

East POW AC Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 11.29.2021-Thorne Bay

Call to Order: 4:20pm

Guests present: Monte McDonald, Johnny Jennings, Amy Jennings, Doug Rhodes, Mike Kampnich, Jim Dunbar, Russ Holbrook, Sam Sawyer, Charles Jennings, Laura Jennings, Rosey Roselund, Thomas Harden, Mike Warner, Dick Stewart (phone), Leonard Leach (phone)

ADFG Representatives Present:

Craig Schwanke (sportfish)

Elections:

Will Pattison nominated and seconded, unanimous vote yes.

John Ryan nominated and seconded, unanimous vote yes.

Matt Beck nominated and seconded, unanimous vote yes.

Kim Redmond nominated and seconded, unanimous vote yes.

Doug Rhodes nominated and seconded. Doug has lived on the island for over 40yrs, gill netter, parents had fox farm on the Blahke Islands, was the Craig High School past principal for over 20yrs, unanimous vote-yes.

Dick Stewart nominated and seconded. Dick lives in Coffman, 15yr resident, public sport fisherman, unanimous vote-yes.

Perry Olson nominated and seconded. Leonard Leach gave short testimony on why he is opposed to have Perry as a member citing lack of communication. Kurt Whitehead and John Ryan gave testimony on why Perry should be a member citing many reasons. Vote was all yes with 2 opposed, Dick Stewart and Leonard Leach voted no. Jim Beard was online but the connection was so poor we could hardly hear him so we didn't tally his votes.

East POW AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Unexcused	Expiration
John Ryan	Chair	Hollis	x			
William Pattison	Vice Chair	Whale Pass	x			
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Big Salt	x			
Jim Beard		Coffman Cove	x (phone)			
Matt Beck		Whale Pass	x			
Della Colburn		Kasaan			x	
Dave Egelston		Thorne Bay	x			
Perry Olson		Coffman Cove	x (phone)			
Kim Redmond		Thorne Bay	x			
Doug Rhodes		Craig	x			
Dick Stewart		Coffman Cove	x (phone)			

Number needed for a quorum: 6

ADFG Guests: Craig Schwanke (sportfish)

Officer elections:

Discussion on who can be the chair and why John Ryan does not want to continue as chair.

Motion made from Doug Rhodes to have John Ryan continue as Chair until the next meeting. Unanimous vote, John abstained from the vote. Unanimous vote yes.

Motion made to have Kurt Whitehead as secretary. Unanimous vote yes.

Motion made to have Dave Egelston as vice chair. He did not accept.

Motion made to have Will Pattison as vice chair. Unanimous vote yes.

4:50pm break

5:05pm back on the record

Perry Olson read aloud the exact regulation from the state website regarding elections. Nominees receiving the majority vote get elected. Also read from the exact AC manual about Roberts Rule of Order. Majority rules show that we have a quorum. Perry Olson is elected as a member via majority rules.

Motion made by John Ryan to have Perry Olson as the Chair after this meeting. 2 opposing votes, Doug Rhodes and Dick Stewart are both opposed. 8 votes in favor. Motion carries-yes. **Perry Olson will be the chair after this meeting.**

Old Business:

Fake Non-resident proposals update:

Kurt Whitehead: Our proposal will be taken up by the state board in March and we'll have more time to comment at a later time.

New Business:

SE AK board of fish proposal comments are due Dec. 22.

Proposal #80

Seiners have gone over their allocation the past 3 years.

Moved and seconded to support 80. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal #81

Doug Rhodes, John Ryan, Kurt Whitehead and Craig Schwanke discuss the pros and cons and how the quota should be caught or we might risk losing it in the future. Allocation of the leftover for the troll fishery.

Moved and seconded to support 81. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal #82

Craig Schwanke gave a synopsis of the proposal. This is ADFG's best shot of how to manage our Kings in SE and handed out a catch based management tier plan.

John Ryan: Residents should be the top priority.

Craig was asked if there could be an instance where the resident angler season is closed would there still be a commercial season that is open. The concern is if there is still a commercial season but the resident season is closed.

Moved and seconded to support 82. Unanimous vote-yes. The priority is the resident angler. We support the proposal with the comment that "We need to prioritize that residents will always have a season and that residents will always have a season over all the commercial anglers."

Proposal #83

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #84

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #85

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #86

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #87

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #89 "Permit stacking proposal"

Doug Rhodes: There is no permit stacking in all of SE AK currently.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #90

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #91

Discussion:

John Ryan and Doug Rhodes are in support.

Dave Egelston: Is concerned that the troll fleet will mop up more of the kings early and impact the sport fishermen/ charter fishermen.

Craig Schwanke: Different stocks of fish move through all summer.

Matt Beck: Asked if one stock of fish was taken out at once would it impact the spawning fish?

Kurt Whitehead is opposed because it makes fishing very difficult for the charter and resident fleet immediately after and during the troll season.

Matt Beck, John Ryan, Doug Rhodes and Perry Olson discussed the pros and cons of this proposal.

Perry Olson: The trollers are the only ones that will benefit.

John and Doug stated why they are in favor.

Kurt stated again why he is opposed.

Moved and seconded to support.

Vote in favor-2, John Ryan and Doug Rhodes

Vote against-7

Motion fails

Proposal #92

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #93

John Ryan, Perry Olson, Dave Egelston, Doug Rhodes and Mike Warner all discussed pros and cons of this proposal and the proposal we already support in 82.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #94

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal #95

No action

Proposal #96

No action

Proposal #97

No action

Proposal #98

No action

In the interest of time we skipped ahead to the East PoW proposals.

Proposal #110

Dave Rhodes: A gill netter in Coffman lost his net and it stayed in the water for several days while the owner stayed tied to the dock and made no effort to recover it. He is the one that reported it and is full support of this proposal.

John Ryan has personal knowledge that the net was full of fish, seals and dead birds.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal #121

Doug Rhodes made a motion to oppose. Dick Stewart seconded it. Doug Rhodes brought a map of the proposed closure and how difficult and large of an impact it would be on Coffman Cove gill netters. There is also a large sign that Doug brought that is currently hung at the Coffman harbor showing the Coffman Cove boaters how to avoid the gill netters nets.

Perry Olson read a letter from Francis Leach sent to him regarding the gill net fleet in the area. Francis Leach is the executive director of the United Fishermen of Alaska and her father is Leonard Leach. The letter stated that this proposal will not impact the gillnetters since very few if any gill netters fish around the Triplets. Perry also stated how and why he is in support of this proposal.

Mike Kampnich is a long time gill netter who has fished in and around Coffman for decades he said the best plan is educating people and does not support this proposal.

Leonard Leach stated that the letter his daughter wrote was referring to was the area directly around the Triplets. He said it will be very difficult to enforce.

Kurt, John, Doug, Dave, Mike Warner and Perry had extensive discussion. Perry originally wanted a small radius of about 3/4 mile around the mouth of the Cove so boaters could pass safely and that it is a safety concern. Doug stated he would like the proposal pulled.

Voters opposed to the proposal: Kurt Whitehead, Kim Redmond, Matt Beck, Will Pattison, Doug Rhodes, Dick Stewart

Voters in support of the proposal: Dave Egelston, Perry Olson & John Ryan

Motion to oppose this proposal passes 6-3.

Proposal #204

Moved and seconded to support.

Mike Warner asked to not support this proposal. Russ Holbrook is also opposed to this proposal.

Voters in support: John, Kurt, Dave, Perry

Voters opposed: Matt, Doug, Kim, Will

Vote is split 4-4, motion fails.

Next meeting. Perry Olson asks that all new members submit their paperwork to the sate within 30 days.

Dec. 13 @ 2pm in Coffman Cove is the next meeting, later changed to Dec. 14 @ 2pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm

During the meeting/elections we had forgotten that Jim Beard and Kim Redmond were already elected as members during our March 15, 2020 meeting.

After the meeting we reviewed the meeting minutes, realized our mistake and now have him as a member as well as reelecting Kim Redmond.

Jim Beard was online and we should have been asking for his vote on all the proposals but we had such a hard time hearing him at the beginning of the meeting that we discontinued calling on him.

We are not sure if he was present on the call during the entire meeting or not.

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by:

Date: