

# On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward, and Arctic Shellfish, Shellfish General Provisions, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues  
Anchorage, March 26 – April 2, 2022

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**Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
For Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery in Anchorage**

1. Meeting was called to order by the Kevin Taylor at 6:03 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: completed
3. Prayer: completed
4. Establish a Quorum: 12

Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Kevin Taylor, Joel Doner, Phillip Calhoun, Ernie Weiss, Willow Hetrick, Georgina Heaverly, Scott Crowther, Matt Moore, Bryce Eckroth, Ed Horton, Lynette Hinz.

Members Absent Excused: Rick Rogers, Martin Weiser

Members Absent Unexcused: JR Gates, Jim Nabulsi, Tyler Loken.

5. List of User Groups Present: None
6. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Sylvester, Tom Lohuis, Cory Stantorf, Jan Rumble, and Dave Battle, Elisa Russ.
7. Public Present: Jack Frost, Page Spencer, Mark Doner
8. Approve the Agenda Phillip Calhoun motioned, Matt Moore seconded, carried unanimously.
9. Public Testimony: None
10. Tom Lohuis - Dall Sheep Presentation

Tom Lohuis presented on Dall's sheep research in the Chugach and Talkeetna Mountains. Work started in Unit 13D due to a decline in the population and moved to 14C in 2012. In summary, animals were in poor nutritional conditions (lack of fat and muscle tissue), pregnancy rates have declined (should be 85-110% and in 13D and 14C, rates were 18% in 2014 and 26% in 2020, respectively), high adult ewe mortality, and survival rates of lambs were higher in 13D and 14C than other populations in the State. Generally, there were no massive die offs and no high levels of predation but there were lots of sheep with low pregnancy rates and poor body conditions. ADF&G is considering habitat and weather conditions could be driving the poor nutrition and low pregnancy rates. Increased amounts of woody brush in the alpine tundra could be diminishing the available food sources and the quality of the food for sheep and in turn, carrying capacity. It is very important for the hunting community to carefully evaluate rams prior to harvest as there are a low number of 7-9-year-old rams as there has been concern over the harvest of sublegal rams.

11. Old Business

1. Discussion of BOG Southcentral proposals for the next Board cycle. Deadline for submission is 4/29/22 – Anchorage AC will discuss at the next meeting. Members are encouraged to develop draft proposals for consideration to the full AC on April 5, 2022.



The Department is going to be submitting proposals to clean up regulations/simplify regulatory language re: small game in southcentral units. Other housekeeping proposals can be expected from the Southcentral managers.

## 12. New Business

1. Prepare comments for the General Shellfish and Miscellaneous Sport Proposals.

See notes below. Proposals are due to the BOF for the next cycle on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to develop draft proposals for consideration to the full AC.

2. Elections for expiring terms will occur in May of 2022. At the May Anchorage AC meeting, there will be an election.

## 12. Adjourned at 8:03pm.

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery at 6 pm.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: General Shellfish and Miscellaneous Sport Proposals			
March 26-April 2, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
<a href="#">234</a>	Require inseason reporting of non-resident sport fish harvest and effort, as follows:		
	3	9	Support for in-season reporting to yield more accurate data and better management. However, we recognize that Department resources do not currently allow for this. We're curious as to why this proposal is limited to non-resident sport fishermen and does not include residents.
<a href="#">235</a>	Modify the definition of domicile and include in sport fishing regulations, as follows:		
	0	12	We understand this is a great idea but we're unsure how it will be enforced. The Board of Fish does not have authority to do so.
<a href="#">236</a>	Modify the definition of domicile and add to sport fishing regulations, as follows:		
			No action. See Proposal 235
<a href="#">237</a>	Provide department authority to deny eligibility to participate in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery if a participant fails to comply with reporting requirements and allow for an appeals process, as follows:		
	12	0	Support the Department's efforts.
<a href="#">238</a>	Close the commercial and noncommercial shrimp fisheries in Prince William Sound, as follows:		
	0	12	This is an irrelevant proposal and infeasible.
<a href="#">239</a>	Allow noncommercial vessels to have additional shrimp pots on board, as follows:		
			Take no action. Based on ADFG comments, this is already in regulation and unnecessary.
<a href="#">240</a>	Modify PWS shrimp pot harvest strategy from a static split, between noncommercial and commercial, to a tiered percentage depending on the total allowable harvest level (TAH), as follows:		



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	12	0	Based on total harvest levels in recent years, it appears that this proposal would not affect current catch and operations. We recognize it is a means to maintain commercial fishing opportunity in times of low abundance. We feel this proposal is a reasonable way to ensure this. We recognize the burden of conservation needs to be equitable among all users.
<a href="#">241</a>	Define shrimp, as follows:		
	0	12	Agree with Dept. comments
<a href="#">242</a>	Establish a minimum threshold of Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for spot shrimp before allowing a noncommercial fishery in Prince William Sound, as follows:		
			No action. See comments on Proposal 240.
<a href="#">243</a>	Amend commercial shrimp pot fishery closed waters boundaries, as follows:		
	12	0	We support this as it would increase opportunity, not pose a conflict among users, and not cost the Department any resources to implement.
<a href="#">244</a>	Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest level based on fishery performance in the prior season, as follows:		
			No action. Department management tools are sufficient.
<a href="#">245</a>	Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest level based on fishery performance in the prior season, as follows:		
			No action. See Proposal 244
<a href="#">246</a>	Eliminate the commercial shrimp fishery minimum total allowable harvest threshold, as follows:		
			No action. See Proposal 240
<a href="#">247</a>	Establish a minimum pot limit to increase pace of the commercial pot shrimp fishery, as follows:		



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	0	10	We recognize having a longer season allows for fresh shrimp harvest into the summer and support this rather than increasing pots with a shorter season. However, we also recognize the concern over accumulated finances for commercial operators over a longer season. 2 abstain – for the reasons that we understand the different perspectives of participants in the fishery, but are unable to either support or oppose.
<a href="#">248</a>	Establish an earlier start date for the commercial shrimp trawl fishery, as follows:		
			No action based on lack of knowledge of the trawl fishery.
<a href="#">249</a>	Clarify areas open to commercial pot shrimp fishing in the Prince William Sound Area, as follows:		
	12	0	Support the Department’s efforts to clarify regulations.
<a href="#">250</a>	Establish an earlier start date for the commercial shrimp pot fishery, as follows:		
	0	11	The Department determines current timing based on spawning and biological reasons; we support that determination. 1 abstain for lack of knowledge.
<a href="#">251</a>	Establish permit and reporting requirements for shrimp floating processor vessels in the Prince William Sound Area (PWS; Registration Area E), as follows:		
	11	0	Support the Department to obtain more reporting and data. We recognize this would mean an existing operator cannot process both theirs and another operator's catch and may cause issues for that operation. 1 abstain.
<a href="#">252</a>	Allow vessels registered for the commercial shrimp fishery to also tender shrimp, as follows:		
	5	7	Support for making the fishery more efficient. Oppose – there is a delineation in the regulations for a reason and defer to the Department for that input.
<a href="#">253</a>	Increase pink shrimp harvest allowance in Prince William Sound, as follows:		
			No action based on lack of knowledge.
<a href="#">254</a>	Amend closed waters to allow use of beam trawl gear for the harvest of shrimp, as follows:		



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			No action. Lack of knowledge, defer to Dept.
<a href="#">255</a>			Close the harvest of littleneck clams and butter clams, as follows:
<a href="#">256</a>			Create a management plan for east Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries, as follows:
<a href="#">257</a>			Add bag and possession limits for Dolly Varden in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence fishery, as follows:
<a href="#">258</a>			Close the harvest of littleneck clams and butter clams, as follows:
<a href="#">259</a>			Modify the razor clam bag and possession limit, as follows:
<a href="#">260</a>			Establish a commercial Dungeness crab fishing season in Cook Inlet, modify lawful gear for Dungeness crab in the Southern District and establish lawful gear for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet. establish Registration Area H as an exclusive registration area for Dungeness crab, and modify Registration Area H inspection points, as follows:
<a href="#">261</a>			Allow use of a ropeless system with submerged buoy in the Dungeness crab fishery, as follows:
<a href="#">262</a>			Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence uses throughout Prince William Sound, as follows:
<a href="#">263</a>			Amend Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery management regulations and allow for department permit authority, as follows:
<a href="#">264</a>			Amend regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14-day period, as follows:



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<a href="#">265</a>			Repeal regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14-day period, as follows:
<a href="#">266</a>			Establish Kodiak District Dungeness crab pot limits and restrict concurrent targeting of Dungeness crab and any other commercially harvested species, as follows:
<a href="#">267</a>			Establish South Peninsula District Dungeness crab pot limits, as follows:
<a href="#">268</a>			Adopt a new Tanner crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits in the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula districts, as follows:
<a href="#">269</a>			Amend regulatory thresholds and establish new management measures for Kodiak District Tanner crab, as follows:
<a href="#">270</a>			Amend pot limits for Kodiak District Tanner crab, as follows:
<a href="#">271</a>			Reduce size of stretched mesh escape webbing for <i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab pot gear in Registration Area J except in the Bering Sea District, as follows:
<a href="#">272</a>			Adopt a new Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits, as follows:
<a href="#">273</a>			Allow longlining of pot gear for Registration Area K golden king crab, as follows:
<a href="#">274</a>			Increase minimum training requirements needed for scallop trainee observer candidates, as follows:





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<a href="#">275</a>	Extend the observer certification expiration period from 12 months to 18 months, as follows:		
281	Allow importation of live oysters from the Pacific Coast of North America for research purposes		
	12	0	We support efforts to expand Alaska's mariculture industry and recognize its contribution to the state's economy.
282	Modify South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fishery		
			Take no action.
283	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan		
	8	4	<p><u>Support</u> – Closing a fishery needs to be done for conservation reasons. This proposal would relax paired restrictions to allow another management tool for the Department and allows the Commissioner this discretion. We do not support the implementation of an OEG and managing to that goal and believe the OEG eliminates opportunity for <i>all</i> users. We recognize the repeated foregone harvest of sockeye in the Kasilof and Kenai River systems and that this additional management tool allows for more efficient management of that stock. However, there is concern expressed for how many kings will now be caught with this relaxed restriction.</p> <p><u>Oppose</u> – The goal and management measures are sufficient as-is. There is support for managing to an OEG, and continuing to do so will help build back up the king run over time.</p>

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Georgie Heaverley  
 Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: 3/8/2022



**Chignik Advisory Committee  
3-8-2022  
Zoom/Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 1:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay Chairman  
Ben Allen, Vice Chair, Chignik Bay  
Raechel Allen, Secretary, Chignik Bay  
Gene Carlson, Chignik Bay  
Clinton Boskofsky, Chignik Lake  
Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay  
Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay  
Austin Shangin, Perryville  
Boris Kosbruck, Perryville  
Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon  
Alfredo AbouEid, Chignik Lagoon

Members Absent: Patrick Kosbruck, Perryville (excused)  
Rame AbouEid (alternate), Brandon Daugherty (alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. Adopt Agenda: Motion to adopt by Ben/ motion is seconded/approved by unanimous consent

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Reid Johnson, Area Manager Biologist Chignik; Nick Sagalkin, Regional Supervisor; Nat Nichols, Area Management Groundfish Shellfish; Area Manager; Lisa Hutchinson-Scarborough, Subsistence Specialist; Cassie Whiteside, Fishery Biologist; Birch Foster, Research; Kevin, Schaberg, Research; Heather Finkle, Research; Jeff Wadle, Salmon Management Coordinator motion is seconded; George Papas, OSM; John Gerkin, Federal Management; Frank Harris, Federal Management Fishery Biologist;

V. Guests Present: George Anderson, CIC; Chuck McCallum, CAAA; Earl Krygier, CAAA; Axel Kopun; Robert Carpenter, City of Chignik; Tim Murphy; Richard Black; Gary Anderson; Nicole Anderson; Wallace Hinderer; Bruce Wright, Knik Tribe Senior Scientist; Jaime Odimon



VI. Staff Updates: Staff offered to read proposals as needed.

VII. Proposal 282: Introduced by Reid Johnson. Motion to adopt made by Ben.

Ben suggested an adaptation to strengthen the intent of the proposal by adding "sockeye directed" to specify the type of initial opening.

Alfredo reminded us, Chignik has been fighting interception harms for SO years. He notes Area M fisherman are having some of the most successful salmon seasons ever and should share to the fullest in the burden of conservation as they are now the primary commercial fishery using the stock while Chignik is not even able to fish (June and July 2021 but sometimes not at all).

Axel found it rather insulting to the communities of Chignik when the staff comments imply the proposal "may" return more sockeye when it's clear that after years of documentation through numerous tagging studies beginning in the 60's going through to the WASSIP study, Chignik fish are present and being caught in Area M in June and July. Sockeye will get back to Chignik from 282. He also disagrees with the staff comment that 282 is "allocative." 282 is clearly not a fish grab. It is obviously a protective measure. He goes on to say the Fish and Game's primary goal should be to make sure runs are successful and deserved returns are achieved. The runs have been neglected and now the Fed's are closing subsistence in Chignik. This is a real problem. Subsistence is first priority. Getting salmon back to the river is priority.

Ben asked why the fish "may" get back in the Department's view and why was it allocative? Jeff clarified that yes it will get more fish back to Chignik, but it's allocative if the salmon are harvested in Chignik and don't make it back to the river. Any level of allocative makes it a Board decision. Nick pointed BEG is for a MSY but below min BEG is not destruction. Ben asked if there was any other way the department has to repair this low escapement, but Jeff doesn't know of any more tools in the Department to use without becoming allocative (if there is any potential that Chignik could harvest the salmon).

Alfredo explains Chignik is not asking for allocation but rather getting escapement back to normal ranges. He believes the South Peninsula has become more effective with higher horsepower, better equipped boats with more packing capacity than they were. He believes the Fish and Game should be protecting the fishery and especially the escapement.

Axel reminded the group that if escapement is met, the proposal would at that point, not apply and that it has been four years of under escapement already.

Earl asked the Department if the goal of proposal 282 isn't to get the escapement to midrange. Jeff verified the goal of 282 is to get fish back to Chignik area, but it still is allocative if it triggers



a fishery in Chignik. Earl asked if achieving escapement goes without saying there might be a fishery but the midpoint is what's needed to achieve good runs. Jeff explained the dept is not bound by the midpoint but rather a range.

Ben asked if all changes (time or area) in an interception fishery area would be considered allocative. Jeff responded if the question was understood right, then yes.

Al states the Department shouldn't bend on escapement issues and should be in support proposal 282. If Department continues saying managing for escapement is allocative, there will soon be no fishery at all in Chignik.

Clinton asks if the recent past few years of sockeye runs are sustainable in the CMA? Jeff explains it is sustainable but not sustainable for harvest. It is not for maximum sustained yield, but it is sustainable. Kevin said the current trends seem to be environmentally linked but there fishery is no concern that the run will go away. Once conditions increase/improve the salmon should rebound and the fishery will then continue again. Clinton states that this issue is impacting him, his 4 children and that people are moving away and is very concerned.....

Ben made a motion to table 282 until after the presentation. Al seconded.

#### VIII. Investigations into reduced sockeye salmon runs in Chignik (ADFG)

Birch Foster presented the Department power point. The presentation generated many questions and comments from the public, and stakeholders did not see links and it was difficult to draw conclusions from the information in general. The lack of link of condition factor to returns 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2019 was pointed out by Axel. Public was uncomfortable with the use of Fulton's index to estimate the condition factor. Raechel asked if smolt size was differentiated between Black Lake and Chignik Lake stocks (no); asked for more info on the new Eurytemora (zooplankton) in the graphs (it was described as basically another food source common in 90's), then asked if the effects and outcome of managing for low bounds of escapement since 2002 had been evaluated? Heather said lowering targeted escapement to preserve zooplankton [after a weir blowout caused over escapement) was discontinued around 2014 or 2015 and hasn't been assessed but could be a proposal.

Among the confusions was how Daphnia production was being interpreted by the department, and that it seemed to point to a healthy system. The decline in sockeye numbers and sizes is viewed by public as a State wide issue. Marine factors are viewed by public as a more likely area of influence on low salmon returns.

Department agrees there is "no smoking gun" in the presentation. Ben asked if there



are Black Lake specific studies that take in considerations of and on Black Lake? The Department looks at Chignik Lake as the limiting factor. Raechel described that Parr (1972) found an inverse relationship in Black Lake between sockeye and stickleback that factored into increasing the Black Lake escapement to 400K (60's-70's).

More evaluation of material presented is needed from public about the presented information and more questions will be forth coming.

IX. Revised Run Reconstruction Methods (ADFG)

Heather presented the information. Earl asks if the proportional contributions are from WASSIP data (yes). He notices there is a lot of variation depending on what time period is looked at. Heather explains yes, it is an average of the WASSIP data and a fair representation, and a line must be drawn somewhere, and the fisheries have changed. Heather explains with the question, do the Dolgois even make a dent at less than 50% and with a cap? The Department wanted to use things that contribute consistently. Axel pointed the problem out that while the average may get watered down by Bristol Bay in the beginning, there is very different impact on fish caught on different days later (in for instance the Shumagins) over the course of the month. This method doesn't give an accurate picture of what is going on. It doesn't accommodate for intricacies and often would be way off from what's actually happening and could lead to inaccuracies that could impact fisherman negatively. Kevin tried to refocus everyone that this method was not about management or in-season management; it's about the brood tables. The old brood tables were based on regulations, old information, and had assumptions. The method is an average but it shows a better picture of the production of the river. It's the best approximation of composition. Axel asked if they tried to estimate early and late run by sampling fish? Kevin explains the method uses WASSIP data to apportion fish first, then uses the histogram to identify run timing which is then used to identify early, late and late-late components of the run. Axel points out the applying lags adds uncertainty. Heather says lag time is just to align escapement with the harvest. Earl asked is August 1<sup>st</sup> still assuming all second run? Kevin explains that the histogram can predict run timing just as well. George asks when this will inform the brood tables? Kevin answered it already has. George has many more questions. Raechel asked if 2002 parent year with the purposefully lowered escapement, aligned with 2007 and 2008 returns? (yes) Was it considered as a factor when 2007 and 2008 had lower percentages of Chignik% in WASSIP? Department does not think it has been looked at and to try to weight information is complicated. The utility of information of the WASSIP is most applicable at the time of data collection and using it outside of that time leaves you at the whim of the changes in the fishery of weather for example. Raechel also asked, does low escapements have high return to spawner ratio? (usually) Shouldn't we run a double set of data for two salmon cycles while we are searching for ca.us es for the low returns to align data. Kevin explained it is more difficult and that old information is not in a usable format for use in the current technology. Earl requested that parallel testing occur to affirm that the new reconstruction approach is valid; perhaps validating genetics data, etc. for five years as this is common



practice to validate and recalibrate new approaches. Kevin assured this approach allows for this if information is available and we will by all means test to see if it is performing. Ben shared heavy concern that the Dolgoi 46% numbers are not considered important even as rules and regs change the influences. What if cap is removed? Past numbers in the range of 400k to 800k have occurred. Keven says consistency in approach is most important and a line must be drawn somewhere for comparison consistency. Closer to Chignik should be more representative. Ben is concerned that the% representation in Chignik area changes from June to July and the percentage was derived from poor return years.

X. Other Proposals

Ben motions to return to Proposal 282. Chuck recommends it is preferable to make amendments with the proposer's involvement. Ben states there are only minor corrections from the AC view and could wait for Don to make adjustments. Ben called the question. Proposal 282 is unanimously supported.

Nat introduces the next Proposals.

Ben made motion to adopt Proposal 264. The motion is seconded. Ben asked if 30 days could cause mortality? Department answered yes there is delayed mortality. Alfredo says leeway is needed for weather or unusual encumbrances. Alfredo would support a bit longer than 14 days. Axel opposes the proposal as written; 30 days is too much. Ben clarified that enforcement has enforced this type of reg in other pot fisheries. Ben is not in support because it would be unappreciated for someone to fill a bay with pots (in the way) and leave the area for 30 days. Al notes sand fleas and octopus cause increased mortality after 14 or 15 days and is opposed. Ben calls question/unanimous consent. Proposal 264 is unanimously opposed.

Ben makes a motion to apply the comments (264) to Proposal 265 and requests unanimous consent. It was seconded. Proposal 264 is unanimously opposed. Alfredo says leeway is needed for weather or unusual encumbrances. He would support a bit longer than 14 days. Axel opposes the proposal as written; 30 days is too much. Ben clarified that enforcement has enforced this type of reg in other pot fisheries. Ben is not in support because it would be unappreciated for someone to fill a bay with pots (in the way) and leave the area for 30 days. Al notes sand fleas and octopus cause increased mortality after 14 or 15 days and is opposed. Proposal 264 is unanimously opposed.

Proposal 266 is introduced. Ben makes motion to adopt. Motion is seconded. The appropriate number of pots for an area was discussed. Ben points out that this is outside our area but if it was proposed in our area, he would be opposed. Axel notes the intent seems to try to not collapse the fishery. He supports pot limits but does not support limiting participants trying to fish in two fisheries. Motion to take no action is made by Ben. Motion is seconded. Unanimous consent is requested. No action taken on Proposal 266





## Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting - December 20, 2021

Meeting called to order by Josh Hayes at 10:00 a.m.

### Roll Call - Members Present:

Josh Hayes  
John Pearson  
Billy Coulette  
Mike Adams  
Tom Lessard  
Jason Lesmeister

### Members Absent:

Todd Donahue  
Alex Kime  
Robert Gibson

### Alternate Members Present:

Lorraine Temple

### Fish & Game Representative Present:

Jacob Spelham  
Fari Sylvester

### Guest Speaker:

Ed Holsten

Minutes from last meeting were unanimously approved.

Guest speaker Ed Holsten discussed trap setbacks on federal land being rejected. Holsten also stated the Federal Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) would like to see more written proposals from local residents and local Advisory Committees (AC). Holsten discussed the last round of proposals were accepted with addendums added to all of them.

Elections were held for three AC positions.

Josh Hayes was elected as Chairman  
John Pearson was elected as Vice Chairman  
Billy Coulette was elected onto the board.

First topic of discussion was Proposal 141. Black Bear stations being one-mile apart. The AC voted unanimously to oppose this proposal. The regulation did not seem applicable for Unit Seven and Unit 15 due to current laws and terrain, as well as current land ownership.





Next topic of discussion was Proposal Eight. A shortened trapping season on coyotes in central and south-central Alaska. The AC voted unanimously in favor of this proposal. It will align the trapping seasons and our main concerns were the road-accessible areas. There is less confusion when seasons are aligned.

The next agenda item was Proposal 198. No bear-bait stations within 50 miles of a cabin. The AC unanimously opposed this regulation because there is no science-based justification for the law. It seems this proposal may have been generated by individuals who are anti-bear baiting.

Board of Fish Proposal 283 was discussed. It would set netters to put their nets within six hundred feet from the mouth of Kenai River if an escapement of 13,500 king salmon was met. The AC unanimously opposed this proposal because this law would affect not only the Kenai River but all of the tributary that drain into the Kenai River. There are indirect implications to the Coho fishery. This proposal was brought to the table on an off year out of the normal cycle which decreases public input and conflicts with paired restrictions. It directly conflicts with the late-season king salmon management plan. Set nets have a substantial bycatch of king salmon and coho salmon. This law would be passed on the lowest of escapement goals which leads to poor biological management and even worse conservation practices. We believe this proposal may be due to last year's larger sockeye escapement. We also believe this is not a good reason to make changes based on just one year of sockeye escapement data. The Cooper Landing community believes there is a lack of knowledge on the Kenai River's carrying capacity.

Next meeting will be held Monday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Lesmeister - Secretary



## **Board of Game Central and Southwest GMU Proposals**

### **Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Comments**

Comments Due: January 7, 2022

#### **Proposal 8 A shortened trapping season on coyotes in central and south-central Alaska:**

Vote 7-0

The AC voted unanimously in favor of this proposal because it will align the trapping seasons and our main concerns were the road-accessible areas. There is less confusion when seasons are aligned.

#### **Proposal 198 No bear-bait stations within 50 miles of a cabin.:**

Vote 0-7

The AC unanimously opposed this regulation because there is no science-based justification for the law. It seems this proposal may have been generated by individuals who are anti-bear baiting.



**Board of Game Statewide Regulations Proposals**  
**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Comments**

Comments Due: February 18, 2022

**Proposal 141 Black Bear stations being one mile apart.:**

Vote-0-7

The AC voted unanimously to oppose this proposal. The regulation did not seem applicable for Unit Seven and Unit 15 due to current laws and terrain, as well as current land ownership.



**Board of Fisheries Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward Arctic Shellfish, and  
Shellfish General Provisions and Prince William Sound Shrimp**

**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee**

Comments Due: February 24, 2022

C. IN THE COOK INLET AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY: Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* to allow fishing with set gillnet gear within 600 feet of the mean high water mark in the Upper Subdistrict when sonar passage of large late-run Kenai River king salmon exceeds 13,500 fish, and Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon escapement objectives are being met. (*newly assigned Proposal 283, formerly BGP #1*)

Board of Fish Proposal 283 was discussed. The AC unanimously opposed this proposal because this law would affect not only the Kenai River but all of the tributary that drain into the Kenai River. There are indirect implications to the Coho fishery. This proposal was brought to the table on an off year out of the normal cycle which decreases public input and conflicts with paired restrictions. It directly conflicts with the late-season king salmon management plan. Set nets have a substantial bycatch of king salmon and coho salmon. This law would be passed on the lowest of escapement goals which leads to poor biological management and even worse conservation practices. We believe this proposal may be due to last year's larger sockeye escapement. We also believe this is not a good reason to make changes based on just one year of sockeye escapement data. The Cooper Landing community believes there is a lack of knowledge on the Kenai River's carrying capacity.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

CR/PWS AC

Date: 3/7/2022

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City, town, village): CORDOVA, ALASKA

Members Present: John Renner, Dennis Zadra, Garrett Collins, Ardy Hansen, Brad Bapp, Robert Mattson Jr, Brett Bradford, Jamie Feede, Makenna Steele  
(2 members came late so some votes are 7-0 and some 9-0)

Members Absent Chelsea Haisman, Mike Collins

Members Excused Alyssa Frothingham, Jan Rumble, Britney Blainz-Roth

QUORUM PRESENT: YES  NO

ADF&G Staff Present: Alyssa Frothingham, Jan Rumble, Britney Blainz-Roth

Time meeting called to order 6:00 AM  / PM

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 9:05 AM  / PM

Signature:

John K Renner  
Committee Secretary Chairman



VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CR/PWS 3/7/2022

Prop.no. 237	yes 7 no 0	summary of discussion
Prop. no. 238	yes 0 no 7	Aprox 10% non-reporting Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> date with an appeal process
Prop. no. 239	yes 7 no 0	Covid impacts on whitter
Prop. no. 240	yes 9 no 0	Adf+g-no limit on spare pots . Small TAH a legal limit of pots is A legal limit of pots no spares, regulation language is needed Amended proposal would stop all harvest under 110,000 lbs TAH, ac's wishful thinking to share conservation burden for PWS
Prop. no. 242	yes 9 no 0	out of several proposals 242 preferred solution close season For all gear types if TAH below 110,000 non commercial does Not close even if there is no commercial season
Prop. no. 246	NO-ACTION	Limited entry? Area 3 lasted 124 days for aprox. \$6000
Prop. no. 247		Unrealistic needs to be shorter average season 90 days 2010-2021 same TAH in southeast lasts average 10 days
Prop. no. 248	NO-ACTION	
Prop. no. 249	yes 9 no 0	adf+g proposal
Prop. no. 250	yes 9 no 0 as amended	Amend opener to 4/1 would allow for spawning to be Complete and more early openers for fleet win win with 8.00 Per gallon fuel
Prop. no. 251	NO-ACTION	
Prop. no. 252	yes 9 no 0	would make fishery more economically viable ie. Small Fishery
Prop. no. 253	yes 9 no 0	anything that would help the economics of this fishery
Prop. no. 254	yes 9 no 0	adf+g opposed

Chairman CR/PWS AC



**Craig AC Meeting Feb. 16, 2022**

**Call to Order:** 6:13pm

**Roll Call:**

**Members present:**

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Unexcused	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x			June 2023
Fred Hamilton	Vice Chair	Subsistence		x		June 2023
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x (phone)			June 2023
Kirk Agnitsch		Charter		x		June 2024
Brian Castle		Trapping	x (phone)			June 2023
Dave Creighton		Charter	x			June 2024
Mike Douville		Longline		x		June 2022
Ray Douville		Shellfish	x			June 2024
Chuck Haydu		Charter		x		June 2022
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet	x			June 2022
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound		x		June 2024

**Number needed for a quorum:** 6

**Guests present:** None

**ADFG Staff present:** Craig Schwanke (sport fish)

**Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 2.16.2022**

**Moved and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from 12.8.2021**

**New Business:**

**Prop 234**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Dave Creighton, Ellen Hannan & Mike Kampnich discussed the pros and cons. Kurt Whitehead asked Craig Schwanke for his thoughts. Craig said he is satisfied with their data collection so he is neutral. Bryan Castle thinks it is a good idea but thinks it will be hard to enforce. Guides are already giving the data but the unguided nonresidents don't currently give accurate data due to the time lag with the end of year surveys so if implemented this will be valuable data for ADFG and will likely force many to be more legal. We agree that it might be difficult to implement and enforce but there are many benefits to it if brought online.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**



**Prop 235 & 236**

**Moved and seconded to support both prop 235 & 236.**

Bryan Castle asked about the nature of these props and Kurt Whitehead said it is to give the courts/enforcement more teeth to convict the "seasonal residents" that are fishing under resident licenses when in fact they are residents of another state and should be fishing under non-res licenses.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 241**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Sportfish regs need clarification as well as enforcement.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 252 Commercial shrimping**

Ray Douville gave his input and is neutral on it.

**No Action**

**Prop 261**

Dave Creighton & Brian Castle gave their input.

**No action**

**Statewide Board of Game proposals:**

**Prop 101 & 102**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We prefer that archery hunts are specifically for bow and arrow and do NOT allow crossbows for healthy hunters.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 107**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Kurt Whitehead spoke about feral cats, how many birds they kill, how many diseases they transmit. This prop would help deal with these issues.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 230**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We oppose this prop due to conservation concerns of Dall sheep. If passed this prop would cause an increase in the harvest.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 117**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We felt this is a good solution, a low burden and an easy ask.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 118**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We felt it is an easy ask, a low burden for the hunter and helps makes a better hunter.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**





**Prop 121**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all like the current regs and do not like using dogs to hunt big game. We have no problem with them retrieving wounded game.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 122**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Brian Castle: Lowering the draw weight to 35lbs for deer wasn't an issue but for the other big game animals it could very well be a problem. None of us liked lowering the draw weight for larger game animals other than the deer.

**Unanimous vote-no.**

**Prop 123**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We discussed the merits of having a range finder mounted on a bow and agreed it will reduce the wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 124**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Virtually the same prop as 123 and agreed it will reduce the wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 125**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all agree to keep the archery hunts for healthy bow and arrow hunters only.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 126**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion on the pros and cons but we like the current regs.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 127**

**No action.**

**Prop 128**

**No action.**

**Prop 129**

Lots of discussion about how expanding bullets definitely reduce wounding loss and are more ethical.

We did not like the extra regulation of making it illegal if a hunter uses solids to kill a deer or caribou especially in the villages.

Most ethical hunters will use better bullets for bigger game but making it illegal to use solids on deer and caribou caused us to take no action.

**No action.**

**Prop 130**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with ADFG to do everything we can to limit the spread of CWD and prevent it from coming to AK.

**Unanimous-yes.**



**Prop 131**

We agree that trappers should be able to use wings and non-edible meat for bait but took no action because we weren't sure if this would redo the harvest requirements which we all like as currently written.

**No action**

**Prop 133**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all agreed that beaver are very hard to kill cleanly and ethically even with a rifle and felt the bow/arrow would cause a very high wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 134**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with the proposal.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 141**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We do not like this proposal at all for SE AK. It might work up north but is a definite no from us. We've got enough regulations plus the enforcement issue of this would be onerous.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 236**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We oppose this proposal for the same reasons we oppose prop 141.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 155**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with this well written prop and would like to see it enacted in GMU 3 for moose especially since the GMU 2 deer population is low. Many of the PoW locals are filling their freezers with GMU 3 moose. GMU 3 moose are not and likely never will be trophy quality.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 156**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with ADFG that physically disabled hunters that cannot pull a traditional bow should be allowed to use crossbows for archery only hunts.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 159**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with this prop to make it easier to get ~~hides~~ antlers sealed.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**April 29, 2022 is deadline for SE AK board of game proposals.**

**Next meeting tentatively set for March 15-30.**

**Ellen Hannan volunteered to represent the Craig AC at the state wide meeting Mar. 4-12, 2022.**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm**

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





# Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

## 9 FEB 2022

I. Call to Order: 06:39 PM by Jacob White

II. Roll Call

NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Jacob White (Chair)	X		
Alan Waldo	X		
Earl McNabb	X		
Tisha Kennel	X		
Carl Taylor	X		
Jeff Lipscomb (Secretary)		X	
Rusty Craig (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vern Aiton	X		
Tim Webb	X		
Mike Bender	X		
Robert Matthews		X	
<b>ALTERNATES</b>			
Don Quarberg	X		
Tony Williams		X	

Members Present: 9

Members Absent (Excused): 3

Members Absent (Unexcused): 1

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: (Circle the ones present, write in any others)

Brandy Baker

Bob Schmidt (on the phone)

Clint Cooper

Savannah Hollingworth (on ZOOM)

Lincoln ???

Guests Present: Phil from UAF Extension Office

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Don Quarberg

Second: Vern Aiton



U   x   Aye: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mike Bender

Second: Jacob White

U   x   Aye: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

VI. Reports –

Bob Schmidt, Delta Office Wildlife Biologist:

Bob had previously prepared and sent out an additional presentation on reauthorizing the antlerless hunts in area 20D. The presentation was summarized, then discussion ensued.

Jacob: Antlerless hunt not popular in Delta this year.

Don Quarberg asked if DLP numbers (~30 so far) are being considered when deciding how many antlerless moose to harvest. How to determine wintering loss? – Bob said this is more anecdotal: DLP, Roadkill and calls on spring carcass finds. Twinning surveys also count yearlings. DON: So the winter loss is really a SWAG. We reviewed Moose amangement plans a couple of years ago. Browse surveys are important, but are they going to be done? And with moose yarded up, some browse is likely untouched and other areas 100% browsed. Can a browse survey be done accurately considering the year? Should we wait? Lincoln said the fewer samples you take the more likely you get skewed data.

EARL: How do we know what the effects of the snow/ice event are on our spring data like twinning rates and calf weights, etc.? Answer was it is not scheduled for every year and we would really see the effects the following year, not so much later this year.

VERN: Tony Hollis’ plan to issue no harvest this year is simpler and they way to go.

TISHA agreed.

BOB: If we do none this year, and the losses aren’t as bad as some are predicting, be prepared to harvest even more antlerless in following years. Large numbers of permits bring out of area hunters in who tend to then come back every year. If the AC wants to have only the Youth and/or Disabled Vets hunts, the department will honor that. The veteran and youth hunt has an avg annual take of 8 cows.

Rusty made a motion to revote on proposal 257, Mike Bender seconds. All in favor.

Agreed to authorize youth tags and veteran tag, no others. Motion passed 9 in favor.



There was also a Discussion of feeding the Bison to get them to move away from the farm areas. All were in favor of this except for Clint Cooper, ADF&G.

Public Comment – Phil with UAF Extension, stating that they are in favor of feeding Bison to assist the Bison and the farmers.

VII. Old Business – Select representative(s) for board meeting: Tisha Kennel would like to go – she will talk with Jeff Lipscomb to see if he wants to go.

VIII. BOG Proposals (See Attachment)

IX. Set next meeting date: 16 March 2022

Agenda items for next meeting: Bison Management Plan, Bear Collars, Burbot, update on DLP.

Adjournment: \_21:37\_ PM

Minutes Recorded By: \_Tisha Kennel/Jeff Lipscomb\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
165	Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken		
SUPPORT	2	6	1 NO COMMENT Concern over a loophole to avoid the four year wait.
166	Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats		
NO ACTION			
167	Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit		
NO ACTION			
168	Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear		
SUPPORT	8	1	
169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
NO ACTION			
170	Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries		
NO ACTION			
171	Divide Unit 19A into two subunits		
NO ACTION			
172	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
NO ACTION			
173	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
NO ACTION			
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C		
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench		
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		



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177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
179	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
181	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
182	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
183	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	10	0	
184	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	10	0	
185	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
			Look at proposal 275





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186	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
187	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
188	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
189	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	9	0	
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
193	Establish a hunt for muskox within a portion of Unit 26A		
196	Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25		
SUPPORT	9	0	
198	Eliminate bear baiting within 50 miles of a residence		
OPPOSE	0	9	
230	Change the definition for "full-curl horn"		
SUPPORT	9	0	JACOB: This is what Tisha gave me, but it doesn't seem to match the discussion in the recording – you said unanimous, but not if it was for or against discussion indicated AC was opposed...
231	Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans		
SUPPORT	9	0	Eliminates need to take the tiny piece of back meat.
232	Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers		
233	Remove requirement for peak draw weight of bows/establish peak draw weight for taking species		



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234	Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly		
SUPPORT	2	7	If you want to hunt, Go hunting. The way it is written, it is in conflict with other laws. Those in favor didn't feel a wireless communications camera device really gives any significant advantage.
235	Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit		
NO ACTION			
236	Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location		
OPPOSE	3	4	2 were abstentions
237	Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation		
NO ACTION			
238	Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcah as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
NO ACTION			
239	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
SUPPORT	9	0	A regulation designed solely to disadvantage someone who doesn't live near the issuing office
240	Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust		
241	Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters		
242	Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"		
SUPPORT	9	0	combat VS. other type of deployment.
243	Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts		
244	Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts		



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245	Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison		
SUPPORT	9	0	Don't make hunters carry more bone than there is meat on the bone
246	Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns		
NO ACTION			
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
OPPOSE	0	9	
248	Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder		
OPPOSE	0	7	2 NEEDS MORE CLARIFICATION
249	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
250	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
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255	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	10	0	
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	10	0	
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	9	0	Supported only for Youth and Disabled Veteran hunts
258	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		



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261			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
262			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
263			Allow the harvest of sea otter
264			Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power
265			<a href="#">ACR 2 - Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions</a>
266			<a href="#">ACR 3 - Change the boundary for Game Management Units 21C and 21D to match the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge designated guide use areas</a>
267			<a href="#">ACR 4 - Limit or restrict all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C</a>
268			<a href="#">ACR 5 - Prohibit the possession of swine other than <i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i></a>
269			<a href="#">ACR 6 - Establish a hunt for caribou in Unit 10.</a>
270			<a href="#">ACR 7 - Open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unit 20E.</a>
SUPPORT	10	0	

**BOF Proposals:**

235			Modify the definition of domicile and include in sport fishing regulations, as follows
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			This was no tin the notes from Tisha and nobody said what the vote was on the recording.
236			Modify the definition of domicile and add to the sport fishing regulation as follows:
			This was not in the notes from Tisha and nobody said what the vote was on the recording.
237			Provide dept. authority to deny eligibility to participate in PW sound non-commercial shrimp fishery
			This was not in the notes from Tisha and nobody said what the vote was on the recording.
238			Close the commercial and noncommercial shrimp fisheries in PW Sound
NO ACTION			
239			Allow noncommercial vessels to have additional shrimp pots on board
NO ACTION			
240			Modify PWS Shrimp Pot harvest strategy from a static split between comm. And non-comm. to a tiered %
NO ACTION			
241			Define Shrimp
NO ACTION			
242			Establish a minimum threshold of total allowable harvest
NO ACTION			
243			Amend comm. Shrimp pot fishery closed waters boundaries as follows
NO ACTION			
244			Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest based on fishery performance in the prior season
NO ACTION			
245			Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest based on fishery performance in the prior season
NO ACTION			
246			Eliminate
NO ACTION			
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NO ACTION			
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NO ACTION			
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NO ACTION			
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NO ACTION			
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NO ACTION			
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NO ACTION			



# Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee

## Interior Region Fish & Game Advisory Committees

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Middle Yukon River  
Minto-Nenana  
Ruby  
Stony Holitna  
Tanana-Rampart-Manley  
Upper Tanana Fortymile  
Yukon Flats

To: Alaska Board of Fisheries

Re: Comments for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward, Arctic Shellfish and Shellfish General Provisions, and Prince William Sound Shrimp Meeting.

Dear Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

The Fairbanks area Fish & Game Advisory Committee provides the following comments regarding proposals before the Board of Fisheries:

### **#101 5 AAC 33.375. District 13: Silver Bay (Medvejie Creek Hatchery) Salmon Management Plan**

#### **Action: Support**

The Fairbanks Advisory Committee (FAC) SUPPORTS Proposal #101 on the following basis:

The Medvejie Creek Hatchery should be consistent with the Silver Bay Salmon Management Plan.

The opportunity for straying of hatchery chum stock affecting wild stocks in Crawfish Inlet exists at an unreasonable level with detrimental impacts to wild stocks.

In short, both ADF&G and the Medvejie Creek Hatchery need to follow the rules.

### **#103: 5 AAC 33.363. Management guidelines for allocating Southeast Alaska pink, chum, and sockeye salmon between commercial net fisheries**

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:



## **Action: Support**

The Fairbanks Advisory Committee (FAC) SUPPORTS Proposal #103 on the following basis:

“Effective fishery management outcomes should be consistent with regulations, regulations should be consistent with statutes, implementation can effectively carry out the purpose... of objectives, strategies, guiding principles, and policies established in harvest management plans. 5 AAC 39.222 (c)(3)(F) Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy Sustainable Fisheries”

### **#110: 5 AAC 33.331. Gillnet specifications and operations Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear in Southeastern Alaska**

## **Action: Support**

The Fairbanks Advisory Committee (FAC) SUPPORTS Proposal #110 on the following basis:

To make consistent with other commercial fishing areas in the State.

Lost gear leads to “ghost fishing” and is highly detrimental to all marine species as well as to other fishing gear. If gear is reported immediately lost, there is a chance of recovery without too much damage.

This is a basic conservation issue.

We also concur with the requirement to have a permit number on at least one of the net corks.

### **PROPOSAL 282: 5 AAC 09.365. South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 09.366. Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula.**

## **Action: Support**

The Fairbanks Advisory Committee (FAC) SUPPORTS Proposal #282 on the following basis:

“In each of the last four years (2018-2021) the Chignik River early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal range has not been met (Table 1).

Based on Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program data, sockeye salmon bound for the Chignik River are harvested in the Shumagin Islands Section and Dolgoi Islands Area (identified in 5 AAC 09.365(f) from mid-June through late July.





Under current regulations fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section and Dolgoi Islands Area is not based on sockeye salmon escapement to the Chignik River. This proposal links fishing time in the Shumagin Islands and Dolgoi Islands Area to sockeye salmon escapement to the Chignik River.”

