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**King Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, February 10, 2012@10:00 AM**  
**King Cove Harbor House**

**RECEIVED****1.Call to Order**

Chairman Grant Newton called meeting to order at 10:00 AM

**MAR 14 2012****BOARDS  
ANCHORAGE****2.Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Grant Newton  
Kenneth Mack  
Edwin Bendixen  
Bill Sager  
Corey Wilson  
Joe Hogan  
Gary Mack

**Members Absent:** Alvin Newman  
Warren Wilson

Harbor Master and other interested Members of the community were present. Mark Stichert, ADFG Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula Groundfish/Shellfish Management, teleconferenced. Members of False Pass and Sand Point communities also teleconferenced.

**3.New Business**

Mark Stichert had sent graphs and text reflecting historical Western Gulf P-Cod catches by gear. Joe Hogan supplied data reflecting the 2012 sector split % as a comparison and informational data regarding % for the A and B seasons. It was pointed out from this data that the 2009 and 2010 WGOA P-Cod harvest was dominated by the pot catches as compared to trawl catches. The majority of the participants at the meeting were pot fishermen that were sitting idle because of the new federal sector splits. Melvin Larsen from Sand Point pointed out that the new CDQ owned pot boats were unfairly competing in the fishery as well as an increase in harvest from boats that normally fish the small boat Bering Sea quota.

Ken Mack made a motion to submit a proposal to the state for an increase to 50% of the federal WGOA TAC to be put in the state waters pot and jig fishery. Gary Mack seconded. Discussion followed regarding the effects this would have with decreases in trawl sector quotas as well as sea lion A and B seasons that presently do not effect the state cod season. The question of

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what the effect might be for an increase in participation in Area M state season of non local boats because of the larger state quota was also raised. Motion Passed: 4 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

There was discussion regarding the opening date of the Area M tanner crab season which is January 15. Regulation forbids any participation in the Federal WGOA p-cod fishery 14 days prior to the state tanner crab season for boats registered to fish in the state crab season. This eliminates the opportunity to fish cod prior to the crab season. There was a consensus at the meeting that a January 5 opening date would work for the processors as well as give more opportunity to Area M crab fishermen to have more fishing opportunity in the WGOA pot sector split for p-cod. Area M tanner crab board cycle will not allow for a proposal to be heard in 2012. Ken Mack requested Mark Stichert to send a copy of the agenda change request so that the AC committee might review its parameters.

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Grant Newton pointed out proposals that would be heard at the March 20-23, 2012 Misc.shellfish board meeting. Proposals 352/353 regard opening new area within Area M to scallop fishing. The committee voted 5-yes, 1-abstain to oppose these proposals citing the concern for the protection of crab stocks in Area M. Proposal 355 seeks to enact commercial octopus regulations consistent with current management practices by the ADFG. The committee voted unanimously to support this proposal.

At 11:00 AM Mark Stichert and the Sand Point delegation signed off of the teleconference. Joe Hogan left the meeting to return to work.

Gary Mack made a motion to submit a proposal to allow drift gillnet fishing in July and August in the same waters in Area M as is allowed in June. Ken Mack seconded the motion. There was a discussion on possible gear conflicts. Motion Passed: 4 yes, 1 no

Corey Wilson Made a motion to submit a proposal to allow for a 48 hour on and 24 hour off fishing schedule during July after July 6. Ken Mack seconded the motion. Motion Passed: 5 yes

**4.Adjournment 11:30 AM**