

Minto Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 9, 2018
Nenana Tribal Council Office, Nenana

- I. Call to Order: 11:24 am by Tim McManus, Nenana Co-Chair

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Knowland Silas (undesignated) Peter John, Flow Florance, Phillip Titus (Minto) Victor Lord, Tim McManus, Mike Carson, Conrad McManus (Nenana)

Members Absent: Candus Titus, Eric Bauchmann, Charlie Titus Jr (Minto), Steven Ketzler, Ray Stevens (Nenana)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2017 approved

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Klaus Wuttig & Laura Gutierrez (DSF); Mark Nelson (DWC); Holly Carroll* & Christy Gleason*(DCF), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
* via teleconference

- VI. Guests Present: Marv & Becky Hassebroek

- VII. Old Business: None

- VIII. New Business:

Nenana Elections

Donald Charlie was elected to fill Ray Stevens seat as he appears to no longer be interested in sitting as he hasn't made the last several meetings. Conrad McManus was voted to be the alternate for Nenana.

Proposal to be submitted for AYK BOF

Marv Hassebroek had concerns with the changes in the Winter Subsistence Chatanika Pike Fishery. He originally drafted and submitted a proposal to the BOF with his concerns at the last AYK BOF meeting. This committee supported the proposal. The board chose to pass his proposal with an amendment that there was a three-mile closure around the road. Then the Fairbanks AC submitted an ACR this year to undo this three-mile closure and institute a one-mile closure. After talking to the Division of Sports Fish, he does not think that this closure is sufficient to protect the pike that are overwintering in such a small area and he has concerns that the larger pike, which happen to be the spawning females, are being targeted. The committee did not have the funds to meet prior to the Fairbanks ACR turned proposal

being taken up and wanted to then draft a proposal to submit to the BOF for the AYK BOF meeting to help protect the wintering pike.

After thanking Marv for being concerned and attending the meeting, the committee voted unanimously to draft and submit a proposal requesting protection for overwintering pike. It was noted that people from Minto no longer go to fish at that location, called Four Cabins due to the cost of fuel to get there and that it is too heavily utilized, but they do depend on the fish in the summer that overwinter there for their subsistence needs.

Commercial Fishing Update

Christy Gleason gave an update on the 2018 winter pike fishery to date and also mentioned to members that to fish through the ice that everyone needs a permit. Even the schools, and they can get an Educational/Cultural permit.

Alaska Board of Fisheries				
Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	<small>[support/oppose/ support as amended/no action]</small>	<small>[# votes]</small>	<small>[# votes]</small>	<small>[comments]</small>
230				Allow the use of drft gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in th Yukon River Subdistricts 4_B and 4-C.
	Support	8	0	Members noted overcrowding at current fishing spot, cost of gas, travel time and stay awake time, and that many fishermen using that one area are pretty much putting a curtain across the river. Concerned about management, wanted to ensure that the department watch the numbers. Members noted the would like to see some sort of reporting or oversight from the department (department noted that have very good harvest data out of that area). It was noted that it was good that they are helping themselves by reporting. We didn't like reporting everything at first but now we are finding that it is helping us out.
231				Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon.
	Support	8	0	We heard the time that the first pulse hits the lower river is the best weather for dry fish and we want people to be able to be able to put their <i>subsistence</i> fish away that they want to, especially since Kings are touchy to dry. We want to keep the words "commercial" far away from this equation. Department noted that they do allow dip nets for commercial chum fishing. Committee wants to stress that the department does their job and manage correctly and make sure that everyone is only taking what they need.

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232				Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
	Support	8	0	<p>Committee noted that this would happen at the end of the third pulse, after escapement goals and subsistence needs have been met, so we support as long as all of those things have happened. Last year the chum commercial opening was after we had gotten all of the fish we wanted for our subsistence needs.</p> <p>We would like to note that we have fishwheels up here in the Tanana and part of our regulations is that they have to be manned to throw the kings back in in times of shortage. We do not mind doing this because we want our grandkids to fish. We ask that those participating in these fisheries remember that.</p> <p>Even though talking of commercial fishing and kings is scary we understand that everyone could use a few extra dollars for fuel and that it is not super easy to target kings with so many chums in the water.</p>
237				Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order
	Support	8	0	Based on the departments comments we fully support this proposal.

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158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	8	0	Tim commented on concern with range if the population gets too high. Mike had comment on nonbreeders (maybe ask Mark?). AC asked about when and how the pop estimate was established and how many animals were taken. A lot

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			of hunters out here and boats all over. Hard to get to get to our hunting grounds and that late season is a good time to hunt for my barren cow without all the crowds. Unanimous support
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	8	0	Permit number that were issued were asked.

Mark Nelson, ADF&G, presented data on the bull:cow ratio in GMU 20B and expressed the concerns of the department with the current trend. The committee asked what sort of solution the department was looking at. After hearing the reasoning, the committee fully supported the departments interest in reverting the bull season back to a 15 day season, and the members would like to see the closure on the last five days of the season.

Adjournment:

1:39

Minutes Recorded By: Conrad McManus with assistance from Nissa Pilcher

Minutes Approved By: Tim McManus

Date: 2/14/2018