

UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

10:30 AM in the Unalaska Library Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Goodfellow
Tim Mahoney

Kristian Laxfoss

Margaret "Augie" Kochuten
Frank Kelty
Mike Holman

ABSENT:

Roger Rowland

Steven Gregory

Jennifer Shockley

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jim Paulin, Dustan Dickerson, Hal Lewis, "Ben" (KUCB), Melissa Goode (ADF&G), Heather Fitch (ADF&G), Chuck Trebesch (ADF&G), Kristi Milani (NMFS),

Additional guests appeared telephonically: "Trent" ADF&G Kodiak & Craig Lowenberg.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Agenda was reviewed and Goodfellow motioned to adopt agenda with Holman seconding the motion. The agenda was approved 6-0.

APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for January 2013 were reviewed and adopted 6-0.

LEGISLATIVE:

Seats C was vacated by Reid Brewer open for nominations.

1. Seat C – Dustan Dickerson was nominated by Goodfellow to fill seat C and it was seconded by Holman. Dickerson provided a brief history of his involvement with commercial fisheries in Alaska and was elected unanimously to fill seat C.

ADF&G UPDATE:

Update prepared by ADF&G Staff.

ADF&G Fitch:

1. One scallop vessel fishing
2. Vessels fishing Western and Eastern BRKC are confidential
3. Stock assessment is on the ADF&G web site
4. Began taking RKC pre-registrations

ADF&G Trebesch:

1. P-Cod west of 170 – September 1st parallel fishery

- a. GHL not achieved – June (9,000,000 lbs.)
- 2. Sable Fish
 - a. Atka Processing plant – Frank needs to contact for update

ADF&G Kodiak:

- 1. Not much update for P-cod
 - a. B season GHL taken (waiting for January 1st)
 - b. Closed mid-July

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOF Proposal Review:

Proposals 16-17 -5 AAC28.550. Description of South Peninsula Area. Modify boundary description of South Alaska Peninsula groundfish area as follows. Motion to support, Don Goodfellow, second Kris Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG staff stated their draft comments on the request and took no position. Committee discussion focused on the impact that changing the boundary would have on the local fixed gear fleet, the new area quota would come off the BSAI TAC which would reduce quota to all other cod harvesters in the BSAI. Small boat fisherman and AC committee member Dustan Dickerson supported status quo keeping the existing boundary

The motion to support #16-17 failed 0-6.

Proposal 18-19-20-21 5AAC 28.577. South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod Management Plan. Increase state-waters Pacific Cod guideline harvest level (GHL) to 50 percent and 55 percent on proposal of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch ABC as follows. Motion to support, Goodfellow, second by Holman.

Discussion: ADFG draft comments no position on the proposals. Comments by board members; was concern of increasing fishing effort for longer periods of time in 0-3 miles in state waters and the potential reaction from NMFS on impacts to Steller Sea Lions. The increase to state water from the federal TAC will have a negative impact for vessels over 60' that fish Pacific Cod in the South Peninsula area. The Pacific Cod fishery in that area is already fully allocated.

Motion to support proposals, # 18-19-20-21 failed 2 -5.

Proposal 22 5-AAC28.556-South Alaska Peninsula Area registration. Change registration from exclusive to a super exclusive. Motion to support proposals, Mahoney, seconded, by Goodfellow.

Discussion: Basically the committee thought that by supporting this motion it could reduce fishing effort in other State water fisheries.

The motion to support proposal #22 was supported by the committee 5-1-1 abstention.

Proposal 23 -5ACC 28.577. South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Change state-waters Pacific Cod season opening date for pot gear to March 7 or seven days following closure of the Federal Western Gulf of Alaska pot cod a season. No action on this proposal by the committee.

Proposal 24 -5ACC 28,577(e)(1) South Alaska Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Change state-waters Pacific Cod season opening date for pot gear to March 12 or seven days following closure of the Federal Western Gulf of Alaska pot cod a season. No action on this proposal by the committee.

Proposal 25 -5ACC 28,577(e)(1) South Alaska Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Clarify weather delay criteria for opening the state-water Pacific Cod season. Motion to support, Goodfellow, seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG generated proposal, committee felt that this was a safety issue especially in the winter Pacific Cod fishery with many under 60' foot vessels fishing. Motion to support proposal 25 passed 7-0

Proposals 26-27 -5ACC 28.577. Groundfish pot storage requirements for South Alaska Peninsula.

Allow vessel operators to store open and unbaited groundfish pots on the fishing ground for 7 days prior to start of season. Motion to support proposal - Dickerson, seconded by Goodfellow.

Discussion: Economical for fishermen, safe practice. Motion to support proposals passed 7-0.

Proposal 28 – 5AAC 39.164(b) (3) (B). Non-pelagic trawl gear restrictions. Close a portion of the state waters near Sanak and Caton Islands to groundfish vessels using nonpelagic trawl gear. Motion to support proposal – Kochuten and seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: Important area for small fleet during bad weather but has bycatch issues with tanner crab.

Kochuten expressed a desire to preserve the historical area and Dickerson mentioned his aversion to trawl gear in crab areas. Motion to support proposal passed 7-0.

Proposal 29 – 5AAC 28.647 Aleutian Island District Pacific Cod management plan. Increase Aleutian Island state waters P-cod GHL to 4.5 percent of federal Bering Sea-Aleutian Island acceptable biological catch. Motion to support proposal – Goodfellow and seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: Possible to split TAC Aleutian/Bering Sea, concerns about sea lions, and haven't shown they can take quota currently allowed. Motion to support failed 0-7.

Proposal 30- 31 – 5AAC 28.647(d) (1) (B) & (F). Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan. Clarify the GHL rollover provision in Aleutian Island state waters p-cod fishery. Motion to support proposals – Goodfellow and seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping. Motion to support proposals passed 7-0.

Proposal 32 – 5AAC 28.647. Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan. Amend the Aleutian Islands District Management Plan to prohibit simultaneous participation when state waters and federal p-cod seasons are open for same gear types. Motion to support proposal - Goodfellow and seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping. Motion to support proposal passed 7-0.

Proposal 33 – 5AAC 28.647(g). Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan. Clarify closed waters in the Aleutian Island state water p-cod fishery. Motion to support proposal - Goodfellow and seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping. Motion to support proposal passed 7-0.

Proposal 34 – 5AAC 28.6XX. Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod Management Plan. Seeks to place moratorium on development or expansion of state waters Pacific cod fisheries in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands. Motion to support proposal - Goodfellow and seconded by Holman.

Discussion: Considered keeping open possibility for smaller vessels in future, however public comment supported moratorium. Motion to support failed 2-5.

Proposal 35-36 – 5AAC 28.6XX. Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod Management Plan. Establish a state waters p-cod fishery in Bering Sea waters in area O. Proposal 35 would mirror state waters p-cod fishery in South Alaska Penn. Proposal 36 takes graduated percent of Bering Sea-Aleutian Island TAC up to 2-3 percent. Motion to support proposal – Goodfellow and seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADF&G neutral. Opposition due to sea lion problems and that Unalaska would likely lose landings. Motion to support proposal failed 0-7.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM for 10 minute break and relocation into other room.

Meeting reconvened at 12:22 PM to discuss Joint BOF/BOG Proposals

Proposals 9 -5 AAC96.060. Uniform rules of operation. Change the current Advisory committee membership term dates as follows. Motion to support, by Goodfellow, seconded by Dickerson.
Discussion: ADFG staff stated their comments and that the department supported the proposal. Committee members discussed how the current terms would be phased in with terms ending on June 30th most committee member comments saw the reasoning in this proposal, and supported it. Motion to supported passed 7-0

Proposals 10 5 AAC96.060. Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the Advisory Committee voting process as follows. Motion to support, Proposal 10 by Goodfellow, second by Mahoney.
Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal the committee members didn't support the proposal it wouldn't work for Unalaska and we have a good system in place already. Motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 11. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation Modify the nomination process for the Advisory Committee as follows: Motion to support proposal, Goodfellow, seconded, by Mahoney.
Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal that would change the nomination process which would include interviews of the nominees and knowledge of the Alaska Constitution and the states Administrative code the department opposes this proposal as well. This proposal went a little too far the committee members felt, and the motion to support failed 7-0.

Proposal 12. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Modify the nomination process and voting for the Advisory Committee as follows: Motion to support proposal, Goodfellow, seconded, by Mahoney.
Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal that would change the nomination and sector representation as well as the voting process. The department opposed some parts of this proposal and was neutral on other parts. This proposal was a bit much for the committee and wouldn't work for Unalaska area. The motion to support failed 7-0.

Proposal 13. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the procedures for declaring vacancies and noticing the public as follows: ADFG staff explained proposal Unalaska already has a system in place that works for this area. No action on this proposal by the committee.

Proposal 14. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Modify the uniform rules of operation to incorporate the use of bylaws and provide other clarifications as follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.
Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal and state that the department supported sections 3, 4, and 6 and opposed sections 1, 2, and 5. The Unalaska AC amended the Proposal to support sections 3, 4, and 6 and opposed sections 1, 2, and 5. Motion to support amended proposal passed 7-0.

Proposal 15. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the Uniform rules of operation to accurately reject the current procedures by the Advisory Committee and Board Support Section as follows: Motion to Support Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney
Discussion: ADFG spoke to the proposal that it was basically housekeeping in nature, and does away with joint board approval of a replacement member. ADFG proposal, which they supported. The motion to support was passed 7-0

Proposal 16. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Establish a standard for advisory committee minutes as follows: Motion to support, by Goodfellow, seconded by Laxfoss.
Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal the department was neutral on this proposal. The Unalaska AC already does a good job with the minutes of our meetings the committee had no problem supporting the proposal. Motion to support passed 7-0

Proposal 17. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the procedures for removal for cause of advisory committee members implementing disciplinary, measures under Robert Rules of Order during advisory committee meetings, and submission of Advisory Committee minutes. Motion to support, by Goodfellow, seconded Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG explained proposal and would give the AC more clout on the removal of and AC member for cause under Robert Rules of order. This Joint Board Proposal was supported by the department. Committee members were in supported of this proposal, which passed 7-0

Proposal 18. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation modify the definition for removal for cause as follows: Motion to support proposal by, Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal which was opposed by the department the proposal really went too far with expanded language for removal of and AC member for cause. The Unalaska committee was opposed to this proposal. The Motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 19 -5ACC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Expand the qualifications for advisory committee officers as follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal which was opposed by the department. This proposal would make it much more difficult to qualify to be and officer of and AC this proposal could disqualify some good candidates the committee had problems with it. The motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 20-21 -5ACC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Change the qualifications of Chairman and modify the removal for cause of AC committee members as follow: Proposal 21 would Expand the list of qualifications for AC members as follows: Motion, to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff outlined both proposals the department opposed both 20-21. The Unalaska AC thought that these went too far in our estimation for making it tougher to be a chairman and expanded the qualifications to be and AC member. This could make it harder to get members appointed to AC's in rural areas of Alaska. Motion to support proposals 20-21 failed 7-0

Proposal 22 -5ACC96.450. Committee status and change status. Reduce the number of meetings required for Advisory Committee to remain in active status and add clarify the process for merging Advisory Committees as Follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained proposal that was supported by the department. It was explained about that it can be difficult to have two meeting a in a cycle and the proposal would AC's to merge if they so choose. The committee was in favor and saw the benefits to of supporting. The motion to support passed 6-1.

Proposals 23 -5AAC 96.050 Functions of local fish and game advisory committees. Clarify the functions of local fish and game advisory and add the applicable regional council functions as follows. Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Holman.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal that was not supported by the department. It really wanted to expand the roles of AC's included sitting in on decision making on proposals with the BOF/BOG and had a host of other recommendations that didn't make sense to the Unalaska AC. The motion to support Proposal 23 failed 7-0

Proposal 24 -5AAC 96.510 Staff assistance. Replace Council with committee in the regulation assigning staff assistance as follows: Motion to support Goodfellow seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG explained that this proposal would allow the Commissioner to assign staff to assist committees and is encourage utilizing the AC's in development management strategies. The department opposed this proposal which is unrealistic with the budget issues ADFG faces. The committee did not support this proposal that was unrealistic. Motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 25 -5AAC 96.610 procedures for developing fish and game regulations. Clarify the proposals for accepting proposals for each board. Motion to support Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG explained that this proposal had to do with accepting proposal if it was postmarked within the acceptable deadline date. Housekeeping issue and was supported by the department. The committee had no problem with this proposal and supported the motion 7-0

Proposal 26 -5AAC 96.600 Meetings. Require the joint board to meet every year; establish a standing committee of the joint board; and remove the reference to Council as follows: Committee took no action on proposal 26.

Proposal 27 -5AAC 96.600 Meetings. Modify the regulations to reflect the need to schedule meetings for the Joint board as follows: Motion to support by Dickerson, seconded by Goodfellow.

Discussion: ADFG staff explains the proposal; the department supported it as well. Basically a housekeeping proposal, the Unalaska AC supported the motion 7-0

Proposal 28-29 -5AAC 96.XXX New Section. Incorporate Advisory Committee participation into board deliberation: Motion to support by Dickerson, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explains the proposal; the department opposed it, as unworkable how would 82 AC chairman be able to participate in BOF/BOG deliberations. The Unalaska AC committee agreed, and the motion to support proposals 28-29 failed 7-0

Proposal 30-31 -5AAC 96.910. and 5AAC Chapter 96 Article 2. Remove the definition for the word council from the regulation. The repeal the regional Council language as follows: Motion to support by Dickerson, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explains the proposals; the department supported the language in both proposals to remove the reference to the RAC's. The Unalaska AC committee agreed, and the motion to support proposals 30-31 passed 7-0

Proposal 32 -5AAC 96.080. Interaction of local advisory committees with regional fish and game councils. Repeal the regulation and incorporate the functions in the advisory committee regulations (as provided in proposal 23) as follows: The committee took no action on Proposal 32 based on the action they took on Proposal 23.

Proposal 33-34 -5AAC Chapter 99 Subsistence Uses. Modify the process for determining the Amount necessary for subsistence finding as follows: and **Proposal 34 5 AAC99.010. Board of Fisheries subsistence procedures.** Modify the subsistence procedures for determining Amounts Reasonably necessary for Subsistence users as follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff provided and over of both proposals which the department opposed the Unalaska AC did not feel comfortable on trying to set limits for individual families subsistence needs, it would be very difficult. The committee motion to support the proposals 33-34 failed 7-0

Proposal 35. 5 AAC 99.021 Definition. Create a definition for non-subsistence harvest as follows: Motion to support Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney

Discussion: ADFG discussed the proposal; the department opposed it and thought it would be difficult to come up with a definition. The Unalaska AC concurred and the motion to support proposal 35 failed 7-0

Proposal 36-37. 5 AAC 99.010 Board of Fisheries and game subsistence procedures. Delete the reference to the proximity of users domicile to the stock or population under the subsistence procedures regulation as follows: **37 5 AAC 99.021. Definition** Add a statewide definition of noncommercial as it applies to the barter of fish and game taken in subsistence fisheries, hunts and trapping as follows: Motion to support 36 and 37 by Goodfellow seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG explained the proposals, the department supported both proposals these proposal would mirror existing language. The Alaska State Troopers proposed proposal 37 the Unalaska AC concurred with their proposal. The motion to support proposals 36-37 was supported 7-0

Proposals 38-41 the Unalaska AC took no action as these proposals did not impact the Unalaska area.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting is expected to be held sometime in January 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:33 PM

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| 11/15/14 | 11/15/14 |
| Frank Kely, Chairman | Mike Holman, Secretary |
| Date Approved | Date Approved |

SIGN-IN SHEET

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DATA FOR UNALASKA AC MEETING January 18, 2014

Aleutian Islands golden king crab number of vessels, harvest levels, and harvest, 1996/97-2012/13.

