

False Pass Advisory Committee  
Minutes

February 7, 2013

Attendance in False Pass

Ken Parker, Monty Chitty, Tom Hoblet and Shane Hoblet

Fish and game Kodiak

Mark, Wayne Donaldson

Fish and game Palmer

Lem Butler

Pauloff Harbor

Billy Dushkin, Arlene Gunderson, George Gunderson and Ben Mobeck

Also Ken Smith

Call meeting to order at 2:12 pm

Minutes of last meeting deferred until next regular meeting

Ken S. moves Ken P 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ask Mark S about P.cod repeal SAAC 28,577 Mark says need to draft some language to help proposal.

Billy D says the sector split is not working. With the price of fuel and having to store 60 pots, that are worth \$1000 a pot, gear tends to go missing. Tom we need to strike language and provide substitute for paragraph 8 management plan.

Mark signed off

2. Board of game

Proposal #52 no comment, #54 no comment, #56 how does the board stand? Board has not weighed in yet

Public safety, Monty says availability of a hunter to shoot a problem bear if other hunters are not in town

We support this unanimously. #57 expand from 2.5 unanimous support. Board- do not adopt. #59 max

permits allowed 16. As residents we would like to see more bear taken off island. We can issue more permits

than that or maybe remove cap. Strongest argument for more bear to be taken is a caribou issue with

predation by bears. Question was asked how often do bears swim across the Pass. Was a few comments

made as to who seen bears swimming. Where was there bear control before that helped the caribou

population? They said in McGrath they successfully moved bears just before calving season. Ken P says need

to take sows and cubs. They say hunters don't like to take them. Billy D mentioned he saw 28 bears on one

tide, the bear population is out of control. Billy also mentioned about bears in town when the ferry is in

town. Tom asked do we need to put in a number or just say increase? There should also be room to put in for residents to hunt bear also. Lem says we shouldn't have to put in a number. Comments were made for 50/50 for local residents. Lem says unfortunately we cannot discriminate between local resident and state resident. Monty says maybe 30 tags, it would be one tenth the population. Bears are so over populated that they even swim to Popoff Island. Tom and Ken P says 50/50. Lem says its usually 60 residents/ 40 non-residents. Lem mentioned of new hire Dave Crowley to take over in King Salmon in March sometime. Are you taking this to the board? Yes Proposal #119 No coyotes here. Proposal # 121 0 support , 4 oppose proposal #122 4 support 0 oppose Lem signs off. Need it on record for proposal to be sent out, to open state p-cod season 7 days after federal season Ken S. moves ken P 2nds, all in favor. Proposal #160 no comment Proposal #161 4 support 0 oppose Proposal #162 4 support 0 oppose Proposal #163 no comment Proposal #164 neutral Proposal #165 no action Proposal #166 no action Proposal # 167 no action Proposal # 168 4 support 0 oppose comments on this was 50% of federal tac was taken by pot sector and 50% of that was taken in state waters. Percent taken by state pot sector for following years 2003 was 68%, 2004 was 70%, 2005 was 65%, 2006 was 43%, 2007 was 39%, 2008 was 42%, 2009 was 42%, 2010 was 56%. Never has the trawl sector taken more than the pot sector. But when the trawl did increase the pot decreases. What causes this? Some fishermen have both pot and trawl permits. Seems that alone would be a reason to increase pot. Federal season percents 2007 was 21% trawl, 23% pot, 2008 was 22% trawl, 31% pot, 2009 was 11% trawl, 36% pot, 2010 was 9% trawl, 50 % pot 2011 was 10% trawl 56% pot. Is this

enough support to take to board? Proposal #169 4support 0oppose Proposal # 170 4 support 0 oppose  
Proposal # 171 and #172 need to amend before we can support no action Proposal #'s 173 174 175 176 177  
178 no action Proposal #'s 179 180 and 181 0 support 4 oppose because the wassip study says 1% of fish,  
they don't know where they are going. Proposal #182 0 support 4 oppose Would like to see #'s , what was  
caught and what was predicted. Don't need that in place, would not get anything back. Proposal #183 0  
support 4 oppose same reason as before wassip study Proposal #184 no action Proposal # 185 no action  
Proposal #186 4support 0 oppose creates more fishing area Proposal #'s 187 and 188 4 support 0 oppose  
fishing in daylight hours Support in concept but may need more time. Proposal #189 4 support 0 ooppose  
need more time for sure, never seems to be enough time. Proposal # 190 no action but support in concept.  
Proposal #191 4 support 0 oppose To much area open and took all the fish, there was none for the fall  
season. Managed poorly. Proposal #192 0support 4oppose need more information of past history on this  
fishery-taking opportunity away from fishers. Proposal #193 4 support 0 oppose just clarify where line is  
Proposal #194 no action Proposal #195 0 support 4 oppose this much open area may deplete stocks.  
Proposals #'s 196,197,198,199,200, 201,202, 203, 204,205 no action discussion on wassip study as being  
interesting reports in there. Proposal # 206 and #207 if study shows there are Urila bay fish then we will  
support. Proposal #'s 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214 all no action. Was discussion on who would be  
able to to meeting in anchorage from February 26<sup>th</sup> to march 3<sup>rd</sup>. Was decided Ken Parker would go if his  
boss says he can. Next meeting set for mid April attentively. Adjourned 5:05 p.m.