 3-10<br><br>Eric: the state can't do this alone. we need help from NOAA to manage this for halibut<br>With these proposals, we are bringing attention to this issue and flagging that this needs attention. 143 is taking on a similar issue and noticing similar concerns and we need to address this issue |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____Andrew Thoms_____
Minutes Approved By: ____full AC_____
Date: ___DEcember 20th, 2021_____

The Sitka AC finds the Department Comments (RC2) regarding our Proposal 144 to be inadequate at best, and misleading or obfuscating at worst. The following is a rebuttal to the portion of RC2 dealing with our proposal.

**PROPOSAL 144 – 5 AAC 47.XXX. New Section.**

**PROPOSED BY:** Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee.

**WHAT WOULD THIS PROPOSALS DO?** This would specifically require a "sport fishing rental vessel angler and/or operator" to obtain and complete a department logbook and would require the rental vessel operator to register rental vessels used for saltwater sport fishing in the SEAK Area. The information recorded in the logbook would be the name, address, telephone number, and residency of each rental vessel angler, as well as the angler's saltwater sport fishing effort, location, catch, and harvest. The sport fishing rental vessel operator would be required to submit logbook information to the department.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** There is no definition of a sport fishing rental vessel, rental vessel angler, or rental vessel operator. Anglers are required to record harvest information for finfish with annual limits on a nontransferable harvest record. Participants in the sport, personal use, and subsistence SEAK shrimp and king crab fisheries are required to record and report harvest and effort information on a harvest reporting form (permit) issued by the department. Logbooks are only required in the guided marine sport fishery.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** This would require implementation of a new logbook system that would collect information currently collected by other department programs. The implementation of an additional system to monitor the rental vessel fishery would have a unbudgeted impact on the department due to the costs associated with producing logbooks, collection of the logbooks, and entering and analyzing the data.

Businesses that rent vessels used for saltwater sport fishing would be responsible for distributing logbooks to angler clients and for returning completed logbooks to the department by timelines yet to be defined. This would have little effect on the state sport fisheries management since management prescriptions set by the board are specific to residents and nonresidents or sport anglers as a whole, not guided or unguided anglers as in the federal management of halibut.

**BACKGROUND:** All Alaska businesses that provide guided sport fishing services in salt water are required to complete a logbook page for each trip with angler residency, effort, location, catch, and harvest data, and completed logbook pages must be submitted to the department weekly. The department uses the guided saltwater logbook data to monitor fishery impacts on fish stocks, including stocks with conservation concerns, such as king salmon and nonpelagic rockfish in recent years. A electronic logbook system that was fully implemented for SEAK in 2021 will make the logbook data available in a more timely manner than was possible through 2020 using mail-in returns and manual data entry methods

This is indicative of the department's lack of adequate concern over growth of this sector into fully allocated fisheries.

This statement is irrelevant to the objective of quantifying the harvest of rental boat clients. This record is solely for enforcement purposes and doesn't get submitted to the department. Additionally, this record does not identify whether or not a fish is caught on rented boat.

Our concerns are broader than king crab and shrimp. And again, this record does not identify whether the catch was made from a rented boat.

The same logbook program currently used by the guided boats could be used for unguided rental boats. As this is an electronic system, the additional costs of expanding the program would be minimal.

Our point is that unguided boat rental businesses are financially similar enough to guided boat operations that they should be included in the logbook requirements.

The collection of this data would allow the NPMFC to make informed choices about future regulations that could treat rental boat clients separately from other fishermen.

The department provides halibut catch and harvest data from guided saltwater logbooks to federal halibut fishery managers. The IPHC, in consultation with the NPFMC, adopts halibut bag, possession, and length limits for guided and unguided anglers under the Catch Sharing Plan, and NOAA/NMFS administers those regulations. State of Alaska representatives on the NPFMC have a meaningful voice in regulation of federal fisheries in Alaska waters. At its December 2019 meeting, the NPFMC discussed an unguided halibut rental vessel registration system but took no action the agenda item.

Actually, only anglers returning to certain public docks at certain times of day are subject to sampling. Many of these boat rental businesses operate from private facilities not subject to the marine harvest survey program. Furthermore, rental clients set their own schedule so are much more likely than guided anglers to return to port outside of the creel sampler's shift.

The SWHS does not identify whether fish were caught from a rented vessel. Even if this were changed, the SWHS only captures a fraction of the angling effort. As a result, the expanded results have a very wide range of uncertainty, particularly when seeking information about a subset of the respondents or about a specific geographic location

During peak sport fishing months in SEAK, the department operates a marine harvest survey program that interviews all marine anglers, guided and unguided, resident and nonresident, as they return to dock facilities and samples their harvest by species. The department provides marine harvest survey data on halibut size and harvest to federal halibut fishery managers.

The department's ~~Statewide Harvest Survey~~ is an annual end of season survey mailed to a sample of all anglers with an Alaska sport fishing license. From the survey responses, the department estimates total sport fish catch and harvest in all salt and fresh waters of the state by all anglers, including guided/unguided and resident/nonresident categories. The department provides SWHS halibut harvest data to federal fishery managers. The stated intent of this proposal is to "quantify the harvest of sport fish by nonresident anglers fishing from resident vessels". The department believes the SWHS provides the data necessary to ~~quantify the harvest of~~ sport fish by nonresident anglers, including those fishing from rented vessels.

The department has a long history of utilizing emergency order authority in salt waters in response to indications of decreasing fish stocks, or where there are high levels of effort or harvest relative to stock abundance. The department has no authority over inseason regulations regarding the halibut sport fishery.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department **OPPOSES** the establishment of a new rental vessel registration and logbook system in the absence of a specific conservation concern or a management need. Also, the department does not have funding budgeted to cover this cost and would need new funding to implement it.

Without data that is specific to rental boats, how would ADF&G know if rental boat catch was causing a specific conservation concern? This is a circular argument.

This statement does not address the purpose of the proposal which seeks to identify the amount of harvest from rented boats specifically, not as an aggregated total of non-resident catch as is currently done. The department does not currently make any attempt to quantify harvest specifically from rented boats, even though the BoF suggested this as far back as 1992, as shown on this excerpt from page 5 of Board of Fisheries Finding 93-142-FB:

**In order to improve catch reporting and assist in management of the recreational fishery, the department may:**

- **Establish a mandatory log book program to monitor the harvest and effort of guided sport anglers (charter boats and fishing lodges), outfitters and dry skiff rentals.**

The department's restatement of the purpose of our proposal is incorrect. We seek to quantify the harvest of sport fish by nonresident anglers fishing from rented vessels, not from resident vessels.

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee**
**December 20, 2021**
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:11 by Heather Bauscher

II. Roll Call
Members Present:

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| Prussian | Aaron | hand troll | p |
| Feldpausch | Jeff | Subsistence | p |
| Barkau | Kent | Hunting | p |
| Johnson | Moe | Seine | p |
| Johnson | Karen | At Large | p |
| Curran | Dick | Longline | p |
| Murray | John | Power Troll | p |
| Thoms | Andrew | Conservation | p |
| Fujioka | Tad | Processor | p |
| Chute | Spencer | Charter | p |
| Ramp | Steve | Resident Sport Fish | p |
| Jordan | Eric | At Large | p |
| Cyr | Woody | Trapping | p |
| Bastain | Luke | Guide | p |
| Markis | Joel | Alternate | absent unexcused |
| Bauscher | Heather | Alternate | p |
| Wayne | Stacey | Shellfish | p |



Members Absent (Excused):0
Members Absent (Unexcused):1
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
a. Jake Wieliczkiewicz-Sportfish
b. Rhea Ehresmann-Groundfish
c. Troy Tydingco-Sportfish
d. Aaron Dupois- Comfish
e. Jason Jones-Comfish

IV. Guests Present:
   a. Matt Donahoe-- ATA
   b. Katherine Rose KCAW
   c. Tory Curran
   d. Snyders
   e. Jeff Wolfe Commercial Crabber
   f. Greg Wallace- local dungie crabber
   g. Linda Behnken- ALFA
   h. Justin Peeler
   i. Richard Yamada- Alaska Charter Assoc

V. Approval of Agenda
   a. steve ramp motions to approve, tad seconds, all in favor

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   a. Steve moves, john seconds, all present at that meeting in favor

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

VIII. Public Comment
   a. 2 guests present want to reconsider 225

IX. Old Business
   a. Herring Letter-- moved by Eric to sent to department, John Murray seconds. Steve Ramp asked for the letter to be also shared more broadly.
   b. Stocks of concern letter-- Eric motions to approve, Steve 2nds. Andrew comments that more language on conservation concerns of resource
   c.

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

**XIV.** Adjourn

| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 13 | 0<br>2 abstain (feel it is not in our area) | Steve Ramp moves to discuss, John Murray seconds<br><br>Department-- Outlines department comments<br><br>Tad: we've seen this proposal come up in the past-- I think that it used to encompass all seining north of Pt Marsden. Now the proposals before us only refer to district 12. That would exclude the Amalga fishery in district 11. Even though it is a THA, they are catching some wild sockeye there- the same stocks that are the focus of this 15,000 cap. Why is that area no longer included?<br>Department: i don't have a good answer on that.<br><br>Committee:<br>Moe: I am in favor of status quo so i am in favor of this proposal |
| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
| | | | No action due to support of 122 |
| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
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| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |
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| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |
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| 126 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
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| 127 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
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| 128 | Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 129 | Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows: | | |
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| 130 | Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows: | | |
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| 131 | Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT W Amendment (to adjust boundary of seine line to be 50 yards beyond the snagging line) | 14 | 0<br>1 abstain (works in that fishery management) | Brought up to finish<br><br>On the Amendment by Andrew Thoms:<br><br>Andrew Thoms:<br>Moves a 2nd amendment to include dive gear:<br>John Murray Seconds:<br><br>Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine, spearfishing gear, including speargun or Hawaiian sling, when immersed in saltwater utilizing skin diving equipment including snorkel, as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows:<br><br>5 AAC 01.760 |

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| | | | (C) by spearfishing gear, including speargun or Hawaiian sling, when immersed in saltwater utilizing skin diving equipment including snorkel.<br><br>(C.1) spearfishing is prohibited within 20 feet of falls<br><br>(C.1) spearfishing while using a compressed air system, such as scuba or hookah, is prohibited.<br><br>5 AAC 01.760 (e)(6) for the purposes of this section, the legal gear for harvest under a community harvest permit are a beach seine, hand purse seine, dip net, gaff, spear, spearfishing gear, including speargun or Hawaiian sling, when immersed in saltwater utilizing skin diving equipment including snorkel, and a hook and line attached to a rod or pole<br><br>Jeff Feldpausch: one concern is that the proposal was written to deal with community use fishery. This amendment adds a gear type for individual subsistence use. It distracts from the original intent.<br><br>Eric Jordan: I would like to see 20 yards as the distance from falls<br><br>Stacey: Both Tad and I would like to see 20 yards<br><br>Luke Bastian: concerned about adding it to the community use permit<br><br>Steve: I don't think this motion fits here and after hearing from Jeff I am also opposed to it<br><br>John Murray-- I thought that we heard that spearfishing isn't a legal gear<br><br>Steve-- spearfishermen need to introduce their own proposal not piggyback on the community harvest proposal<br><br>Stacey: it is clear that the spear-fishing that is currently practiced with wetsuit and snorkel gear is not allowed by the regs. those practices should go through the process |

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| | | | Jeff Feldpausch: This amendment is inappropriate. I would rather that the AC take no action on this proposal, or even vote it down than to recommend to the BoF that it be amended in this way.<br>**Motion to amend to include dive gear fails, 2-12**<br><br>Tad (question to Jeff): Is STA ok with pulling back the proposed seine line to allow a 50 yard buffer between the water that would be open to seining and the water that the snaggers operate in?<br>Jeff: Yes. I understand the potential for gear conflict. We'll gain a mile, so we don't need to quibble over 50 yards.<br><br>**Question on Proposal with Amendment from last week ( move the seine line to 50 yards north of the snagging line) PASSES** |
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| 143 | Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT UNANIMOUS<br><br>with AMENDMENT that the log include whether or not the fish was caught from a rented vessel | 15 | 0 | John moves to discuss, Jeff Feldpausch 2nds<br><br>Department:<br>Jake- this mandates that all non-residents would have to submit a log-book<br>Department feels like their surveys gather good information and that they can't do anything more because they don't have a budget for figuring out more precisely how many fish non-residents catch<br><br>Question: how many non-residents are we talking about: department: 42% are guided and catches are reported on in the charter captain electronic monitoring. 58% of non-resident fishers are un-guided.<br><br>Public Comment:<br>Matt Donahoe: I support this if it requires accountability on unguided sportfish harvest |

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| | | | Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve: we are gathering data--- with dock creel survey and with the harvest survey mailers that are sent out.<br><br>John Murray: I overall like the idea of collecting data and i support ADFG developing electronic ways of collecting data<br><br>Tad: our proposal 144 does a more surgical job of taking on the issue of what rental boat clients are catching<br><br>Woody: anyone that i have had come visit would have had no issue with filling out a log for taking care of management concerns<br><br>Andrew: i support to help reiterate the need for ADFG to develop app/ electronic reporting<br><br>Eric: we have a huge problem with the sport fish survey taking place way after the season and it is voluntary. it is not an accurate way of collecting data. you exaggerate your catch when you want to or you hide what you catch-- it is how fishing is. you can't get accurate data from an after-the-season mail-out form to fill out. we need something better. we fill out stuff all the time so let's get something going and get better information.<br>I have served on the SE RAC and it is a good body and they put thought into this proposal.<br><br>Steve: I don't think this proposal is well written… hard to fill in log book for each fishing area… you move around all day looking for fish. charter guides are doing this for a living and outcatch fish 2-3 times. This proposal isn't mature enough.<br><br>Tad: Now that all sport fish licenses are sold over the internet, the dept could use email to collect information sooner than mailing out surveys. They have email addresses for everybody who bought a license. Furthermore, with so many non-resident licenses in SE being short-term licenses, the department knows when the person stopped fishing. They could email the fisherman right after their fishing trip. The form would naturally be electronic, and the data would be easy to compile in-0season. |

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| | | | Woody: deer harvest for non residents requires logging harvest and success rate and king salmon is a much more at-concern resource<br><br>Steve: I would motion to amend the proposal that this survey would require that the fisherman document if fish were caught on a rental or non-rental vessel.<br>Dick Curran seconds.<br><br>Motion to amend passes 14-1<br><br>Question on main motion |
| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 145 | Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 9 | 6 | John moves to discuss, Steve seconds<br><br>Department: outlines opposition<br><br>Q: does the department see a conservation concern for Coho and Sockeye?<br>A: No<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve: absent a conservation concern, i am not in favor of cutting back<br><br>Luke: agree with Steve. not many people are going to exceed that number and if there is not a conservation concern, no need to put limits on it. |

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| | | | Jeff: I see this as an allocation issue, not a conservation issue. I don't understand why the department is taking a stand on an allocation issue. |
| 146 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 3 | 12 | Steve Ramp moves to consider, John Murray 2nds.<br><br>Department: Jake outlines comments that these are opposed based on no management or conservation concerns.<br><br>Question: are there any conservation concerns that would warrant this limit?<br>Answer: Only McDonald Lake and Hugh Smith Lake sockeye.<br><br>Question: do you have the growth in sport take of Coho?<br>Answer: outlined numbers but doesn't have a growth rate. but there is a notable upward trend.<br><br>Question: how much would this reduce harvest:<br>Answer: it would reduce harvest<br><br>Committee:<br><br>Steve: I hope we dont' support this since we just voted to support a 6 fish/day proposal<br><br>john: I oppose this, i think we took care of this with 145<br><br>Jeff: I support this because of the sockeye salmon systems that are in decline<br><br>Luke: i don't see a whole lot of non-resident sockeye harvest. I dont' know why we should lower the limit when there is no conservation concern<br><br>Eric: isn't it a fact that people can't catch sockeye? they don't know how to catch with lures?<br>Department: that is a good point. there are some people who have it dialed but most people can't do it well. |

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| | | | Eric: oppose proposal<br><br>Question on viability of sockeye runs on other areas:<br>Jeff Feldpausch outlines that many sockeye systems are in concern, including Gut Bay, Falls Lake, Sitkoh, Klag and harvest in these areas could impact subsistence harvesters. |
| 147 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 7 | 8 | Steve Ramp moves to discuss, Jeff seconds<br><br>Department: outlines department's opposition<br><br>questions on total numbers for harvest.<br>department gives answers with 10year average numbers<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Matt Donahoe:<br>The numbers show that commercial fishermen have had decreasing success with Coho while the sportfish harvest of cohos is increasing<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve: without a conservation measure, i can't support harvest limits<br><br>Tad: freshwater sport pressure on coho is very localized. While there isn't a concern in the great majority of the coho systems in SE that rarely get fished, some of the systems near communities get hit pretty hard. The entire Juneau road system has a 2-coho freshwater bag limit and residents and non-residents because of the extra pressure. Other communities' populations are not as large as Juneau's, but with a 6 fish limit, there could be localized problems too. A reduction from 6 fish to 5 fish would be an acknowledgement of that issue and an acknowledgement of resident-priority without being a major burden. |

