



**Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 8, 2018
Seward City Council Chambers**

- I. Call to Order: [7:03] by Chair McCracken

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Andrew Bacon, Kenn Carpenter, W.C. Casey, Mark Clemens, Dianne Dubuc, Jim Hubbard, Nathan Smith, Bob White, Jim McCracken
Members Absent (Excused): Ezra Campbell, Trent Foldager, Arne Hatch
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present: 1-10, 12

- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved by consensus of the committee

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The approval of the minutes for the April 4, 2018 meeting was postponed until the next meeting

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Jeff Selinger, ADFG
Trooper Ben Endres, AWT

- VI. Guests Present:
Kristen Bates, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA)
Jess Swett, CIAA Board representative for the City of Seward

- VII. A. Jeff Selinger began his presentation by discussing moose harvest data in Unit 7. Selinger reported 4 moose harvested in unit 7, down from 6 last year. There were also 3 sublegal moose harvested for which citations were issued. Discussion followed regarding the causes of low moose populations in Unit 7. **Selinger** stated that the low populations were due to poor quality moose habitat on the Eastern Kenai Peninsula. Members of the AC pointed out that historically moose harvests had been quite high in unit 7. Chair **McCracken** asked about appropriation of intensive management funds. Selinger stated that unit 7 was not an intensive management area due to the low harvest numbers.
Casey asked what the plan was for increasing moose populations in unit 7. Selinger stated that there was currently no plan, and cited the poor quality habitat as being the limiting factor. **McCracken** asked how low the moose population has to go before we hit



crisis levels. The discussion turned toward what the Advisory Committee could do to bring this issue forward and begin addressing solutions with ADF&G.

Selinger stated that we could draft a letter of concern, and send it through his office or straight to the Board of Game. Selinger suggested that we discuss the need to promote and increase regeneration of willow, aspen and birch in riparian areas. Since ownership of these riparian areas is mainly US Forest service, Selinger suggested that we work with that agency on effecting a habitat management plan to promote moose population.

B. Trooper Ben Endres reported no trends in illegal F&G activity. Endres reported writing a couple tickets for overharvest of salmon and a couple for over age lagoon fishing during the youth fishery. **Carpenter** thanked Trooper Endres for his presence at Kids Fishing Day at First Lake in May.

VIII. Old Business:

Kids Fishing 2018 report and 2019 outlook: **Carpenter** reported 80+ kids attended the 2018 event. Families from Yakutat, Petersburg, and Eagle River attended. There were lots of prizes distributed to participants, including: 54 rods & reels, 10 tackle boxes and 60 grab bags; with contributions from the Fish House, Kenai Cache, Trustworthy Hardware. This year prizes were given to kids who caught first fish in different age brackets.

2019 Kids Fishing will be the third Saturday in May. Carpenter agreed to chair the event.

IX. New Business:

1. Game Proposals – See vote sheet below
2. Fish Proposals – See vote sheet below
3. Joint Fish & Game Proposals – See vote sheet below
4. Authorization for committee member to travel to BoF or BoG meetings

Motion: **(Hubbard / Casey)** Authorize Diane Dubuc to travel to Board of Fish and Board of Game meetings. Passed unanimous.

X. Citizens comments- none

XI. Schedule for next meeting / future agenda items:

Dubuc proposes to discuss the Fall LCI BOF meeting—to occur in November 2018

AC Consensus is to schedule next meeting in the spring after the BoF and BoG meetings. Next meeting should also coincide with deadline for LCI proposals as well. Chair McCracken will contact board support re: proposal book publication/comment deadline



Seward AC would like to host a reception on first night of the 2019 LCI Board of Fish meeting. **Casey** proposes a subcommittee to organize the reception. Volunteers for the committee were: Hubbard, Carpenter, Smith, McCracken, Dubuc (**chair**)

XII. Adjournment at 10:07 PM (Clemens)

Item IX 1.

Alaska Board of Game 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
85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	9	
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Unit 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	9	
87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	9	
92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	1	5	Smith supported this proposal because hunting opportunity existed in other states, while Alaska served as a breeding ground for tundra swans. Seward AC opposed this proposal because the wording was vague, there is concern about the misidentification of tundra vs. trumpeter swans given the vast majority of swans in units 7 and 15 are trumpeter swans.
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for “any bull” moose in Units 15 and 7		
Oppose	0	8	Seward AC was concerned that Unit 7 could not support the increased hunting pressure this would bring about
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
Oppose	0	8	
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	5	2	Chair McCracken voted No in commemoration and recognition of former Seward AC member Billy Miller
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
Support	8	1	



Item IX 2.

Alaska Board of Fish 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
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders as follows		
Oppose	0	9	Seward AC considered proposals 161 & 162 together and oppose both proposals moving forward statewide; and would prefer instead to consider these proposals on an area-specific basis during the appropriate board cycle
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch as follows		
Oppose	0	9	Seward AC considered proposals 161 & 162 together and oppose both proposals moving forward statewide; and would prefer instead to consider these proposals on an area-specific basis during the appropriate board cycle
166	Require rockfish to be released at depth		
Support	9	0	Seward AC brought forth this proposal to promote rockfish conservation and awareness that these fish can be released safely if done properly. It was noted in discussion that charter sport fishing vessels will be required to use deepwater release mechanisms in the near future and that this proposal would require the same of private anglers
171	Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
Oppose	2	4	
172	Define “bow and arrow” as follows:		
Support	9	0	



Item IX 3.

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
13	Change the advisory committees having jurisdiction for the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay area by removing Mt. Yenlo and Denali Advisory Committees		
Support	9	0	Seward AC comments that the specific area of concern is removing jurisdiction of the above mentioned ACs from waters of the North Gulf Coast from Gore Point to Cape Fairfield, or also referred to as Eastern District, Lower Cook Inlet. The Seward AC was advised, on drafting the proposal, that Cook Inlet/Resurrection Bay was a defined 'area of jurisdiction' and it would be appropriate to word our proposal to cite that specific area.
20	Amend the removal for cause provisions		
Support	9	0	
21	Amend the advisory committee vacancy rules		
Support	9	0	

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Bacon
 Minutes Approved By: Jim McCracken, Chair
 Date: January 8, 2019



Minutes
Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting /Teleconference
Friday, Dec.7, 2018

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Carney at 2pm

- 2 new members were elected to the committee – Ruby Egrass and Gail Vanderpool
- Bad weather may cut some of us off – if so, please call back.
- We have a lot to accomplish - 4 meetings to make comments on /1 BOG, 2 BOF, & 1 Joint Boards, so members of the public, when recognized are limited to 3 minutes to speak.

The Roll Call & Quorum

Due to bad weather for air access to meeting, only Doug Carney and Frank Egnaty were present, along with some community members. All others participated telephonically.

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer & Fred Bobby attended /also Faron Bobby - alternate
- Stony River – David Bobby & Charlie Gusty were absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney & Frank Egnaty were present
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & Ruby Egrass were present / also Gail Vanderpool – alternate

Quorum was met, with 6 out of 8 members attending . 2 alternates also attended.

Others Attending - (all telephonically)

- Josh Peirce, Area Biologist / McGrath
- Nissa Pilcher ADF&G Boards Support / Fairbanks
- Georgetown Traditional Council members – Rebecca Wilmarth / Red Devil, Katy Wilmarth, Meredith Witte(?), & Will Hartman / Anchorage
- 5 Sleetmute community members attended in person. Sandra Greger, Margaret Murphy, Madison Mellick, Susan Hubbard, Taylor Hayden.

Members' Concerns - Chair

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting?
 - 1 - BOF Statewide proposals 161,162, 163, & 164 have been added toward the end of the agenda.
 - 2) - Fred Bobby wants to talk to SHAC about a bear pred. control proposal for the Lime Village area. (This was on the agenda at the last meeting, but Fred was unable to attend.)
- Any proposals to comment on besides the ones listed ?- None
- Anything for future meetings? Nothing brought up.

Approval of Agenda –*Approved*

Approval of Minutes – Reading of the minutes from the SHAC meeting of Sept.19 &20, 2017 were deferred until the next committee meeting.

Fred Bobby - Bear control program needed in Lime Village area
Discussion -



- **Fred** - *Folks up there are having bear trouble. Fred's smokehouse had the whole back torn off by a bear, and fish eaten. Fred's wife had run into a brown bear as she was entering the washeteria in Lime. Folks are armed whenever they are walking or riding around within the village. But the bears are savvy and run in the brush when they detect humans nearby, so people seldom get a shot at them. Predator control along the Stony River, from Stink Creek to Can Creek would do the job.*
- *Gail V. – Fred lives there and knows what's going on in that part of GMU 19, we need to support him. Members & other attendees voiced agreement.*
- *Fred the bears are looking for calves*
- *Rick – agreed with Fred*
- *Josh – are they brown or black bears?*
- *Fred – mostly blacks*
- *Barb asked Fred, what time of year would be best?*
- *Fred - In Spring, as soon as they leave dens & before fishing season.*
- *Josh – Springtime is the best, when there are no leaves and calving cows draw bears in.*
- *Doug –*

The committee voted unanimously to have the Chair & Fred write a proposal and get it to BOG before the May, 2019 deadline for 2020 Region 3 proposals.

Josh Peirce

- Had emailed a printed version of his power point presentation to SHAC members & there were some hard copies at the meeting.
- Went over the spring twinning survey and the Nov. 2018 composition count, as well as comparing calf:cow & bull:cow ratios to past years

BOG proposals discussion & votes made included the following –

- The 19A predator control program will be up for renewal in 2020. ADF&G will have a proposal to renew - support was asked for and given unanimously .
- ADF&G will make a proposal for the same “meat on bone” requirement throughout GMU 19 & 21A & 21E, which got unanimous support from SHAC.

Doug Carney

BOG Meeting / March 15-19 Southcentral / Anch. / comment deadline - March 1

19A moose hunt proposal 127 (was deferred proposal 165 from the March, 2017 BOG meeting), with the list of SHAC amendments, which was voted on unanimously. SHAC amendments were simplified but retain the hunt conditions recommended from last years' BOG meeting. (see comments)

Joint Boards Meeting / March 21-25 / Anch./ comment deadline - March 7 / Proposals to consider – 3, 4, 5, 12

For Proposals 3,4 & 12 -proposal discussion and votes are included in comments.

Proposal 5 discussion was lengthy, and has been saved in a document - which can become an RC, if BOG wants that information.Vote & reasons are in comments.



Barb Carlson

BOF Meeting / Jan. 15-19, Arctic, Yukon, & Kusko Finfish / Anch. / comment deadline – Jan. 2

- Fisheries update / lead discussion and explained proposals to committee

- Proposals to consider – **107-** dipnets (**108 & 112**) / **105 & 111** – mesh size / **113 & 114** –relax early gillnet closure / **109, 110, 115, 116, 117** – opening or closing areas to gillnets / **118, 119, 120, 121, 122** sportfishing regs.

BOF Statewide Meeting/ March 8-11 / Anchorage / comment deadline – Feb.20

- Proposals 161 & 162 - reporting salmon catch in a more timely manner, including subsistence caught fish.
- 163– dealing with wanton waste of non-salmon species
- 164 – dealing with wanton waste of Sheefish

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
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support as amended	6	0	<p><u>SHAC supports Proposal 127 with SHAC amendments, for a limited, experimental registration moose hunt in the closed area of 19A in Fall, 2019.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nov., 2018 comp count showed a good bull: cow ratio and an OK calf: cow ratio when compared to the count in Nov. 2017. • Enough years have passed to see the effects of the bear control program, with a greater # of mature cows having calves. <p>There was not much discussion required about 127, since it was discussed at length as proposal 165 at the Sept 19-20, 2017 SHAC meeting. One change made, was the dropping of proxy hunts, to require antlered bulls rather than any bull. Those meeting minutes and SHAC recommendation list from that meeting can become RCs for the board’s use.</p> <p><u>Note –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of proposal 165 / 127 says that permits would be issued at the store in Sleetmute. • SHAC opposed / opposes that, and offered the tribal council office as its and the tribal council’s preference, with the area biologist issuing permits. • Also, the store / Hill Enterprises is no longer a license vendor.



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			<p><u>SHAC Amendments to 127</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit holders can't apply for, or hold any other moose permit in the Kuskokwin River drainage • 5-day opening Sept.1-5 • Permits issued within the hunt area in July (<u>similar to RM615 in GMU 18 & RM650 in 19D</u>) • Permits must be applied for in person • Up to 75 permits for <u>any antlered bull</u> may be issued / 30 permits the 1st year – to insure herd growth. • 1 permit per household • Hunt reporting must be done within 15 days of season closure • If the 2-year average bull: cow ratio drops below 35 bulls: 100 cows the hunt area will close • If moose numbers drop below the ANS - the area will return to a closure rather than go to a Tier II hunt. <p><u>Some background on the 19A hunt closure</u></p> <p>The 2006 moose closure originated with the four village councils in the area, (Lime Village, Stony River, Sleetmute, and Red Devil), and some members of the "Old" Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee, (CKAC). This course was taken after watching the continuing moose population dive during the two, (2004-2005), registration hunt seasons. At the 2006 Region 3 BOG meeting, BOG voted to make eastern 19A a closure area, and western 19A was put into Tier II. There was no harvestable surplus in the closure area at that time.</p> <p>CKAC members from Stony River and Sleetmute wanted a closure on moose hunting, with any future harvestable surplus to be used to build the herd rather than having a Tier II hunt. Those 2 villages along with Red Devil & Lime Village are the 4 villages that SHAC now represents.) These 4 village traditional councils made resolutions in support of this closure.</p> <p>Since the closure went into effect in Fall, 2006, the SHAC Chair and the last 2 biologists have been making a list of hunt condition options to include in any future hunt opening. These are listed as amendments in</p>



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			<p>the comments section on Proposal 127.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nov. 2016 & Feb, 2017 survey results have not led to any movement in these villages for an opening. At the March, 2018 BOG meeting in Dillingham, SHAC opposed proposal 165 (127) to open the closed area for a moose hunt. • The November, 2017 composition survey showed very low ratios – 34 calves: 100 cows & 36 bulls: 100 cows – a huge drop from Nov, 2016, and on the lower end of allowing for herd increase. • The Nov.2018 comp. count showed better ratios compared to 2017 – 40 calves: 100 cows & 52 bulls: 100 cows, shows acceptable calf; cow, and excellent bull: cow ratios.

Adjournment: 5pm, Dec. 7, 2018

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher & Barb Carlson
Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney
Date: 12-15-2018



Called to order 11:00 am Moses Kritz

Roll call, Present: Kenneth Nukwak, Norman Gloko, Moses Kritz, Frank Logusak, Joe Alexie, Roger Wassillie, Thomas Dock, Lester Moore, Mickey Sharp, Darren Byayuk, Stan Nanalook Jr. Jimmy Coopchiak.

Dan N started taking notes of the meeting starting from number VII after election of officers.

VII: ADF&G Up date by Jason Dye – radio tags, catch and release data re: sport fishing, and enforcement. 2017 report ready and 2018 report will not be ready till next year for chinook salmon. Questions asked about chinook salmon re: sport fishing in all areas of Bristol Bay Boundary closure in the Togiak district were there catch increase or decrease? High seas catch was questioned

Set net sites on the west side vs east side of Togiak bay

Sport fishing should close as fishing is closed for commercial fishing

Manokotak asked about sport fishing about chinook open with no closer

Proposal for board of fish in 3yrs missed this year

Question on Yellow fin sole

Joint board meeting March 07,2019 in Anchorage

May of 2021 proposals for Bristol Bay

Moses requested break

12:37 called back to order

VII: No update on musk ox overview report not seen to date

1. Form committee H
2. Feasibility study H
3. HWhere to transplant
4. Habitat

Requested to put on next meeting agenda

VIII: Kenneth Nukwak asked about hunting wolves, control of wolf population, predatory control of wolves also to be put on January meeting agenda

Aerial survey moose population east and west side including Klukuk east towards Manokotak and west towards Togiak to protect moose from predatory wolves



Also asked by Kenneth was what can Togiak advisory do to help Manokotak

Proposals:

Proposals: 30, 31, 33, 44, 45, 46, and 62 were all opposed by Togiak AC

X: 1) Frank Logusak motioned seconded by Jimmy Coopchiak to reauthorization of the 17A antlerless moose season, and the Central/Southwest region brown bear tag fee exemption

Game Proposals 134 and 140 supported unanimously

Dated and time of next meeting January 2019

Adjourned 1356 hrs

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line and a large, circular flourish.



**Tok Cutoff / Nabesna Road Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 2/27/2019
Meeting held at Slana School**

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 by Ernie Charley

- II. Roll Call: Amanda Abraham
Members Present: Ernie Charley, Cole Ellis, Robert Herrington, Bill Horner, Eddie Green, Amanda Abraham
Members Absent (Excused): Christy Ellis, Wayne Shafer, Keith Webster
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda: Ernie Charley

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: n/a

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins from Glennallen ADF&G, Jeff Wells and Jeff Gross from Tok Fish and Game

- VI. Guests Present: James Abraham, Victoria Rego

- VII. Old Business: n/a

- VIII. New Business:



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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
128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Oppose	0	6	Oppose the admitted proposal as is. Support the original Clearwater Creek proposal 123 as it was written.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	4	Oppose hunting cow moose even though current proposal would not disrupt the current bull moose cow population.
141	Reauthorize the resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	6	0	Support proposal as is.

Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Proposal discussion

28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		
Support	6 for	0 against	We agree that the advisory committee should be at the table and apart conversation and the deliberation on their proposal. It would give the advisory committee true voice in what is happening to their proposal.
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region		
Support	6 for	0 against	We agree that the advisory committee should be represented at the table when there are proposals presented that affect their region. They need to be able to represent their community and know and voice how their community will be affected.

Adjournment: 6:54 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham
Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley, Chair
Date: 2/28/2019



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On 3/1/2019, the Tyonek Fish & Game AC discussed and voted on Board of Game Proposal 146, to change the bag limit for Tier II moose hunts to any moose, and establish a resident antlerless moose drawing hunt in Unit 16B. With 6 of 9 committee members present, the committee unanimously voted to support this proposal. (6-0-0) It is the belief of the committee that the data provided by ADF&G indicate the availability and need for this additional harvest.



Whittier Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2019 at City of Whittier Council Chambers

Meeting was called to order by the Chair Jon Van Hyning at 1:08 pm.

(Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)

Members Present: Jon Van Hyning, Ric Vrsalovic, James Norris, Gordon Scott, Huey Mason, II

Members Absent Excused: Steve Aberle, David Goldstein, Milton Stevens, David Pinguoch,

Members Absent Unexcused: Brad Von Wichman, Mike Durtschi

Introduce Fish and Game staff present. Charlotte Westing via teleconference, Sherry Wright

Public present: Dan Wright

Minutes of February 10, 2018 meeting were approved by the Chair.

Public testimony - none

Old Business – There was some discussion about BOF meetings.

New Business

The committee started with comments on Southcentral Game Proposals while our biologist was on the teleconference.

Charlotte Westing started with an update on deer population.

Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposal Discussion

Prop 57

Charlotte gave some background on this proposal. There's not enough information in the proposal to explain what the proponent wants this to do. No action.

Prop 58

There is an antlerless moose hunt under Federal regulations only. No action.

Charlotte updated the committee on the black bear population in the Sound. They collared 20 bears and have subsequently collared more bears and moving into the analysis portion of the study.

She has been able to fly goat surveys and seeing good numbers for the most part. This year there were fewer kids count from previous years in the area near Whittier.

Select an AC rep for the BOG meeting March 15-19. -- No rep

Prepare comments on Statewide finfish proposals, if any

Jody Mason brought up a discussion of Modern Recreational Fishery Act that became law on January 2nd which gives the states more control over federally managed fisheries in their area. It will take several years to unfold and develop. In sport fishing, this will primarily affect halibut fishing.

Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposal Discussion



Prop 161

This basically adds subsistence and personal use for more timely reporting. If it would help in management, committee would support. If added sport fishing others would support, so everyone had the same reporting requirement.

Amended to include all fisheries 3-2 Support

Final vote 5 - 0 Support as amended

Prop 162

Whittier fish are mostly hatchery fish, but there is interest in getting good timely information for all fish harvested. Similar to Prop 161, timely harvest information is good for management.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 165

This proposal makes no sense.

Final vote 0-3-2 abstentions don't know enough about it for vote. Opposed

Prop 166

This has already been approved as going into effect January 1, 2020. We approved the original proposal. No action

Jon Van Hyning made a comment that thornyhead rockfish don't have a swim bladder so they are not affected by the pressure when released; however, they are still considered a rockfish that must be retained for commercial bottom fishing. This would have been a good proposal for statewide finfish and he would like to see this issue resolved.

Select an AC rep for BOF meeting March 9 – 12 Jody Mason (parking only)

Joint Board Proposal Discussion

Prop 12

There is no definition of demarcation by using the term geographic area. Not sure what she is trying to accomplish. Many people have local knowledge because they harvest from another portion of the state than they live. Local members of the public have the ability to determine who serves on their local advisory committee. Processors also should have a say in how the fishery is managed.

Final vote 0-5 Opposed

Prop 15

If an AC is inactive, why should Fish & Game be forced to activate them just to get an opinion for emergency closures?

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 17

This cleans up the regulations.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support



Prop 19

This would simplify the process for committees who are experiencing trouble getting a quorum.

Final vote 5-0 Support

Prop 20

This proposal cleans up the regulation and goes hand in hand with what Proposal 19 asks for.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 25

This removes redundancy and is housekeeping.

Final vote 5-0 Support

Prop 26

Some believed this would save time and money. Others felt putting a Joint Board meeting at the end of either a Fisheries or Game meeting would over tax board members. They are highly focused during either of those meetings. It would also depend on how many additional proposals there were. There are too many if's in considering this proposal.

Final vote 0 – 4 – 1 abstention because doesn't understand how it would work. Opposed

Prop 28

Like the concept, but think the Board will not like it. This would have been beneficial at some recent meetings and often the Board is unaware of varied aspects of what a proposal will do on the ground. The Board currently has the ability to call on Advisory representatives, but having a presence at the table would make it easier for Board to call on them.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 29

Sometimes there are proposals from others that do affect our area, and having the ability to provide information would be helpful. Regardless of either Prop 28 or 29, the AC must have the ability to have a member present when Board and staff are in closed consultation. AC representatives should not be excluded from the sanctuary area, as often staff and board members are meeting during deliberations there as well and should be included in those conversations.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 30

It would be good for the sponsor to have an opportunity to testify. There is a lack of balance and transparency with staff and public at the worksession.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 33



Some of this issue also occurs with last minute department comments on proposals. Board generated proposals seem to occur with department consultations during the board meeting. These should have been submitted by the deadline to allow for full public and advisory committee review.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 38

The problem with PWS Shrimp was it was taken off the books and it took 10 years of fighting after the shrimp rebounded because a commercial fishery regulation had to be created. Where this might work for razor clams, it also could work against it and be difficult to re-open. Support believes that emergency orders shouldn't go on forever – it should be revisited.

Final vote 1 – 4 Opposed

Select an AC rep for JB meeting March 21 – 25 – Jon Van Hying

Statewide Stocking plan comments, if any – no comments

ELECTIONS were held with the following results

Huey “Jody” Mason and Gordon Scott were re-elected for three-year terms to expire 6/2021. Milton Stevens and Brad Von Wichmans re-elected as alternates for one-year terms to expire 6/2019.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next regular Whittier Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting will be an election meeting with date to be determine.

Minutes taken by: Jim Norris

Approved by Chair Jon Van Hying

Date Approved: 1/9/2019