## **PROPOSAL 283: 5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan**

### **Action: Oppose**

The Fairbanks Advisory Committee (FAC) OPPOSES Proposal #283 on the following basis:

- 1) Proposal #283 will effectively *lower* the current OEG king salmon minimum escapement of 15,000 to 13,500 as a trigger to allow additional set gillnet commercial opportunity. In a time of continued low abundance of Chinook salmon, this is a bad precedence. *Conservation of kings (Chinook) is critical and paramount and no king conservation goals should be lowered anywhere in the state.*
- 2) The Board of Fish “paired restriction” management plan for Kenai River late runs has only been in place a short time (2017). This management plan went through an extensive Board of Fish vetting and public review process.
  - a. Current regulations: Both the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 21.360; KRLSMP) and the *Kasilof River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 21.21.365; KRSMP) contain provisions to manage sockeye salmon based on sockeye salmon abundance that are specifically preempted by the KRLKSMP when preseason or in-season Kenai River king salmon abundance is low. This regulatory management framework is commonly known as “paired restrictions”.
  - b. Further: ADF&G staff comments are detailed. The Department has taken a neutral position as they consider this an allocative issue before the BOF, but they do emphasize that it will negatively affect the current “paired restriction” and there are many complexities and unforeseen consequences. The Department notes: “This would impact the current paired restriction regulatory framework and allow ESSN openings at king salmon abundance levels that close the sport and personal use fisheries to retention of king salmon.”<sup>1</sup>
- 3) This proposal is out of cycle (2024) and it is not an urgent issue. While there was an unexpected high number of Kenai River late run sockeye in 2021, the forecast for Kenai River sockeye and kings in 2022 is looking dismal. The late season king run has been less than 12,000 in the last three years.
- 4) This proposal was developed through a convoluted process. BOF Member McKenzie

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<sup>1</sup> RC 2 ADF&G Staff Comments on Commercial, Personal Use, Sport and Subsistence Regulatory Proposals Committee of the Whole Groups 1-3 for Statewide Board of Fisheries meeting March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Mitchell originally sought an *Emergency Petition* for this issue, but the Board said it did not meet the criteria. Then Member Mitchell sought an ACR (agenda change request) but that was also denied on the basis of criteria. Then Member Mitchell introduced the issue as a BGP (board generated proposal), which was approved at the October 2021 BOF Work Session by a vote of 5-2, with Board members John Jensen and Israel Peyton dissenting. Board Member Jensen thought it was a “go around” of the regular Board process and could open a “Pandora’s Box.” Board Member Payton noted that “king conservation mode” was still in place and that the process for utilizing a BGP when emergency petitions and ACRs did not work was a “bad route.” <sup>2</sup>

Board Generated Proposals (BGP) have specific criteria (adopted in 2013):

- Is it in the public’s best interest (e.g., access to resource, allocation concerns, consistent intent, public process)?
  - Is there urgency in considering the issue (e.g., potential for escapement objectives not being met or sustainability in question)?
  - Are current processes insufficient to bring the subject to the board’s attention (e.g., reconsideration policy, normal cycle proposal submittal, ACRs, petitions)?
  - Will there be reasonable and adequate opportunity for public comment (e.g., how far do affected users have to travel to participate, amount of time for affected users to respond)?
- 5) A current federal FMP (fisheries management plan) affecting drift net permit holders in Cook Inlet and potentially closing them off to half their average catch, will have unforeseen impacts on this fishery. That plan is currently being reconsidered at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.
- 6) “Over escapement” in 2021 was cited a one of the reasons for this to be an in-river, in-season management tool, but “over escapement” for the Kenai is not considered a factor by ADF&G.”The (2021) escapements of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River were the largest since 2011. This said, the department has yet to see an impact from exceeding the sockeye salmon escapement goals in either the Kasilof or Kenai River in that neither system has ever failed to replace an escapement.”

Sincerely,

Kirk Schwalm  
Chair Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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<sup>2</sup> “Setnet rules for Cook Inlet could be eased”, *Homer News*, November 18, 2021



**Homer Advisory Committee  
March 8, 2022  
Kachemak City Center**

- I. Call to Order: 6:02 by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vide chair), George Matz (secretary), Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Doug Malone, Joey Allred, Bob Nathanson, Michael Craig, Dan Anderson, Tom Young., Joe Brewer.  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman  
Alaska Wildlife Troopers: Trooper Heid
- IV. Guests Present: Jake Freley, Gabe King, Pat McDowell, Andy, Fetterhoff
- V. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- VII. Reports - None
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment; None
- IX. Old Business: None
- X. New Business: BOG Draft Proposals, see below
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: NA
- XII. Set next meeting date: April 12
- XIII. Other



XIV. Adjourn: 7:30

Joe Brewer proposed for Homer AC consideration.

1. To establish an early archery only season for moose in 15C. This would be a registration hunt.

Justification: Areas 15 A & B already have an archery only season and this would simply complete and make consistent this season for the rest of Unit 15.

The dates should reflect the dates for 15 A & B.

Discussion: The intent is not to allow any additional moose harvest by a hunter. A question came up about how many moose are taken by bow hunters each season in 15 A & B. Jason said about 10%. Marvin pointed out that this issue comes up about every year but hasn't been officially proposed.

Vote regarding Homer AC sponsor this proposal. For – 8, Oppose – 3, Abstain- 1.

2. Establish a muzzleloader moose season in 15C. This would be a registration hunt. It would be a late season hunt utilized as a wildlife management tool by biologists to manage populations. The dates and number of moose to be harvested would be determined by biologists.

Justification: This season would add an opportunity for primitive [weapon] hunters as well as provide an additional tool for biologists to maintain population numbers and health

Discussion: There was some question as to the meaning of primitive weapons. It seems as if the use of new technology blurs the line on what use to be clear. The general idea for such weapons is that they have limited range and provide a measure of safety where human populations may reside. Some AC members favor these weapons because they have more effective kill and less chance of a fatally wounded animal being able to flee. An objection was that if there is a situation where moose populations exceed carrying capacity, and an additional hunt is needed to avoid starvation, why not make the opportunity available to all hunters?

Vote regarding Homer AC sponsoring this proposal. For 3, Oppose- 8, Abstain-1.

Next, the AC took up some draft proposals submitted by Penelope Haas regarding sea duck hunts in the Kachemak Bay area, which created some controversy last winter. Attached are the draft proposals.

There was some general discussion about the drafts. It was pointed out that local hunters are most interested in mallards, pintails, and other dabbling ducks that are better to eat than sea ducks. The interest in sea duck is mostly with trophy hunters that are looking for mounts. Sea ducks, particularly males, are attractive ducks and make attractive mounts. The proposals are oriented to sea duck hunters. The intent is not close the hunt, but to avoid excessive



(nonsustainable) harvest. Jason pointed out that nationwide, the interest in waterfowl hunting is declining. The issues on harvest level are a local issue. Statewide harvest levels are set by the USF&WS based on annual surveys of breeding ducks. States can be more restrictive but can't exceed national standards.

Comments specific to each draft proposal.

#1. Mandatory harvest reporting. Right now, there isn't any for the State of Alaska. It was generally felt that it shouldn't be a problem with changing this so that the State gets data on duck harvest. Having this data can aid management decisions. It was said that this proposal stands the best chance of getting approved.

#2. Mandatory duck ID test. There was no support for this. The administration of the test and what qualifies as passing would be an issue.

#3. Harassment. Jason pointed out that this was already illegal.

#4. Harvest of Goldeneye and Bufflehead. There seemed to be some minor leeway on this issue.

#5. A guide said that clients are aware of regulations on eiders and didn't think identifying eiders from other sea ducks was much of a problem.

#6. Harlequins. Jason said that ADF&G surveys of waterfowl in the Kachemak bay area don't show any population declines under current harvest pressures.

Gabe King, a local duck hunting guide, suggested a proposal. He would like to see the duck hunting season in Kachemak Bay aligned with the Kodiak season. He said that the first month of the season in Kachemak Bay doesn't have many ducks and he would like to have that month deleted and moved to the end of the season. He plans to write a proposal and bring it to the AC next month for discussion.

Wes Humbyrd discussed his desire to have an opening for Dungeness in Kachemak Bay. There was a rambling discussion on this that came down to a vote on whether the AC should support Wes's efforts for this concept at the Board of Fisheries meeting. The vote; For- 10, Opposed -1, Abstain -1.

Next, Tom Hagberg brought up some Board of Fisheries shellfish proposals. See below



Alaska Board of Fisheries: General Shellfish and Miscellaneous Sport Proposals			
March 11 - 16, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
<a href="#">255</a>	Close the harvest of littleneck clams and butter clams, as follows:		
	12	0	Population needs to recover.
<a href="#">256</a>	Create a management plan for east Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries, as follows:		
	10	0 -2	Proposal amended to limit individual clam harvest to 20. Vote on the amendment was For -10, Opposed – 0, Abstain - 2. The proposal as amended was then voted on and passed
<a href="#">257</a>	Add bag and possession limits for Dolly Varden in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence fishery, as follows:		
	0	7 - 5	Most not familiar with the issue.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Date: 3/13/2022

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon 3/15/22 (Over Email)



# 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





## Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee

January 10th, 2022 5:30 pm @ ADF&G

**Call to order** 5:32 pm by Chair Chervenak

### Roll Call:

Paul Chervenak, Chair	Theresa Peterson, Secretary
Alexus Kwachka	Rolan Ruoss
Brandon Bartleson	Melissa Berns
Andrew Finke	Ronald Kavanaugh
Wallace Fields	Duncan Fields
Garmin Squartsoff	Patrick O'Donnell
Oliver Holm	

13 members present for a quorum

Absent: Julie Kavanaugh, Tyler Schmeil, Nate Rose, Jon McElwain

**Approve agenda** - Unanimous

**Correspondence** - None

**Chair announcements:** [taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov](mailto:taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov) - During elections email Taryn to vote if not physically present in the room

**Old business:** Approve minutes of 2/26/2020 meeting - Table until future AC meeting

**New Business:**

### Nominations:

- 1) Elections for expired/vacant seats: Kodiak, Processor Kodiak, Big Game Guide/Outfitter Kodiak, West Side Salmon Gillnet Alternates
  - a. Move to approve nominations Oliver 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron, Duncan Fields nominates the following list which was approved unanimously
    - i. Paul Chervenak, Big Game Guide/Outfitter
    - ii. Wallace Fields, West Side Salmon Gillnet
    - iii. Nate Rose and Alexis Kwachka, Alternates
- 2) Elections for AC officers – Move to approve by Ron Kavanaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Holm
  - a. Paul Chervenak as Chair, Julie Kavanaugh as Vice Chair and Nate Rose as Secretary. Approved 13/0
- 3) ADF&G Division of Subsistence - Presentation (Jackie Keating)
  - The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is conducting research this winter to document the importance of subsistence resources to Kodiak residents. The mission of the Division of Subsistence is to scientifically gather, quantify, evaluate, and



report information about customary and traditional uses of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources.

- AC members and meeting participants are encouraged to help get the word out about the survey.

#### **4) Discussion of Kodiak/Westward Commercial Shellfish proposals**

**Proposal 261-** Allow use of ropeless system with submerged buoy for Dungeness fishing.

Move to adopt: Duncan Fields, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Kavanaugh

- May be important to provide this opportunity as marine mammal entanglements on going issue.
- Dept. thinks best to be done under exploratory permit, maybe challenges with enforcement, dept. will oppose.
- Lobster fishermen on east coast having challenges finding lost gear.
- If outside 3 miles trawl fleet concerned. Dunge gear does extent out to 200-mile limit but all gear and activity inside 3 miles.
- Seine representatives expressed concern with entanglement.
- Ropeless system not appropriate for Alaska.
- Nothing precludes opportunity for exploratory permits and this would be the best approach if fishermen are interested in pursuing

**Vote: 0/13 oppose**

**Proposal 263** – Amend Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery management regulations and allow for department permit authority

Move to adopt: Oliver Holms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Ruoss

- Current area J shrimp stocks likely able to sustain a moderate level of harvest but the outdated management structure prevents access to the resource in most areas.
- Current management structure around a fishery from the 1970's that doesn't exist anymore.
- Small, exploratory fishery would be good and could provide ability to gather data with permit authority and ability to fish with no survey data.
- Repeal most of current regs as no longer appropriate, no longer have surveys.
- Numerous areas closed due to abundance thresholds which will never be met, also no longer survey so wouldn't know.
- Replace small sectional opportunity through a commissioner permits, allows some commercial removals, don't expect to effect current participants but may offer up increased opportunity.



- May explore more areas that are currently closed such as marmot. Currently only Shelikof open.
- Commissioner permits very easy to get, require little time and are free in the Kodiak office.
- Includes beam trawls and pots

**Vote: 13/0 passes**

**Proposal 264** – Amend regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14- day period

Move to adopt: Rolan Ruoss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wallace Fields

- Proposal seeks to change gear tending requirement for Dungeness crab gear from 14 to 30 days, providing the ability to leave baited gear on the grounds untended for up to 30 days.
- The original proposal to require tending gear every 14 days came from the department of Fish and Game due to concerns with lost gear and gear interactions.
- Last year over 17,000 pots registered.
- Department may support 21 days.
- Fishermen may struggle getting back to gear every 14 days when involved in other fisheries and weather issues.
- Supporting comments - Fishing Dungeness crab for nearly 50 years and has not supported 14 day tending requirement since implemented, does not believe it helps to support lost gear, doesn't stop from leaving gear in the water. Important to note everybody in the fishery fishes different fisheries and the regulation is almost impossible to comply with.
- Very little difference between 14 to 21 to 30 days, folks are not crazy about any limit but looking for something they can work with. hen fishing full length of the island cannot get to gear every 14 days.
- Opposing comments:
  - Tending rule because when crab soft need to be released from pots, don't get out, need to run gear more often.
  - There has been a lot of soft crab the last few years. Crab in pots can't get out and don't get hard. If stuck in sand will die. Short picking better for health of the crab stocks
  - Concern with young king crab bycatch and increased mortality.
  - All restrictions difficult to enforce, doesn't mean they go away

**Vote 0/13 oppose**



**Proposal 265-** Repeal regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14- day period

- Proposal seeks no limits on tendering gear requirement for Dungeness gear.
- Setnet fishermen noted challenge with increased pots in bays where setnetting occurs. Crab pots were tangled in setnets and tender had trouble navigating through buoys to pick up salmon from sites.
- Tanner and King crab can get stuck in untended gear.

**Take no action and cite additional rationale from proposal 264 discussion**

**Proposal 266** –Establish Kodiak District Dungeness crab pot limits and restrict concurrent targeting of Dungeness crab and any other commercially harvested species.

- The AC discussed this proposal in two parts, beginning with establishing Kodiak district pots limits, including a range of pot limits.
- Dept. neutral - allocative between user groups and no biological concerns. Large pot limits require buoy tags which can be expensive, also enforcement concerns. fishery managed by size/sex, no quota.
- All other areas have pot limits – Southeast has limited entry and 4 tiers 75 to 300, based on type of limited entry permit. West Coast is similar and vessels cap out around 500 pots
- Proposal reflects changing nature of fishery, pots so thick can't run a boat through them. Hear of 1500 to 1800 and preemption of grounds. When seeing this type of increase important to limit. Inners bays seeing saturation of crab gear.
- Important to have a CPUE graph with increase or decrease with increased pots, generally low, 2-3 crabs per pot, sometimes up to 6-9 crabs. Now with increased harvests CPUE back down and appears through effort.
- Pot limit may make the fishery unviable with 2 crab CPUE if have 500 pot limit.
- Around Kodiak average is 630 pots, some have up to 1,200.
- If stabilize pots will it influence pulses? Not sure, may be able to drag out a few years. If limit gear on vessels still not limiting amount of gear in the water through more vessels.
- Have 29 vessels fishing now but may drop.
- Kodiak to Mexico has limits because regulates itself. West Coast boats have come up for years when worth it. Pot limits will not impact cycles.
- Public comment supported 266 and limits, will allow more individuals to fish, reduce impacts in bays and impacts on subsistence

**Motion to amend Duncan Field, Roland Ruoss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vessels 50 feet and less 500 pots and vessels 50 feet and up 750 pots in the Kodiak district**

- May be too late for last years but could benefit in years ahead.
- May help to do local pot limits around villages.



- Pot limit may prevent folks from coming to Kodiak district from down south.
- May also reallocate gear among fleet as those who have more will sell and others will buy gear up to limit.
- May have negative impacts we cannot foresee.
- Not sure what limit is but should allow for opportunity for community discussion if want pot limits.
- Limiting pots tends to be a conservation measure.
- Limiting pots may reduce gear and vessel entanglements.
- May also consider a 60-foot split.
- Concern with a vessel size limit on pot, important to create a limit that tracks current fleet profile.
- Pot limit needs to be with limited entry - pot limit may trigger limited entry chase.

**Substitute motion for 700 pot limit by Alexis Kwachka, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Ruoss**

**Vote 8/4/1 passes**

2nd part of proposal 266, concurrent fishing with salmon:

- Prohibit or disincentivize participating in multiple fisheries concurrently.
- Long time dungie fishermen see increase in participation when stocks up.
- Concern with impacts on local fleet that already participate in both salmon and dungie fishery.
- Does not impact west coast fleet, only local fleet.

**Amendment by Duncan Fields, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Ruoss** -motion which changes pot limit will serve as proposal, delete all other language leave only pot limit, strike 2nd part of proposal

**Amendment passes 13/0**

**Proposal 266 as amended**

**Vote: passes 9/3/1 abstention**

**Proposal 267** – Establish South Peninsula District Dungeness crab pot limit

- South Peninsula pot limit of 500 pots

**Take no action**

**Proposal 268** – Department generated proposal to amend regulatory thresholds and establish new management measures for Kodiak District Tanner crab

Move to adopt Oliver Holm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolan Ruoss



- New Tanner crab management plan – provides additional targeting for smaller harvest and more reflective of stock status. Update from 1999 with crab biologist Nat Nichols two analytical informing publications.
- Biological considerations:
  - update long-term abundance thresholds used to open the fishery
  - increase mature male abundance threshold in sections with declining or stable abundance
  - implement a ramped harvest control rule that incorporates both mature male and mature female abundance when determining maximum legal male exploitation rates
  - eliminate GHL doubling requirement needed to reopen a section after a closure the previous year
- Management considerations:
  - eliminates the 400,000-pound district minimum GHL
  - eliminates the requirement that at least 2 sections be open for a fishery to occur
  - changes the regulatory season closure date for the Semidi Island Overlap Section from March 31 to February 15
  - eliminate daylight only fishing hours in the Semidi Island Overlap Section
- Over all mostly updating biological components, including time series, plan to regularly update time series, perhaps every 6 years.
- Comparison of updated plan vs current (in Gray) - 50% requirement changing to allow for harvest with an average of thresholds of areas to 50% -100%
- Exploitation rate on legal mature males - reduce harvest rate to 20% which is more consistent with rate, never go to 30%. Question about reducing harvest rate and benefits to crab fishermen - the new strategy has a harvest control rule that reduces exploitation rate in response to crab abundance, provides more structure, no loss to fishermen as never go to 30% anyway, new rule offers guidance. Harvest rate increases based on average of male abundance, have to be above average to reach 20% harvest rate. When have set higher, 25%, fleet did not catch it, at 30% asking the fleet to catch one in 3 of available harvest. Generally, the higher the harvest rate the lower the CPUE.
- New control rate incrementally reduces harvest rate with reduced female average, the dimmer switch, females will never turn the fishery off but can reduce to 5% if do not find females.
- New strategy tailored to exploitation rates in the past which has resulted in a successful fishery over the last 20 years.
- A more conservative approach and inclusion of females does not result in lost opportunities.
- Survey not a census, more of a tracking mechanism of areas where they know crab are, tracking on estimates so very difficult to exceed a 20% harvest rate.
- Little change to Kodiak in the management area except GHL thresholds.



- Managers believe they could manage a single section with 100,000 lbs. because of increased fleet communications and ability to manage small amounts.
- How responsive to interannual variability? New plan very responsive, will allow harvest at top of ramp and fishing pressure when abundance high, can go with 20% and take one out of 3 years.
- With timing for Semidis, and recognizing that no one starts there, it may effectively do away with the fishery. AC may want to weigh in on timing. Currently inconsistent with all other tanner harvest. What is the CPUE which then leads to closure? When CPUE drops to 6 crab probably best not to fish on the stocks

**Move to amend** Semidis from 1/15 to 2/28 Duncan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Ruoss  
Vote 12/0/ 1 abstain - passes

**Move to amend** to harvest rate from 20% to 30% Duncan Fields, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexis Kwachka

- Concern with mortality if go with a higher exploitation rate, concern with impacts on crab stocks.
- Concerns about loss of opportunity without a 30% rate crab die off anyway. Don't have the chance to capture opportunity.
- Average over last 20 years 12%, would be great to get to 20%

**Vote on Amendment 1/12 oppose**

Note: AC minutes to reflect uniqueness of Semidi area and not meant to set precedence of limits on fishing times, other areas should remain the same.

**Main motion 13/0 Passes**

**Proposal 269** – Amend regulatory threshold and establish new Tanner crab management measures.

Move to adopt Duncan Fields, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wallace Fields

- Dept supports components consistent with proposal 268 but opposes 10,000 lb. GHL as too small to manage.
- Proposal seeks management tool to provide a fishery for small harvest, whatever minimal number can manage.
- Concern with impacts on small threshold of crab.
- Will provide a window of harvest opportunity before reaching 100,000 lbs. threshold. If there is a 50 or 75,000 lb. abundance then 100,000 lb. threshold prevents fishing there.



- Important to factor in accuracy of surveys and confidence in survey, may not have precision necessary to manage small amounts. 100,000 pounds provides a level of confidence.

**Motion to amend to 25,000 lbs.** Duncan Fields, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wallace Fields

**Vote: 10/3 passes**

**Main motion vote 1/12 Fails**

**Proposal 270** – Amend pot limits for Kodiak District Tanner crab

Move to adopt: Duncan Fields, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Holm

- Maintain 20 pot limit up to 2,500,000 pounds and
- Increase by 10 if harvest hits 5,000,000.
- Currently 179 Tanner permits, 40 boats participated last year open, anticipate about 100 vessels this year.
- Dept. - for the last 20 years would have changed pot limit once
- Interest to maintain a small pot limit.
- Looking to mitigate concerns with expansion, looking for assurance.
- Looking to maintain a fishery for years ahead, can catch crab well with 20 pot limits.

**Vote 13/0 passes**

**Proposal 271** – Reduce size of stretched mesh escape webbing for *C. bairdi* Tanner crab pot gear in Registration Area J except in the Bering Sea District.

Move to adopt: Oliver Holms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Ruoss

- Escape rings and mesh used to release crab.
- Kodiak larger than other regions.
- Mesh size now 7" and want 6 3/4".
- 5 inch ring is about same size as 7 inch mesh and would align mesh with escape rings.
- Smaller mesh catches more females, larger mesh means less females.
- Mesh size better than rings to realize small crab, less handling, support doing a panel or the whole pot.
- Proposal a superior way to release crab.
- Have it be optional, not mandatory.
- Why can't rings be legal requirement and fish any size mesh you want, can have larger mesh and rings.

