



King Cove F&G Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022
King Cove Harbor House

Call to Order

Grant Newton called meeting to order 10:00 AM

Roll

Members Present: Grant Newton

Ken Mack

Bill Sager

Warren Wilson

Corey Wilson

Gary Mack (telephonically)

Absent: Alvin Newman

Herman Samuelson

Henry Mack

Election of Committee

Ken Mack moved to reinstate all members (9) with progressive ending term dates:

Ken Mack, Bill Sager, Herman Samuelson-2023

Corey Wilson, Gary Mack, Henry Mack-2024

Grant Newton, Alvin Neman, Warren Wilson-2025

Officers Chair-Grant Newton, VChair-Ken Mack

Gary Mack second-Motion passed 6-0

New Business

#1 Review Shellfish Proposals:

The committee agreed to address proposals that effected our South Peninsula District of Area J/Area M fisheries.

Prop 264 & 265-support 6-0

The AC committee is in favor of repealing the reg in S. Pen. Dist. requiring dungy fishers to pick gear at least every 14 days. We think that it is hard to enforce. The fishery often needs a longer soak on gear to be economical as well as many vessels participate in the local salmon fishery between picks. The 14 day reg puts more burden on the participants than is needed to protect the resource.

Prop 266-oppose 6-0

The committee is in favor of pot limits, but strongly oppose a regulation prohibiting immediate ability to change from dungeness to salmon fishery.

Prop 267-support 6-0

The committee supports 500/vessel pot limits for dungeness, but think the 10,000 pot limit for South Pen. Dist would be hard to regulate because of the 5 month fishery and any new vessels signing up during the season. There has been a tremendous



expansion of dungeness effort by local and nonlocal vessels. We have to put limitations on harvest in some way to protect the resource and the economic viability of the fishermen and our community.

#2 Review Salmon Proposal #282- oppose 6-0

A. Craig Bendixen pointed out that the Board voted up ACR 7 from Chignik which specifically calls for restrictions in the Shumigan Island section and the Dolgoi Island Area. Proposal #282 is different and includes all South Peninsula Area M to be restricted including South Unimak. We are strongly oppose to this change in wording.

B. There is protection for Chignik stocks in addition to the regulations already in place because the commissioner can make and has made "in season" restrictions when deemed necessary.

C. This is a proposal that closes fishing within 5 miles of King Cove and is a hardship for the local fleet of setnetters in June and July. Chignik is over 250 miles away and we've been fishing these waters for generations.

D. There are red caps in place, fishing schedule changes for more open windows, and complete closure of seine in Dolgoi all of June. We already have gear restrictions for length and depth for over a decade. We are a regulated fishery.

E, Chignik is the only limited entry area that regulates another limited entry area with their escapement. Now they are seeking to regulate the openings in Area M's bays and capes that are sometimes over 200 miles away using the criteria of a guaranteed escapement. This is to far reaching for the estimated benefit to Chignik.

#3 General Discussion:

The King Cove fleet is preparing to fish Tanner Crab that is scheduled to open January 15, 2022 at noon. There is a 500,000# quota and a 20 pot limit. Looks like the weather is going to be bad.

Area M Seine association, the CAMF group, and some fishermen from the community are planning to attend the March Board of Fish meeting on shellfish and Chignik proposal. The AC committee has not appointed anyone yet to represent it.

Adjournment

Bill Sager moved to adjourn and Ken Mack seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM