

Nushagak ADFG Advisory Committee

Sub Committee Meeting for BOF Area M - DRAFT

Minutes were condensed for compliance with BOF late comments requirements. Detailed notes are available on request.

February 20, 2013

Dillingham Office of Alaska Dept. Fish and Game

Minutes

I. Call to Order: 11:11 AM

****NOTE this meeting was for the AC Sub-Committee as established at the Jan 8 meeting.*

Excerpt From Jan 8 minutes:

NEW BUSINESS

AREA M BOF Meeting: "In the interest of time" Robert moved to direct the chair to form a subcommittee to consider and **act on Area M proposals on behalf of the whole AC** ASAP after the WASSIP meeting Jan. 17. **Adopted Unanimous.**

Frank invited Robert H., Tom O, Dan D, Travis B., and will ask Robin S. other AC members & public welcome to attend. Meetings will be advertised to public.

BBEDC WASSIP's work group to meet January 17. **** End Excerpt.*

II. Roll Call: Present in chambers

Subcommittee

Frank Woods – Dlg Chair,
Dan Dunaway – Dlg Secretary
Lloyd (Tom) O'Connor – Dlg
Robert Heyano - Dlg

Absent

Robin Samuelson – Dlg - excused
Travis Ball - Aleknagik - excused snowed in

Others in Attendance:

Mariano Floresta - Clarks Point by conference phone.

Susie Brito ADFG Boards

Tim Sands ADFG Com Fish

Matt Jones ADFG Com Fish

Mike Mason KDLG News

Gayla Woods BBNA

III. Approve Agenda:

Robert H move to adopt Dan D 2nd and asked for unanimous consent. No objections.

IV. Introductions: All present briefly introduced themselves.

V. New Business:

STATEWIDE BOF

Comments due March 5, meeting is March 19-24 Anchorage, Hilton.

Proposal 215 : Opposed as a Statewide action. Consensus

Criteria for allocation of fisheries resources. Robert Move Tom 2nd

Nushagak AC requests Board to only consider for the Cook Inlet / Resurrection area only.

Proposal 216 : Opposed as a Statewide action. Consensus

Application of Fishery Management Plans. Robert Move Dan 2nd

Nushagak AC requests Board to exclude Bristol Bay area from this proposal and deliberation.

We request the Board take this issue up within individual areas/regions.

Proposal 217 : Opposed. Consensus

Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals. Manage king salmon as priority.

Robert Move Dan 2nd Nushagak AC is concerned this would confound local fishery management plans.

Nushagak AC does not believe the king salmon abundance problems around the state are due to mis-management but to some environmental problems.

Proposal 218 : Opposed. Consensus

Policy for Mgt. sustainable salmon fisheries. Establish SETs for stocks of yield or management concerns. Robert Move Tom 2nd

We prefer management under current SEG language and current Board policies.

We do not have enough information to understand the intent of this proposal.

Proposal 219 : Opposed. Consensus

Definitions of MSY, OSY, SY, Mixed Stock Fishery. Robert Move Dan 2nd

Nushagak AC supports existing sustainable management policies and definitions.

Most of the requested definitions are already provided in 5AAC 39.222.

Proposal 220, 221 : No Action. Consensus

Ground Fish related proposals. Robert Move Dan 2nd

Proposal 222 : Support. Consensus

ID requirements for CFEC permit holders. Robert Move Dan 2nd We support allowing state to enforce regulations more effectively.

Proposal 223 : Support. Consensus

Yearly Vessel Registration. Dan Move Robert 2nd

We support clarifying regulations. Appears to be housekeeping.

Proposal 224 : Support. Consensus

Emergency Order Announcements. Robert Move Tom 2nd This is done already in the Bristol Bay.

Proposal 225 : Oppose on a Statewide basis. Consensus

Policy for implementing permit stacking. Robert Move Tom 2nd

Permit stacking came out of and is commercial salmon fishery restructuring.

Nushagak AC prefers the Board reinstitute the salmon fishery restructuring process on a regional basis.

The original restructuring process was supposed consider a wide range of aspects of regulation changes, fishery management, economic, social etc. That is why Nushagak AC submitted proposal 62.

Proposal 226: No Action. Consensus

Proposal Regarding Southeast issue.

Proposal 227 : Support allowing restrictions as needed. Consensus

EO Authority related to sport fishing proxies. Dan Move Robert 2nd

We support ADFG having the authority to regulate proxies by EO as needed but we are totally opposed to total elimination of proxy process and opportunity.

Proxy opportunities are import to elders and others in our area.

Proposal 228 : Support. Consensus

Define and prohibit "high grading" in sport fisheries. Dan Move Robert 2nd

Already illegal but it would help to make it more clear cut to the public.

Proposal 229 : Support. Consensus

Clarify maintaining sport harvest records for species with annual limits. Dan Move Tom 2nd

We support efforts to eliminate potential abuse and circumvention of current recording regulations and annual harvest limits.

Proposal 230 : No Action. Consensus

Proposal Regarding Southeast issue; See 229

Proposal 231 : Support. Consensus

Define compensation. Dan Move Robert 2nd

This has been confusing for big game guides who may have clients that do some sport fishing.

Proposal 232 : Support. Consensus

Sport caught fish for bait. Dan Move Robert 2nd We support clarifying the regulations.

Proposal 233 : Oppose. Consensus

Allow felt sole boots for disabled. Dan Move Robert 2nd

We are sensitive to disabled anglers but the threat of invasive species is too great to make this exception. Invasive elodea has been found on the Kenai Peninsula.

Proposal 234 : Oppose on a statewide basis. Consensus

Sport gear, disallow use of lead weights. Dan Move Robert 2nd

Address issue locally as needed with data.

Proposal 235 : Oppose on a statewide basis. Consensus

Mandatory recording of all sport harvests statewide. Dan Move Robert 2nd

Proposal 243 : Oppose. Consensus

Board generated proposal to address forage fish, protect for overexploitation. Adds Herring to list of Forage fish species. Robert Move Dan 2nd

Existing herring management plans are extremely conservative only allowing 20% harvest of biomass and other protections are provided.

While proposal states it won't affect existing herring fisheries we are concerned this ultimately opens the door to restriction or elimination.

We have concerns this portends Federal regulatory encroachment into State management and authority.

This proposal does not provide enough information on the issue

OTHER BUSINESS

Authorize Representation at Board of Fish meetings; Area M Feb 26- Mar 4, and Statewide Mar 19-24.

Robert moved and Tom 2nd to grant the Nushagak AC Representative the discretion to act, adjust, and compromise before the Board of Fisheries on regulatory recommendations as needed in Nushagak Advisory Committee

the interest of the whole Nushagak Advisory Committee.

Supported by Consensus

We need to give our rep flexibility to operate in the committee process used by the BOF.

NEXT MEETING

By call of the chair. **Supported by Consensus**

Adjourn 1:30 pm