



MID-LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 8–9, 2018

St. Mary's City Hall; 1:30pm

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: November 8, 2018; 1:40pm

ROLL CALL: Stan Sheppard, William "Bill" Alstrom, Rex Nick, Margaret Guidry, Peter Tyson; alternates: George Beans, Mathew Waskey Sr., Sven Paukan; Absent: Mildred Fitka, Basil Larson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add invocation; Alstrom motion to approve/ Tyson 2nd

INVOCATION: Sebastian Cowboy

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: January 9, 2018; Motion to approve Alstrom/ Guidry 2nd

INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Fish and Game Staff: In person:** Holly Carroll (CF); Teleconference: Jeff Estenson, Chuck Brazil, Deena Jallen, Sean Larson (CF), Jen Peeks (Boards), Pat Jones, Keith Oster (WD), Caroline Brown (SD), Walter Blajeski (AST)

- **Other Agency Representatives:** Michael Jimmy (RIT/USFWS)

- **Members of the Public/Other:** Teleconference: Cyril Okitkun (Kotlik), Kipp Baratoff (Fish People Seafood), Randy Crawford, Edna Crawford (Boreal Fisheries), Jeff Allen, Todd Shoop (International Seafoods of Alaska); In person: Gene Sandone (YDFDA), George Waskey (Mt. Village), Misa Beans (Andreafski), William Luke (St. Mary's), Erik Weingarth (St. Mary's), Clifford Westdahl (St. Mary's), Richard Alstrom (Andreafski), Aaron Elia (Andreafski), Martin Minock (Pilot Station), Sebastian Cowboy, David Beans

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY: 3 minutes per person

- Mathew Waskey (Mt. Village)- Commented that sport hunters often cut antlers into 4 sections before shipping them out. Guides are accountable for all the meat to be taken out, otherwise it ends up in the dump. He suggested that the airplane wheels be made smaller so they don't land on tundra, they do permanent damage. Considering making a new BOG proposal.
- William Alstrom (MLY AC)- Commented on the supreme court decision on the Sturgeon case. That will affect our rivers: the Andreafski, etc. When does that take affect?
- Sebastian Cowboy (St. Mary's)- Thanked the members and the young audience/ fishers for attending.
- William Alstrom- Final comments. Thanked participants. It starts with us. We are important in the process. Thanked other communities for participating. Thanked Holly Carroll. Thanked Jen Peeks. Thanked those on teleconference.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Officer Elections:**



Chair: Bill Alstrom

Vice-Chair: Stan Shepard

Secretary: Margaret Guidry

- **Member terms and expirations: Jen Peeks (ADF&G Boards) provided an update on the current MLY AC roster, term expirations, and community elections.**
- **BOG ACR update: Peeks updated that two ACRs had been submitted by the MLY AC to the BOG. BOG would be taking action on ACR during a teleconference on Nov. 16.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Board of Game Proposals:**

- GMU 18 Overview: Pat Jones (ADF&G)

Sheppard: Are you starting to see either individually or accompanied by bull or calf...I've seen them in heads? They gather up. Jones- we have been watching the same thing happen. Usually late winter early spring, there are a lot of moose.

Bill Alstrom: When you do an aerial survey...do you see a trend in the habitat and animals moving northward? Jones- we haven't started long term projects. The biggest thing we are seeing on the Yukon were from Marshall upstream: willows on islands have been hit hard. A big flood would be good. Willows 3-5 miles off the river are mostly dead...maybe from drought. Lower Yukon: willow communities are under 20% browsing. They look good.

Historically moose have moved down... moose are moving towards the coast.

- Moose and Bear Reauthorization Proposals: 133,139: *See Below*
- Board of Game: Western Region Proposals [DUE May 1, 2019](#)

Peeks provided info on Western Region BOG meeting and the proposal deadline

Board of Fish Proposals:

- Yukon Area Fishery Overview: Holly Carroll and Jeff Estensen provided overviews of the 2018 summer and fall season.

Mathew Waskey- summer chum, we do dipnet in for commercial... Is there a chance where we can fish with gillnets earlier before the peak of the run. Holly...this year was difficult. Didn't go to gillnets until July. Tracking with 2015. 2nd lowest chinook harvest on record.

Eric Weingarth- we left a lot of chum salmon go by, concerned there are over escapement. Have you considered using 6" gear for salmon?

- Yukon River Proposals- See Below
- Statewide Proposals- See Below

- **Federal Fishery Proposals –**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

Elect Bill Alstrom to attend, Stan Sheppard as alternate



Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

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
133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	5	0	<p>ADF&G provided an overview. Liberal season...most liberal in North America. Dept. recommendation is that you support this. To control we need a harvest of over 3,000...but we are way under harvesting. ADFG would like support on the antlerless moose hunt.</p> <p>Stan- % of harvest..? Is there a % of cows not bearing calves... With sport hunters are you keeping track of resident vs. sport hunters catch?</p> <p>Pat Jones (ADF&G)- Non-residence have a really small harvest...less than 30...but trending upwards.</p> <p>Eric Weingarth...increase in sale of moose horns...difficult seeing several hundred moose horns being shipped out and ADFG not keeping track of that. Would like to have it registered. I am seeing several hundred being sold. Not any enforcement out there.</p> <p>Jones- the reason we are not involved with horns...at the moment there is not a biological concern. Our harvest just isn't there...</p> <p>Mathew Waskey-Commercial marketing of big game.</p> <p>George Beans- wanton waste...Jones- we have several regulations on wanton waste and the trooper did cite several people.</p> <p>Rex Nick- about 1,000 moose were harvested...through harvest tickets? A lot of people don't fill out their harvest tickets. I think your numbers are way off.</p> <p>Jones- reminded hunters to report their harvest. At some point in the future this population will crash...and we will need to determine ANS...we look at our reported harvest and probably is low. The population is doubling every 3 years. Harvest is not a concern. Will need to get more restrictive. Right now we are riding the wave of good times...they are coming in the future and we are watching that. This is a team effort.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom-moose season goes from Aug. to end of march. We know there is an influx of moose but when you see a good size boat coming up the river with moose antlers.</p>
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	5	0	<p>Stan- I've known in the past in the summer....during fishing season. Pat- if happens when the season is closed...DLP...if its in your village doing damage...under those circumstances you are allowed to kill it. Need to report to ADFG and troopers...try to salvage the hide/ skull.</p>

Adjournment: 11:56; November 9, 2018



**Naknek/Kvichak AC Minutes
October 22, 2018
Dollies Hall, Naknek, AK**

- I. Call to Order: [7:07] by [William Regan co-chair/Everett Thompson co-chair]

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Ralph Zimin, John Wise, George Wilson Jr, Joe Klutsch, Graham Morrison,
Patricia Adel, Marc Watson, Everett Thompson, William Regan
Members Absent (Excused): Richard Wilson, Gustie Tallekpallek, Joey Klutsch, Sergie Chukwak
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence, Commercial and sport fish

- III. Approval of Agenda: John Wise made motion, Everett Thompson 2nd passed unanimous

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ralph Zimin made a motion Everett Thompson 2nd, passed unanimous

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Tayn O' Connor-Brito Board support
Travis Elison Commercial Fisheries
Lee Borden Sport fish
Jason Dye Sport fish

- VI. Guests Present:
Lorri Cockwell
James Young
Christopher Manes
Tyson Wright
Robert Hill
Pete Caruso
Eddie Clark
Chris Klosterman

- VII. Elections for AC members:



nominations opens,
 John Wise nominates Marc Watson
 George Wilson nominates Everett Thompson
 Everett Thompson nominates George Wilson
 Patricia Edel nominates Graham Morrison
 Graham Morrison nominates Patricia Edel

William Regan asks the public if anyone wishes to run, nominations are closed. William asks for unanimous consent. Ac members and public voted unanimous to keep the ac members and their designated seats.

VIII. ADF&G Staff Updates:

Travis- asked the advisory committee if he needs to go over the 2018 run summary. Everyone in the meeting understands where the season fell and how well it was for all river and districts.

Lee- He talked about the mortality rate on catch and release of kings on the Nushagak system they started and it's too early to draw up conclusions as they are crunching the numbers. He thought the mortality was somewhere around 3-8%

IX. Comments and Concerns AC Members and Public:
 No public or ac concerns

X. New Business: Discussion of minute approval for AC minutes to be submitted to the Board of Fisheries before the November 14, 2018 meeting: William made a motion George Wilson will write up the minutes and William Regan will approve them. Passed unanimously.

XI. Joe Klutch and George Wilson Jr will be at dillingham to testify
 XII. A tentative date of late January for our next meeting.

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140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, unanimous that everyone felt the exemptions was in the best interest of all

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals November 28-December 4, 2018 Dillingham, AK			
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
18	Repeal limits to subsistence fishing periods in the Nushagak District		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, members felt that discussing issues outside of your district would be an issue but for the majority we felt this issue was an area we all can come together and support as a whole for the good of the area
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
Amended	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, to support as amended to include naknek/kvichak river systems . Full support unanimous
20	Allow use of drift gillnets not more than 10 fathoms in length for subsistence salmon fishing in the Wood and Nushagak Rivers near Dillingham		
No action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, Outside our area no discussion
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, unanimous we all felt that support subsistence in any means is important to all alaskan's
22	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Egegik District at any time from May 1 through September 30		
Support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, Eddie explained the issue of subsistence users in egegik district have to wait for emergency orders to fish. Our alaska constitution states in priority that Subsistence, commercial than sport fish are listed in that order of importance. The ac member and public all agree with that.
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		



Oppose	2	7	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the regulation doesn't change anything,
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
oppose	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the fear is it would consolidate the fishery to 900 operations and that would cut individuals out of the fishery. It would create a different class of drift gillnetters. Others felt that it was a much needed change to the fishery. There will always be evolution to this fishery and this could be one of them. A lot of discussion for both sides
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
Oppose	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, similar to proposal 23 same reasons.
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear from a single vessel		
oppose	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, similar to proposal 23 same reasons.
27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
oppose	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, public feels this is a way to keep permits within the family as generations are getting older and getting out of the fishery or siblings or younger individuals don't want to participate in the fishery. This would allow individual locals to retain permits within the family. Ac members felt this is similar to drift gillnet fishers and consolidating the fishery is not warranted.
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this proposal is allocative and would create a new fishery. unanimous no support.
29	Establish mesh size restrictions for the conservation of king salmon in the Naknek-Kvichak and Ugashik Districts		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, fish and game management already puts these restrictions into EO'S so this is just clarity what they do every year.
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this proposal has been brought to the attention of the board every cycle and the concerns are still the same.
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		



support	4	3	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, early fishers like the ability to get crew and gear out in different districts and make sure everything is ready for the season. 2 abstained because they didn't understand the issue
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
oppose	1	8	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the majority felt that department has the authority to continue emergency orders late into the season if escapement was not met but everyone seen last two years that the fishing opportunities where extended into august if all systems escapement where met
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the state almost lost the whole fishery because of these types of gear
34	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, unanimous this is allocative and the proposal already got more fishing grounds the board cycle before.
35	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District near Graveyard Creek		
no action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comments
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
oppose	1	8	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, department stated they would have opened the fishery 2018 season when naknek special harvest area opened but because of the king salmon clause it didn't allow them to. The majority stated that the king salmon provision is in there to protect them and any type of fishing weather sport of commercial can't happen until escapements are met. The king salmon escapement is important to the state and locals for many reasons
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
oppose	1	8	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, most felt this would be a difficult for the department to management because of the lag of data along with enforcement as well.
38	Repeal provisions to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Wood River exceeds 1,100,000 fish and the escapement is projected to exceed 1,400,000 fish		
No action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment out of our area



39	Open the wood River Special Harvest Area to both set and drift gillnet gear after July 17		
No action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment out of our area
40	Establish a drawing system for use of the four furthest downriver set gillnet sites in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
No action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment out of our area
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the commercial fleet has bore the burden of conservation for years with both gear restrictions and no commercial openers for King Salmon. The ac sees the department managing in best interest of conservations stocks of king salmon
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, same reasons as proposal 41
43	Establish subdistricts in the Nushagak District		
No action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment, not within our district
44	Allow any remaining unharvested Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp allocation to be reallocated to the Togiak District sac roe herring fishery		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the ac did not support any changes to allocate any resources for future fishers
45	Allow unharvested Togiak District sac roe gillnet allocation to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, for same reasons as proposal 44
46	Increase the amount of harvestable surplus Togiak herring allocated to the purse seine fleet from 70 percent to 88 percent		
oppose	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, for same reasons as proposal 44
47	Adopt the Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan		
No action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, felt almost all of this management is already within departments policies
48	Modify the sport fishing season in the Naknek River drainage		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, great idea of shortening the season because it is getting into the spawning season. Others stated that these restrictions are against the locals more and more are put on ourselves to protect the resource. Much need for the health of the fishery



49	Prohibit retention of rainbow trout by nonresident sport anglers in a portion of the Naknek River drainage	
support	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
50	Prohibit guiding on the Naknek River drainage during spring from the marker at Lake Camp downstream to the marker at Rapids Camp	
No action	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, great idea but leave it for the proposer to bring to the full board in december
51	Establish a limited guide permit system between September 10 and October 20 in a portion of the Naknek River	
No action	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, department stated this creates a limited entry which the board has no authority to enact.
52	Limit the number of clients a sport fishing guide or sport fishing guide business may have while targeting trout in a portion of the Naknek River drainage	
support	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
53	Establish guide permits in a section of the Naknek River drainage	
no action	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, falls inline with our ac proposal
54	Limit the hours guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River	
support	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this is done on the kenai and works, notable in september there are a lot of boats on the river still. The locals feels like they can't enjoy the evenings with family and friends without the congested river
55	Limit the days guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River	
support	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this is done on the kenai as well, locals would really like a day any day for themselves to enjoy our own backyard. Ac members supported this proposal as a secondary option if our Ac proposals were not in support from the board of fish.
56	Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery	
support	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
57	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage	
support	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
58	Close sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River drainage	
support	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
59	Close waters to king salmon sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River drainage	



support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, same as proposal 58 that we support
60	Create a rod limit for nonresident anglers sport fishing for salmon on a portion of the Naknek River		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
61	Prohibit blocking access to sport fishing locations in the Naknek River		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
62	All sport-caught fish removed from the water in all freshwater drainages of the Bristol Bay Area must be retained		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, great idea, the mortality rate goes up and person's has observed sport fishers that want to take pictures a fish can be out of the water for a long time.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr _____
 Minutes Approved By: William Regan _____
 Date: _10-22-18_____





**Nushagak Advisory Committee
Friday October 26, 2018
Dillingham City Council Chambers**

I. **Call to Order:** 9:05 by Chairman Frank Woods

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Frank Woods III chair
Joe Chythlook Vice Chair
Dan Dunaway Secretary
Gayla Hoseth
Peter Christopher
Barbara Moore
Glen Wysocki
Curt Armstrong
Susie Jenkins-Brito
Tom O'Connor
Joe Wassily by phone Alt for Clarks Pt
Kay Andrews Alt for Aleknagik
Walter Kanulie by phone 9:25
Todd Fritze Alt
Chris Carr arr 10:15

Members Absent (Excused):

Moses Kritz
Mariano Floresta
Travis Ball

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Richard King

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: total seats 15 quorum 8

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing and hunting
Commercial drift
Sport fishing and guiding.
Commercial Set
Trapping



Hunting guide

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Dan Move to adopt Joe second

Approved unanimous

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

No minutes to approve.

V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Taryn Brito Boards

Jason Dye Sport Fish

Tim Sands Com Fish

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Gabriella Halas Subsistence by phone

VI. **Guests Present:**

Robert Heyano

Bronson Brito

Suzanna Henry USFWS

Angelo Brito

Andy Aderman USFWS

Katherine Carscallen

JJ Larsen

Janet Schlagel

Gary Kline BBNA

Izzy Ross KDLG by phone

Chris Maines BBNA

Heidi Kritz BBNA

Dee Dee Bennis

Kim Williams

Caleb Westphal

Other guests may have joined the meeting but were not noted. A sign-in sheet was posted.

VII. **Election Dillingham designated seat + 2 at large alternates:**

Dillingham seat :

Todd Fritze nominated Joe Chythlook no more nominations.

Joe Chythlook elected unanimous.

Alternates 2- 1 yr term:

Todd Fritze and Steve Perkins nominated

nominee Katherine Carscallen declined.

Kay moved to close nominations.

Todd and Steve elected by unanimous consent



VIII. Election of Officers

Frank turned gavel over to Taryn

Kay moved, Curt second, Motion approved by unanimous consent: to retain current officers of Frank Woods III chair, Joe Chythlook Vice Chair and Dan Dunaway as secretary.

Dan said he's willing to continue. Joe C said he appreciates the new AC members, its an important public process and he is willing to continue as vice chair. Frank thanked Joe and Dan for their hard work and thanks the AC and public for continued support as chair.

IX. ADFG and USFWS Staff Updates

1. Wildlife Conservation

Biologist Neil Barten not able to attend so Chair gave a short update including the need to address: 17A Antlerless Moose season and' Central / Southwest Brown Bear tag fee exemption. (BOG proposals 134, 140). Barten provided a 2 page handout summarizing the high points of Wildlife Conservation studies and activities.

2. Sport Fish Lee Borden

The harvest and effort estimates for 2018 will be available summer 2019. All indications were that sport fishing was good for most of the area.

Nushagak sonar escapement estimates: king 97,000 , sockeye 1.2 million, coho 111,000. Wood River sockeye count was 7.5 million. Plenty of fish.

Upon exceeding the upper sockeye escapement goals on both the Nushagak and Wood Rivers, 2 EO's were issued increasing the sport bag limit from 5 to 10 sockeye.

Nushagak King Salmon sport mortality study, year 2, went well and now there are 300 kings tagged and tracked- it was a good season. Very preliminary estimates of mortality for 2017 and 2018 for each year are 6.7% . Capture methods imitate normal sport fishery as much as possible. It would have been nice to study treble hooks but too difficult to get sufficient sample sizes for both hook types; so only single hooks were used. A more thorough analysis is expected before the Board meeting and a full report is planned for the meeting.

Comment: AC member expressed concern that sport fishery bag limits were increased but local subsistence fishers had to observe limited fishing time on Dillingham beaches for the period July 2-17; doesn't seem fair, does not seem to respect subsistence priority.



Comment: AC member says people from New Stuyahok found wasted jack kings on a beach downstream of the lowithla River outlet.

Comment: There have been reports of roe stripping and wasted pink and chum salmon carcasses near Portage Creek during the sport fishery; apparently people seeking bait. Troopers were notified at the time.

3. Commercial Fish Tim Sands:

Announced the Bristol Bay season summary is available, it was an all-time record sockeye run to the Bay and to Nushagak District and Wood River especially. He deferred further discussion for the proposal work.

4. USFWS Togiak Refuge Wildlife Biologist Andy Aderman:

Andy discussed the summer photo census of Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd: estimates range from low of 709 to high of 901 animals - reduced from the 1,300 to 1,400 a few years ago. Bull to cows estimated at 25/100, lowest ever estimated. Calf to cow ratio was 34/100. No collars were missed, no indications of migration. There may be a decline in productivity. Most likely the recent winters of good hunting is a main cause for the reduced population - a desired outcome as 1,300 to 1,400 were too much for the range. An old lichen coverage study estimated 48% coverage, 2017 study was 30% - the Service has concerns for depleted range conditions. Very expensive to do lichen studies so they aren't done every year.

Harvest in 2016-17 was 370 reported and 2017-18 about 100 possibly a few more. The USFWS convened the Nushagak Caribou committee earlier this fall; harvest goal was set at 150 animals, allow 2 per hunter to make it worth hunting yet distribute harvest among hunters and communities. Harvest permits may be increased depending on hunting conditions, hunter success as the season progresses. USFWS printed 550 permits, held 50 back for new communities (26) eligible to hunt this herd (Federal Regulations GMU 9 B,C, E 17) and distributed 500 permits among the original 7 villages. 350 issued to date. New villages became eligible this month of October. 10 animals known to be harvested in the Federal area and 1 in the State area to date.

Discussion clarified that same day airborne is allowed January 1- March 31 and shooter must be 300 feet from plane.

5. ADFG Board Support Taryn Brito:

Nushagak AC should develop a list of meetings they want a representative to attend for planning.

Board of Fish Bristol Bay meeting is in Dillingham, November 28- Dec 4.

On time comments are due Nov. 14.



Proposal RC 36 There is a Board Generated Proposal RC 36 to clarify special harvest areas: whether they are or are not in the commercial fishing district and addresses set netting in Special Harvest Areas. The current wording may produce unintended consequences- find it at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2018-2019/ws/rcs/rc036 BOF AI Cain BB Area and Gear SHA.pdf](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2018-2019/ws/rcs/rc036%20BOF%20AI%20Cain%20BB%20Area%20and%20Gear%20SHA.pdf)

AC agreed to take up RC 36 after addressing the book proposals.

Other meetings of interest: * Alaska Peninsula / Aleutians Feb 21-26 in Anchorage was shortened by one day. * Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Anchorage March 8-11 * Joint Boards to address AC issues and Process for adopting regulations March 21-25 in Anchorage.

Board of Game: * November 16 ACR teleconference - there may be several ACRs for 9B regarding bears. * South Central meeting March 15-19 in Anchorage.

Break 10:05-10:15

Chris Carr AC member from Portage Creek joined the meeting 10:15

X. Comments and Concerns

AC members:

Chris Carr asked to add a discussion of roe stripping near Portage and the number of proxy hunts one person is allowed to conduct for winter moose hunts. There are rumors that one person did 7 or 10 proxies last year. Add under New Business

Todd Fritze asked to add clarification of positioning wolf and wolverine with snow-go to New Business. Last winter the BOG meeting ended with unclear resolution except for the caribou portion. Todd says he hopes the AC will write a letter to the BOG.

Taryn reminded the AC that the deadline for Agenda Change Requests for the BOG is November 1, on-time public comments are due November 13 and the BOG will have a teleconference to consider ACRs on Nov 16.

Susie moved Dan 2nd Motion Carried Unanimous: to add the following items for discussion in New Business:

* Discuss a letter or ACR to the Board of Game regarding their intent last meeting, on positioning of wolves and wolverines with snowmobile.

* The number of winter moose hunt proxies one person may conduct in a season.



* Discuss apparent problem of stripping roe from salmon caught in the Nushagak and Wood Rivers.

Public:

A copy of a letter authored by Bristol Bay fisherman Randy Sandvik was circulated. The letter addresses permit stacking, boat length, quality of fish handling and safety. The letter opposes permit stacking and advocates various proposals seeking longer commercial boats citing reasons of quality of fish, efficiency, and safety.

XI. New Business:

1. Reauthorization of the 17A antlerless moose season, (BOG proposal 134)

Dan Move Susie 2nd Motion carries unanimous to reauthorize this hunt.

2. Reauthorize Central/Southwest region brown bear tag fee exemption (BOG proposal 140)

Dan move Joe 2nd Motion carries unanimous to reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemption. Dan spoke in support-this is much less burdensome and the data is still collected when the bear is sealed.

3. Address Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish proposals and RC 36.

SEE TEMPLATE FOLLOWING for actions.

12:35- 1:10 Lunch Break between action on Proposal 20 and 21.

1:12 Roll call after lunch

Quorum established Gayla, Curt and Joe initially absent but arrived within the next 20 minutes.

3:03 PM Gayla departed meeting quorum intact - as proposal 39 was addressed. One of the members attending by phone may have dropped out as well.

4:29 5 minute break before proposal 40 was addressed.

As the afternoon progressed a couple AC members departed for other obligations. Quorum was maintained.



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE TAKEN UP AFTER THE AC WORKED THROUGH THE FISH PROPOSALS

3. Discuss Stand For Salmon Ballot Measure :

Agenda item apparently added at request of AC member Gayla Hoseth who was not able to remain at the meeting to discuss this item.

Several member comments to the effect that we should not get into politics. The meeting has run long. Other comments urging support and protection for healthy salmon habitat and wildlife habitat in general.

Joe moved to take no action, Dan 2nd. Motion carries unanimous.

4. Process to approve minutes:

With some discussion. AC understands that Dept of Law wants a single person to approve minutes.

Joe Move, Chris 2nd carries unanimous to: Secretary to type minutes and submit to Chairman to review, approve and forward to Boards on time.

5. Positioning wolf and wolverines

Short discussion on Todd's impressions from some of the BOG immediately post meeting vs current regulation book. Different people have different understanding of final results. Some think the BOG dropped the wolf and wolverines with no intentions of addressing them. Others think BOG may have forgotten about the wolves etc. Others think it was BOG intent to allow positioning and one person thought a Board member said it was fine to position these animals.

Todd moved Joe 2nd- AC supported unanimously : Todd and Frank will compose a letter from the AC to request the BOG clarify their actions regarding position of wolves and wolverines with snow mobiles at the BOG meeting held in Dillingham last winter.

6. Salmon Roe stripping.

During summer of 2018 Chris found pink and chum salmon carcasses wasted with eggs removed. Some fish were taken out of his subsistence net. Others have found similarly wasted fish in creeks near Aleknagik - only the eggs were taken. Several comments from ADFG and AC that this is an enforcement issue and troopers should be notified ASAP. It was noted the Wildlife Trooper was not present at the meeting. Chris was encouraged to contact ADFG staff as well. ADFG staff will bring this to Troopers' attention.

7. Number of Proxies a person may obtain.



Rumors of one or two hunters who may have taken 7-10 moose as proxies last winter. Some feel this accelerated the early closure last winter and didn't give others a fair chance to hunt. Chris would like to see a limit. It was agreed the AC can submit a proposal next year for the next BOG cycle for Southwest Alaska.

XII. Date and Location of next meeting:

At the call of the Chair working with Boards. Keeping in mind Area M comments are due February 7. Possibly address Joint Board concerns at the same time.

Chair said the AC would like to comment Area Biologist Tim Sands for his hard work.

XIII. Adjourn 5:40 PM



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18	Repeal limits to subsistence fishing periods in the Nushagak District		
Support	15	0	<p>Susie move Joe 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Very long discussion with strong feelings on all sides. Some feel the schedule does not give them reasonable opportunity. Several public and AC say it was very irritating that Subsistence is official priority but even with the 2018 the huge run and we are limited to 3 days on local beaches. Commercial was nearly wide open and sport bag limits were increased. Current 3 day schedule is very difficult with 8-5 work schedule, add bad weather days and tide cycles limits access to Kanakanak Beach where a lot of nets are set and site competition can be significant. Do some folks fish overnight just to keep their spot yet risk getting slammed?</p> <p>Many people want to get enough fish quickly to be able to process efficiently - especially smoking drying and canning.</p> <p>Concerns expressed for potential waste if the 3 day schedule is repealed; even with 3 days nearly every year someone catches too many fish and can't get rid of them. Historically the regulation was made to address waste. There were observations that unused fish (sometimes a lot) are seen in the landfill - likely just dumped. Historically the 3 day schedule was due to problems with folks not tending nets and catching too many fish, wanton waste was a problem. 3 day is only in effect for nearby Dillingham beaches. People can go outside boundaries and fish 24/7. Some fish thrown out that are ok just because a gull picked eyes out - that's waste - the fish is often still ok.</p> <p>Going outside Dillingham Beach boundaries requires a skiff and many who fish the beaches don't have skiffs.</p> <p>Opening 24/7 might reduce crowding and site competition; folks could get their fish, get out and allow others access to a site.</p> <p>When the commercial fishery goes into the WRSHA available subsistence areas further restricted.</p>



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			<p>Waste problems are a public education and enforcement issues. With fewer Troopers and all tied up with commercial fishery its hard to get enforcement on subsistence.</p> <p>More education could help. Maybe during peak run, regulation should require permittees to remain on-site. Opponents say on-site requirement is difficult too; people just need to know how to manage their nets and sites. Waste is unacceptable.</p> <p>ADFG comment; even when some folks are warned they really don't "get it" and over do.</p> <p>It was suggested since tide cycle is known, ADFG could publish an annual fishing schedule around best tides. Problem is what constitutes the "right tide" varies by site and user; lots of disagreement on what's right. Also some years there might only be one tide in a day- it can happen for a whole week.</p> <p>What about limiting opening during daylight hours say 9 AM to 9PM, (or 7-7)? Still may conflict with tides, weather, beach access. Once ADFG tried to waive the 3 day restriction and it made some people extremely unhappy.</p> <p>Suggestion to add warnings and information about catching excess fish on the subsistence permit to help educate.</p> <p>There may not be a conservation problem but we don't want a waste problem. Need time or gear restrictions, more self policing and education; something to prevent waste. Maybe open and close similar to the commercial fishery?</p> <p>Roll Call vote.</p>
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
Support as amended	12	3	<p>Curt Move Joe 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Author spoke. Intent was to allow only under the subsistence regulations; he didn't want to unleash a Kenai situation but has experienced trying to avoid excess chum and pinks in big years when only needs a few reds or silvers. Intended for official boundaries of Dillingham Beaches ONLY - opposed to expanding up-river, operate dip nets from the beach only not from boats. Admits to trying it briefly and successfully with a small landing net</p>



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			<p>once. A way to be more selective, avoid waste of non-target fish. Smaller investment for some users. Wanted to avoid any possible conflicts with commercial, sport, other subsistence users and gear. Seeking guidance of AC on mandatory spacing - conflict avoidance.</p> <p>Others warned it is a BIG thing, almost a sport in some parts of Alaska - we don't want that here.</p> <p>AC member from Manokotak would like a dipnet option for Manokotak area. Sometimes do it already; generally objects to ANY restrictions on subsistence activities; prefer to have subsistence wide open.</p> <p>Warning this would open the activity to all Alaskans.</p> <p>What about only allowing it after July 17 when pinks are more likely an issue?</p> <p>Chums can be an issue before July 17.</p> <p>Some envisioned drifting from a boat to dip net - better than the snagging that goes on now.</p> <p>Comment supporting original language, for whole drainage and could be a low impact low waste harvest method.</p> <p><u>Dan and Barb Move to amend, Kay 2nd approved Yes 14 - No 1 to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specify Dillingham Beaches only per 5AAC.01.310(d) and Igushik, Weary and Snake Rivers upstream of the commercial fishing districts. 2. Specify dip net as defined in State Regulation: 5AAC. 39.105(24) 3. Specify Dipnets may only be operated from the beach - not from anchored or drifting boats. 4. Specify dipnets may must be operated a minimum of 25 feet from other subsistence gear including other dipnets. <p>Other commenters support concept to manage harvest, reduce set net site competition.</p> <p>Strong comment warn about attracting unwanted non local effort,</p>



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			trespass and especially crowding concerns. Final vote as amended Yes 12 no 3
20	Allow use of drift gillnets not more than 10 fathoms in length for subsistence salmon fishing in the Wood and Nushagak Rivers near Dillingham		
Support	9	6	<p>Susie Move Gayla 2nd to adopt "There can be as many as 600+ Alaska residents in the area with commercial drift boats qualified to fish subsistence, do we want that kind of effort?"</p> <p>I have advocated for this for years but not quite as this is written, we need a vessel size limit of 20 feet or less. In the fall I see some of the commercial fleet hauling box after box to the airport and I wonder what they are doing. I hear rumors and have seen nets that look up to 50 fathoms drifting near Lewis Point.</p> <p>In the 80's and earlier we drifted right out in front of town to get the fish we needed- I have never understood the prohibition - I support this.</p> <p>There was a discussion of legal personal use of commercial catch; there are no restrictions on number of fish that can be taken for PU.</p> <p>Drifting might reduce waste as people would be tending their nets and would not leave them out overnight or through bad weather like set nets.</p> <p>Concern expressed that too many kings might be taken if large vessels are allowed.</p> <p>We should be very careful, this may attract too much effort.</p> <p>"People from New Stuyahok drift anyway, we want it allowed up by our village. "</p> <p>In our discussion of dip netting we opposed drifting, why would we allow this?</p> <p>If this is allowed near the sport fishery it may cause trouble.</p>



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			I support as written to help people get their fish, so what if a few more people come.
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
No Action			Susie Move Kay 2nd to: take no action out of area. Support motion unanimous
22	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Egegik District at any time from May 1 through September 30		
No Action			Susie Move Kay 2nd to: take no action out of area. Support motion unanimous
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
Support	15	0	<p>Susie Move Tom 2nd to adopt</p> <p>One of the co- authors spoke in support: Single owners stacking 2 permits is a big departure from the original intent of the D permit designed to help a new comer, or person who lost use of a boat but has a permit, or who could not afford to put their boat in the water. The original D permit regulation designed to reduce gear in the water but give some benefit for the extra permit.</p> <p>Comment: Supporters of this proposal need to present the full history of D permits to the BOF, address economic impacts when prices were really low, runs were low, people were hurting and some folks couldn't afford to put their boats in the water or had lost a boat to break down etc.</p> <p>We don't want to be obstructionists but we want to support continuing the original purpose of the D permit when 2 permit holders had to be on the boat and one person could not own 2 permits at the same time. That extra 50 fathoms makes a big difference in catching power.</p>



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			Different co-author: I'd like to discourage permit stacking and doubling gear by single owners.
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
Opposed	0	15	Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt: We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete. We should actively oppose not just take no action.
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
Opposed	0	15	Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt: We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete. We should actively oppose not just take no action.
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear from a single vessel		
Opposed	0	15	Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt: We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete. We should actively oppose not just take no action.
27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
Opposed	0	15	Curt Move Tom 2nd to adopt:



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			AC member - An east side set netter commented : This was once legal and sunsetted and died. There is no need for this I'm opposed to it. Just trying to copy like the drift net proposals we just addressed. This has come up before and was shot down.
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
No Action			<p>Susie move , Gayla 2nd to take no action.</p> <p>Discussion It appears Levelock is trying to build a fish plant and wants easy access to fish for their plant, save transport time and costs.</p> <p>AC member inclined to support this for the village and help logistics fort them. Its a small thing but gets confusing and concerning with the allocation talk. Allocation drives management more than I expected .</p> <p>We should take action to support local efforts. Help them.</p> <p>Boards indicated that Iliamna Ac opposed this.</p> <p>Other AC members not comfortable as it might mess up current allocation plan and its far afield for most members of our local area.</p> <p>Voting on motion to take no action Y 10 -- No 4.</p>
29	Establish mesh size restrictions for the conservation of king salmon in the Naknek-Kvichak and Ugashik Districts		
Support	14	0	<p>Dan Move Susie 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Dan I support , makes it easier for the department and informs fleet. Susie saves time for the department.</p> <p>This is mostly housekeeping.</p>
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
Opposed	1	13	<p>Curt Move Susie second to adopt</p> <p>A letter from a Randy Sandvik was circulated among the AC. Letter listed points in favor and some against longer vessels.</p>



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			<p>AC member comment: current rule is archaic and I favor allowing longer boats. I recall when a 32 foot Rawson seemed huge and innovative, like a cruise ship. This restriction is no longer useful. Other AC members were very opposed, loss of vessel value, current 32 ft boats are big enough and innovations have allowed chillers, other improvements to fish quality. Look how HUGE some of the newest boats are and they are still 32 feet. Those who have the biggest boats now would be the only ones who could get even bigger boats. Bigger boats would put those with small boats at a disadvantage. Bigger boats could tend to bully smaller ones.</p> <p>This would only help the D boats.</p> <p>Set Net AC member: we have enough problems with 32 footers messing up or wrecking our set net lines, even bigger boats could do even more damage to our gear and lines - I don't want that.</p> <p>We have seen proposals like this cycle after cycle. A lot of the concerns against them are valid; "I don't think a local can buy a bigger boat now, maybe not even buy a regular 32' and get into the fishery now. I'm opposed."</p>
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Todd Move Tom & Joe 2nd to adopt This amounts to creating early season "free week" everywhere in the Bay until the 3rd Saturday in June. Fishers wouldn't have to "drop a card" (register). Currently and historically, Nushagak and Togiak have been exempted and do not have "free week". This would put the Nushagak King Plan wide open as early June is when we have had king openers if there are enough fish.</p>
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
			Tom move and Susie 2nd to take no Action



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No Action			<p>AC member from Togiak asked: last year was really late, would this have had an effect there? - ADFG said NO</p> <p>When asked if ADFG can extend by 1 day by EO ADFG answered YES</p> <p>Another AC member expressed concern that shorter closed time could hurt coho escapement.</p> <p>Vote on motion to take no action Y 13 -- N 1</p>
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	14	<p>Susie move Tom 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Several comment that this is just renaming a fish trap and fish traps are outlawed in the constitution.</p> <p>Comment: I think the arguments they make in support are invalid.</p> <p>We are getting high quality fish now with current gear.</p>
34	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
Oppose	0	13 1 abstain	<p>Susie Move Gayla 2nd to adopt</p> <p>This proposal does not address conditions for erosion criteria established by the Board in 2016.</p> <p>A Dillingham set netter who fishes the area of concerns says: because of the erosion, none of us are fishing on our leases. But I would ask the AC not to support this; this proposal will not support the criteria we came up with to determine erosion complaints.</p> <p>Another set netter using that area is opposed.</p>
35	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District near Graveyard Creek		
No Action			<p>Susie move Dan 2nd to take no Action</p> <p>Vote on motion Yes 14 -- No 0</p> <p>Discussion of use and history of the area. There is a huge erosion problem, a bank collapsed changing route of a creek. DNR cancelled a set net site and people began fishing further up the creek.</p> <p>Troopers reviewed regulations and had a different interpretation than what was being used by the set netters. Since it is Graveyard Creek, there is an upstream boundary to the commercial district vs a slough- such as Queen Slough in the Nushagak. State can't seem</p>



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			to produce GPS boundary coordinates for fishers to use.
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			Susie move Gayla 2nd to Take No Action: ADFG explained they have accuracy problems counting kings in the Alagnak and will be removing the king goal. There are already provisions for a Levelock net fishery. This special use area hasn't been used in 10 years. Vote to take no action Yes 14 -- No 0
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
No Action			Dan Move Susie 2nd take no action. Several comments that intent was not clear. Vote take no action Yes 14 -- No 0
38	Repeal provisions to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Wood River exceeds 1,100,000 fish and the escapement is projected to exceed 1,400,000 fish		
Opposed	1	13	Susie move Joe 2nd to adopt Author of proposal spoke in support: the section is ineffective, need to find better alternatives during big runs, does not follow original intent of the Board when WRSWA was formed (to protect Nushagak reds and kings), processors don't or won't buy fish up there, originally expected to provide opportunity for Igushik set netters too but they don't go up there. Suggested alternatives: allow smaller mesh in the district earlier in the season, in big years move northern boundary farther north to expand the district. Further, author objects how gear allocation has been implemented there after July 17 when the regular district allocation ends July 17.



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			<p>AC members: But this huge year even with 700+ boats and all the set nets lots of fish got through whole district and still a lot of fish were caught in the WRSHA and escapement was far over 1.8 upper goal and reached 7.5 million.</p> <p>ADFG and others noted that moving upper boundary north would interfere with subsistence users and possibly some set net sites. Others suggest alternatives would still not slow record runs like 2017 and 2018.</p> <p>ADFG noted: We think this is a useful tool to reduce escapement; in 2018 - 800,000 + and in 2017 700,000?? reds were taken in the WRSHA, several fishers have commented that by opening the WRSHA, they felt it spread out the fleet and set nets and allowed for more effective fishing for most fishers. ADFG further suggested that WRSHA is a useful tool in controlling escapement and foregone harvest. Biologist Sands discussed how he managed allocation and how he understood the regulations.</p> <p>An AC member asked about some sort of in-season adjustment to allocation set to drift as it seems the drifters have lost something. Could a sliding scale be adopted?</p> <p>ADFG noted for 2018, do the math, actually the set net fleet was shorted about 1.4 million fish.</p> <p>ADFG discussed their efforts to avoid a line fishery to improve fleet efficiency.</p> <p>Member was concerned the discussion was distracted to allocation when the proposal addresses the WRSHA; there is another proposal that deals with allocation better.</p> <p>Several comments to the effect that WRSHA can be a useful tool and should not be eliminated, it has been really good for some fishers who go up there and provides a safety valve some years. Another member hopes the Board can clarify guidelines for using the WRSHA.</p>



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39	Open the wood River Special Harvest Area to both set and drift gillnet gear after July 17		
Opposed	0	13	<p>Susie move Dan 2nd to adopt 1 (2?) member departed, meeting quorum intact. Public comment: "everything is allocative and gear allocation was adopted to make the WRSWA an orderly fishery" - before, it was chaotic with gear conflicts - supports alternating gear types. Opposed to openers with where both gear types are in the water at the same time. One member felt the fishery was ok when both gear types fished concurrently. Season to season different gears have different advantages - this year the fish were small and ran deep - set nets couldn't stop them and drifters might have caught more. Some years fish are on the beaches to set net advantage.</p> <p>Another member said 2 gear types at the same time reduces overall effectiveness of the opener but set nets can't stop the fish in there and it probably should be more of a drift fishery. He strongly supports the option of harvesting in the WRSWA , we need to find a way for gear types to share the opportunity. Public comment: we are talking about some record years here and we shouldn't change everything based on some unusually big runs. Also its a mistake to change a few things just because industry can't keep up. AC member warned some of the worst regulations come from over-reaction or panic. The allocation plan is one of them. I don't think we can fix that regulation with just another proposal. There is no way that this one change will curb over-escapement. A member expressed concern for impacts the WRSWA might have on Muklung king run.</p>
40	Establish a drawing system for use of the four furthest downriver set gillnet sites in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
			Curt move Susie 2nd to adopt



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Opposed	1	10	ADFG thought it was not legal or within Board authority. Others wondered if its legal or how it could be conducted. Comment: years past we tried to let the cannery do it, and the cannery wouldn't even go for it.
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
Opposed see recommen dation	0	11	<p>Chris Move Susie 2nd to adopt Public comment, 41, 42, 43 all address the king plan, the AC should ask the BOF to form a working group to review the whole plan and develop recommendations. Sonar equipment has changed and seems to under count kings, ADFG no longer can forecast kings, all this will take a lot of time. A working group could take the time needed and bring back to BOF at a later date. Several members agree with this idea. Susie withdraws here second " Tiny "fixes" aren't helpful. AC member Chris who participates in the sport fishery business agrees, says we're down to a 10 day season, I can't book after the 4th of July, fish are small, I get closed down too often, I withdraw my motion.</p> <p>Susie Move and Chris 2nd to: New motion to Take No Action on 41, 42, 43 and ask Board to form a working group to address the whole Plan. Motion carries unanimous.</p> <p>AC member Dan suggest we should OPPOSE 41-43, we don't want action on those proposals without a full review of the plan.</p> <p>Dan Moves for reconsideration. Susie 2nd Motion Carries Unanimous.</p> <p>Susie Move, Joe Second to oppose 41, 42, 43 and ask Board to establish a working group to review whole plan.</p>



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			<u>Motion carries unanimous</u> : AC Opposes 41, 42, 43 and recommends the Board form a working group of stakeholders for full plan review.
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
Opposed	0	11	See discussion for 41 above
43	Establish subdistricts in the Nushagak District		
Opposed	0	11	See discussion for 41 above
44	Allow any remaining unharvested Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp allocation to be reallocated to the Togiak District sac roe herring fishery		
Oppose	0	11 1 abstain	Susie move Chris 2nd to adopt Used to be very lucrative but little or no market now. We shouldn't give it away because its not used right now, keep it in case market comes back. If we can't use it, it should go to local subsistence - they have to go farther now to get roe on kelp. Frustration that processors seem to control fishery and market now. Tenders make more than fishermen. On an average season now, seiners take all their quota gillnetters take less than 20%.
45	Allow unharvested Togiak District sac roe gillnet allocation to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
Opposed	0	12	Susie move Chris 2nd to adopt The food and bait fishery keep trying to take our unused quota. It would be better to share and keep it among Togiak based gear groups than to give up to Dutch Harbor, we'd never get it back. We should look for alternate uses and markets, don't give it up.
46	S		
			Curt Move Susie 2nd to adopt



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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
Support as amended	11	1	<p>Author spoke to his proposal: there is a surplus of herring for the gillnetters that isn't taken even in their biggest recent year 2014; in 2017 15 gillnetters only took 20% of their allocation while seiners took all their allocation. I used an average of several years to write my proposal. We need to keep the fishery in Togiak vs Dutch Harbor - if they take it, we won't get it back. For the last 3-4 years gillnet has take a very small portion of their allocation - this should not hurt the remaining gillnetter(s?).</p> <p>I agree keep the harvest in Togiak it would be easier to adjust allocation among Togiak gear groups than to recover it from the Dutch Harbor fishery .</p> <p>We could g this proposal to try it out for 3 years.</p> <p>It seems like the gillnet fishery is getting phased out - I hate to see that.</p> <p>Dan I move Todd 2nd to amend the proposal from the current regulation dividing the Togiak harvest allocation of 70% seine and 30% gillnet to a harvest allocation of 80% Seine and 20% gillnet and to sun set in 3 years.</p> <p>Motion to amend carries 9-3</p> <p>Vote on amended proposal carries 11-1</p>
47	Adopt the Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan		
Support	12	0	<p>Tom move Dan 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Mostly book keeping but apparently author wants full plan in one place for reference and clarity; its too hard to find and get the full picture with the pieces scattered throughout the regulations.</p> <p>We should support it, it is a good document and should be easier to for the public to find, use, and understand.</p>
48	Modify the sport fishing season in the Naknek River drainage		



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No Action			48- 61 are out of the Nushagak area and the AC agreed unanimously to take NO ACTION
49			Prohibit retention of rainbow trout by nonresident sport anglers in a portion of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
50			Prohibit guiding on the Naknek River drainage during spring from the marker at Lake Camp downstream to the marker at Rapids Camp
No Action			
51			Establish a limited guide permit system between September 10 and October 20 in a portion of the Naknek River
No Action			
52			Limit the number of clients a sport fishing guide or sport fishing guide business may have while targeting trout in a portion of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
53			Establish guide permits in a section of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
54			Limit the hours guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River
No Action			
55			Limit the days guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River
No Action			
56			Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery
No Action			
57			Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
58			Close sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
59			Close waters to king salmon sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
60			Create a rod limit for nonresident anglers sport fishing for salmon on a portion of the Naknek River



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No Action			
61	Prohibit blocking access to sport fishing locations in the Naknek River		
No Action			
62	All sport-caught fish removed from the water in all freshwater drainages of the Bristol Bay Area must be retained		
Oppose	11	0	<p>Dan Move Chris 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Dan - I'm opposed, ADFG says studies show no detectable harm, would make outlaws out of every person who had to lift even the smallest fish out of the water to unhook, would make violators out of too many people for no biological gain. How would anglers unhook even tiny fish?</p> <p>Todd, I'm very opposed.</p> <p>Often a big part for some folks is an out of the water photo and if there is no biological harm why make them violators?</p>
RC 36	Board Generated Proposal to address upstream boundaries of commercial fishing districts.		
Action pending			See additional meeting minutes following this template.

RC 36 Board Generated Proposal to address upstream boundaries of commercial fishing districts.

Discussion:

ADFG is not fully informed but it appears to attempt to address concerns Troopers have interpreting where commercial boundaries are for in-river special harvest or management



areas of Bristol Bay. Apparently the issue came to light in the Naknek Special Harvest Area summer of 2018.

Comments:

Public - this should be addressed by a subcommittee of the AC and addressed AFTER staff comments.

There could be very significant impacts to subsistence users and regulations.

It might open entire drainages to commercial fishing - I don't think we want that or that it was intended.

We need a lot more information. The state doesn't even seem to know much about it.

MOTION: Dan move Todd 2nd to: form a subcommittee for the AC when data and more information are available on this proposal; to meet before the November BOF meeting and develop a response. Meeting to be at Dillingham ADFG office, November 26, 10 AM.

Carried Unanimous

Committee will be Curt Armstrong, Tom O'Connor, Frank Woods, Dan Dunaway.

Adjournment: 5:40 P

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway
Minutes Approved By: [Signature]
Date: 11-5-18



Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee
10/23/2018
Mi 180 Richardson Hwy

- I. Call to Order: at 7:50 pm by Chair John Schandelmeier
- II. Members Present: John Schandelmeier, Steve Chmielowski, Gary Alcott
Members Absent (Excused): Mark Schlenker, Greg Swope, Alan Echols
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: 1 ADFG (who was it?) , Jesse Hankins, BLM
- VI. Guests Present: Rich Holmsted,
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
Elections were held (and then a quorum was achieved to conduct further committee business) with the following results:
Gary Alcott and Rich Holstrom were elected for 3 year seats, terms expire 6/2021
Mark Schlenker and John Schandelmeier were elected for 2 year seats, term expires 6/2020.
Alan Echols was elected for 1 year alternate, term expires 6/19.
These were done by unanimous consent.
Officers were elected as follows: John Schandelmeier, Chair, Mark Schlenker, Vice-Chair
and Steve Chmielowski, Secretary. These are 2 year terms.

The committee then went into discussion on proposals.

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals March 21-25, 2019 Anchorage, AK			
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
22	Allow advisory committee members to discuss and vote by email, excluding actions for antlerless moose reauthorizations or emergency order closures		



Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals March 21-25, 2019 Anchorage, AK			
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
Support	2	0	1 abstain Fairbanks AC wants to use email among members about proposals and local issues. Not all of our members have e-mail, but the use of electronic mail to reach some of our members who are away or busy with their businesses would benefit by doing some of the preliminary discussion by email.
24	Add language to clarify advisory committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and modify noncompliant provisions		
Support	4	0	Allow 2 or more to call a meeting. Good. It is not just the job of the Chair to determine when a meeting is necessary.
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored.		
Support	4	0	Allow AC to sit at the table while proposals are being deliberated.
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region. This is important. The Board has a hard time remembering what specific testimony has taken place. Having advisory members at the table would allow for the position of the advisory committee to be clarified.		
Support	4	0	Allow AC to sit at table when it is affecting specific area. Members are surprised this is not already in effect. This should have been a given. The idea behind Advisory committees was always that they knew their home area better than anyone on the BOG
33	Amend the Joint Board's procedure for establishing fish and game regulations		
Support	4	0	Proposals submitted by board must be submitted by the Board before the proposal deadline, the same as any advisory or individual proposals.
34	Amend the Joint Board Petition Policy to correct a contradiction with the subsistence proposal policy		
			1 abstain – no special interest in allowing subsistence
37	Repeal the boards' Subsistence Proposal Policy		
Support	2	0	No special interest in allowing subsistence. We believe as a committee that present regulations generally cover this.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals Discussion

128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled use area description
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	0	4	We support 123 proposal only. This new proposal will cause endless confusion. What is in place now is very clear.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	2	Enough hunting pressure already. This proposal ties to predator control in our view
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	4	0	yes

We had considerable discussion on a proposal dealing with hunt pressure in Unit 13B, including the lack of quality opportunity for local hunters. The proposal we put together does away with the Community Hunt entirely and replaces it with a much simpler set of regs which allow for local opportunity while still meeting the test for “All Alaska residents being subsistence users.”

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Chmielowski
Minutes Approved By: John Schandelmeier
Date Approved: 2/20/2019



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2018
Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1800 by Michael Opheim, Chairperson
- II. Members Present: Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jordan Cameron, Stephen Payton, Allison Miller
Members Absent: Keith Gain, Bryan Chartier

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Discussion of Proposals

Comments on Joint Board, BOF and BOG proposals			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa I Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Joint Board	20	Amend the removal for cause provisions	
Support	7	0	Seems like it might make things more efficient rather than leaving a hole in our board.
Joint Board	22	Allow advisory committee members to discuss and vote via email, excluding actions for antlerless moose reauthorization.	



Comments on Joint Board, BOF and BOG proposals			
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BOG, BOF or JB	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Support	7	0	Opheim says this would be nice for times when fishing boats are out fishing and we need to vote on something without calling a meeting to order. Miller expresses concern about the precedent this sets, but A. Swick says it has been helpful in the past.
BOF	165	Allow a fishing guide vessel to de-register after registration in a calendar year	
Oppose	0	7	Concern over misuse of the proposed provision.
BOF	166	Require rockfish to be released at depth	
Support	7	0	Seems like an easy affordable fix to control wanton waste.
BOF	171	Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries	
Oppose	0	7	The priority level commercial fishing is placed at in this proposal is not aligned with our community - not at a high enough priority.
BOG	62	Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham	
Oppose	1	6	Let the population grow a bit. There is no harm in letting the herd get up to numbers so that they are able to repopulate areas they have been known to habitat in the past. Supporting comment: Felt that ADF&G had put this forward as a management decision and it seemed to provide a caveat for continued subsistence usage. Person is not a goat hunter and am not familiar with the hunt/seasons, but the proposal seems reasonable with registration for the early hunt still restricted to Seldovia in person.
BOG	61	Establish a new drawing hunt for goats near Seldovia in Unit 15C	
Oppose	0	7	The regulations for the Seldovia area goat hunt are well designed as is. Users don't feel that it should change.



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BOG, BOF or JB	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	65	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 15 from four to three brow tines.	
Support	7	0	The committee reviewed Proposals 63 – 78 and chose 65 to discuss. Of all the many proposals that deal with the moose bag limit for unit 15C, this one is most aligned with the simplicity and succinct nature of the advisory committee’s thoughts.
BOG	83	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.	
Support	7	0	The board has historically supported the department in this proposal, and chooses to do so again this year.
BOG	87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C	
Oppose	0	7	The committee wonders what the person who submitted this proposal is seeing elsewhere, because we don’t believe the ptarmigan populations are low. Where is this lady’s yard? Not enough information in this proposal.
BOG	86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15	
Support	7	0	The department must have good reason to propose it, we are in support of preservation.
BOG	91	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C	
Oppose	0	7	A lot of discussion on the different contexts between rural and more populated areas. The board does not find this proposal suitable in the diverse regions located within unit 15C.
BOG	77	Establish a drawing hunt for antlerless moose in unit 15C north of the south fork of the Anchor River	
Support as Amended	7	0	AMENDED: 50 inch, 3 brow tine



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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			Cameron amends to be sure that the new regulation follows the amended bag limit regulations we have previously supported, 50" 3 brow tine.
BOG	93	Increase the bag limit for deer in unit 8	
Support	7	0	This is a good proposal because it allows for emergency response to the fluctuating numbers of deer populations.

Next meeting December 14.

Adjournment: 1930

Minutes Recorded By: Allison Miller
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date Approved:10/24/2018



Seldovia Board of Game Advisory Committee
12/14/18
Multi-Purpose Room

- I. Call to Order: 1800
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bryan Chartier, Walt Sonen, Stephen Payton, Allison Miller

Members Absent: Keith Gain, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Jordan Cameron, Michael Opheim

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: Revisiting previously discussed BOG propositions
Proposition 61: Miller moves to adopt, Sonen seconds. Motion passes. Chartier suggests that local registrations should get first priority, and then other folks who are not here during registration should also have an opportunity to harvest goats. Suggests that there should be a dedicated number or percentage for local in-person registrations. Miller makes the amendment to Proposition 61 as follows: I move that at least 10 tags/permits be distributed in Seldovia on the first wednesday in June. Left over permits will be distributed at the Homer and Soldotna Alaska Fish and Game offices at a later date. 4 in favor of amendment. 0 opposed. Amendment adopted. 4 in favor of amended proposition 61, 0 opposed. Amended proposition approved.

Proposition 62: Miller moves to adopt. Payton seconds. Jason explains that this is a housekeeping issue in realigning hunt numbers to make the process simpler in-house. 4 in favor. 0 opposed. Motion passes.

Proposition 60: Payton moves adopt. Sonen seconds. Chartier would like to see hunting season out of the breeding season. This would allow goats to breed without interruption. 4 in support of adoption. 0 opposed.

Proposition 82: Sonen moves to adopt. Payton seconds. This committee has always approved and voted in favor of this proposition in the past. Payton and Miller remember discussion about the antlerless hunt on Kalgin Island at the last meeting, but aren't sure why the committee



didn't vote on it. Jason offers that moose population has not significantly declined on the island, so adopting this proposition should have the same affects on populations this year. As we have always voted in favor in the past, he suggests that we approve. 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

VIII. New Business: Elections

Miller nominates Cutter Grahn for a seat on the Seldovia Fish and Game advisory committee.

Chartier seconds.

Paper ballots are filled out by committee members. Votes are tallied by Miller, as followed.

Jordan Cameron, 4 votes

Bryan Chartier, 4 votes

Cutter Grahn, 4 votes

Keith Swick, 4 votes

Officers will remain the same, as follows: Michael Opheim Chair, Allison Miller Secretary, Bryan Chartier and Stephen Payton alternates.

Next meeting: Prior to March 8, specifically to discuss BOF propositions. Need to consult with other board members before deciding on a date.

Adjournment: 1945

Minutes Recorded By: Allison Miller
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim, Chair
Date: 1/25/2018