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| 148 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 6 | 9 | Steve Ramp moves to discuss<br>Tad seconds<br><br>Department:<br>similar comments to 146, department opposes<br><br>Tad: how many sockeye systems have specific bag limits?<br>Answer: I am not sure region-wide<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Steve: same as others, for no conservation concern, why reduce bag limits.<br><br>Tad: I am not concerned about pink and chum. But, sockeye are a concern and there are some systems near communities that have big concerns. I am in favor of lower limits on specific systems where there are concerns-- especially on road systems and close to communities where there is high pressure. I don't want to get to a situation like Juneau, where 2 of the three road-accessible sockeye systems have been closed for years, and the third, which requires a 6 mile round trip hike is only open 10 days/year- and the fish don't even show up until around the third day. |
| 149 | Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows: | | |
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| 150 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
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| 151 | Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows: | | |
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| 152 | Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 153 | Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 154 | Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE unanimously | 0 | 15 | Steve moves to support, john seconds<br><br>Department: has only been allowed for species like pike. department opposes |
| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 13 | 2 | Steve moves to discuss; andrew seconds<br><br>Department Comments: department opposes<br><br>Committee Discussion:<br><br>Tad: move to remove 2nd portion on treble hooks but leave first section and change wording so that it is prohibited to remove from either freshwater or saltwater a salmon for unhooking, if it is unlawful for the fisherman to retain a salmon of that species.<br><br>kent Seconded<br><br>Luke: what about measuring the fish?<br><br>Steve: I have no problem releasing a king in the water, but i have to take them out of the water to measure them<br><br>Tad: That's why I changed the wording in the original language. If you need to measure it, because it might be legal, then sure, do what you need to do. But if you know you have to release it, don't harm it any more than necessary.<br><br>Stacey: It would be hard for me to remove a hook from a boat unless someone held me by the ankles into the water<br><br>Spencer: I feel the same way. i'm not sure how i can take the hook out from in the water |

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| | | | Luke-- Trying to train deckhands to identify fish until they get out of the water… we use fish friendly nets but even people trying to be legal are going to be in violation sometimes<br><br>Woody--- it is pretty common for other places to require fish to be left in the water. there are devices and ways to release. the other option is to use hooks that are not stainless and cut leader. save small king salmon.<br><br>Eric: I proposed to ban use of treble hooks in troll fishery and that passed BOF. Then there was a study that showed that highline treble hook fishermen saw no change in mortality but there was a lot higher catch rate using single hooks. The treble hook ban was repealed because the obvious thing to do was to convert to single hooks because of catch rates.<br><br>John: talked about methods<br><br>Luke: charter guide talked through his techniques and as a captain he has techniques that can keep the fish alive. for fresh water, people are picking them up and taking photos. for saltwater fishing, if we aren't going to keep a fish, we release it ASAP and don't mess around with it<br><br>Motion passes 14-1<br><br>Tad: glad to hear from charter rep that it is not common in the Sitka sport fishery to hold up a fish for photos then later release it. but i think it is more common in other places where king salmon aren't as common. In particular in the waters closed for SOC management |
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| 201 | Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 3 | 12 | Stacey moves to reconsider<br>Eric Seconds |

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| | | | Proposer: John Murray: Move to amend back to original proposal; Steve Ramp seconds<br><br>Department Comment: Aaron Dupuis: opposes closing areas where there are no conservation concerns<br><br>Public Comment:<br><br>matt Donahoe: outlined that maps are in the proposal<br><br>Jeff Wolf: this proposal is an allocation grab. commercial crabbers have been fishing here alongside subsistence and sport crabbers for years. These places that are proposed for closure are good for people getting into the fishery and this will make it harder for the fall fishery.<br><br>Greg Wallace: echo jeff's statements. no reason for an exclusive use area. all open for 12 months for personal use.<br><br>Justin Peeler: By closing the areas close to town, you are shutting down the little guy. I got my start in the commercial fishing industry by fishing crab near town in a boat that I made in shop class. That was in Petersburg where we were allowed to fish crab commercially right in front of town. With this proposal, a Sitka high school kid wouldn't be able to do that.<br><br>Committee:<br>Woody: not good to take this area away<br><br>Jeff: a big issue that people are missing--- we would go up and rent Piper Island cabin and set out pots. one year it was incredible. we got our limit. The next year we went up and set pots for three days but the crab were all females and small males-- only one that was keepable. When the commercial fishery goes through and takes all the legal crab, it isn't possible for sport or subsistence to get any--- especially in the fall. I would be more comfortable with this closure being moved back to the fall. Maybe just leave Deep Bay closed to commercial use.<br>there is conflict between commercial and sport/subsistence when you get a pot and it is full of females and small males because the commercial fishermen have gotten everything legal. |

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| | | | Motion to Amend Fails-- 5 to 10<br><br>Moe: I think that we should pull the whole proposal from the books<br><br>Tad: When we submitted this proposal, I was unaware that this area would remain open to sport fishing by non-residents. I thought that the reason for the proposal was that local residents felt that they needed more area for subsistence. I'm willing to prioritize local residents use over commercial, but if this proposal would continue to allow non-resident sport harvest I am against pushing the commercial crabbers out in favor of sport.<br><br>Luke: I fish in there a lot and the area is good until commercial fishery opens and then it gets hammered and slim really fast. I don't want to take anyone's livelihood away. I like moving the line back to deep bay<br><br>Eric: I hear what Tad is saying and with all kinds of growth in rental boat unguided sport fishery they would hammer that area too. There is currently good crabbing in the LAMP, we don't' need to close more area to commercial use.<br><br>Steve: When we first considered it, I opposed it. I opposed the amendment to further expand the area, and I still oppose the proposal. |
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| 225 | Modify sablefish bag, possession, and nonresident annual limits based on sablefish abundance in NSEI and SSEI sections, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 2 | 13 | MOVE to support on reconsideration of the original proposal, Tad, Steve seconds<br><br>Department-- I am here if anybody has questions<br>What is the GHL for the upcoming season?<br>Dept answer- don't know<br><br>Public Testimony:<br><br>Tory: I don't understand the language of the amendment that the AC made previously. I submitted comments to the AC, did folk get them? |

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| | | | Linda: For Alaska Longline Fishermans' Association--- this proposal makes it seem to be abundance based but is really just a bag-limit increase. The baseline is wrong. The bag limits were put in place based on the 2008 GHL of 1.5M lbs. So 1M is far too low to be considering an increase. Furthermore, the sport fishery has expanded to the outer coast now, so it isn't appropriate to just use Chatham to set the limit for all of SE. There are alot of things fundamentally wrong with this proposal. The proposal as written is disingenuous.<br><br>Richard Yamata- AK Charter Assoc: The percentage of the Chatham catch that sport sector took was 7% of the poundage, but because size of fish has decreased with the influx of smaller fish, the result is that in recent years sport fish has only caught 3%. The commercial fishermen's limit is in pounds, ours is in number of fish, so as the fish get smaller our proportion of the catch decreases. This proposal only tries to increase the number of fish to reach the level when we started the fishery in 2009. Even if we got all the fish in this proposal, we would only hit 7% which is much lower than any other species for sport vs. commercial catch.<br><br>Eric Jordan: I don't consider electric reels as sportfishing<br><br>Committee:<br><br>Tad: We identified several mistakes in the proposal the first time we discussed this and tried to amend the proposal to correct them. We recognized that an abundance-based catch needs to be able to go down as well as up, and we addressed that. We recognized that the catch should move proportionally with the abundance, and we addressed that. We recognized that the baseline of the original proposal was wrong, and we tried to fix that, but we goofed. We knew that the original limits were imposed in 2009, so we used the 2009 GHL, but we should have used the 2008 GHL since those were the only numbers available to the BoF early in 2009 when they set the limit. That error could be easily addressed tonight, but what we didn't recognize or try to address was that with the expansion of the sport blackcod fishery to outside waters, it is no longer appropriate to base the entire region's limits on the abundance in Chatham Strait alone. Unlike 15 years ago, that's now just one small portion of where the fishery occurs nowadays. I don't think that we |

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| | | | have time now, after 10 PM and just two days until comments are due to address that and fix this proposal.<br><br>Jeff: i am going to oppose<br><br>Spencer: I think that the increased catch and effort is a function of sablefish in shallower waters. common to have a daily bag limit inside of 100 fathoms without electric reels while we are catching halibut. lots more blackcod but smaller.<br><br>Luke: I move an amendment to change the baseline from 1.0M lbs to the 1.5M lbs that was the 2008 GHL.<br><br>Dies for lack of second<br><br>Dick Curren: There has been a lot of growth in sport blackcod catch since electric reels. The catch in chatham is up 400% and the outside catch up 500%. There is no limit to the number of participants. While there is limited entry on charter halibut boats, there is not a limit on the number of charter blackcod boats. |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Thoms_____

Minutes Approved By: __ _

Heather Bauscher

Date: _____12/22/2021

**Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee**
**BOF Proposals**

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| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
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| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: | | |
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| 97 | Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows: | | |

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| 104 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 6 | Rationale to oppose: To support Fish and Game's comments that the presence of wild stocks in area would result in a congested and disorderly fishery. |
| 110 | Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 3 | Rationale: Would be helpful to collect data on lost nets. The AC also discussed amending this proposal to include other gear types. |
| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
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| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
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| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 10 | 0 | Rationale: Our northern Lynn Canal stocks have been returning later and later. Moving the date back to where it was would help protect salmon and meet escapement goals. |
| 143 | Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |

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| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: Support to collect more data on non-resident sport catch. |
| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: Support to collect more data on non-resident sport catch. |
| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 9 | Rationale: Do not support the outright ban of treble (multiple) hooks. |
| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 1 | Rationale: This is a middle of the road approach to protecting herring without closing the fishery entirely by lowering overall catch with the use of a new metric. |
| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 1 | Rationale: This proposal supports increased protections for older age class herring. |
| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 1 | Rationale: This proposal supports increased protections for older age class herring. |
| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 8 | Rationale: This contradicts the waters being closed to preserve herring. |
| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 8 | Rationale: There's only a certain number of people who can access this fishery. This would limit the ability for people to access it. |
| 165 | Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows: | | |

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| OPPOSE | 0 | 9 | Rationale: There are already opportunities for winter bait and we shouldn't rely on sac roe. |
| 172 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: Shift fishery so the shrimp are not holding eggs. British Columbia has had successful fishery by fishing in the spring. |
| 173 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: Shift fishery so the shrimp are not holding eggs. British Columbia has had a successful fishery by fishing in the spring. This proposal would provide six days for springtime fishing for subsistence users without competing with commercial. |
| 176 | Reduce the number of shrimp pots that a vessel may fish, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 7 | Rationale: This proposal doesn't impact quota, only prolongs fishing time as well as results in more use of fuel and bait. |
| 182 | Divide the District 15 GHR into two fishing areas with distinct GHRs for the new areas, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: It better manages the shrimp fishery by helping to split up where the vast majority of shrimp currently are and allow other areas to be open. |
| 223 | Establish and clarify gear specifications of a groundfish pot for the subsistence and personal use sablefish fisheries, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: Agree with ADFG recommendation to protect the sablefish stock. |

**Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee (Haines & Skagway)**
**Date: 12/03/21**
**Location of Meeting: ZOOM**

I. Roll Call
Members Present:
Tim McDonough (TM)
Ryan Cook (RC)
Derek Poinsette (DP)
Darren Belisle (DB)
Stuart DeWitt (SDW)
Shannon Donahue (SD)
Kip Kermoian (KK)
Jessica Plachta (JP)
Luke Rauscher (LR)
Marie Rose (MR) - (Secretary)

Members Absent (Excused): Daniel Hotch (DH)
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:

II. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nicole Zeiser, Richard Chapell

III. Approval of Agenda
Tim: anything else we'd like to change or delete?
Kip: Want to add about Haines Huts…

Kip: Recently contacted by Natalie Dawson, new chair, stating they were considering change of location and asked about securing funding from Rocky Mountain Goat Alliance, seemed to be a nice fit for their interests. Kip said would help start process once new location was a sure thing. Going ahead, two proposals from last meeting (one to submit grant for $800 fund for amended lease app fee, other motion to write letter of support to Rocky Mountain Goat Alliance if they relocate hut). Kip voluneers to write that letter. Just wanted to update AC.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
RC approved, TM second, minutes approved

V. Reports

a. Chair's report

i. Summary: Start by taking suggestions for proposals. Proposal and action follow with vote at the end. Suggests "no action" based on some proposals not impacting Upper Lynn Canal, depending on what others think.

VI. New Business

BOF proposals and elections (below)

VII. Set next meeting date

a. December 13th, 5pm via ZOOM

VIII. Other

Elections:
TM: XYZ had seat up in 2020, XYZ had seats up in 2021. Propose we host elections in January for those with seats up in 2020 and wait a year for those with seats up in 2021, that way our board isn't shifting so drastically all at once. How do we want to go about this? And zoom or in person?
DP: Prefer zoom meeting. Being in Skagway, this is an easier way to hear people versus on speaker phone.
TM: I feel a certain way about meeting in person. Could draw out a lot of people.
SD: I'd just like to see the public weigh in on this. There may be people eager to run. Let's make sure to post this on the agenda and get input from public.
TM: Do you mean put out a pre notice about how people want to do the elections?
SD: Not exactly, more so in relation to how we roll people over. I just want people to be able to run if they want to.
TM: Monday, Dec 13 meeting work ok?
SD: Would be more helpful to know when F&G will have their comments out.
NZ: It should be any day. We can reach out when we have them.
RC: Will the new action plans for stock of concern be in that, too?
NZ: Yes, they should be.
TM: Any opposition for 13th of Dec? Ok, 5pm on the 13th. I'm fine with zoom, but I know Ryan and Stuart would prefer in person. What do you all think?
DP: I'm tired of being on zoom, but I'm fine with continuing it.
RC: I think both ways work well. You have people in person and on zoom.
DP: We could try to set that up; the borough does it.
T: I started researching it, but would have to have a borough employee there to help. I backed off on it because it seemed like a lot. I can research it more if we want to.
SD: I'm fine with this (zoom).
SD: I like the zoom option, especially in winter due to the roads. I've been limiting being in public and am trying not to be in crowded spaces.

T: Ok, lets go with zoom and we can look into it more next time for the elections.
RC: I'll look at proposals 125- 145 for next time.
TM: I can divide the rest up and have everyone look at them to split up that work, but some could miss out on proposals that interest them.
SD: I was thinking everyone could look through and pick 10-15 that interest them.
TM: Let's do that. We can all look through and see which ones pertain to us.
NZ: Maybe you guys can figure that out prior to the meeting so we can be prepared to provide specific information on the ones you may have questions on.
TM: We can do that.
NZ: I feel bad that there are some I don't have more information on some of these. We don't individually research all of them—there are hundreds.
TM: I'll send reminder middle of next week to send picked proposals to Nicole and Rich so if they can, they can give us more information.
Ryan: Make a motion to adjourn. Second by Darren.

IX. Adjourn

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| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 10 | 0 | TM: motion to approve, passes unanimously<br><br>Rationale: It's important to have the opportunity to further discuss whether how harvest ceiling overages should be assigned: to the fishery or fisheries that exceeded annual allocation. |
| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |

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| NO ACTION | | | MR: For gillnetters, do you catch many king salmon after Sept 1?<br>SD: No<br>DP: Issues with treaty fish down south…<br>KK: Have you looked into Chilkat fish… many caught south of Skagway?<br>TM: No info on that<br>SD: Many caught in troll areas<br>Rich: At one point, 50% kings were caught in upper Lynn Canal by sport or drift gillnet fleet, or by sport anglers in inside waters of northern southeast or by troll fleet. Because of conservation measures, this has been greatly reduced the last few years.<br>KK: Rich, after multiple years of not catching amt of allocation, what happens?<br>Rich: Way treaty is now, if harvest underneath quota, you miss out and don't get "paid back" in future years.<br>JP: Rich, what do you suppose happens when in relative abundance…. If those fish don't get caught, would it contribute to better returns in the future?<br>Rich: If those fish aren't caught this year, my guess would be they would remain in ocean for another year.<br>DP: Do you know if many Chilkat fish caught after Sept 1? Is that data collected?<br>Rich: 1 tagged fish collected last year. Small stock, don't make much of an appearance in any fishery.<br>Nicole: Chilkat fish are inside waters, if we're talking about outside waters, not make Chilkat fish out there.<br>Nicole pulls up Chilkat River Salmon Marine Harvest graph.<br>Rich: Harvest has been low last few years based on conservation measures.<br><br>RC and DP support opposing, MR motion to support, SD second, TM in favor. Not enough in favor. AC supports NO ACTION. |
| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |

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| NO ACTION | | | |
| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
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| NO ACTION | | | |
| 87 | Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | RC: motion to oppose, SD second, all opposed<br><br>Rationale (RC): Pacific Salmon Treaty Commission recently came up with new way to determent CPU, this (proposal) seems like a personal opinion. |
| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:. | | |
| OPPOSE | 2 | 8 | SD: vote to oppose, 8 votes to oppose, 2 to support.<br><br>DP: I suggest take no action.<br>SD: I support taking action. There are a lot of small king salmon out there. Not a good strategy for FG.<br><br>Rationale (SD): there are 3 new stocks of concern and want to prevent catching more king salmon and having to release them. |
| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |

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| 91 | Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 6 | 4 | MR make motion to support, 6 vote to support, 4 oppose.<br><br>Rationale for (MR): Make it more fair for trollers to harvest hatchery salmon in those areas.<br><br>Rationale against (SD): There's potential for catching wild stock salmon as well. |
| 93 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 5 | 2 | SD makes motion to support, motion passes.<br><br>Rationale (SD): Will minimize stock of concern for king salmon.<br><br>3 abstentions for lack of information. |
| 94 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 95 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 96 | Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 97 | Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows: | | |

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| OPPOSE | 0 | 6 | Rationale (RC): Trollers already getting fishing time, no reason to not give other gear groups opportunity to fish those areas as well.<br><br>4 abstentions for lack of information. |
| 98 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 99 | Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 100 | Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | RC proposes to oppose, all opposed<br><br>Rationale: Support Gillnet to be a useable gear group in this area. |
| 101 | Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows: | | |
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| 102 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | SD proposes to oppose<br><br>Rationale (SD): Only opportunity to gillnet fleet has for NNSRA fish that they pay 3% into. |
| 103 | Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock salmon management, as follows: | | |
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| 104 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 10 | 0 | Rationale (RC): New terminal harvest area needs management. |
| 105 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Saint Nicholas, as follows: | | |
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| 110 | Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 3 | DP makes motion to support, KK 2nd motion.<br><br>LR: Is there data on lost nets?<br>NZ: No<br>SD: No<br>SD: Can't support it, lost gear happens in every gear type.<br>DP: Like that this came from another AC, open to amending it to include other gear types.<br>SD: Proposes to amend to include reporting lost gear from all commercial gillnet, sein, troll gear, longline fisheries.<br><br>Rationale: Would be helpful to collect data on lost nets. The AC also discussed amending this proposal to include other gear types. |
| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | Rationale: We supported proposal 124. This proposal contradicts 124. |
| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | RC: I make a motion to oppose.<br><br>RC: Would be hard on management if they lost their cap on July 15th instead of July 31?<br>NZ: Hard to say, we manage for escapement goals, so it depends on what happens.<br>SD: You'd be managing less.<br>NZ: Hard to say.<br><br>Rationale: We supported proposal 124. This proposal contradicts 124. |
| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |

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| SUPPORT | 10 | 0 | RC: Motion to support, all in favor<br><br>TM: I assume seiners wouldn't like this?<br>SD: Yes. They catch a lot of sockeyes there and if they let that date go to the 15th, the fish (sockeye) will no longer be there.<br>SD: It's baffling to me that BOG best interest is not in wild salmon vs hatchery salmon.<br>Nicole: What I can provide is that they can determine what percentage is hatchery vs what is left wild.<br><br>Rationale (RC): Our northern Lynn Canal stocks have been returning later and later. By moving the date back to where it was would help protect salmon and meet escapement goals. |
| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |

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| | | | DP: Based on my research, 156- 157 are complicated, but middle in the road in comparison to closures. Their biologist is trying to come up with compromises. I make a motion to support all three.<br><br>SD 2nd.<br><br>KK: Why does department have more aggressive approach towards this? What's going on with that? This (proposal) makes sense to me, but would love to hear the other side of it and learn more.<br><br>Nicole: Kip, you can get in touch with Aaron in Sitka about that.<br><br>R: Would he be interested in talking to our AC about these?<br><br>NZ: I bet he would.<br>Tim: DP, you ok to wait on this until we have more info?<br>DP: Sounds good to me.<br>Tim: KK, can you contact him about our next meeting?<br>KK: Yes |

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: __Marie Rose____12/3/21_____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

**Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee (Haines & Skagway)**
**Date: 12/16/21**
**Location of Meeting: ZOOM**

I. Call to Order: 5:05 PM by TM

II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Tim McDonough (TM)
Derek Poinsette (DP)
Stuart DeWitt (SDW)
Kip Kermoian (KK)
Jessica Plachta (JP)
Marie Rose (MR) - (Secretary)
Shannon Donahue (SD)
Ryan Cook (RC)
Luke Rauscher (LR)

Members Absent (Excused):
Darren Belisle (DB)

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Rich Chapell

IV. Guests Present: Rhea, Groundfish ADFG

V. Approval of Agenda
   a. TM approves

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
   a. TM approves

VII. Old Business

Kip letters to commend contributions by ADFG wildlife biologists and Haines Huts:

TM: Any opposition to these letters?
SD: Why are we writing a letter of praise? I don't really care to support.
DP: I think those guys do a great job. They don't have an easy job and they are aware of the criticisms, but they pick up their phones and are there to check in on bear action. They go far above any others that I've worked with, even if we don't agree with everything they do.
RC: I still want to see a moose survey. They haven't had one in 3 years.
JP: I appreciate that Kip wrote the letters and I support them.

TM: I support them. People who do good work in the public are hung out to dry a lot of times. All three of them have worked hard and the info they want, you can get if you want. Moose survey, I'm sure there are reasons.
RC: Excuses…
TM: That's the way it is.
RC: Feel strongly about no moose surveys
TM: Any discussion to letter on huts?
SD: We already voted on this at previous meeting, letter is in line with that. I support.
SD: Where are they moving hut?
KK: Go left at Chili Ridge, Kentucky. That's the plan for relocation.
SD: How is the move costing them so much money?
KK: The only funds we are supporting request for is $800 for amendment of application at new site.
SD: And there's no way this location will result in hunting regulations? Is it in the eagle preserve?
KK: No.
SD: I know they were moving it further north
KK: Actually further south than original site
TM: Hearing this, let's go ahead and vote. Will ask for vote first for letter to governor and commissioner.

**LETTER TO GOVERNOR AND COMMISIONER: 6 support, 3 oppose. Motion passes to send letter.**

TM: All in favor for sending letter to RMGF?

**LETTER TO RMGF: 8 support, 1 abstention. Motion passes to send letter.**

TM: Should we send physical letter or email?
SD: I think email is fine.
DP: I suggest CCing their boss too.

VIII. New Business
SD: Disappointed that ADFG has no public comments on king salmon action.
TM: Is there action you think the AC should take to address it?
SD: I don't know what to say besides that we are disappointed that the info was not made available. It's kind of a big deal. King salmon are a stock of concern. Taku almost a stock of concern. We could come off the books as stock of concern. That should be public knowledge and right out there front and center, not an action plan that is a year old.
TM: This will be discussion at BOG?

SD: It will be a huge discussion. Managers are hoping it comes off the books. Weird that updated data (that is available) is not front and center in the midst of the action plan.
RC: Dept chose to ignore it in work session.
SD: I guess the only thing we could do is write letter to commissioner that we are disappointed this data is not out in action plan for board of fish that impacts stocks of concern.
RC: And that action plan that was approved in 2018 states that if stock of concern meets escapement for 3 years, it is no longer stock of concern. But now it's just a recommendation? That's the politics of fishing.
TM: So would you like to make motion to write letter to commissioner?
SD: Ok, I'll write letter. I'll make the motion stating our disappointment to the department for not making data readily available for new action plan.
RC: Second
TM: All in favor to write letter?

**9 VOTES TO SUPPORT SD TO WRITE LETTER TO COMMISSIONER.**

IX. Set next meeting date: January 17th @ 5pm (tentative)

TM: Propose two new meeting dates. One for ADFG reports and one for elections. Jan 17th (Monday) for elections?
SD: Have we decided how we will do elections?
TM: Still up in the air. Might wait, with new variant, to see what people want to do as it approaches.
SD: Jan 17th is MLK weekend.
Rich: I'll be available.
SD: Out of town but returning 29th of Jan. Can do it on zoom.
TM: Getting the sense that folks would be OK with zoom. Board has done elections on zoom—it can happen.
SD: Do you think people like Rob Marten are going to get on zoom to vote?
LR: At one point, years ago, we voted via phone. There are work arounds.
TM: Don't need to decide now, but we need a date.
LR: We should probably determine how to vote though.
TM: Let's tentatively plan for Jan 17th and reach out for board support.
SD: Could it be both zoom and in-person to accommodate for both?
TM: It's possible, will look into it.

X. Adjourn

XI.

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| *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.* | | | |
| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 10 | 0 | TM: motion to approve, passes unanimously<br><br>Rationale: It's important to have the opportunity to further discuss whether how harvest ceiling overages should be assigned: to the fishery or fisheries that exceeded annual allocation. |
| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |

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| NO ACTION | | | MR: For gillnetters, do you catch many king salmon after Sept 1?<br>SD: No<br>DP: Issues with treaty fish down south…<br>KK: Have you looked into Chilkat fish… many caught south of Skagway?<br>TM: No info on that<br>SD: Many caught in troll areas<br>Rich: At one point, 50% kings were caught in upper Lynn Canal by sport or drift gillnet fleet, or by sport anglers in inside waters of northern southeast or by troll fleet. Because of conservation measures, this has been greatly reduced the last few years.<br>KK: Rich, after multiple years of not catching amt of allocation, what happens?<br>Rich: Way treaty is now, if harvest underneath quota, you miss out and don't get "paid back" in future years.<br>JP: Rich, what do you suppose happens when in relative abundance…. If those fish don't get caught, would it contribute to better returns in the future?<br>Rich: If those fish aren't caught this year, my guess would be they would remain in ocean for another year.<br>DP: Do you know if many Chilkat fish caught after Sept 1? Is that data collected?<br>Rich: 1 tagged fish collected last year. Small stock, don't make much of an appearance in any fishery.<br>Nicole: Chilkat fish are inside waters, if we're talking about outside waters, not make Chilkat fish out there.<br>Nicole pulls up Chilkat River Salmon Marine Harvest graph.<br>Rich: Harvest has been low last few years based on conservation measures.<br><br>RC and DP support opposing, MR motion to support, SD second, TM in favor. Not enough in favor. AC supports NO ACTION. |
| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |

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| NO ACTION | | | |
| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 86 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 87 | Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | RC: motion to oppose, SD second, all opposed<br><br>Rationale (RC): Pacific Salmon Treaty Commission recently came up with new way to determent CPU, this (proposal) seems like a personal opinion. |
| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:. | | |
| OPPOSE | 2 | 8 | SD: vote to oppose, 8 votes to oppose, 2 to support.<br><br>DP: I suggest take no action.<br>SD: I support taking action. There are a lot of small king salmon out there. Not a good strategy for FG.<br><br>Rationale (SD): there are 3 new stocks of concern and want to prevent catching more king salmon and having to release them. |
| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: | | |
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| 91 | Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 6 | 4 | MR make motion to support, 6 vote to support, 4 oppose.<br><br>Rationale for (MR): Make it more fair for trollers to harvest hatchery salmon in those areas.<br><br>Rationale against (SD): There's potential for catching wild stock salmon as well. |
| 93 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 5 | 2 | SD makes motion to support, motion passes.<br><br>Rationale (SD): Will minimize stock of concern for king salmon.<br><br>3 abstentions for lack of information. |
| 94 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 95 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 96 | Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 97 | Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows: | | |

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| OPPOSE | 0 | 6 | Rationale (RC): Trollers already getting fishing time, no reason to not give other gear groups opportunity to fish those areas as well.<br><br>4 abstentions for lack of information. |
| 98 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 99 | Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | | | |
| 100 | Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | RC proposes to oppose, all opposed<br><br>Rationale: Support Gillnet to be a useable gear group in this area. |
| 101 | Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows: | | |
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| 102 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | SD proposes to oppose<br><br>Rationale (SD): Only opportunity to gillnet fleet has for NNSRA fish that they pay 3% into. |
| 103 | Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock salmon management, as follows: | | |
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| 104 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows: | | |

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| SUPPORT<br><br>MOTION TO RECONSIDER<br><br>MOTION TO OPPOSE | 10<br><br><br><br><br><br>6 | 0<br><br><br><br><br><br>1 | Rationale (RC): New terminal harvest area needs management.<br><br>12/16 DP Make motion to oppose. ADFG comments oppose this proposal.<br>KK: The copy I got does not line up the page numbers correctly.<br>DP: Page 56<br>DP: I'll make a motion to reconsider.<br>SD: Did FG support parts of it?<br>DP: No, they opposed the proposal as a whole.<br>KK: Derek, you made a motion to reconsider this? I'll second.<br>JP: Also seconds<br>TM: We need to vote to reconsider, then Derek can make a motion to oppose.<br>7 votes to reconsider, passes unanimously.<br>DP: I propose to oppose to support FG's findings for opposing this.<br>KK: Second<br>Motion carries, 6 to oppose, 1 to not oppose<br><br>Rationale to oppose: To support Fish and Game's comments that the presence of wild stocks in area would result in congestion and disorderly fishery. |
| 105 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Saint Nicholas, as follows: | | |
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| 106 | Modify boundaries of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area and allow use of drift gillnet gear for cost recovery operations, as follows: | | |
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| 107 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
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| 108 | Create a special harvest area for Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
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| 109 | Establish a hatchery special harvest area in Carroll Inlet, as follows: | | |

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| 110 | Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 3 | DP makes motion to support, KK 2nd motion.<br><br>LR: Is there data on lost nets?<br>NZ: No<br>SD: No<br>SD: Can't support it, lost gear happens in every gear type.<br>DP: Like that this came from another AC, open to amending it to include other gear types.<br>SD: Proposes to amend to include reporting lost gear from all commercial gillnet, sein, troll gear, longline fisheries.<br><br>Rationale: Would be helpful to collect data on lost nets. The AC also discussed amending this proposal to include other gear types. |
| 111 | Change the maximum drift gillnet mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to 6 and one-eight inches, as follows: | | |
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| 112 | Provide the department authority to allow drift gillnets of up to 90 meshes in depth to be used in the District 11 drift gillnet fishery beginning in SW 34, as follows: | | |
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| 113 | Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented, as follows: | | |
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| 114 | Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows: | | |
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| 115 | Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 116 | Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of nonretention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows: | | |
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| 117 | Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows: | | |
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| 118 | Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows: | | |
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| 119 | Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows: | | |
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| 120 | Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows: | | |
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| 121 | Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
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| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | Rationale: We supported proposal 124. This proposal contradicts 124. |
| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |

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| OPPOSE | 0 | 10 | RC: I make a motion to oppose.<br><br>RC: Would be hard on management if they lost their cap on July 15th instead of July 31?<br>NZ: Hard to say, we manage for escapement goals, so it depends on what happens.<br>SD: You'd be managing less.<br>NZ: Hard to say.<br><br>Rationale: We supported proposal 124. This proposal contradicts 124. |
| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 10 | 0 | RC: Motion to support, all in favor<br><br>TM: I assume seiners wouldn't like this?<br>SD: Yes. They catch a lot of sockeyes there and if they let that date go to the 15th, the fish (sockeye) will no longer be there.<br>SD: It's baffling to me that BOG best interest is not in wild salmon vs hatchery salmon.<br>Nicole: What I can provide is that they can determine what percentage is hatchery vs what is left wild.<br><br>Rationale (RC): Our northern Lynn Canal stocks have been returning later and later. By moving the date back to where it was would help protect salmon and meet escapement goals.<br><br>12/15:<br>RC: Not sure how ADFG lumped 122, 123, 124 together<br>SD: Not sure there's much more we can do with these. |
| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |

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| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |
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| 126 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
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| 127 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
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| 128 | Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| | | | JP: I'd like to discuss this. Relevent to Chilkat River. ADFG is neutral on this. Would like to know what people thing about this.<br>DP: I think this does not impact Chilkat since it is already regulated.<br>SD: I think you're right (Derek)<br>JP: Appreciate the clarification, don't feel the need to vote if it doesn't impact us.<br>KK: It doesn't specify if it's limited to fresh water or salt water. I wonder what this implies.<br>TM: Wonder if it would be appropriate to vote to oppose since it is unclear.<br>KK: Set nets in salt water. What are the ramifications of that? Maybe these days it would not be an issue? I don't know.<br>DP: Always wondered about set net around glacier point. Anyone know someone on the subsistence regional advisory council?<br>KK: I don't<br>DP: I don't think I'd want to oppose this.<br>KK: I think a lot of us that sub fish get out nets as close to the shore as possible.<br>SD: But you're drifting, you're not anchored.<br>TM: Anyone want to vote? Or let's let the board decide and move on. |
| 129 | Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows: | | |
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| 130 | Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows: | | |
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| 131 | Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows: | | |

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| 132 | Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows: | | |
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| 133 | Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows: | | |
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| 134 | Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows: | | |
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| 135 | Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows: | | |
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| 136 | Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows: | | |
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| 137 | Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 138 | Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows: | | |

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| NO ACTION | 7 abstentions | 2 | RC: Oppose 138 and 139. They're trying to make a personal use fishery on Taku River. They say we haven't had shareable allotment of fish. Oppose because ADFG opposes.<br>SD: They say they are neutral on allocation and talk about conservation concern.<br>DP: ADFG does not think stock is strong enough to create personal use fishery.<br>RC: They already have other areas that can be personal use fisheries.<br>Rich: Personal use were established in the mid 80s. New fisheries can be created where there is a surplus in resources. Essentially, only open to AK residents.<br>LR: But basically, the board is saying comm fish is meeting their escapement goals on the Taku?<br>SD: They got more fish than they needed this year.<br>LR: Anyone know much about data in the last few years?<br>Rich: I don't see anything in the ADFG comments.<br>SD: Commercial fleet has not harvested anywhere near treaty amount with Canadians.<br>LR: Reality is it impacts commercial guys, not really our personal use fishery in ULC.<br>SD: Personal use. Can you even use a net? Drift fishery, gotcha.<br>RC: Could catch stock of concern king salmon.<br>LR: Need more info on allocation of personal use fishery. I guess I'd be opposed.<br>KK: Don't feel like I have enough info to make an educated comment.<br>DP: In the prop, it doesn't really specify implications of boundaries. They're looking to open up section 11B, the whole thing.<br>TM: Alright, any other discussion?<br>DP: Is this to oppose 138 and 139?<br>RC: Yes<br>TM: So this effects people in JNU and how they get fish. I wonder about weighing in on that without knowing the whole story.<br>LR: In Skagway, I try not to make decisions on areas too far from here. I think we should leave it up to people who live in that area.<br>SD: Agree<br>RC: Why did we support the herring ones?<br>DP: Herring support the whole system |

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| | | | TM: Sounds like the board thinks we shouldn't get involved, but its on the table, let's vote.<br>JP: I'd like to propose we vote to take no action<br>2 votes to oppose 138 and 139, 7 abstentions, board takes no action<br><br>Rationale: This proposal is not relevant to the Upper Lynn Canal AC and the AC does not feel comfortable supporting this without more information. |
| 139 | Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows: | | |
| NO ACTION | 7 abstentions | 2 | Rationale: This proposal is not relevant to the Upper Lynn Canal AC and the AC does not feel comfortable supporting this without more information. |
| 140 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 141 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 142 | Establish bag and possession limits and lawful gear for smelt fishing in the Ketchikan area, as follows: | | |
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| 143 | Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: Support to collect more data on non-resident sport catch.<br><br>More discussion under 144. |
| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | RC: I'd like to look at 144.<br>SD: We could lump this in with 143.<br>RC: Good to know what people are catching.<br>SD: I think we should support 277 as well. Right now non residents can rent a boat nonguided and catch twice as much halibut as they could on a guided boat. Makes it harder to manage and collect data on how much fish is caught.<br>DP: Dept comments on 277. They manage sport halibut right?<br>Rich: No, managed by feds. Bag limits determined and allocation determined by them. 277 just for halibut. 144 is about rental vessels and log books for all species, mostly halibut. 143 proposes log book for all species for non residents.<br>KK: Is there any way to quantify what is bring caught on rented boats?<br>Rich: Not for halibut, but we have data for king salmon. 15% king salmon harvest caught unguided non residents. Biggest group is charter boats that are non residents. 80% allocated to commercial, 20% allocated to sport.<br>TM: I suggest we don't deal with 277 but support 143 and 144.<br>SD: Will ADGF just throw 277 out if they can't regulate halibut?<br>Rich: Anyone can make any proposal. Dept comment is that we have no management authority on halibut.<br>TM: Back to suggestion to support 143 and 144.<br>KK: Question on 143: Do we just assume most of 20% is caught by charter/sport, even if we don't know exactly what they are harvesting?<br>Rich: In season, charter operators have to keep log books of fish caught and released and also have a survey program. Interview sport anglers about their catch, including biological characteristcs of the catch. Statewide harvest season also goes out to non resident and residents.<br>SD: No one is going to admit that they caught over the limit<br>Rich: We assume 16% mortality on catch and release.<br>KK: What % of non-resident anglers are using lodges?<br>Rich: Our goal to sample 20% of king salmon harvest, whether in JNU docks or lodges in Elfin Cove area, all over southeast, wherever significant catch of king salmon.<br>RC: What % of mail out surveys come back?<br>Rich: Would have to dig around for that. They get back enough to make a statistically significant % of total harvest. |

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| | | | TM: Back to suggestion to support. Any more discussion?<br>7 to support, 1 out<br><br>Supports unanimously<br><br>Rationale: Support to collect more data on non-resident sport catch. |
| 145 | Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
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| 146 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
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| 147 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows: | | |
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| 148 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
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| 149 | Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows: | | |
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| 150 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
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| 151 | Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows: | | |
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| 152 | Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 153 | Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows: | | |

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| 154 | Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 9 | SD: Should be no catch and release king fishing anywhere. I support this.<br>DP: I agree<br>TM: This is for fresh water and salt water?<br>SD: When nonretention regulations apply<br>DP: I'm not sure I see it written that way.<br>TM: Book says "and".<br>DP: Support banning them in nonretention areas, but not everywhere.<br>SD: Agree. Sucks that they put both of those things together. They are both good things, but not together.<br>TM: Guessing we are dropping supporting this? Anyone want to oppose?<br>LR: I'll oppose.<br>DP: Good ideas, but not functional.<br><br>Rationale: Do not support the outright ban of treble (multiple) hooks. |
| 277 | Align bag limits for non-resident unguided halibut harvest from rental vessels in Southeast Alaska with NOAA bag limits for guided anglers in Halibut Management Area 2C, as follows: | | |
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| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |

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| SUPPORT | 8 | 1 | DP: Based on my research, 156- 157 are complicated, but middle in the road in comparison to closures. Their biologist is trying to come up with compromises. I make a motion to support all three.<br><br>SD 2nd.<br><br>KK: Why does department have more aggressive approach towards this? What's going on with that? This (proposal) makes sense to me, but would love to hear the other side of it and learn more.<br><br>Nicole: Kip, you can get in touch with Aaron in Sitka about that.<br><br>R: Would he be interested in talking to our AC about these?<br><br>NZ: I bet he would.<br>Tim: DP, you ok to wait on this until we have more info?<br>DP: Sounds good to me.<br>Tim: KK, can you contact him about our next meeting?<br>KK: Yes<br><br>12/15:<br>DP: Make motion to support. I watched Sitka AC videos from board support and it was enlightening. Sitka tribe has spent a lot of time working on this. ADFG neutral on this and oppose 157 and 158. Concern fishery is being overfished, proposals to close whole fishery for 5 years. That didn't fly at BOF and ADFG. This was a "meeting halfway" proposal to conserve the big, old fish that come in the run. Fishermen often target more than is sustainable. Will lower overall catch by using new metric. ADGF argues that it's complex and they don't have the resources to do age sampling; not a good excuse. It's obvious that herring are suffering and it's a problem. This is a good effort to solving it; comes from tribe which lends extra weight as well.<br>SD: This seems more political than a debate between user groups, but I don't live there, so I don't know. That's just my thought on it.<br>SD: I watched the presentations and got the jist of it. Seems like a good proposal in that it prevents shutting down fishery all together and takes reasonable measures. SD I might be |

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| | | | wrong but I think 159 might be more about closing specific locations. I support 156.<br>SD: I forgot to say I also support it so that if we do hope to restore herring in SE at some point, it's important to have a healthy population.<br>KK: SD when you mention it being political, herring is important to the entire system, to all species. It's more than politics and that was mentioned by proponents of this proposal too.<br>TM: Makes motion to support 156.<br>8 support, 1 oppose<br><br>Rationale: This is a middle of the road approach to protecting herring without closing the fishery entirely by lowering overall catch with the use of a new metric. |
| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 1 | DP: Motion to support<br>TM: How different is it from 156?<br>DP: It's complicated. 156 reduces GHL, 157 and 158 protect older age classes. That's the gist of it.<br>KK: Second motion<br><br>Rationale: This proposal supports increased protections for older age class herring.<br><br>7 support, 1 no, 1 abstention |
| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 1 | DP: Motion to support<br>7 support, 1 no, 1 abstention<br>Rationale: This proposal supports increased protections for older age class herring. |

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| 159 | Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
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| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 8 | DP: I think we could easily oppose this. I don't think it stands a chance.<br>TM: Want to oppose it?<br>DP: I'll oppose<br>SD: Second<br><br>Rationale: This contradicts the waters being closed to preserve herring.<br><br>8 oppose, 1 abstention |
| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 8 | SD: No one is going to abide by this. People who have been doing this for 50 years… the people proposing this are trying to give them grief. I want to vote to oppose.<br>DP: I second this<br>TM: Any other discussion? Not hearing anything.<br>8 oppose, 1 abstention<br><br>Rationale: There's only a certain number of people who can access this fishery. This would limit the ability for people to access it. |
| 162 | Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows: | | |
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| 163 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 164 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 165 | Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows: | | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 9 | DP: I think we should oppose this, too.<br><br>Rationale: There are already opportunities for winter bait and we shouldn't rely on sac roe. |
| 166 | Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
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| 167 | Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows: | | |
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| 168 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Section 1-F, as follows: | | |
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| 169 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Sections 1-E and 1-F, as follows: | | |
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| 233 | Remove districts 13-A and 13-B from Northern Southeast herring spawn on kelp pound fishery administrative area, as follows: | | |
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| 170 | Establish a positive customary and traditional use finding for shellfish and plants for all intertidal areas of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat, as follows: | | |
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| 171 | Change the start of the pot shrimp season from October to after March, as follows: | | |
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| 172 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows: | | |

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| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | SD: They do this in Canada and are successful. I think we should try it and see if it works.<br>KK: Based on the harvest, it's interesting. They do their surveys at a time when they can't use their data. If the surveys happened later in the year, you could use that data for the following season. Only issue with moving to spring time is I would want a joint proposal that personal and sport use would have an area where they can shrimp too without commercial mopping it all up. So there can be access for smaller boats.<br>SD: No one fishes in Mud Bay and FG took out that whole area where there are tons of crab and no one is trying to catch them. There are plenty of shrimp out there.<br>KK: There should be area for smaller vessels. Lots of crab boats come from down south. I though Mud Bay for crab has been great for personal use, didn't realize it goes outside the bay. Many people commercially crab there.<br>SD: Line goes from Mud Bay Pt to Viking Cove area. No one puts pots there, but one pot could be a lot of crab. Just don't want too much overreach. Don't want all of it blocked to commercial crabbers/shrimpers.<br>KK: Not talking about closing large areas or depriving commercial fishermen, just want subsistence to not have to compete with commercial fishermen.<br>TM: Kip, would you want to propose something to this?<br>KK: If this were to be adopted, I would like to see how it goes for a few years and put in a proposal in the next cycle if it deprives other subsistence users.<br>TM: Any other comments right now? We need to decide what to do.<br>TM: I don't mind going with 173 and not voting on the others.<br>SD: I want to support 172.<br>KK: If it were to close in the wintertime, do you expect you'd see more effort in spring and summer?<br>SD: Don't know how much quota is even left, might put more effort during those times. If all switched to spring, I think there would be some guys who would start in other areas. Don't think the first 6 days would have tons of boats up here. This is for all Southeast, not just Lynn Canal. Wouldn't impact Lynn Canal much.<br>JP: Would it do any harm to support both? (172 and 173)<br>TM: let's vote<br>8 votes to unanimously support 172 and 173 |

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| | | | Rationale: Shift fishery so the shrimp are not holding eggs. BC has had successful fishery by fishing in the spring. |
| 173 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | Rationale: Shift fishery so the shrimp are not holding eggs. BC has had successful fishery by fishing in the spring. This proposal would provide six days for springtime fishing for subsistence users without competing with commercial.<br><br>SD: Subsistence fishing isn't supposed to be easy.<br>KK: Why didn't you comment on sport or commercial?<br>SD: None of it should be easy.<br>DP: It's not about being easy or hard it's about being accessible.<br>TM: 173 would have same rationale as 172. It would also have rationale about subsistence fishing.<br>SD: If you want to make a big deal about 6 days, that's fine. We can move on.<br>TM: Ok. |
| 174 | Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
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| 175 | Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10, as follows: | | |
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| 176 | Reduce the number of shrimp pots that a vessel may fish, as follows: | | |

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| OPPOSE | 0 | 7 | SD: If quota is what it is, why fish with less pots? Going to catch the same, but have to fish longer. Less efficient, burn more fuel, use more bait. Proposes opposing.<br>TM: Any discussion?<br><br>7 oppose, 2 abstentions<br>Rationale: This proposal doesn't impact quota, only prolongs fishing time as well as results in more use of fuel and bait. |
| 177 | Establish closed waters in the Hydaburg area of Section 3-A, as follows: | | |
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| 178 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Kasaan Bay, as follows: | | |
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| 179 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Twelve-Mile Arm, as follows: | | |
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| 180 | Repeal observer coverage requirement, as follows: | | |
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| 181 | Open a directed sidestripe beam trawl fishery in District 8 for remainder of November-February season once the directed shrimp beam trawl fishery has closed, as follows: | | |
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| 182 | Divide the District 15 GHR into two fishing areas with distinct GHRs for the new areas, as follows: | | |

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| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | TM: I'd like to vote to support 182.<br>SD: Second. I think as long as they leave it at 20,000#, it's great. There's piles of shrimp, especially in that area. I catch them in my dungy pots even. 3,500# was what they had it at this year; I think that's a joke.<br>TM: Any more discussion?<br>8 votes to support.<br><br>Rationale: It better manages the shrimp fishery by helping to split up where the vast majority of shrimp currently are and allow other areas to be open. |
| 183 | Establish tunnel eye size requirements for ridged mesh shrimp pots in the personal use and sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 184 | Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 185 | Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid., as follows: | | |
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| 186 | Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks, as follows: | | |
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| 187 | Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, as follows: | | |
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| 188 | Change the start of the sea cucumber fishery from October 1 to the first Monday or Tuesday of October, as follows: | | |
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| 189 | Allow the department to increase the number of divers allowed to fish from a vessel from two to four by emergency order, as follows: | | |
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| 190 | Amend the Red King Crab Management Plan to include trip limits and equal share quotas when harvestable surplus is below threshold, as follows: | | |
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| 191 | Amend the Southeast Alaska Red King Crab Management Plan to base harvestable surplus on historical fishery performance information when surveys are not available, as follows: | | |
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| 192 | Establish minimum guideline harvest level and guidance on inseason adjustment of guideline harvest levels in the Southeast Alaska golden king crab fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 193 | Extend northern boundary of the Southern management area, as follows: | | |
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| 194 | Remove Glacier Bay from the list of blue king crab fishing areas within Registration Area A, as follows: | | |
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| 195 | Extend Tanner crab fishing season in exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
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| 196 | Reduce the commercial golden king crab pot limit in waters of Registration Area A from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel, as follows: | | |
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| 197 | Modify Tanner crab harvest strategy definition of core, non-core, and exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
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| 198 | Establish fixed start date for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 199 | Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 200 | Close the Dungeness crab commercial and nonresident sport fisheries in the vicinity of Klawock, as follows: | | |
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| 201 | Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows: | | |
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| 202 | Reduce waters closed to Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Tenakee Inlet, as follows: | | |
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| 203 | Repeal closed waters for Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Merrifield Bay and Port Protection, as follows: | | |
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| 204 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
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| 205 | Close waters in Coffman Cove to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
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| 206 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Whale Pass, as follows: | | |
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| 207 | Close waters in Whale Pass to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
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| 208 | Close waters in Kasaan Bay to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
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| 209 | Reduce the number of crab pots allowed and the Dungeness crab bag limit for nonresident anglers in District 3, as follows: | | |
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| 210 | Establish waters closed to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab in Sukwaan Strait, as follows: | | |
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| 211 | Repeal and amend Dungeness crab fishing season in Sitka Sound Special Use Area, as follows: | | |
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| 212 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
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| 213 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
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| 214 | Clarify that Dungeness crab pots are circular in shape, as follows: | | |
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| 215 | Align state waters sablefish fishing season with federal sablefish fishing season, as follows: | | |
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| 216 | Extend sablefish fishing season to December 15, as follows: | | |
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| 217 | Adjust lingcod bycatch allocations between groundfish and salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 218 | Establish registration requirements for the Pacific cod directed fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 219 | Clarify lawful gear for rockfish retention, as follows: | | |
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| 220 | Allow pot gear in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict sablefish commercial fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 221 | Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from four inches to three and three fourths of an inch on pots used to take sablefish, as follows: | | |
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| 222 | Require CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut using hook-and-line, pot, or jig gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area to retain and land all rockfish, including thornyhead rockfish, as follows: | | |

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| | | | SD: Aren't all permit holders already required to retain rockfish? Oh, I guess that's longline. Does it include troll and everything else?<br>Rhea: Currently, retention requirements are for full retention in federal waters. On outer coast, full retention for DSR and black rockfish. Fair amount of halibut fishing in that area. This would change that area the most to match and mirror fed regulations. This is not for trollers, just those fishing for halibut. |
| 223 | Establish and clarify gear specifications of a groundfish pot for the subsistence and personal use sablefish fisheries, as follows: | | |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 0 | JP: This seems easy to support after reading FG comments. It was proposed by ADFG.<br>TM: Fish and game did support it.<br>JP: Motion to support<br>SD: I agree, limits number of pots so people can't get greedy. Never used them but I heard people get what they need easily in their pots. It's a good proposal.<br>TM: Any other discussion?<br>Passes unanimously<br>Rationale: Agree with ADFG recommendation to protect the sablefish stock. |
| 224 | Allow rod and reel as lawful gear to harvest rockfish for personal use, as follows: | | |
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| 225 | Modify sablefish bag, possession, and nonresident annual limits based on sablefish abundance in NSEI and SSEI sections, as follows: | | |
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| 226 | Establish bag and possession limit for slope rockfish, as follows: | | |
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| 227 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit retention of yellow rockfish, as follows: | | |

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| 228 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit the retention of yelloweye rockfish by nonresidents in the SSEI Section, as follows: | | |
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| 229 | Establish lingcod bag, possession, size, and annual limits for nonresidents in the Central Southeast Outside Waters section, as follows: | | |
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| 230 | Amend the Demersal shelf rockfish delegation of authority and provisions for management to provide a resident priority, as follows: | | |
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| 231 | Amend harvest record recording requirements for lingcod, as follows: | | |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: __Marie Rose____12/1
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

*Minutes approved by AC Chair Tim McDonough on 12/20/2021 via email. - Annie Bartholomew, DFG Boards Support*

**The Wrangell Advisory Committee**
**met three times at the Nolan Center**
**In Wrangell in a blended in person/Zoom format**

**Date: 11/16/2021**

Members Present: (pres) Chris Guggenbickler, (sec) Brian Merritt, Rob Rooney, Jason Rooney, Alan Reeves, Thor Prolux, Winston Davies, Otto Florschuitz, Jarod Gross, John Yeager, and Marlin Benedict. (Zoom) Tom Sims, Dave Rak,

James Nelson (Forest Service), Sage Smiley (KSTK Radio), Brett Stillwaugh (fishermen)

ADF&G Comm Fish: Troy Thynes, Tom Kowalski

ADF&G Sport Fish: Troy Tydingco, David Love

Proposals considered: King Salmon, Commercial Salmon

**Date: 12/07/2021**

Members Present: (pres) Chris Guggenbickler, (sec) Brian Merritt, Rob Rooney, Jason Rooney, Thor Prolux, Winston Davies Otto Florschutz, Jarod Gross, John Yeager, Dave Brown, Davey Brown, and Marlin Benidict. (Zoom) Tom Sims, Dave Rak,

Sage Smiley (KSTK Radio),

ADF&G Comm Fish Tom Kowalski, Adam Messmer

ADF&G Sport Fish: Troy Tydingco, Patrick Fowler

Proposals Considered: Enhancement and SHA's, Sport/PU/Subsistence

**12/09/2021**

Members Present: (pres) Chris Guggenbickler, (sec) David Rak, Rob Rooney, Jason Rooney, Marlin Benedict, Thor Proulx, Jared Gross, John Yeager, Otto Florchutz, Winston Davies

Sage Smiley (KSTK Radio), Brett Stillwaugh (fisherman)

ADF&G Comm Fish: Tom Kowalski, Joe Stratman

ADF&G Sport Fish: Troy Tydingco, Patrick Fowler (after 9 PM)

Proposals Considered: Shrimp/Miscellaneous, Crab, Groundfish, Stikine Action Plan

The Wrangell AC does not have designated seats, however is representative in ratio of the makeup of the user groups in our community. There are voting members from seine, troll, gillnet, dungeness crab, pot and beam trawl shrimp, personal use, sport, subsistence, fish and game guides, hunters and trappers on our AC. We however do not have herring, king and tanner crab or dive fishery representation on our committee and did not comment on those proposals.

