

**LOWER BRISTOL BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2012**  
**Tele-Conference**

**Meeting Called To Order 11:05 am**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Committee Members Present:**

Dan Kingsley, Chair  
Eddie Clark, Vice Chair  
Tim Enright, Secretary  
Roland Briggs  
Bill Albecker  
Bob Dreezen  
Art Woinowsky  
John Christensen  
Charles Oblama  
Nikki Shanigan  
Mike Veal

At-Large Pilot Point  
At-Large Egegik  
At-Large Ugashik  
At-Large Ugashik  
Seated Ugashik  
At-Large-Ugashik Lakes  
Alternate-Ugashik  
Alternate Port Heiden  
Seated-Egegik  
Seated Pilot Point  
Alternate Pilot Point

**Committee Members Not Present**

Mark Kosbruk

Seated-Port Heiden

**Quorum Established 11:10 am**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:**

Alissa Joseph, ADF&G Board Support, West and Southwest Alaska Regions  
Craig Swanki and Jason Dye, ADF&G Sportfish Biologists, Dillingham  
Paul Salomone, ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Management Biologist, Ugashik and Egegik  
Ted Kreig, ADF&G Subsistence Biologist, Dillingham  
Don Strand, Manager, City of Egegik  
Frank Woods, BBNA, Subsistence  
Joe Chyklook, BBNA, Subsistence  
Victoria Briggs, Set Netter Ugashik  
Jacki Christensen, Port Heiden

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Meeting minutes January 12, 2011 motion to approve Tim Enright; seconded by Bill Albecker  
Meeting Minutes January 18, 2012 motion to table by Roland Briggs because of quorum questions;  
seconded Dan Kingsley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion to approve Eddie Clark; Second Bill Albecker**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Alissa Joseph, ADF&G Board Support, instructed the committee on the procedure for seated versus alternate members and informed the Committee of the documentation she received from the various Village Council's concerning nominations.

Dan Kingsley, Chair, informed the Committee of the current status of the predator control program in GU 9E and 9D forwarded to him from Megan Riley, ADF&G Wildlife Biologist, in King Salmon. Mr. Kingsley stated that to date Megan reported 10 wolves have been taken by aerial hunting on State land between Egegik and Port Heiden.

After much ado the committee attempted to elect officers but tabled until face-to-face meeting could be arranged. Nominated for chair was Dan Kingsley and Eddie Clark and for Secretary Tim Enright.

Mr. Kingsley informed the Committee of the preliminary smolt counts for the Ugashik drainage and that in 2011 and 2012 the preliminary data show approximately 21 million smolts out-migrating from the Ugashik Lake system.

Discussion of Draft Proposals for Area T:

**Reduce Ugashik River Set Net Allowable Distance from Mean High Water Line On-Shore to 600 ' instead of the 1000'.**

Motion by Tim Enright to put this proposal on table for discussion; seconded Bill Albecker.

Committee member Roland Briggs commented that he felt this proposal was submitted for consideration just to reduce his personal opportunity to catch fish. Mr. Briggs went on to state that he felt he was within reasonable distance from the south shore and that his nets did not obstruct vessels from safely circumventing his deployed set nets. Mr. Briggs went on to say that in Queen Slough, Dillingham, the set-nets were across the entire slough or river.

Mr. Salomone rebutted by stating that aerial surveillance last summer by Corp of Engineers and US Coast Guard confirmed that set nets were indeed deployed across the river in such a fashion that navigable opportunity for other vessels was impeded. Mr. Salomone said the Department would remain neutral on this proposal and leave it up to the Coast Guard and Corp of Engineers to lead the governmental opinion on this proposal.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted 4 in favor; 3 against and 1 abstained. Support for this proposal to be submitted passed.

**Eliminate unmarked and un-established set nets on the outer beach of the Ugashik District.**

Motion by Dan Kingsley to put this proposal on table for discussion; seconded Eddie Clark.

Mr. Salomone stated that the Department would be neutral on this proposal. Mr. Salomone said the committee needs to research actual set net marking requirements for these "rogue" sites on the outer beach. Committee decided to table until State enforcement officials could be contacted concerning the current regulations.

**Restrict the number of sport caught coho to one fish in procession for sport fishermen in the Cinder, Dog Salmon, King Salmon and Ugashik Rivers.**

Motion to bring to table for discussion by Dan Kingsley, Seconded Roland Briggs.

Sport Biologists Craig Swanki and Jason Dye, ADF&G Sport Biologist, informed the Committee that there is very limited data and no consistent monitoring of these coho runs by the department. Abundance data is directly related to commercial catch records, only. Bob Dreeszen, the proposal author, informed the Board that he has been working with Alaska Peninsula Wildlife (APWR) personnel and did receive some sport-fishing pressure data for the Ugashik Narrows. The Ugashik Narrows is located between the Upper and Lower Ugashik Lakes and is heavily fished by fly-in sport-fishing lodges.

Committee member Charles Oblama was not in favor of including the Egegik drainage in this proposal because so few sport guide operations utilize the Egegik river for coho. Don Strand, Egegik City Manager, went on to re-iterate that only two sport operations exist in the drainage system and they have only have 4 to 5 clients a week during the coho run.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted Unanimously in favor of this proposal to be submitted.

**Increase Drift Vessel Length to 42 feet for vessels with at-sea processing capacity.**

Mr. Salomone stated that the department would be neutral on this proposal. Mr. Salomone suggested it would be best to take the 4E halibut reference out of the proposal since the Board of Fish is not involved in the CDQ process. Committee member, Eddie Clark, expressed concern that vessels could be certified by DEC to process at sea and not participate in processing but just fish for sockeye in a larger boat. He suggested using language that would tighten-up the proposal so individuals would have to be actively processing to have the larger boats.

Several committee members also said they had concerns that potential coho markets were mentioned when in fact this committee had a proposal in to curtail commercial and sport coho harvests because of dismal estimated escapement numbers in recent years.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee tabled this proposal until new language could be adopted.

**Revert back in the Ugashik and Egegik District to June 1 registration requirements.**

Mr. Salomone stated that the June 25<sup>th</sup> was a trade off to having a general district and an attempt by the industry to encourage early fishing in on the east side of Bristol Bay. Mr. Salomone went on to explain that this regulation change might have been beneficiary in 2011 because of the early nature of the run and that Ugashik had plenty of early capacity. However, Mr. Salomone said that this registration requirement change also made it harder to manage the sockeye escapement pulses into the Egegik river.

Charles Albama and Don Strand, Egegik participants, advised the LLBAC that they would like to have the Egegik District included in this proposal.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted Unanimously in favor of this proposal to be submitted.

**Vessels owners that want to fish 200 fatoms can own and operate both permits.**

Mr. Salomone said Department was neutral because of allocative nature of the proposal. Mr. Salomone commented that the proposal probably should be re-written to include operate two permits since know it is legal to own two permits but not operate them simultaneously.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted 3 in favor; 3 against and 2 abstained. Proposal as written was tabled.

**Close Outer Port Heiden to commercial salmon fishing from June 1 to July 31rst.**

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted Unanimously in favor of this proposal to be submitted.

**Establish terminal area to harvest salmon on the North Peninsula.**

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted 6 in favor; 1 against. LLBAC recommended proposal be submitted.

**Re-introduce 8.3% sockeye cap, reduce fishing time, and re-establish a chum cap in the Shumagin and South Unimak salmon fisheries.**

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted Unanimously in favor of this proposal to be submitted.