**Proposal 273** – Golder King crab permit for data with poorly understood fishery





Move to adopt: Ron Kavanaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexis Kwachka

- Longline GKC in Kodiak area.
- Will help provide data for Golder King crab permit for data with poorly understood fishery.
- Very little effort, harvest information confidential, could be way to gather information.
- Crab do congregate at times and concern with impacts on dense aggregation with longline pot gear.
- Commissioner permit allows exploratory opportunity but department opposed to proposal a not supportive of efficiencies and potential impacts on crab aggregations.
- If longlining pots allowed, commissioner permit would most likely need to allow use as follow regulations.
- Commissioner permits have allowed to explore grounds with 75 single pots.

**Vote 0/13 oppose**

Proposal 275 Observer program minimum requirements

- Department submitted proposal looking to recruit crab observers into the weather vane scallop fishery

**AC takes no position**

5. Committee Comments:

- Next meeting to talk about transporters for deer
- Recommendation for future AC meetings: send reminders day before meeting and attach proposals we are discussing to emails

6) Set meeting date for discussion of Statewide BOG proposals (2/18 deadline)

- Next meeting date - 2nd week of February, Chair will send poll around

ADJOURN 9:57 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Theresa Peterson

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: February 15, 2022



**Mat Valley Advisory Committee**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Zoom**

**I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Herb Mansavage**

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Herb Mansavage
- Gene Sandone
- Bob Cassell
- Andy Couch
- Birch Yuknis
- Austin Manelick
- Neil Dewitt
- Dom Nickles
- Glenn Helmuth
- Hunter Hongslo
- Dan Montgomery

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

**III. Guests Present:**

- Richard Pearson
- Brett Wilbanks
- Kyle
- Gordon

**IV. Public Comment:**

- Richard Pearson –
  - Comments Shrimp on PWS Proposals – Group of fishermen would address the commercial fishery. Believes there will be crowding with the 50 pot minimum is a good plan. Believes the fishery would be beneficial for residents of Alaska. Access to residents to purchase fish. Richard would like to see the longer season. More pots is not a good solution. Shouldn't alternate the fishery to make it better for certain fishermen.
  - Proposal 250 – Starting fishery a month early. He thinks this will be hard on resource due to egging shrimp.
  - Proposal 252 – Thinks that the current regulations on Tenders is adequate. Keep the fishery as is.
  - Proposal 240-242-246 – Commercial gets 40 percent, non-commercial gets 60



percent. Proposal 240 attempts to place burden of conservation on both user groups. Commercial groups shares no burden of Conservation. Should be spread to all user groups.

- Brett Wilbanks –
  - 20% of Commercial Fleet and he echos a lot of the sentiments Richard Pearson brought of. Burden of Conservation should be shared of all groups. Prop 245-245 accountability of the burden. Doesn't want to overfish GHF to prevent over harvest. Says non-commercial is over the allocation due to non-in-season reporting and other factors.

**V. Proposals:**

Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting Proposals			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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237			
Support	9	0	Commercial guys reporting wasn't too good. Personal Use fisheries there is a lag time and should be looked at for salmon fisheries as well.
238			
No Action	-	-	Cover was more of a concern earlier.
239			
Oppose	0	9	Andy Couch thinks this should be limited after public comment.
240			
Oppose	0	9	Commercial fishing over harvest in Valdez and that prohibited sport fishing. The commercial fishing over harvest shrimp/crab/salmon, sport fishing should have priority. Shared burden of Conservation is already shared with the sports fishing spending minimal time already fishing. States constitution allows all users the opportunity, without commercial opportunity there would be no opportunity for Sport fishing. Support of State Constitution. Commercial fishery has in season reporting and cannot go over allocation. Commercial fishing should be limited and follow the constitution. The committee would like to see more regular reporting of non-commercial shrimping.
241			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	9	0	House keeping item on head on or head off on weight on shrimp. Should be clarified.
242			
Oppose	0	8	Believe we have special.
243			
No Action	-	-	-
244			
Oppose	0	8	This would take away from sports fishing. Commercial historically goes over harvest. If a user groups goes over by 20,000 pounds, they get 20,000 pounds less the following year. In-season reporting harvest management. Has to be year per year on harvest and not following the next year. We need to have in season accurate reporting.
245			
Oppose	0	8	We can't bank pounds, can't save it, you have to go by what Fish and Game says. See comments on Proposal 244. Committee wants more accurate in season reporting, management for the current year not future years.
246			
Oppose	0	8	Minimal threshold. They withhold first sentence. The sport fishing is small and should be from year to year.
247			
Oppose	0	8	Agree with public comment from Mr. Pearson. We should not condense season as this would create a rodeo for such a short fishing season. Too many pots, too many fishermen in a condensed fishery. Commercial fishermen wants to catch shrimp and get to the commercial red salmon fishery in Cordova.
248			
Oppose	0	8	Agree with Mr.Pearson that egg bearing shrimp could be destructive to the fishery. Trawl fishing does not sound sustainable.
249			
Support	8	0	House keeping item, good to support the Department.
250			
Oppose	0	8	Agree to not shift the dates and do not support.
251			
Support	8	0	Daily reporting and they support this.
252			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	8	Oppose this with public comment from Mr. Pearson. Tender are not allowed fish, does not want them to be able to fish. Does not agree with them be able to tender and fish.
253			
Oppose	1	7	Disagree with the thought of trawling. Like an experimental fishery. In the 1980s before commercial over fishing, there has been little effort and this could be detrimental to fisheries. Trawling could be detrimental to a fishery. In support if ADFG sets limits.
254			
Oppose	4	4	Trawling does not sound good.
255			
Support	8	0	Now we got a clam die off.
256			
Support	8	0	Plenty of clams there. Support the Department.
257			
Support	8	0	Support the Department.
282			
Support	8	0	If mis-stocked fishery, they shouldn't be fishing. Support the generous opening. Chignick Stocks have been of concern. Agree if more fish are coming to Upper Cook Inlet.
260			
Oppose	0	8	Shouldn't be a commercial fishery before a sport fishery because we don't have the surveys. If we are going to open a fishery, there should be a more limited fishery. Everyone should have the opportunity. Test fishery.
283			
Oppose	0	8	BOF proposal. Problem with set netters is they harvest a larger number of kings versus sockeye and other fish in the second run King salmon. The people who took biggest hit was east side set netters. Drift net fishermen harvest a larger number. King salmon bi-catch won't make it even though they aren't gilled in the net. This sounds like Allocation issue. We should not bail out fisheries because they have rough years, this is occupational decision. We need to look after salmon, not jobs. Follow the Alaska Constitution, salmon stocks are down for certain species across the state.

Minutes Recorded By: Austin ManelickDate: 03/09/2022



**Sand Point Advisory Committee  
March 3, 2022  
Sand Point City Council Chambers**

- I. Call to Order: [6:02 PM] by Patrick Brown
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Patrick Brown  
  
Kylie Thompson  
Ben Mobeck Sr.  
  
Emil Mobeck  
  
George Gundersen  
  
John Foster  
  
Members Absent (Excused): N/A  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused): N/A  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4  
  
List of User Groups Present:
  - III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito (Boards Support), Cassie Whiteside (Shellfish), Lisa Fox (Area Biologist- Finfish), Jeff Wadle (Area Biologist - Finfish)
  - IV. Guests Present: Rick Eastlick, Alvin Osterback Jr., Amy Foster, Jack Foster Jr., Jim Smith, Dwain Foster Sr., Taylor Lundgren
  - V. Approval of Agenda - Unanimous Consent
  - VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Unanimous consent
  - VII. New Business - Proposal 264: Change regulation regarding checking Dungeness pots from 14 days to 30 days in Area J
    - a. Discussion: George suggests taking No Action in favor of Prop 265.
    - b. Patrick: ADFG in favor of a compromise with a 21-day rule, not in favor of repealing the rule.
    - c. Cassie: Current regulation is to check pots every 14 days. Increase of abandoned pots, concern for ghost fishing, prompted the regulation initially. Department wants people to manage gear better.
    - d. Patrick: Why not 30 days?
    - e. Cassie: Degradable cottons in the pots will disintegrate by 30 days. The Department is not looking to get rid of the regulation entirely. Looking to reduce gear loss and ghost fishing mortality. Current ghost mortality estimated at 2-7% of harvest.
    - f. Discussion: would rather see 30 days because sometimes the weather in Beaver Bay is too rough to check pots, one time for over a month. Processor timing with deliveries, etc. How will this be enforced?
    - g. Action on Prop 264 Support 6-0

Proposal 265: Repeal of the 14-day Dungeness pot checking rule

Kylie: move to adopt, seconded by George

Kylie: suggest no action based on action in support of Proposal 264

Jim Smith (author of Prop 265): With regards to comments by the Department, that repealing the law is not favored, the author voiced he plans to retract his proposal in favor of Proposal 264.

Kylie: moves to take no action, seconded by John



Asks for unanimous consent, heard  
No Action on Prop 265

Proposal 267: to establish pot limits in the Dungeness fishery Area J

Move to adopt by George, seconded

Cassie: Current regulation, open access, no vessel length, no pot limit or GH, regulated by size, sex, season. Enforcement might include buoy tags. 500 pots, \$1.50 per tag. Might deter larger vessels from fishing, with limit. 10,000 pot cap would require a pre-season registration. Late vessels may not be able to register. Maybe try to do a pot limit first and consider a pot cap later.

George (author of Prop 267): Wrote the proposal because its getting pretty crowded. Should be some limit. Bigger boats against it. Might favor limited entry, but that is something that takes time.

Kylie: Is there a 58' limit in this area?

Cassie: No, no length restriction in this area.

Kylie: Easier to live with a limit than a cap.

Discussion: 58' limit could work better. A 58' vessel could haul a couple thousand pots. How big have vessels in the fishery historically been?

How many pots in the water last year? - over 12,000

Best bet is to go for 500 pot limit.

George: would like to amend proposal to remove 10,000 pot cap.

Kylie: A boat could register and not participate and still drop the pot limit [in a pot cap scenario].

George: moves to amend Proposal 267 to strike out "overall cap of 10,000 pots"

Kylie: 2nds

Discussion: 500 pot limit seems like it might help the smaller boat fleet (<58') by making the fishery harder for a larger boat to participate in and be profitable. Most community vessels are 58' and under. No monetary benefit if outside boats are drawn up from other areas, lower 48. The CFEC hasn't limited a fishery (limited entry) in quite some time, probably won't happen here soon.

Amendment carries 6-0

Question on Prop 267 as amended

Carries 5-0 as amended (1 abstained)

George: plans on submitting an RC to his proposal.

Proposal 282: Change the fishing schedule in the June and Post-June Fisheries of South Alaska Peninsula (Area M)

Kylie: Motion to Adopt, 2nd'd

John: Completely opposed.

Kylie: (to Department): Did previous Emergency Order closures in June and July in recent years have a noticeable effect on Chignik escapement?

Lisa Fox: In 2018 and 2020, fisheries were reduced because escapement was super low in Chignik. Its hard to speak to the effect...

Kylie: It hasn't seen a measurable effect when it should be obvious?

What does it mean to predict the mid-point of the early run? -400,000

Mid-point of 350,000-450,000

Tricky wording



Jeff Wadle: We would “project” to hit 400,000 escapement, but we wouldn’t have to hit it. If we expect to hit middle of goal, we will open Chignik fishery and with this proposal we would open the South Peninsula (Area M).

Kylie: It would also cut July fishing in half. The Chignik run is traditionally switched over to the Late Run (Chignik Lake) by then. Lack of fishing effort lately in Chignik in order to conserve the Early Run, late into July.

Seems so allocative.

If Chignik gets a pink or chum opener does it let us off the hook?

They aren’t really even managed on pinks or chums.

I don’t see the conservation effect if they didn’t see a noticeable spike in Chignik escapement when the South Pen. stops fishing. Majority of the effort is focused on West-bound fish. SEDM hasn’t even been opened for 4-5 years now.

Jack Foster Jr. : Closer to 10 years since we’ve had enough time to make a living [fishing SEDM]. In 2012 we fished continually on SEDM and didn’t even have any effect on the Chignik run. The fishery was allocated when we went to a permit system [limited entry]. Every couple years they try to make changes now. This fishery is very important to our communities here and the amounts of people these regulations effect. We can’t push the fleet out west, theres not enough room. When the fleet is spread out, theres less of an impact. The new regulations are discriminatory towards our fishermen.

Patrick: For the test years of WASSIP component, what were the percentages of Black Lake fish in the Shumagins?

Kylie: Low for the Shumagins in June and even lower in July. Dolgoi wasn’t bad either. Except one year there was an anomaly in the Dolgoi Section, which has now been remedied in 2019. Now we have only 20 set netters left in Dolgoi. Set netters should not be further west, where they will have to go if this passes. Major safety issue for smaller boats. Sand Point Trident is nearly closed, if they can’t stay open, even Chignik won’t have a nearby processor. Ocean Beauty won’t be buying there this upcoming Summer. If the Shumagins are shut down, they won’t even be able to stay open.

Lisa: Pink salmon forecast is low, but similar to 2 years ago, probably. We met the goal in 2020 and had a surplus on an even year. First fishing in August on an even year since 2008.

Kylie: Will we be on local management for July 30th opening?

Lisa: Allocation typically goes though the 25th of July for the Dolgoi section. Theres a lot of terminal harvest area in the Dolgoi Islands section that is open before that.

Kylie: This proposal would rewrite the Dolgoi islands section management plan.

Patrick: Does it seem feasible to restructure the whole July schedule for the Shumagin Islands and Dolgoi Section when the transition period for the Early run has transition to the Late run and has tailed off?

Lisa: Black Lake escapement goal goes through late-July, and the lower end of the goal is 350,000 beginning July 20. I think once you get that far into July, its more likely Chignik will have had a commercial opening and the escapement goal range would not be a part of the decision making process, as far as openings in the S. Pen, if this proposal passes.

Rick Eastlick : Any action that the Board takes this year, would you need a lot more information to continue the policy?

Lisa: The outcome of the meeting should have clearly written rules. Unsure of the question.

Rick Eastlick: Would decisions made this cycle continue long term?

Lisa: This proposal will go for one season, then...

Kylie: When the Board took seiners out of the Dolgoi in June, have we seen any benefit of that yet, in regards to Chignik escapement? Has it been long enough to see that impact?

Lisa: In regards to escapement in Chignik going up? That change was made in the first year of 3 bad years. It’s hard to make correlations on the impact from seiners in Dolgoi and Chignik escapement. Haven’t seen any direct impact between the two, other than by removing seiners, the amount of fish harvested in the Dolgoi Islands Section in June has gone down considerably. The amount of sockeye harvested overall has gone down.





Kylie: And theres clearly been no benefit to the Chignik run?

Lisa: I'm sure that some fish that are harvested in the Dolgoi islands section could have gone to Chignik, but theres no measurable way to do that kind of math.

John Foster: If the Board changes something, we have about a week to submit proposals for the next Board cycle. Is there any way to change the deadline.

Jeff: No, you'll have to anticipate these changes.

John: Seems unfair. Proposals due April 11, this meeting will be over April 2. We don't know what we need to put in a proposal.

Kylie: We never put in proposals for any other areas, now we are in a meeting out of cycle. It's ridiculous.

Alvin Osterback: SEDM has been closed 6 years. Has there been any positive effect in Chignik from that?

Lisa: Something is going on in Chignik, not really sure. Escapement is low.

Jack Foster Jr. : I used to fish SEDM, then they pushed me to the Shumagin Islands. Now, they are trying to push me somewhere else. It's not allocation, it's discrimination. We are commercial fishermen not being governed by a group of our peers. This fishery was allocated in the 70s, and these allocations have changed 3 or 4 times every 10 years since then, all proposals against us from other areas.

Question called

Final Action Proposal 282

0-6

VIII. Set next meeting date: Dates will be in Anchorage during the Board meetings every evening. At a room reserved by the AEB. March 29th, 30th, 31st, April 1.

IX. Approval of Minutes by Emil, Motion by Kylie, 2nd'd unanimous consent

X. Adjourn 8:02 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Patrick Brown  
Minutes Approved By: Emil Mobeck  
Date: 3/9/22

Alaska Board of Fisheries: General Shellfish and Miscellaneous Sport Proposals			
March 26- April 2, 2022   Anchorage, AK			
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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<a href="#">264</a>	Amend regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14-day period, as follows:		
Support	6	0	
<a href="#">265</a>	Repeal regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14-day period, as follows:		
N/A			
<a href="#">267</a>	Establish South Peninsula District Dungeness crab pot limits, as follows:		
Support	5	0	
<a href="#">282</a>	Modify South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fishery and Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
Oppose	0	6	



**Sand Point Advisory Committee  
10/6/2021  
Sand Point City Chambers**

I. Call to Order: 12:07 by Patrick Brown, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Patrick Brown (Chair), Ben Mobeck Sr., George Gundersen Sr. Kylie Thompson (Secretary)

Members Absent (Excused): John Foster, Emil Mobeck

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Introductions

Fish and Game Staff Present:

Lisa Fox, Area Biologist

Tyler Lawson

Nat Nichols, Groundfish/Shellfish

Jeff Wadle, Area Biologist

Cassandra Whiteside, Shellfish Assistant

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support

Guests Present:

Ernie Weiss

Charlotte Levy

Arlene Gundersen

V. Elections

George moves to reinstate everyone and keep current positions

Discussion: no other guests or community members wish to join AC

Unanimous vote in favor

Expiration of Terms:

6/2022 George, Ben

6/2023 John, Emil

6/2024 Patrick, Kylie

VI. Elections for Officers

George moves to keep everything as is

Unanimous vote in favor

Reports:

ADF&G

Nat Nichols- finished trawl survey for Tanner crab. Will have information available shortly regarding a 2022 season.

Public Comments

AC Comments

Deadline for proposals for the next cycle is April 11, 2022

**New Business**

Kylie- Move to adopt ACRs 6 and 7

George- second

ACRs 6 (Chignik Intertribal Coalition) and 7 (Don Bumpus)



-Written by CMA constituents with the intent of altering the June and post-June schedules for Area M fishermen

-Out of cycle proposals, allocative in nature

-Why don't they meet the criteria of ACRs?

- Allocative

Discussion:

Kylie : Not an unforeseen issue to solve. BOF took action in 2019 when it changed the Dolgoi Islands fishery, and we haven't even had a chance to see if the new policies work yet.

-The schedule was realigned so there's no overlap in fishing. Now, there is time with gear out of the water.

-No merit as an ACR, no unforeseen issues to correct.

- The Board addressed these issues very recently in the 2019 meeting.

PJ: Current schedule we are on, we've been on, with amendments, since 2004.

The Board already had a chance to change our fishery, and they did, and we haven't had a chance to see the new changes through.

Kylie: Board Policy for ACRs is that they meet the 3 requirements in the ACR policy, and these ACRs don't meet the criteria to be accepted.

- Department said it didn't meet the 3 requirements.

ADFG didn't use emergency order capability to shut down the Area M fishery, when it could have, had there been in an emergency.

The Chignik run is very weak right now, but not to the point it can't come back.

Any changes the Board makes would be allocative in nature, which goes against ACR policy.

They are trying to allocate fish from one area to another.

If it was a conservation issue (a stock of concern), the Department would have restricted our fishery this year (2021), like they did in 2018 and 2020.

Lisa: There were modifications to the management plan in 2018 and in 2020, and we didn't do anything in 2019 because we had just come out of BOF where changes had been made. And no modifications in 2021. As far as staff comments go, the department said no, it wasn't a conservation purpose or reason. Didn't meet the criteria.

Kylie: Not a stock of conservation [concern], it's an allocation issue. Nothing unforeseen has happened since 2019. The run is weak, they should have kept the weir up longer to count as many fish as possible. But the reasons for an ACR are not there. We agree with the Department that this is not a conservation issue.

Lisa: Chignik weir was pulled after it reached its late run goals. There are funding issues in the Department that hinder keeping the weir open.

-Early run is the weaker run, the concerns that we are discussing.

Jeff: The weir was pulled on a normal timing, but it had remained open longer in the most recent years because of extra funding and poorer runs.

Kylie: Is the genetic information from the Chignik weir all done after the season?

Jeff: All the in season genetic data was run after it was collected. In season genetic data (for 2021) should be available.

The run data will be reapportioned for early and late runs.

PJ: In river escapement goals have been adjusted and readjusted in recent years?



Jeff: Yes, from 25k-75k, for August and September, and now reduced from 75k-10k.

PJ: Was fishing restricted by raising the goals?

Jeff: We managed around the goal, often by increasing opportunity in July and reducing opportunity until in river goals could be met in August. But it probably did affect fishing opportunity.

PJ: What was the reasoning of reducing in-river goals?

Jeff: Mostly, the argument stemmed around subsistence opportunity for people in the [Chignik] Lake.

They could reduce the amount of fish going by, but give subsistence users better available opportunity.

Charlotte: Reconstructed Early run escapement is 20,000 less than reported originally.

Jeff: Staff will be available at the meeting to address those questions about reconstructed numbers.

Kylie (To Jeff): Has Chignik early run met minimum escapement to not be considered a stock of concern? What is the number when it's considered a stock of concern? What is the criteria?

Jeff: No, Chignik hasn't met the criteria to be considered a stock of concern. But if they haven't met the lower escapement goal (350,000) in 3 out of 5 years it would be considered a stock of concern. If we were going into a Board cycle, we'd probably declare it a stock of concern. But since it's out of cycle, they haven't considered this a stock of concern. Next summer if the lower escapement goal isn't met, it will be considered a stock of concern.

Kylie: Is there any talk of reducing the escapement goal for Black Lake? If the carrying capacity of the lake has been reduced over time, shouldn't the escapement goals of that system be reduced and adjusted over time?

Jeff: There is research being worked on right now, yet to be determined, that will address this issue. Recommendations will be on this yet to be released report available for the next Board cycle.

Kylie: I hate to see them address these issues out of cycle without all the relevant information. There's a lot of unanswered questions, if we wait for the cycle, we will have all of the information we need to make better decisions. No one doubts there are issues with Black Lake system, but we don't exactly know what they are. The Board should wait until all the relevant information is out. Our fishery, based on WASSIP data, doesn't really have that large of an effect on the Chignik fishery.

Kylie moved to support, seconded

Vote to support ACRs 6 and 7 with comments referenced

0-4 in favor of supporting ACRs 6 and 7

Adjourn 1:16 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Patrick Brown  
Minutes Approved By: Sand Point AC  
Date: 3/3/22