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| *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.* | | | |
| 80 | Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska's annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | Proposal doesn't have any verbage that we can actually vote on. Payback provisions need to maintain allocation balances over time. Each gear group should pay back any the next year that they went over the previous year." |
| 81 | Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | This has been done in the past two years, this proposal would actually put in writing what's been recently done. Feel Alaska needs to harvest its share of treaty allowable catch. Question if this would put added pressure on the inside king population that normally gets caught in October? |
| 82 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows: | | |

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| Comment | | | Our AC feels we need to maintain current allocation percentages. Concerned this does not put enough priority on resident sport/personal use Chinook needs. Feel this would benefit sport on years of low abundance which we are currently in and would not maintain the 80/20 split.<br><br>Consensus of inaccuracy of current sport fish data, and especially in the non-resident/non-guided industry, where local guides feel there is no accountability. The creel sampling is not working in Wrangell, the workers are not at the docks when the fish come in, lots of kings are being missed. No one checks Yachts coming in and out of Alaska.<br><br>Also, in agreement we need to move towards a better accounting system for harvest in the sport fishery such as electronic reporting/app. |

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| 83 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Opposed | 0 | 13 | See 82 for comments.<br>Don't like how it locks in the bag limit between the nonresident and the resident fishers. Maintain the 80/20 split |
| 84 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | We feel residents are the first priority amongst sport/personal use users for king salmon, these are traditional food security. Opposed to state sanctioned derbies as they are not food security for residents. |
| 85 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | We feel residents are the first priority amongst sport/personal use users for king salmon, these are traditional food security. Opposed to state sanctioned derbies as they are not food security for residents. |
| 86 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 14 | 0 | We feel residents are the first priority amongst sport/personal use users for king salmon, these are traditional food security. Opposed to state sanctioned derbies as they are not food security for residents. |
| 87 | Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | We support better data collecting on king salmon and would like the state to work towards a cell phone app for better accountability and data collection for a better ability to manage the fishery. |
| 88 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows: | | |
| Opposed | 0 | 14 | Opposition to the sliding scale. Author known and stated was pulling his support for this one. |
| 89 | Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:. | | |
| Opposed | 5 | 7 | Split vote, some felt this has the potential to get some boats off the drag, others felt this would put more gear in water, not less. |

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| 90 | Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows: | | |
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| 91 | Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 92 | Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows: | | |
| Support | 12 | 1 | We support troll being able to keep jack kings in THA's. There was concern this could affect the treaty harvest number in some THA's and members didn't want to trade a 12-pound treaty king for a 26" fish. |
| 93 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows: | | |
| | | | |
| 94 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows: | | |
| Opposed | 0 | 15 | The AC doesn't feel the department needs help in managing the nonresident king catch, this proposal is not needed at this time. |

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| 95 | Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows: | | |
| | | | |
| 96 | Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows: | | |
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| 97 | Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows: | | |
| Opposed | 1 | 14 | The SSRAA Board is moving towards fixing the allocation issue that still shows the trollers below their allocation number. We feel this should be determined by the SSRAA board and not in regulation. Representatives of the user groups on the SSRAA board are present on our AC and feel there may be some shifts in rotational scheduling that may be better suited in addressing this issue. |
| 98 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
| | | | |
| 99 | Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows: | | |
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| 100 | Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 101 | Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows: | | |
| Opposed | 0 | 15 | Two years ago this AC signed on to a letter of support for hatcheries and we still stand behind enhanced fish of which all user groups benefit and support the current permitting process. |
| 102 | Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows: | | |
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| 103 | Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock salmon management, as follows: | | |
| Opposed | | | Two years ago this AC signed on to a letter of support for hatcheries and we still stand behind enhanced fish of which all user groups benefit and support the current permitting process. |
| 104 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows: | | |
| Support | 15 | 0 | We support this proposal giving the SSRAA board in conjunction with ADF&G the ability to manage their release sites on most recent information and conditions. |
| 105 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Saint Nicholas, as follows: | | |
| Support | 15 | 0 | We support this proposal giving the SSRAA board in conjunction with ADF&G the ability to manage their release sites on most recent information and conditions. |
| 106 | Modify boundaries of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area and allow use of drift gillnet gear for cost recovery operations, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 15 | 0 | The AC supports gillnet gear for cost recovery in the Port Saint Nicholas area. |
| 107 | Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
| Support | 15 | 0 | We support this proposal giving the SSRAA board in conjunction with ADF&G the ability to manage their release sites on most recent information and conditions. |
| 108 | Create a special harvest area for Port Asumcion, as follows: | | |
| Support | 15 | 0 | The AC supports the creation of a special harvest area for Port Asumcion. |
| 109 | Establish a hatchery special harvest area in Carroll Inlet, as follows: | | |
| Support | 15 | 0 | We support this proposal giving the SSRAA board in conjunction with ADF&G the ability to manage their release sites on most recent information and conditions. |
| 110 | Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | This was a very rare event, and as nets are very expensive most guys do all they can to salvage their nets. Also there was concern of over burden in possible marking requirements. |
| 111 | Change the maximum drift gillnet mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to 6 and one-eight inches, as follows: | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | Net can stretch or be a hair big from the manufacture. This proposal would give a guy a little leeway with enforcement. |

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| 112 | Provide the department authority to allow drift gillnets of up to 90 meshes in depth to be used in the District 11 drift gillnet fishery beginning in SW 34, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 2 | 11 | Discussion cohos travel deeper in Taku Inlet, inability to harvest allowable catch and a deeper net is needed, concern over using deeper nets in other portions of district 11, other stocks. Discussion of allowing more time although weekends are not generally allowed due to recreational users in the area. |
| 113 | Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 12 | The department stated it feels it already has the ability to manage the gillnet fishery to conserve chinook and too restrictive of mesh restriction will be ineffective in harvesting target species. In 2021 the most restrictive measures yet held terminal harvest of chinook in district 8 was 0 large Stikine kings. The gillnet fleet is not achieving their treaty allocation of chinook and those unharvested fish are being reallocated to the troll fleet.<br><br>Minority opinion is that troll feels they have lost more opportunity than the reallocated number. |
| 114 | Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows: | | |

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| 115 | Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | The Chinook Task force put October 11 start date in place in hopes nonresidents would go back down south and not fish kings. Trollers are trying to get some days gained back. |
| 116 | Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of nonretention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows: | | |
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| 117 | Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | These things have been tried before, it gives the bigger boats an unfair advantage. |
| 118 | Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows: | | |
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| 119 | Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows: | | |
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| 120 | Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows: | | |
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| 121 | Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 13 | There is the opinion on the committee non guided sport fishermen want this area closed for their own personal use. Local gillnetters have put out publications and posters in Coffman Cove harbors telling how to get around nets. This AC is against proposals that regulate areas. |
| 122 | Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows: | | |
| See 124 | | | See 124 |
| 123 | Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows: | | |
| See 124 | | | See 124 |
| 124 | Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0, 5 people abstained | This mixed stock management proposal has been in place since 1989. Abstentions on the committee did not feel they were familiar enough with all the implications and the BOF would deal with it. |
| 276 | Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows: | | |
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| 125 | Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows: | | |
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| 126 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
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| 127 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
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| 128 | Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 129 | Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows: | | |
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| 130 | Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows: | | |
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| 131 | Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 132 | Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows: | | |
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| 133 | Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows: | | |
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| 134 | Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | Should not allow nets to be all the way across a stream as it would destroy the fishery resource. |
| 135 | Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Do not favor issuance of subsistence or personal use for non-hatchery king salmon. Issuing such permits would establish a new user group and the action would need to be taken before the US-Canada Salmon Treaty for the allocation of a new king salmon fishery on trans boundary rivers. King stocks are depressed and a new fishery cannot be supported. |
| 136 | Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | AC favors the continuation of the common practice to retain a fish and take home to feed the family. |
| 137 | Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 138 | Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows: | | |
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| 139 | Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows: | | |

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| 140 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 141 | Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 142 | Establish bag and possession limits and lawful gear for smelt fishing in the Ketchikan area, as follows: | | |
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| 143 | Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows: | | |
| Support as amended | 10 | 0 | AC supports the action to obtain more harvest data on the non-resident unguided sport fishers and to make the non-resident unguided sport fishers more accountable. The non-resident guided sport fishers are already accountable through the guides e-log book, so the guided data is available at the end of each day (9 PM) to managers. Proposal was amended to include in season reporting of non-resident unguided sport fishers. Amendment supported 10 to 0. It was noted the Department may not favor amendment because of the cost of additional logbooks. |
| 144 | Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| Support | 10 | 0 | Without the proposed change to the regulations the catch data recorded on the back of their license, for sport fishers in rental vessels, fails to make it to the biologists who manage the fishery. A logbook program is needed |
| 145 | Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The AC favors the proposal because 6 fish per day and no annual limit results in a significant take by nonresident sport fishers. Currently there is no annual limit in the areas identified in the proposal and thus no reporting requirement. The establishment of nonresident bag, possession and annual limits is needed. |
| 146 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | AC would like to see an annual limit set. |
| 147 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | AC would like to see an annual limit set. |
| 148 | Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows: | | |
| | | | |
| 149 | Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows: | | |

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| 150 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
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| 151 | Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows: | | |
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| 152 | Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 153 | Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows: | | |
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| 154 | Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 155 | Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The AC supports the many good practices required to keep fish alive for release, but there is no support to make treble hooks illegal in all of SE Alaska. It is a good practice to not remove the fish from the water. It would be acceptable to require the fisher to make treble hooks single hooks during periods of nonretention. |

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| 277 | Align bag limits for non-resident unguided halibut harvest from rental vessels in Southeast Alaska with NOAA bag limits for guided anglers in Halibut Management Area 2C, as follows: | | |
| support | 10 | 0 | The AC feels it would be good to aline halibut harvest regulations for nonresident unguided fishers with resident harvest regulations. There is no support to establish the regulation for rental vessels only. It is recognized that the Board and Department do not have authority to manage the Federal halibut fishery, but the Board could provide guidance on the definition of a guided vessel. The AC supports sharing the proposal to Federal halibut managers who need to close the loop hole. |
| 156 | Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
| | | | No sitka sac roe fishermen present |
| 157 | Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows: | | |
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| 158 | Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows: | | |
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| 159 | Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
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| 160 | Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 161 | Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows: | | |
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| 162 | Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows: | | |
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| 163 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 164 | Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 165 | Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows: | | |
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| 166 | Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows: | | |
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| 167 | Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows: | | |
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| 168 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Section 1-F, as follows: | | |
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| 169 | Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Sections 1-E and 1-F, as follows: | | |
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| 233 | Remove districts 13-A and 13-B from Northern Southeast herring spawn on kelp pound fishery administrative area, as follows: | | |
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| 170 | Establish a positive customary and traditional use finding for shellfish and plants for all intertidal areas of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat, as follows: | | |
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| 171 | Change the start of the pot shrimp season from October to after March, as follows: | | |
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| 172 | Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
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| 173 | Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows: | | |
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| 174 | Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 14 | The AC is against this proposal because warm temperatures in the spring will negatively affect quality and small shrimp being returned to sea will likely die. The pounds of roe harvested in fall fishery would not be present in the spring resulting in more individual shrimp |

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| | | | harvested for same quota. Light shells in the spring are an inferior product. |
| 175 | Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10, as follows: | | |
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| 176 | Reduce the number of shrimp pots that a vessel may fish, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 14 | Proposer fishes out of a skiff and wants to make the season last longer. Shrimping is costly and its best to be as efficient as possible. This proposal would slow the catch rate and increase expenses for harvesting shrimp. |
| 177 | Establish closed waters in the Hydaburg area of Section 3-A, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 14 | The commercial season in 3A was 11 days with over 124,000 lbs harvested. |
| 178 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Kasaan Bay, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 14 | This proposal tries to close off an area of the state for their own personal gain, if there is sufficient biomass for a sustainable fishery it should be open to all users, if not close the area to all. The AC is against closing any area for specific user groups. There is plenty of time for residents and nonresidents to catch their personal shrimp. The commercial season is very short in this area. |

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| 179 | Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Twelve-Mile Arm, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 14 | The AC feels that there is plenty of time for residents and nonresidents to catch their personal shrimp. The commercial season is very short in this area. |
| 180 | Repeal observer coverage requirement, as follows: | | |
| Support | 10 | 0 | The AC supports a proposal by a member of the Wrangell Community. The observer requirement is limited to the directed side stripe shrimp fishery, but ADF&G has never required an onboard observer, and the fishery has only been opened 11 times. ADF&G would pay for the cost of the observer as necessary for data collection. If the shrimper has to pay for the observer, the cost per day could be greater than the value of shrimp caught for some days. Wrangell shrimpers are willing to provide Department shrimp catch data as needed for management. |
| 181 | Open a directed sidestripe beam trawl fishery in District 8 for remainder of November-February season once the directed shrimp beam trawl fishery has closed, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | Proposer present and intends on pulling support. |
| 182 | Divide the District 15 GHR into two fishing areas with distinct GHRs for the new areas, as follows: | | |
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| 183 | Establish tunnel eye size requirements for ridged mesh shrimp pots in the personal use and sport fisheries, as follows: | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 14 | Current illegal pots can be fixed by closing off a small section of the tunnel thus making it legal. |
| 184 | Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 185 | Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid., as follows: | | |
| Support | 14 | 0 | The AC supports this proposal because it is an attempt to add a new fishery to Alaska. In the future this could add some tax benefits and control predatory squid. |
| 186 | Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks, as follows: | | |
| Support | 14 | 0 | The Board needs to clarify the hook limit and what is a hook for squid. |
| 187 | Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, as follows: | | |
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| 188 | Change the start of the sea cucumber fishery from October 1 to the first Monday or Tuesday of October, as follows: | | |
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| 189 | Allow the department to increase the number of divers allowed to fish from a vessel from two to four by emergency order, as follows: | | |
| Comment | | | No divers in the room. |
| 190 | Amend the Red King Crab Management Plan to include trip limits and equal share quotas when harvestable surplus is below threshold, as follows: | | |

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| Comment | | | No red, brown or tanner fishermen in the room. |
| 191 | Amend the Southeast Alaska Red King Crab Management Plan to base harvestable surplus on historical fishery performance information when surveys are not available, as follows: | | |
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| 192 | Establish minimum guideline harvest level and guidance on inseason adjustment of guideline harvest levels in the Southeast Alaska golden king crab fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 193 | Extend northern boundary of the Southern management area, as follows: | | |
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| 194 | Remove Glacier Bay from the list of blue king crab fishing areas within Registration Area A, as follows: | | |
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| 195 | Extend Tanner crab fishing season in exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
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| 196 | Reduce the commercial golden king crab pot limit in waters of Registration Area A from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel, as follows: | | |
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| 197 | Modify Tanner crab harvest strategy definition of core, non-core, and exploratory areas, as follows: | | |
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| 198 | Establish fixed start date for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |

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| 199 | Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 200 | Close the Dungeness crab commercial and nonresident sport fisheries in the vicinity of Klawock, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 15 | This proposal tries to close off an area of the state for their own personal gain, if there is sufficient biomass for a sustainable fishery it should be open to all users, if not close the area to all. The AC is against closing any area for specific user groups. |
| 201 | Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows: | | |
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| 202 | Reduce waters closed to Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Tenakee Inlet, as follows: | | |
| Support | 14 | 1 abstain | This area should not be closed at all. |
| 203 | Repeal closed waters for Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Merrifield Bay and Port Protection, as follows: | | |
| Support | 14 | 1 abstain | This area should not be closed at all. |
| 204 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Coffman Cove, as follows: | | |
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| 205 | Close waters in Coffman Cove to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 15 | This proposal tries to close off an area of the state for their own personal gain, if there is sufficient biomass for a sustainable fishery it should be open to all users, if not close the area to all. The AC is against closing any area for specific user groups. |
| 206 | Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Whale Pass, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 15 | This proposal tries to close off an area of the state for their own personal gain, if there is sufficient biomass for a sustainable fishery it should be open to all users, if not close the area to all. The AC is against closing any area for specific user groups. |
| 207 | Close waters in Whale Pass to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 15 | This proposal tries to close off an area of the state for their own personal gain, if there is sufficient biomass for a sustainable fishery it should be open to all users, if not close the area to all. The AC is against closing any area for specific user groups. |
| 208 | Close waters in Kasaan Bay to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 15 | This proposal tries to close off an area of the state for their own personal gain, if there is sufficient biomass for a sustainable fishery it should be open to all users, if not close the area to all. The AC is against closing any area for specific user groups. |

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| 209 | Reduce the number of crab pots allowed and the Dungeness crab bag limit for nonresident anglers in District 3, as follows: | | |
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| 210 | Establish waters closed to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab in Sukwaan Strait, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 15 | This proposal tries to close off an area of the state for their own personal gain, if there is sufficient biomass for a sustainable fishery it should be open to all users, if not close the area to all. The AC is against closing any area for specific user groups |
| 211 | Repeal and amend Dungeness crab fishing season in Sitka Sound Special Use Area, as follows: | | |
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| 212 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
| Support | 15 | 0 | We support allowing crab fishermen seven days to retrieve gear. This could easily be a safety issue. |
| 213 | Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows: | | |
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| 214 | Clarify that Dungeness crab pots are circular in shape, as follows: | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 15 | Pots that are 50" in perimeter should be legal no matter what shape. Don't make fishermen buy new pots because they are not round, possibly set maximum by cubic inches. |

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| 215 | Align state waters sablefish fishing season with federal sablefish fishing season, as follows: | | |
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| 216 | Extend sablefish fishing season to December 15, as follows: | | |
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| 217 | Adjust lingcod bycatch allocations between groundfish and salmon fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 218 | Establish registration requirements for the Pacific cod directed fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 219 | Clarify lawful gear for rockfish retention, as follows: | | |
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| 220 | Allow pot gear in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict sablefish commercial fishery, as follows: | | |
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| 221 | Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from four inches to three and three fourths of an inch on pots used to take sablefish, as follows: | | |
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| 222 | Require CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut using hook-and-line, pot, or jig gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area to retain and land all rockfish, including thornyhead rockfish, as follows: | | |
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| 223 | Establish and clarify gear specifications of a groundfish pot for the subsistence and personal use sablefish fisheries, as follows: | | |
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| 224 | Allow rod and reel as lawful gear to harvest rockfish for personal use, as follows: | | |
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| 225 | Modify sablefish bag, possession, and nonresident annual limits based on sablefish abundance in NSEI and SSEI sections, as follows: | | |
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| 226 | Establish bag and possession limit for slope rockfish, as follows: | | |
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| 227 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit retention of yellow rockfish, as follows: | | |
| Support | 7 | 2oppose<br>1 abstain | A majority of the AC members support the proposal because it removes protections for many rock fish but keeps the protection for yelloweye, which are a stock of concern. It was noted by the minority that 90% of the sport harvest of rock fish are the Demersal Shelf Rockfish (DSR), which are longer lived than the pelagic rockfish which need some protection. There was agreement that there is abundance of quillback rock fish which need little protection |
| 228 | Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit the retention of yelloweye rockfish by nonresidents in the SSEI Section, as follows: | | |
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| 229 | Establish lingcod bag, possession, size, and annual limits for nonresidents in the Central Southeast Outside Waters section, as follows: | | |

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| 230 | Amend the Demersal shelf rockfish delegation of authority and provisions for management to provide a resident priority, as follows: | | |
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| 231 | Amend harvest record recording requirements for lingcod, as follows: | | |
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I.

Next agenda item was consideration of the DRAFT-Stikine River and Andrew Creek King Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2021 (RC Report to the Board of Fisheries)

Motion to not make the Stikine River King Salmon a stock of concern as recommended in the Report.
Discussion: Majority of the AC supports allowing the Department and the Board of Fish to Manage the Stikine River King Salmon without it being designated a stock of concern. A designation of a Stock of Concern could restrict management options available, and once designated could be difficult to remove the designation. A stock of Concern designation could be made at a later date if needed.

Support:9
Oppose:0
One AC member left the meeting prior to consideration of the Report.

**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee**
**10/14/2020**
**Teleconference**

I. **Call to Order:** 7:04pm by Chad Lipse

II. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Andy Couch
- Birch Yuknis
- Austin Manelick
- Neil DeWitt
- Danny Lewis
- Dom Nickles
- Chad Schierman
- Chad Lipse
- Mel Grove

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 8
**List of User Groups Present:** None

III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Charity Leman, Mark Somerville, Tracy Hansen

IV. **Guests Present:** None

V. **Approval of Agenda:** Neil motioned, Andy seconded – Accepted w/o Opposition

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Andy motioned, Neil seconded – Accepted w/o Opposition

VII. **Announcements:**

- Charity Leman –
  - Board of Fish work session scheduled for 10/15-10/16/2020 via Zoom.
  - Prince William Sound and Yakutat Southeast meeting postponed until TBD date.
  - Board of Game may also adjust their schedule due to COVID concerns.
  - Email sent out with regarding use of Zoom and best practices for meetings.

- Elections, if done, will need to be done over Zoom.

- Andy Couch –
  - Read Craig Medred article regarding North Pacific Fish Counsel to close EEZ to commercial fishing. Comment period soon and should be discussed on future agenda.
  - Article will be sent to Charity for distribution to the AC members.

VIII. **Proposals:** Andy motioned to take Proposals 1,23,29 off the table and proceed from last meeting (Proposal 31), Neil seconded.

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| 1 | Establish a longline skate fishery in Prince William Sound | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Dept – No comment as this is commercial issue.<br>Oppose – Concerns with bycatch and unknown repercussions. |
| 23 | Reverse the positive customary and traditional subsistence use determination for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area, or establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence and bag and possession limits for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Dept – Rainbow trout and steelhead are not considered subsistence fish with exception to fishwheel bycatch due to dry boxes and no close attendance requirement. Harvest not sustainable.<br>Oppose – Proposal would not work as planned, harvest not sustainable. |
| 29 | Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence uses throughout Prince William Sound | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Dept – Subsistence fisheries ties to commercial type gear and openers Saturday subsistence opener added<br>Oppose – Concerns that allowing drift gillnets could affect management and allocation, potential for excessive harvest. |
| 31 | Increase the possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Upper Copper River | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Dept – No sustainability concerns, harvest increase would be minimal. ADF&G has considered creating this same proposal. |

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| | | | Support – Align with possession limits in other fisheries.<br>Amendment – Concerns about specifics. Specify new possession limit of 6 (Opposed 1-8-0). |
| 32 | Allow harvest of rainbow trout 20 inches or less in a portion of the Gulkana River | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | Dept – No predation studies but predation is not a concern, rainbow trout population is low and unable to sustain long-term sustainable harvest.<br>Support – Harvest should be allowed especially if rainbow trout is mortally hooked.<br>Oppose – No predation risks, harvest is not sustainable. |
| 33 | Allow harvest of rainbow trout 18 inches or less in the Gulkana River | | |
| Oppose | 2 | 7 | Support – No shortage of rainbow trout and harvest should be allowed. Not enough information to oppose harvest.<br>Oppose – Population is low and harvest is not sustainable. |
| 34 | Remove the 14-inch size limit for Gulkana River Arctic grayling | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Dept – Proposal by ADF&G to simplify by eliminating need to measure before harvest. Recent studies show size restriction no longer needed to maintain desired population size and structure. 7% of population is greater than 14". Larger fish are in the cold water tributaries which is difficult to access.<br>Support – Necessity to measure fish is too restrictive and does not serve purpose. |
| 35 | Amend bag and possession limits for Arctic grayling and methods and means in Moose Creek | | |
| Support | 7 | 2 | Dept – Low fishing pressure, has not noticed decline is population. |

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| | | | Support – Decreased bag limit and restriction during spawning are appropriate to avoid reduced population.<br>Oppose – Low fishing pressure and harvest. |
| 36 | Increase the bag and possession limit of lake trout in Crosswind Lake | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | Dept – No population survey for Crosswind Lake but monitors harvest survey. No evidence of Lake Trout overabundance and predation on sockeye smelt has minimal effect on hatchery survival. Lake Trout Management Plan is in place based on sustainable biomass and changes as well as more opportunity coming in future board meeting.<br>Support – Lake Trout population strong from firsthand experience. Long distance to travel to harvest one fish.<br>Oppose – No evidence of overabundance or predation concern. |
| 37 | Establish sport bag and possession limit for lake trout in the Prince William Sound area | | |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Dept – Create management strategy for Lake Trout.<br>Support – Establish consistent regulations and support sustainability. |
| 38 | Establish restrictions in the Copper River Delta coho salmon sport fishery based on the number of days the commercial fishery is closed | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Dept – Management plans include no triggers like other regions. Sport fishery can still be supported and maintained to meet escapement goals when commercial fishery is closed.<br>Oppose – Too restrictive by closing Catch and Release, does not appear to be shared burden. |
| 39 | Extend the area closed to sport fishing in Ibeck Creek | | |

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| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Oppose – Low fishing pressure in area, most fishing is lower in the creek. Takes away opportunity from already limited sport fishing off the road system. |
| 40 | Close 18 Mile or Silver Creek to coho salmon fishing August 1 to November 1 | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Dept – No fish population data for this system.<br>Oppose – AC supports sport fishing off the road system and this proposal would take it away. |
| 41 | Repeal mandatory closed waters from the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Oppose – Concerns about removing conservation and allocation measure. This proposal only benefits one user group. |

IX. **Closing Comments:**

- Andy Couch
  - Feels no need to comment on proposals that were one commercial gear group arguing for more allocation or opportunity in specific fisheries; however, he would like the committee to comment on Proposals 49-55 and believes it would be appropriate for the committee to take a precautionary position in light of declines in sockeye, coho, and king salmon production in Upper Cook Inlet and declines in sockeye and king salmon production on the Copper River at least on alternating years.
- Chad Lipse
  - Asked if it would be appropriate for the committee to vote on using Zoom for meetings as he feels it would be more effective.

- Neil DeWitt
    - Bear and lynx hunting in Chugach State Park (14C) was brought up at Anchorage AC meeting and is not being well received. May be topic to bring up at future meeting.

X. **Adjournment:** 9:18pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman
Date: 10/14/2020

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting by teleconference October 7, 2020 7 p.m.

Meeting Called to order at 7:05pm by Herb

Members present: Herb Mansavage, Andy Couch, Chad Schierman,, Neil DeWitt, Danny Lewis, Dominic Nickles, Chad Lipps, Mel Grove, Birch Yuknis , Aaron Bloomquist — arrived at 7:11 pm

Members Absent: Chris Alderman, Nick Reeves, Dan Montgomery, Austin Manlik, Don Dygert, Casey Dinkel

public present:

ADF&G staff: Charity Leman —board support

Herb asked Charity if there were any particular protocol the Advisory Committee should be following including how to handle elections with COVID 19 concerns. Charity had no answers about elections — she was hoping to receive some guidelines today for teleconference or zoom meetings. Board support will not be noticing or paying for rental space for public meeting at this time. She will let us know more when she has more information about elections.

Herb asked AC members if they had any concerns. Birch mentioned it is sometimes difficult to work on proposals without ADF&G staff present. Herb mentioned that perhaps ADF&G staff positions may not have been developed yet. Neil mentioned it is still helpful to have ADF&G staff members present.

Motion to accept agenda (Prince William Sound / Upper Copper River / Upper Susitna River fishery proposals consideration)

Motion to adjourn

Proposals Aaron making motions to accept proposals Birch Yuknis is the second.

1: Would establish a longline skate fishery. Move to table until we have ADF&G staff present. tabled with no objection.

2. 3 and 4 all by ADF&G, Andy Couch mentioned that ling cod, Pacific cod, Sable fish have all had down turns or limited abundances so being more proactive keeping track of these harvests is appropriate. Motion to support all of these proposals was approved 10-0-0.

5 Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Copper River king salmon. Andy mentioned the previous king salmon escapement goal had been 24,000 so it could be appropriate to stay at that level on the lower end. He did not feel there should be an emergency situation anytime the king salmon escapement was projected to exceed 31,000 fish and therefore 40,000 fish would be a more appropriate upper bound. Motion passed 10-0-0.

6. Birch and Aaron were opposed to this especially for the sport fishery requirement. Andy Couch felt that personal use and subsistence might be better served by reporting sooner rather than waiting until the end of the season when a permit may have been misplaced.. Mel mentioned that years ago at Chinitna he had to fill out a harvest card and turn it in when exiting the fishery. He felt this would be good for the subsistence and personal use and it might help to keep everyone honest — but did not support it for sport fish. Aaron mentioned there is a lot of dip netting and fish wheel activity that does not happen at Chinitna so a reporting station at Chinitna would not capture all the information. Aaron is skeptical that this in season information would be compiled and useful. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

7. Would prohibit guiding in a subsistence fin fish fishery. Aaron has seen guiding business expand. Andy has seen guides operating and feels guided trips are a safe way for people to participate and provides people who do not have a boat a reasonable opportunity to harvest fish. Birch wants to let people work — do not take away jobs. Neil like the use of boats so people can spread out and fish more area. Aaron does not feel commercial operations fit with the subsistence opportunity — and he has considered working this fishery, but has not. Aaron will support this proposal. Herb asked if this fishery has turned into personal use fishery rather than subsistence. Chad did not feel that guided is a subsistence opportunity. Mel would not want to see all fishing or use of boats prohibited. Motion fails 5 oppose — 4 support —1 left the meeting before voting.

8. Proposal would prohibit dip netting near at tributary mouths of the Upper Copper River District. No dip netting would be allowed with 500 yards below and 100 yards above a stream mouth. Birch asked if ADF&G would place markers? he also wondered if all stream mouths would apply or just some. Aaron felt the Tonsina, the Klutina, the Gulkana and perhaps the Gakona were the most appropriate stream mouths that might need protection. He did not know if people were dip netting at other places. Aaron made an amendment to only prohibit fishing near the confluences of the Tonsina, the Klutina, Gulkana, and Gakona Rivers. 2nd by Birch. Andy asked if people were using fish wheels in these areas. Aaron knew of some

people running wheels upstream of the Klutina, but felt that most king salmon abundance was at or below the stream mouth. Danny Lewis is going to support. Amendment passed with no objection. The amended motion passed 9-0-0.

9 and 10 would prohibit dip netting from a boat. Aaron commented that some people only have access to the area they fish from a boat. Motions opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 11 would prohibit dip netting in a portion of the Chitina Subdistrict. Why the exception of this proposal does not apply to charter operators? The lower portion is a place where people do dip quite a bit from boats and have done so for a good amount of times. Mel mentioned that he usually dip nets from a boat above the canyon but below O'Brian Creek. Mel also mentioned that some people tie their boats off to the rocks in the Canyon and dip net from their boats. Mel mentioned he has been fishing out of a boat for 20 years and feels it is safer than fishing from the rocks. Herb felt dip netting from a boat is a far call from trawling. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

12. Mel has not seen anyone dip netting in the canyon from a moving boat. He feels that 50 feet would be tough to enforce, and he has never seen a conflict. He does not see people dip netting in the lower section dropped off on the shore. Mel does not see this being an issue or has not heard of anyone being swept into the river by a boat. Mel feels someone is just trying to exclude other people from the fishery. Danny will not support. Motion failed 0-9-0.

13. Prohibit dip netting from a boat within 75 feet of a fish wheel. Motion failed 0-9-0.

14 and 15 would prohibit the use of gill net material in the dip net fishery. The idea is to protect king salmon. Birch mentioned that when using a gill net there is usually a mention of mesh size. Aaron said he felt that mesh size may not matter. Andy mentioned that gill net mesh is sticky and helps catch fish, but he believed smaller mesh is one solution. Motion failed 1 -8 -0.

16. Prohibit the use of a depth finder or fish finder in the Upper Copper River District. Aaron does not support as some people already have these units on their boats — he felt that these units do not work very well on the Copper River. Mel felt that using a fish finder on the Copper would work about as well as a person sticking his head in the water looking for fish. Mel sees no need for this restriction. Aaron likes to use a depth finder to know depth when he is boating into shore. Motion failed 0-9-0.

17. Would establish a different dip net bag limit in the Glennallen Subdistrict. This seems to be an issue of restricting one particular method of harvesting in a subsistence fishery. Motion failed 0-9-0

18. Would extend the lower boundary of the Chitina boundary downstream. Aaron felt this area might be easier to identify — if a person went too far it could be in more dangerous water. Aaron wondered if more fish might be caught with this lower area. Andy felt that allowing more fishing in this area might result in more people choosing to participate in the personal use rather than the subsistence fishery. The personal use is lower lower limit. Arron felt that some king salmon might be attracted by Haley Creek. Mel does not feel that fish hold up around Haley Creek, however, he is planning to vote to status quo. Motion failed 1-8-0.

19. Would reduce the maximum personal use harvest when commercial fishery has a lower harvest. Birch felt they were asking for too much. Aaron does not support. Andy mentioned the commercial fishermen in the sound have a lot of opportunity to harvest other salmon stocks in Prince William Sound including hatchery pink salmon and chum salmon. Motion failed 0-9-0.

20. Aaron and Herb talked all about what all this proposal would do. Neil would like to leave limits as they are. This would make the limits more complicated and subject to change inseason. Andy, Mel, and Danny all agreed with Neil Motion failed 0-9-0.

21. Would open the personal use fishery earlier on June 1. Aaron mentioned there have not been strong early runs of king salmon — he would oppose. Mel felt if there were not early run king salmon it would not be a conservation issue — but he did not know what would be wrong with allowing the fishery to open on June 1. Andy felt there is a conservation issue for king salmon we should not be expanding the early season personal use or early season commercial fishery. Motion failed 0-9-0.

22. No Action.

23. Tabled for ADF&G comments.

24. Support ADF&G limit proposal. Motion approved 9-0-0.

25. Limits the net size and also has a requirement for moving the net if too many lake trout are caught in this subsistence fishery. Motion approved 9-0-0.

26. Everyone should be able to participate — it should not be limited to just one village or by race. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

27. Aaron mentioned that if a commercial period did not occur subsistence might not occur as currently configured. Committee members expressed nonsuport. Motion failed 0-9-0.

28. How do you limit a gill net to catching pink and chum salmon Birch wanted to know. This increased limit would likely impact Upper Copper River personal use and subsistence fisheries. Motion opposed 0-9-0,

29 table for ADF&G comments.

30. Motion passed 7-2-0. There should be a regulation that applies to specific waters

Committee Comments. Herb mentioned remaining proposals 31 —79 to work through that is on the schedule for the next meeting. The following AC meeting is scheduled for statewide and Prince Willam Sound shrimp proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.
Minutes taken by Andy Couch
Minutes Approved by the AC at 10/14/20 meeting

Pelican Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Call in 1-800-504-8071 Access Code 4654046

Thursday, December 30, 2021, 4:00 pm

Members Present: Michael Allard, Patricia Phillips, Celeste Weller

Members on Teleconference: Norm Carson, Jim Slater Quorum Present.

Also Present: Jamison Mork, William Combs

Agenda: Comments for Board of Fish Proposals for Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish Meeting and Other Business

**Proposal 145** Slater/Carson Moved/Seconded to support. All in favor with the amendment.

**Amendment**: Carson/Slater move to amend – All in favor of the amendment.

"General provisions for season, and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for **the fresh waters** of the Southeast Alaska Area."

(2) Coho Salmon: may be taken from January 1-December 31 as follows:

(A) resident: 16 inches or greater in length, bag limit of six fish: possession limit of 12 fish

(B) nonresident: 16 inches or greater in length, bag limit of two fish: possession limit of four fish; and an annual limit of eight fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006

(3) Sockeye Salmon: may be taken from January 1-December 31 as follows:

(A) resident: 16 inches or greater in length, bag limit of six fish: possession limit of 12 fish

(B) nonresident: 16 inches or greater in length, bag limit of two fish: possession limit of four fish; and an annual limit of eight fish; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006

- These are fair and equitable regulations – The ADFG's "Personal Use Salmon Permit Conditions" require harvest record and limits per household, Possession and Annual.

**Proposal 125** Weller/Allard Moved/Seconded to support. All in favor.

Once a fish is caught, the fish should be kept especially if they're dead, this way, someone's going to eat the fish caught. Would rather see the fish eaten then being thrown back.

**Proposal 128** Slater/Carson Moved/Seconded to support. All Nays, Motion fails.

Nets should be tended. The Lisianski Inlet/Straits and Cross Sound area has a lot of marine mammals, there could be possible entanglements. If another boat comes into the area being fished and comes upon a net not being tended, then there cannot be a conversation with the other net holder about the setting the subsistence gillnet gear in the same area. The net should have to be tended.

It is acceptable in other areas of Southeast Alaska to leave a net untended, but it is not acceptable in the Lisianski Inlet/Straits and Cross Sound Areas. It can be a long run to fishing areas, then to find an untended net limits options to set the gear near the untended net. There becomes the possibility of abandoned gear, entanglements with animals, fish, or other gear.

**Proposal 115** Allard/Weller Moved/Seconded to support. All in favor.

Support the winter king troll plan, first day of week 41 through April 30.
Reinstate 'open by emergency order' the Lisianski Inlet/Lisianski Strait, Stag Bay, Port Althorp, Cross Sound Spring Commercial Troll area openings.

- ADFG did not meet with stakeholders in Pelican to discuss the spring troll closures for this area.
- The vessels that participate in the Spring openers are mostly year-round Pelican residents.
- The spring troll opening provides a significant economic boost and multiplier effect, after getting through the winter, when the winter weather disrupts fishing opportunities.
- Lisianski/Althorp/Cross Sound spring fishery CPUE can contribute to determining the chinook abundance for the summer season, especially with significant reductions to ADFG budget.
- Reinstating the spring chinook openings improves economic opportunities for rural residents of Pelican, these fishermen have a historical pattern of harvest. The spring openings will not cause the troll fishery to exceed its allocation, it distributes the economic benefits for the resource more equitably and reasonably given the regulatory constraints in place.
- Provides an equitable distribution of harvest to allow for the full utilization of the troll harvest ceiling prior to the summer harvest.
- The spring openings would be beneficial to other local small businesses, spur economic activity: ice sale, fuel, marine repairs, moorage, and air freight. All businesses associated with harvest.
- The Board of Fish has consistently approved limited openings for Yakutat. This request, as a matter on consistency, is to apply comparable spring chinook harvest opportunities for trollers based in Pelican, Alaska.
- Beginning June 1 non-resident harvest experiences high levels of sport fishing pressure with revenues earned leaving the community.
- Year-round rural residents of Pelican are currently excluded from spring chinook harvest.
- Other sectors still are already actively fishing.
- The local year-round residents are left out.
- For local resident trollers, 1/3 of their income traditionally came from the spring openings. The spring openings help the harvester vessel be geared up and ready for the summer season.
- The Lisianski/Althorp/Cross Sound spring fishery is not a hard hit on the resource because the openings are two or three days per week.
- Keeps the fleet local and brings in other local stakeholder fishermen; seasonal fishermen extend their season with the spring opener.
- The spring troll openings are designed to catch hatchery fish.
- One year the Lisianski area had 100% hatchery fish.
- Troll harvesters pay attention for tags.
- ADFG used the outlier data to close the spring chinook opening in Lisianski area.
- The troll fleet pays 3% salmon enhancement tax for hatchery reared king salmon. Pelican fishermen lost access to these hatchery chinooks when the spring season shut down.
- Lisianski is seeing increased sport effort during the time of our areas traditional spring chinook harvesting openings.
- It's been the biggest economic loss for Pelican since the spring troll season being discontinued.
- The Pelican AC discussed moving the line in Cross Sound to reduce the range of area fished.
- ADFG map of Lisianski spring harvest area included with comments.

**Proposal 144** Slater/Weller Moved/Seconded to support. All in favor.

Unguided sport fish harvest is a bigger issue every year. ADFG cannot reach management targets of multiple resources when there is missing data from the uncontrolled growth of the unguided non-resident sport fish sector. Troll harvest numbers are known to the fish because of fish tickets. The unguided sport harvest is running rough shod over the resource without consideration of its unaccounted harvest on the salmon resource. Knowing the harvest numbers of every single sector should be mandatory.

Time share boats is also a growing sector, two-week time shares, and friend shares. ADFG Board of Fish process needs to further define the term 'rental' to include rental, borrowed, time share, friend share, paid for, not paid for, barter operation, and any other type of groups. The lack of reported harvest is a big loophole.

(b) A logbook requires information necessary for the management and conservation of fishery resources and regulation of the rental vessel sport fishing industry, including: (ADD)….
(6) Add number of persons onboard;
(7) Add number of client/vessel returns to offload harvest per day.

**Proposal 277** Carson/Slater Moved/Seconded to support. All in favor.

The Pelican AC supports the #1 preferred option.

Pelican AC members are seeing a significantly greater presence of unguided nonresident sport fishing anglers in the Lisianski/Cross Sound area, these anglers are impacting local resources.

The IPHC, NPFMC, BOF share management of the resource. How can this resource management be effective when there is a glaring lack of data? The agencies seem to be 'passing the buck' and not dealing with the issue at hand. It comes down to enforcement, logbooks need to be checked and enforced; random enforcement is needed. Everybody knows they can get away with it out here.

Comment repeated from Proposal 144: Unguided harvest is a bigger issue every year. ADFG cannot reach management targets of multiple resources when there is missing data from the uncontrolled growth of the unguided non-resident sport sector. Troll harvest numbers are known to the fish because of fish tickets. The unguided sport harvest is running rough shod over the resource without consideration of its harvest on the salmon resource. Knowing the harvest numbers of every single sector should be mandatory. Time share boats is a growing sector, two-week time shares, friend shares. ADFG Board of Fish process must further define the term 'rental' to include rental, borrowed, time share, friend share, paid for, not paid for, barter operation, and any other type of groups. The lack of reported harvest is a big loophole for added harvest. Need to accurately describe current trends in harvest.

**Proposal 80** Allard/Weller Moved/Seconded to support. All in favor.

Amend: Overage of sport harvest should be assigned to next year's non-resident sport harvest and reduced from their allocation. As for quota accountability, the troll fishery has a total number of fish it catches because of fish tickets. Guided sport harvest is reported in logbooks, but the numbers not necessarily accurate. Not all sport harvest is reported in logbooks.

In-season closure on non-resident harvesters can be implemented to reduce harvest and pay back the overage. We support decreasing the to the specific fishery that exceeds its allocation.

**Proposal 83** Slater/Allard All Nays, Motion fails.

This proposal supports and prioritizes sport over troll. The proponent states, "The Board of Fisheries made stopgap modifications to the king management plan for 2019-2020, but revisions are necessary to allow uninterrupted sport fishing for king salmon in salt waters, minimize restrictions on resident anglers, and eliminate in-season sport regulatory changes moving forward." --- The commercial troll fishery harvest should not be adjusted mid-season and allow uninterrupted summer troll harvest. The troll fleet is working and making a livelihood that depends on a well-managed resource.

If the non-resident sport sector exceeds its allocation, then take the overage out of the non-resident sport harvest the next following season.

The troll sector will never be allowed to exceed 80%. Chinook will always be low in abundance; this proposal is a grab for more than 20% sport sector from the combined troll/sport allocation.

**Proposal 143** Weller/Allard Moved/Seconded to support. All in Favor.

**Proposal 115** Allard/Weller Moved/Seconded to support. All in Favor.

**Proposal 114** Carson/Allard Moved/Seconded to support. All in Favor.

Amend: Define a downrigger. A downrigger is not a hydraulic or electric downrigger. It must be manually operated downrigger with a 15-pound weight.

**Proposal 84** Allard/Weller Moved/Seconded to support. All in Favor.

Support statement #2 - Require daily electronic catch reporting from guides and lodges.

**Herring Proposals:**

**Proposal 158** Carson/Allard Moved/Seconded to support. All in Favor.

This seems the practice in place now, just puts it into regulation.

**Proposal 162** Carson/Weller Moved/Seconded to support. All in Favor.

Subsistence takes preference over commercial and sport. Herring continues to be an important food source for the Alaska Native community, the herring resource is shared tribally, state, region, community wide and with family. The sharing is an important cultural practice.

The Pelican AC recommends and requests an ADFG Creel Surveyor/Observer be funded for Pelican.

- We see more nonresident recreational boaters visiting Pelican and fishing in the local area; fish caught are not being counted on the non-resident sport catch data.
- At this time, unguided rental boat catches are not being counted.
- There is a trend towards "time share" boats bringing more non-residents to the Pelican area; the fish caught are not being counted.
- In addition to the King Salmon resource, Lisianski has a run of local coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon. In order to better track the catch out of local spawning streams a creel census would provide more exact data.

Weller/Allard Move/Second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

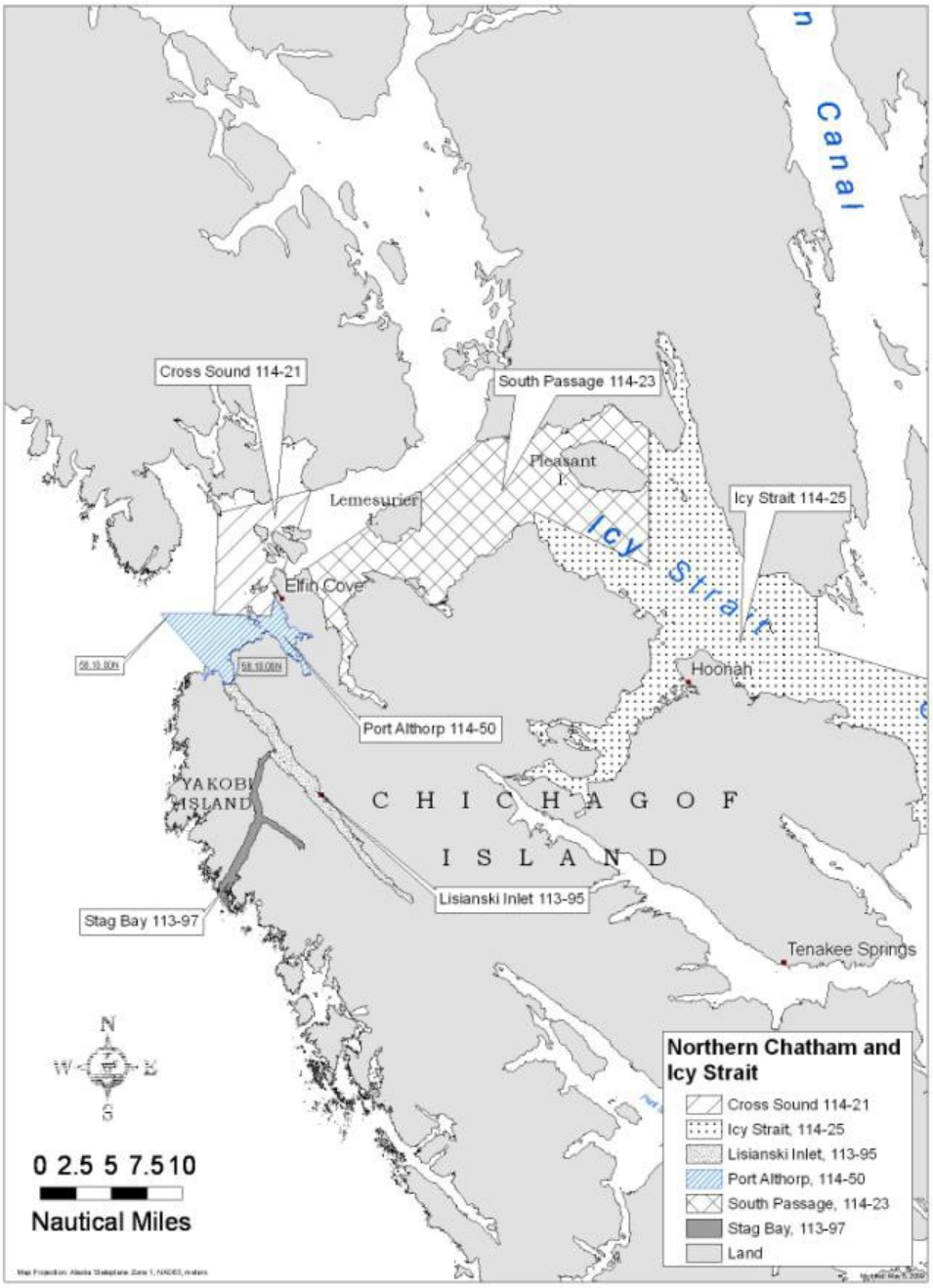


**Figure 5.–**North Chatham and Icy Strait spring trolling areas, 2010.

**Yakutat AC**
**December 27, 2021**
Yakutat High School Auditorium
7:00 PM

I. Call to Order: 7:10pm by Casey Mapes

II. Roll Call
Members Present: Casey Mapes, Glenn Israelson, Larry Bemis, Scott Chadwick, Reggie Krkovich, Vicky Demmert, Sam Demmert
Members Absent (Excused): Bob Fraker
Members Absent (Unexcused): Herb Holcomb, Jessie Pavlik, Sheri A. Nelson
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present: Sport, subsistence, hunt, commercial, tribal rep

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Annie Bartholomew via phone

IV. Guests Present: Garrett James, Daryl James, Alex James, Derek James, Rose Fraker, Nadine Fraker, Jeff Fraker, John Vale, Danny Adams, Havaleh Rohloff

V. Approval of Agenda

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

VII. New Business

   a. AC Member Elections

   ***All residents of the area who attend the meeting and are of legal voting age may make nominations and vote on committee membership.***

   The Yakutat Advisory committee has 15 undesignated seats. Its areas of jurisdiction are Game Management Units 5 and 6, Southeastern Alaska area for finfish and Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat area for shellfish.

i. Nominations:
   1. Up to five 1-year seats, expire June 2022
      - Reggie Krkovich, Commercial
      - Casey Mapes, Commercial
      - Vicky Demmert, Subsistence
      - Derek James, hunt
      - Scott Chadwick
   2. Up to five 2-year seats, expire June 2023
      - Havaleh Rohloff, Tribal representative
      - Bob Fraker, Sport
      - Danny Adams, sport
      - Daryl James, at large
      - Garrett James, hunt
   3. Up to five 3-year seats, expire June 2024
      - Alex James, sport
      - Larry Bemis, Commercial
      - John Vale, Chair
      - Jonathan Pavlik, Commercial
      - Jeff Fraker, sport

ii. Voting

iii. Chair
   Reggie Kerkovich nominates Casey Mapes
   Jeff Fraker nominates John Vale Nominated
   John Vale elected Chair (7-4)

iv. Vice Chair
   Jeff Fraker nominates Johnathan Pavlik
   Casey Mapes Nominates Havaleh (declines nomination)
   Reggie Kerkovich nominates Larry Bemis
   Elected unanimously

v. Secretary
   Jeff Fraker nominates self for secretary
   Elected unanimously

b. Board of Fisheries Proposals 126 Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay
c. Board of Fisheries Proposals 127 Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay

Chair distributed charts showing subsistence harvest before new restrictions were in place, an average of 200 fish for April and May, also a chart showing troll harvest occurring at the same time, all the troll fish had scale and DNA sample's taken that showed no Situk stocks harvested.

Casey Mapes: thought subsistence issue was not in proposal form. Expressed interest in an amendment to move subsistence to Friday and Saturday and close fishing for the rest of the week .

Question from chair to Casey: was the original subsistence Proposal designed to address the decline of the Situk run.

Casey: Yes

F&G staff: there 2 proposals on being addressed by Board of Fish on subsistence, 126 and 127

Sam Demmert : wants to see the proposal
Copy was provided

Jeff Fraker : the economics of Yakutat requires that subsistence be protected. Low incomes and huge dependence on natural resources are an important part of the economy

Chair: handed out petition singed by many residents to leaders to act on removing restrictions on subsistence

Jeff Fraker : complained the proposal was not properly addressed before sending it to the Board of Fish, there was a lack of public notice and input from locals

Casey Mapes : makes motion to close subsistence except on Friday and Saturday, seconded Spoke in favor of the amendment, thought it would stand a better chance of passing at the Board of fish

Jeff Fraker : would rather have fishing open 7 days than Friday and Saturdays, too much of a chance to lose opportunity to fish due to weather or lack of fish

Scott Chadwick : wants vote on amendment and proposal

Chair : wants more discussion before the vote

Alex James : speaks about restrictions not being right, too much harm to users

Sherri Jensen: complained about lack of public notices before the proposed restrictions were advanced to the Board of fish, most shareholders were not aware of the proposal, want them reversed

Larry Bemis : wants vote on amendment and proposal

Alex James : subsistence is such a small percent of the harvest it shouldn't be restricted; problem is with the sport fishery hooking fish below the weir where they get backed up. There's a mistrust with Fish and Game sport fish division over management of the Situk kings.

