

Minutes Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wed, April 3, 2013, 11:00 am

Subsistence Building

Chignik Lagoon, Alaska 99565

Teleconference meeting was brought to order at approximately 11:05AM by Chair, Jacob Shangin

AC members present:

Alfredo Abuied, Chignik Lagoon
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Don Bumpus, Chignik Lagoon
Rodney Anderson, Chignik Lagoon

AC members attending via teleconference:

Marvin Yagie, Perryville
Pat Kosbruk, Perryville
Boris Kosbruk, Perryville
Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay, Chair
Noah Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay

AC members absent:

Alvin Boskofski, Chignik Lake
Don Lind, Chignik Lake
Harry Kalmakoff, JR., Chignik Lake

Agency staff:

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Boards Support Section, Southwest Regional Coordinator
Wayne Donaldson, ADF&G
Mark Stichert, ADF&G
Trent Harthill, ADF&G
James Jackson, ADF&G
Todd Anderson, ADF&G

Charlie Russell, ADF&G

Guests:

Aaron Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Peter Bumpus, Chignik Lagoon
Dean Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Clem Grunert, Chignik Lagoon
John Jones, Chignik Lagoon
Derrick VanWinderghden, Ivanof Bay
Bruce Barrett, Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association staff
George Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Gene Anderson, Chignik Bay
Gayla Woods, BBNA

A quorum was established with 10 AC members present and 1 alternate serving, for 11 total, 3 members absent

1. Approval of Agenda

Noah/M, Don /S

Question called by Steve

Motion to approve agenda passed 11-0

2. Approval of Minutes

Rodney/M- motion to bundle minutes for Jan, 21 and Feb 20, 2013 and approve. Noah/S asks for unanimous consent.

Motion Passed without opposition.

3. Introductions- ADF&G staff and guests

4. Perryville and Chignik Bay updates on advisory Committee representation:

Susie informs AC that Perryville and Chignik Bay have elected AC members recently. Results are as follows:

- Pat Kosbruk, Perryville
- Boris Kosbruk, Perryville
- Marvin Yagie, Perryville
- Ben Allen, Chignik Bay

Also, Chignik Bay is still attempting to fill remaining 2 vacant seats. Will keep AC posted on progress.

5. Staff Reports:

Department staff gives summary of recent P-Cod pot fishery that has just wrapped up in Chignik. Season length was similar to last season being approximately 2 weeks in length. 19 vessels participated, down 5 vessels from the previous season. Also, quota went over by approximately 146,000 lbs and will be carried over to the jig quota for 2013.

Department also fields a couple of questions from public.

6. New Business:

- Board of Fisheries-Chignik Finfish call for proposals, statewide King and Tanner Crab call for proposals, deadline April 10th, 2013.
- (a) Western District to open concurrently in June with rest of Area L providing escapement is satisfied. Bruce Barrett (CRAA) reads proposal for AC to consider. AC member asks the Department how Western District is currently being managed. Department explains that under current management, old tagging studies and the presence of transient fish are considered, but as per WASSIP, Chignik stocks are predominate. A member of the public adds that SEDM and Dolgoi Island in Area M are fishing on Chignik bound sockeye which predominate in those fisheries during same time that the proposal is asking for a Western District fishery for June, per WASSIP. Another member asks if the department has noticed any migration pattern changes due to excessive run-off from warming climate. The department does not notice anything out of the ordinary.

Alfredo/M to adopt language presented and submit under the Chignik AC as written, Noah/S seconds.

Discussion: Some AC members weigh in on regulatory markers within Chignik Lagoon being moved concurrently when proposal is in effect, but AC does not amend language. Consensus is to take up existing regulatory markers under a different venue.

Question called by Steve

Motion carries 11-0 with no opposition.

- (b) Ben Allen mentions possible proposals pertaining to P-Cod citing Chignik's small boat fleet, weather challenges, safety, and length of recent seasons. He recommends looking at a 30 pot limit, daylight-only hours for fishing and quota roll-over for clean-up fishery in the fall. This stirred various comments from AC members reflecting Chignik's history for asking the Board for changes **every** board cycle, mostly from long standing participants in the fishery. Chair declares that he does not see any consensus on the matter and recommends if anyone has a specific proposal in mind, to submit to the AC prior to the April 10th, 2013 deadline or submit on their own to the Board of Fisheries. A member of the public recommends that the author of the proposal to be prepared to defend the proposal at the Board of Fisheries meeting next winter. Susie Jenkins-Brito (Board Support staff) states that once a proposal is submitted that it automatically becomes property of the Board cannot be withdrawn.
- (c) Rodney/M to write a letter to the Board of Fish asking them to be considerate when scheduling Chignik meetings during winter fisheries. Alfredo/S

Discussion: Many AC members claim they would like to participate and attend more meetings, but are unable to while fishing crab and/or groundfish. Consensus is to ask the Board of Fisheries Chair to consider winter fisheries while scheduling meetings.

Noah calls the question.

Motion passes unanimously

Chair, Jacob Shangin asks AC members to volunteer to form a sub-committee to craft a letter to satisfy the Motion. Alfredo, Rodney, and Don will work with Aaron Anderson to create a letter to be approved by the AC in support of the above motion.

7. Old Business:

Review Board actions from AK Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Finfish Meeting 2013.

Susie recounts Board of Fisheries actions taken at recent meeting.

An AC member asks department staff to send them a copy of transcripts of when groundfish regulations were implemented for Area L. Department and Boards Support staff will gather information.

8. Date and location for next meeting:

Chignik Lagoon 3rd week of August. 2013.

Meeting adjourned approximately 1:15PM