| Season | Eastern Aleutian Islands | | | Western Aleutian Islands | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Vessels ^a | GHL/TAC ^b | Harvest ^c | Vessels ^a | GHL/TAC ^b | Harvest ^c |
| 1996/97 | 14 | 3.200 | 3,290,862 | 13 | 2.700 | 2,524,910 |
| 1997/98 | 15 | 3.200 | 3,501,054 | 9 | 2.700 | 2,444,628 |
| 1998/99 | 14 | 3.000 | 3,247,863 | 3 | 2.700 | 1,691,385 |
| 1999/00 | 15 | 3.000 | 3,069,886 | 17 | 2.700 | 2,768,902 |
| 2000/01 | 15 | 3.000 | 3,134,079 | 12 | 2.700 | 2,884,682 |
| 2001/02 | 19 | 3.000 | 3,178,652 | 9 | 2.700 | 2,740,054 |
| 2002/03 | 19 | 3.000 | 2,821,851 | 6 | 2.700 | 2,640,604 |
| 2003/04 | 18 | 3.000 | 2,977,055 | 6 | 2.700 | 2,688,773 |
| 2004/05 | 19 | 3.000 | 2,886,817 | 6 | 2.700 | 2,688,234 |
| Pre-CR average^d | 16 | 3.044 | 3,123,124 | 9 | 2.700 | 2,563,575 |
| 2005/06 | 7 | 3.000 | 2,866,602 | 3 | 2.700 | 2,653,716 |
| 2006/07 | 6 | 3.000 | 2,992,010 | 3 | 2.700 | 2,270,334 |
| 2007/08 | 4 | 3.000 | 2,989,997 | 3 | 2.700 | 2,518,103 |
| 2008/09 | 3 | 3.150 | 3,144,423 | 3 | 2.835 | 2,535,661 |
| 2009/10 | 3 | 3.150 | 3,150,474 | 3 | 2.835 | 2,761,813 |
| 2010/11 | 3 | 3.150 | 3,148,188 | 3 | 2.835 | 2,820,661 |
| 2011/12 | 3 | 3.150 | 3,150,374 | 3 | 2.835 | 2,814,042 |
| 2012/13 | 3 | 3.310 | 3,315,115 | 4 | 2.980 | 2,952,644 |
| Post-CR average^d | 4 | 3.114 | 3,094,648 | 3 | 2.803 | 2,665,872 |

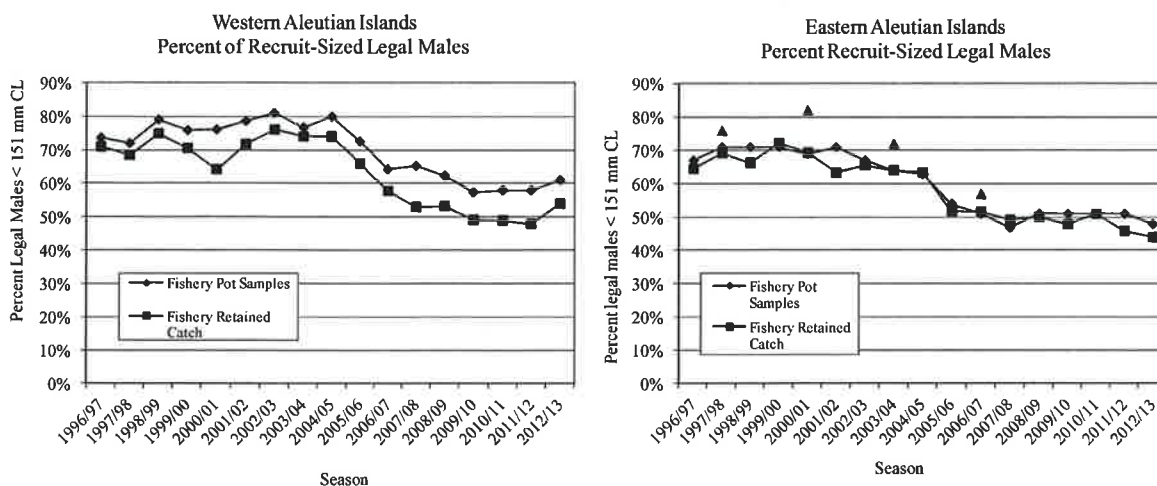
Note: CR = crab rationalization. CR began in 2005/06.

^a Some vessels participated in both the east and west fishery.

^b Guideline harvest level (GHL) 1996/97-2004/05, total allowable catch (TAC) 2005/06-2012/13, in millions of pounds.

^c Harvest in pounds, deadloss included.

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Percent of legal males that were recruit-sized (<151 mm carapace length (CL)) in pots randomly sampled by observers during the Western and Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab fisheries 1996/97–2012/13 and in pots fished during department surveys in the Eastern Aleutian Islands, 1997–2006.