Chair : described proposals, would repeal the restrictions in regulation

Casey Mapes ; motion to table the amendment, passed unanimously

Chair : proposal was submitted in good faith based on Situk declines However Fish and Game records show no Situk stocks harvested in the Troll fishery that is occurring at the same time

Victoria : calls for the question on proposals 126 and 127 Seconded

Passed unanimous 15 yes 0 no

Chair : asked who would like to go to the Board meeting

ADF&G Staff : outlined meeting agenda

Scott Chadwick : would like the chair to go to the meeting

Sam Demmert: federal law through ANILCA gives priority to subsistence

Chair : both State and Federal law give priority to subsistence, the state has jurisdiction below mean high tide

Jeff Fraker : would go as back up if needed

| VIII. Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals<br>IX. January 4-15, 2022 \| Ketchikan, AK | | | |
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| **Proposal Number** | **Proposal Description** | | |
| **Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action** | **Number Support**<br><br>**15** | **Number Oppose**<br><br>**0** | **Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments** |
| *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.* | | | |
| 126 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| | 15 | 0 | |
| 127 | Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows: | | |
| | 15 | 0 | |

X. Set next meeting date
- Did not set next meeting date

XI. Other

Rose Fraker: appreciates the opportunity for people to speak on the issues

Chair: that's what the. AC is all about, bringing stakeholders together to have a voice in what happens in their community

XII. Adjourn at 8:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: John Vale
Minutes Approved By: Havaleh Rohloff
Date: 12/27/2021

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## May 2018

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| Printed Name | Signature | Address | Comment | Yrs. Resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John F. Vale | | Box 193 Yak. AK | Many Households are being Deprived of Fishe | 42 |
| ERNEST M HACKY | | 876 Malibu Ave. | Love fish. | 74 |
| Vince Johnson | | PO Box 246 | I Love fish also | 74 |
| TED VALLER | | Cove Delivery 99689 | | 54 |
| TRACY THACK | | Box 283 | Misconceptions + field misinformation | 20 |
| John G Williams Jr. | John D. Williams | Box 118 Yakutat | we need subsistence | 65 |
| Darin Bremner | | Box 195 YAKUTAT | | 50 |
| Lee Johnson | | PoBox 145 Yakutat | | 44 |
| Andy Pavlik | | PO Box 307 Yak | | 60 |
| William Anderson | | PO Box 874622 Wasilla 99687 | | 20 |
| James Wilson | | PO Box 48 YAKUTAT | Not fair to subsistence fisherman in bay | 35 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel B. Adams | | Box 487 | N/A | |
| Matt Crosswell | | Box 417 | Got to be a better way | 17 |
| Nellie Vale | Nellie Vale | Box 193 Yakutat AK 99689 | | 57 |
| Mary Potter | Mary Potter | Box 257. Yak AK 99689 | | |
| Les Hartley | | PO. Box 495 Yakutat AK | | 25 |
| Fuddy | Fuddy | Po Box 11 Yakutat | | |
| Shelby Kashaka | Shelby Kashaka | Po Box 389 | | 50 |
| Jeremiah Dennis | | Box 507 Yak AK | | 37 |
| Bertram Adams | Bertram Adams | Box 75, Yak. | | 50+ |
| [illegible] | Gary Johnson | Box 711 | | 52 |
| Robert Sensmeier | | Box 31 | | 23 |

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| Jesse Pavich | | P.O. Box 256 | | 20+ |
| Tony Johnson | | Box 51 | | 30 |
| Don Brenner | | P.O. Box 208 | | — |
| Philip Harry | | P.O. Box 515 | | 45 |
| Jeff Fraker | | Po Box 517 | | 50 |
| Lydia Henry | | POBOX 423 | | 31 |
| Rosa Fraker | | Box 323 | | 27 |
| Ted | | " " | | 32 |
| Nadine Fricker | | Box 296 | | 22 |
| Kirsten Slate | | PO Box 384 | | 28 |
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| Denson Schumacher | Denson Schumacher | Po Box 25 Yak AK | | 35 |
| Dane Bremner | Dane Bremner | Po Box 1185 Yak AK | | 43 |
| Albert Porter Jr. | Albert Porter Jr. | Po 175 Yakutat | | 48 |
| Jay Johnson | Jay Johnson | Po Box 468 Yakutat AK | | 23 |
| Sam Johnson | Sam Johnson | P.O Box [illegible] | | 69 |
| Stephen Vale | Stephen Vale | PO 92 YAK AK | | 42 |
| Richard Bell | Richard Bell | P.O Box 23 yak, AK | | 26 |
| Jonathan Pavlik | Jonathan Pavlik | P.O. Box 293 YAKUTAT | | 36 |
| FRED C. BEMIS | Fred C. Bemis | Box 33 | | 61 |
| Ronald C Baller | Ronald C Baller | Box 208 Yakutat AK 99689 | | 41 |
| Robert Baker | Robert Baker | Box 241 Yak | | 49 |

| Printed Name | Signature | Address | Comment | Yrs. Resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fred G. Bremner | | Yakutat | Way of Life Alaskan | 45 years |
| Beverly J Bremner | | POB 185 Yakutat, AK | | 69 yrs |
| Samuel Johnson | | [redacted] 911 forest Rd #1 Yakutat AK | | 26 yrs |
| Amiah Johnson | | Yakutat, AK | not enough dry fish | 10 yrs |
| [illegible] Valle | Agnes Valle | Yak. AK | | |
| Lloyd Brown | | P.O. Box 251 Yakutat, AK | Life style | 65 yrs |
| Daniel P Henry Jr | | P.O. Box 294 Yakutat, Alaska | | 60 Yrs |
| Arnold Williams | | P.O. Box 465 Yakutat, AK | [redacted] | |
| Olaf Tollefson | | Box 325 Yakutat, AK | Winter Eats | 64 |
| Steven Sitherwood | | PO box 266 | Feeding Fish | 26 |
| Lynn D. Sensmeier | | P O Box 8 | Subsistence | 66 |
| Lillian Jackson | | PO Box 88 | Subsistence | 28 |
| Bob Zrake | | 284 | " | 56 |
| Jason Yoshimi | | Box 71 | " | 17 |
| Pete Yakes | | PO 303 | | 7 |
| Russ Henry | | 102 | Sub | 42 |

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| Angelina Pink | Angelina Pink | PO Box 515 | | 10 |
| Sam L. Demment | Sam L. Demment | Bx 366 | | From 1971 |
| R Pamplin | R Pamplin | Box 351 | | 30 |
| Charles Johnson | Charles Johnson | PO Box 382 | | 53 |
| Richard Mathenstad | Richard Mathenstad | Box 78 | | ~~25~~ 25 |
| Kathie Jo Hemstad | Kathie Hemstad | P.O. Box 74 | | 25 |
| Genevieve Bullock | [illegible] | P.O. Box 239 | | 26 |
| Sasha Anderstein | [illegible] | Box 454 | | 32+ |
| [illegible] | Sasha Anderstein | Box 454 | | 40+ |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | P.O. box 176 | | 60+ |
| George A. VALLE III | George A. Valle III | P.O. Box 87 | | 61 |

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| Albert W Porter Sr. | Albert W. Porter Sr. | P.O. Box 74 | | 67 |
| Noemia Moore | Noemia Moore | P.O. Box 174 | | |
| Nicole B | Nicole B | Box 501 | | |
| Tatiana [illegible] | [illegible] | Box 3060 | done w/o local input | 70+. |
| Tim Valle | | 174 | | 57+ |
| Rebecca Peratrovich | Rebecca Peratrovich | Box 445 | BS | 55yrs |
| Amanda Bremner | Amanda Bremner | Box 156 | | 32 |
| C Kohne | C Kohne | 161 | | 7 |
| Benjamen Rockwell | Benjamen Rockwell | Box 477 | | 21 |
| Shelby V. Shodda | Shelby V. Shodda | 387 | I'll back you up | life |
| | | | | |

2017 permit data not useful, data still preliminary because not all permits turned in yet.

**Yakutat Bay subsistence Chinook Harvest**
**April and May**

| Year | Reported houshold Permits Fished | Chinook |
|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 22 | 176 |
| 2008 | 18 | 143 |
| 2009 | 24 | 227 |
| 2010 | 17 | 119 |
| 2011 | 21 | 165 |
| 2012 | 22 | 188 |
| 2013 | 27 | 188 |
| 2014 | 34 | 322 |
| 2015 | 32 | 202 |
| 2016 | 23 | 177 |
| 5yr AVG | 24 | 191 |
| 10yr AVG | 32 | 305 |

**Yakutat Bay Subsistence Chinook Harvest**
**April through July**

| Year | Reported Household Permits Fished | Chinook |
|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 25 | 261 |
| 2008 | 29 | 264 |
| 2009 | 28 | 407 |
| 2010 | 26 | 190 |
| 2011 | 31 | 297 |
| 2012 | 31 | 243 |
| 2013 | 37 | 357 |
| 2014 | 34 | 407 |
| 2015 | 32 | 256 |
| 2016 | 25 | 200 |
| 5yr AVG | 32 | 293 |
| 10yr AVG | 30 | 288 |

**Annual Yakutat Bay Subsistence Chinook Harvest**
**(Includes all months)**

| Year | Reported Household Permits fished | Chinook |
|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 26 | 263 |
| 2008 | 32 | 329 |
| 2009 | 28 | 407 |
| 2010 | 28 | 194 |
| 2011 | 33 | 302 |
| 2012 | 31 | 245 |
| 2013 | 39 | 406 |
| 2014 | 37 | 424 |
| 2015 | 34 | 261 |
| 2016 | 30 | 218 |
| 5yr AVG | 34 | 311 |
| 10yr AVG | 32 | 305 |

Table 3.–Spring troll Chinook salmon harvest, effort, and opening dates by fishery, 2017.

| Stat area | Fishery name | Stat week | Open | Close | Days | Permits | Chinook |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101-21 | West Rock | 20 | 5/15 | 5/15 | 1 | * | * |
| | | 21 | 5/22 | 5/22 | 1 | * | * |
| | *West Rock Total* | | | | *2* | * | * |
| 101-29 | Ketchikan Area | 18 | 5/1 | 5/3 | 3 | * | * |
| | | 19 | 5/8 | 5/10 | 3 | 7 | 60 |
| | | 20 | 5/15 | 5/17 | 3 | 12 | 138 |
| | | 21 | 5/22 | 5/24 | 3 | 13 | 102 |
| | *Ketchikan Area Total* | | | | *12* | *20* | *311* |
| 101-45 | Mountain Point | 18 | 5/2 | 5/5 | 4 | 5 | 16 |
| | | 19 | 5/9 | 5/12 | 4 | 5 | 29 |
| | | 20 | 5/16 | 5/19 | 4 | 13 | 92 |
| | | 21 | 5/23 | 5/26 | 4 | 7 | 59 |
| | | 24 | 6/15 | 6/16 | 2 | 18 | 148 |
| | | 25 | 6/19 | 6/21 | 3 | 21 | 244 |
| | | 26 | 6/25 | 6/28 | 4 | 14 | 91 |
| | *Mountain Point Total* | | | | *25* | *33* | *679* |
| 102-09 | Stone Rock Bay | 19 | 5/8 | 5/8 | 1 | * | * |
| | | 20 | 5/15 | 5/15 | 1 | 3 | 34 |
| | | 21 | 5/22 | 5/22 | 1 | * | * |
| | *Stone Rock Bay Total* | | | | *3* | *3* | *37* |
| 102-10 | Kendrick Bay | 18 | 5/1 | 5/3 | 3 | * | * |
| | | 19 | 5/8 | 5/10 | 3 | 4 | 65 |
| | | 20 | 5/15 | 5/17 | 3 | 6 | 114 |
| | | 21 | 5/22 | 5/24 | 3 | 5 | 81 |
| | *Kendrick Bay Total* | | | | *12* | *9* | *268* |
| 102-50 | West Clarence Strait | 18 | 5/3 | 5/5 | 3 | * | * |
| | | 19 | 5/10 | 5/12 | 3 | * | * |
| | | 20 | 5/17 | 5/19 | 3 | 4 | 66 |
| | | 21 | 5/24 | 5/26 | 3 | 9 | 73 |
| | *West Clarence Strait Total* | | | | *12* | *9* | *149* |
| 103-50 | Bucareli Bay | 18 | 5/1 | 5/2 | 2 | * | * |
| | | 19 | 5/8 | 5/9 | 2 | 10 | 71 |
| | | 20 | 5/15 | 5/16 | 2 | 13 | 131 |
| | | 21 | 5/22 | 5/23 | 2 | 12 | 79 |
| | | 24 | 6/15 | 6/16 | 2 | 21 | 168 |
| | | 25 | 6/19 | 6/20 | 2 | 16 | 127 |
| | | 26 | 6/26 | 6/27 | 2 | 25 | 188 |
| | *Bucareli Bay Total* | | | | *14* | *38* | *766* |
| 105-41 | Sumner Strait | 18 | 5/1 | 5/2 | 2 | 3 | 16 |
| | | 19 | 5/8 | 5/9 | 2 | 6 | 49 |
| | | 20 | 5/15 | 5/16 | 2 | 13 | 136 |
| | | 21 | 5/22 | 5/23 | 2 | 12 | 179 |
| | | 24 | 6/15 | 6/16 | 2 | 11 | 224 |
| | | 25 | 6/19 | 6/20 | 2 | 14 | 212 |
| | | 26 | 6/26 | 6/26 | 1 | 13 | 142 |
| | *Sumner Strait Total* | | | | *13* | *28* | *941* |

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Table 2.–Spring troll fisheries harvest and opening dates, 2017.

| Spring Fishery Areas | | Initial Opening | Total Catch | AK Hatchery Catch | AK Hatchery Percent | Days Open |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101-21 | West Rock | 15-May | * | 0 | 0% | 2 |
| 101-29 | Ketchikan | 1-May | 311 | 146 | 47% | 12 |
| 101-45 | Mountain Point | 2-May | 679 | 296 | 44% | 25 |
| 102-09 | Stone Rock Bay | 8-May | 37 | 0 | 0% | 3 |
| 102-10 | Kendrick Bay | 1-May | 268 | 106 | 40% | 12 |
| 102-50 | West Clarence Strait | 3-May | 149 | 13 | 8% | 12 |
| 103-50 | Bucareli Bay | 1-May | 766 | 96 | 13% | 14 |
| 105-41 | Sumner Strait | 1-May | 941 | 125 | 13% | 13 |
| 106-30 | Steamer Point | 1-May | 318 | 66 | 21% | 25 |
| 106-41 | Snow Pass | 1-May | 198 | 0 | 0% | 38 |
| 106-43 | North Sumner Strait | 1-May | 176 | 81 | 46% | 28 |
| 107-10 | Ernest Sound | 1-May | 343 | 73 | 21% | 44 |
| 108-10 | Chichagof Pass | 1-May | 94 | 61 | 65% | 8 |
| 108-40 | Craig Point | 1-May | 0 | 0 | 0% | 8 |
| 109-10 | Little Port Walter | 18-May | 764 | 221 | 29% | 12 |
| 110-31 | Frederick Sound | 1-May | 84 | 37 | 44% | 43 |
| 112-12 | Chatham Strait | 1-May | 1,480 | 502 | 34% | 23 |
| 112-65 | Hawk Inlet | 1-May | * | 0 | 0% | 20 |
| 113-01 | Western Channel | 15-May | 922 | 113 | 12% | 4 |
| 113-30 | Redoubt Bay | 1-May | 1,157 | 2 | 0% | 10 |
| 113-31 | Biorka Island | 19-Jun | 619 | 12 | 2% | 2 |
| 113-32 | Goddard | 8-May | 898 | 32 | 4% | 8 |
| 113-41 | Sitka Sound | 1-May | 5,098 | 465 | 9% | 38 |
| 113-62 | Salisbury Sound | 1-May | 531 | 183 | 34% | 20 |
| 113-95 | Lisianski Inlet | 1-May | 313 | 4 | 1% | 20 |
| 113-97 | Stag Bay | 1-May | 144 | 0 | 0% | 44 |
| 114-21 | Cross Sound | 15-Jun | * | 0 | 0% | 16 |
| 114-23 | South Passage | 15-Jun | * | 0 | 0% | 16 |
| 114-25 | Homeshore | 15-Jun | 23 | 0 | 0% | 16 |
| 114-27 | Point Sophia | 1-May | 35 | 0 | 0% | 20 |
| 114-50 | Port Althorp | 2-May | 328 | 59 | 18% | 14 |
| 183-10 | Yakutat Bay | 1-May | 680 | 0 | 0% | 7 |
| **Total:** | | | 17,386 | 2,693 | 15% | |

*Note:* Non-Terminal Fisheries Only

* Denotes confidential or no data.

| Terminal and Special Harvest Areas | | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| 101-10 | Nakat Inlet | 1-Jun | 10-Nov |
| 101-95 | Neets Bay | 1-May | 10-Nov |
| 107-35 | Anita Bay | 1-May | 10-Nov |
| 109-11 | Port Armstrong | 1-May | 30-Sep |
| 112-22 | Hidden Falls | 1-May | 10-Oct |
| 113-35 | Silver Bay | 29-May | 30-Jul |
| 113-38 | Deep Inlet | 28-May | 30-Sep |