

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: UNA Alaska / Dutch Harbor AC

Location (City, town, village): UNA Alaska, AK

Members Present: Frank Kelly, Zac Nelson, Dick Peck
Don Carroll, Don Graves, Mike Holman

Members Absent: Roger Paulson, Steve Conway
Kristen Jones, Lisa Coles

Members Excused _____

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒ NO ☐

ADF&G Staff Present: Harker Diter, Trent Hartill

Time meeting called to order 1200 AM ☐ / PM ☒

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 235 AM ☐ / PM ☒

Signature:

Mike Holman
Committee Secretary Frank Kelly

UNALASKA /DUTCH HARBOR, FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR

Saturday December 17, 2011

UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER-Chairman Frank Kelty, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM on Saturday December 17, 2011.
2. ROLL CALL- present, Frank Kelty, Zac Nehus, Dick Peck, Don Goodfellow, Don Graves and Mike Holman Absent Roger Rowland, Steven Gregory, Kristenjan Laxfoss. Guest included Heather Fitch, Trent Hartill, Reid Brewer
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- moved Graves; seconded by Peck motion to approve agenda adopted 6-0.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the September 17, 2011 meeting delayed by Chairman Kelty, he apologized for not having them completed.
5. ADFG UPDATE ON BSAI CRAB FISHERIES AND STATE WATER COD FISHERY,

Heather Fitch ADFG Regional Biologist in charge of the Unalaska office gave an update on the Bristol Bay Red King Crab, St Matthew Blue King Crab and Aleutian Island Brown King Crab fisheries, the update included harvest amounts, and crab per pot numbers were also discussed. Trent Hartill, from the ADFG, gave us a run down on the upcoming January 1st Pacific Cod opening in the Adak area for 60' and under pot, trawl and jig and 58' foot and under for longline the harvest amount for the cod A season is 14 million pounds. During the question and answer period with ADFG staff, a lot of questions by committee members on St Matthew Blue King Crab and Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery performance and how the fishery performs compared to the NMFS survey data shows. Areas of concerns discussed, included reduced harvest levels, the impacts the fishery has on the first whole sale market, revenues to industry and communities. Committee felt that NMFS and ADFG need to have better modeling and surveys work.

Committee will send a letters or do a resolution to NMFS and ADFG to look into the committee concerns. Don Graves didn't want to wait to address these issues, it was decided to get a letter in to the NPFMC crab plan team and ADFG before plan team goes meets in May. The focus by the committee comments should be on the science and not increasing in crab quotas. A motion by Dick Peck to support a letter to be written by the Chairman Kelty to NMFS NPFMC Crab Plan Team and ADFG asking for increased trawl survey and stock assessment modeling work on the Bristol Bay Red King Crab stock, this motion was seconded by Don Graves and was adopted by the committee 6-0. Another motion was made by Don Graves with a second by Dick Peck was in support of the Aleutian Island Brown King Crab assessment model to be completed as soon as possible and that the committee supported any other additional research or survey work on the Aleutian Island Brown King Crab species. Motion passed 6-0. The committee had some questions on state water cod fishery in the Aleutians for ADFG, on potential impacts on the state water Aleutians Islands fishery with the 14% increase in the combined TAC for the BSAI Pacific cod fishery. Trent form ADFG gave his take on how the fishery would perform.

6. NORTH PACIFIC COUNCIL DECEMBER MEETING UPDATE

Frank Kelty, gave an overview of actions taken by NPFMC meeting in Anchorage in early December he touched on the Pollock and Pacific Cod allocations that were supported by the Council, mentioned Halibut bycatch and crab rebuilding plans that were before Council.

7. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS FOR THREE YEAR BOARD SEATS D, E, F AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nominations were opened for seat D, Don Graves nominated Frank Kelty, second by Don Goodfellow, nominations closed, vote was 6-0 to approve. Seat E nominations opened Don Goodfellow nominated Roger Rowland, Don Graves nominated Reid Brewer, a vote was taken, with Roger Rowland received 4 votes and Reid Brewer 2 votes, Roger Rowland was appointed to the board. Nominations opened for seat F, Zac Nehus nominated Dick Peck nominations closed Dick Peck, appointed by a vote of 6-0. Nominations opened for the Alternate seat Don Graves nominated Reid Brewer, nominations closed, Reid Brewer appointed 6-0 to serve a one year term as the committee alternate.

Election of Officers for Unalaska Fish & Game Advisory Committee, for the 2012 calendar year. Nominations opened for Secretary, Dick Peck nominated Mike Holman, nominations closed, and Mike Holman appointed 7-0. Nominations opened for Vice Chairman, Don Goodfellow nominated Don Graves, nominations closed, and Don Graves appointed

7-0. Nominations opened for Chairman, Don Graves nominated Frank Kelty nominations closed, and Frank Kelty was appointed 7-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a). Heather Fitch and Zac Nehus, overview of the October BOF Work Session and BOF South Peninsula Pacific Cod meeting. Zac stated, that Brown King Crab issue at work session, the ACR was granted, and this issue will be on the March 20-23, 2012 Statewide Misc. Shellfish BOF meeting in March in Anchorage. Zac also discussed the changes the BOF made on the P-Cod opening dates and changes to the jig sector allocations.
- b.) Update on Sportfish issues for the Unalaska area, Kelty relayed his conversation with Charlie Swanson Director of Sportfish, in Anchorage. Dick Peck reiterated his concern on the state sportfish budget and the lack of funding and cuts in Dingle-Johnson funds. Trent, discuss stream walking survey work and signage he plans to do during the summer of 2012, he believes the weir will be operated by com-fish at McLees Lake this summer. Dick Peck was tasked with writing a letter that would address Sportfish funding this would go this areas legislators, Governors office and ADFG Management in Juneau, AK. The committee also had a short discussion the local Pink salmon commercial fishery.

8. NEW BUSINESS,

- a.) Reviewed and comment on Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp and Misc Shellfish proposals 345-379 for the BOF March 20-23, 2012 meeting in Anchorage. The committee took action on the following proposals.

Proposal 348- 5AAC32.425. Lawful gear for Registration Area J Implement 1,000 pot limit per vessel as follows: Motion to support, Don Graves second Dick Peck, discussion, committee didn't support this proposal as written, we don't have and overcapitalization issue in the Aleutians and North Peninsula Dungeness crab fishery. Less than six vessels usually fish these areas, a pot limit of 1,000 pots would be to restrictive for vessels fishing are area. Motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 350-5AAC 38.076. Alaska Scallop Fishery Management Plan. Allow scallop harvest from multiple registration areas when an observer is aboard as follows: Motion to adopt by Don Graves second by Dick Peck. Committee members felt that as long as the observers are on board 24-7. Motion to support passed 7-0.

Proposal 355- 5 AAC 38.41X. Registration Area J Octopus Management Plan. Establish octopus management plan for registration Area J as follows: Motion to support Don Goodfellow second Reid Brewer, committee felt an octopus management plan was needed, especially with actions taken on the federal side. Motion to support passed 7-0.

Proposal 374- 5AAC 75.XXX. Closed Waters and Prohibited Acts; 5AAC 77.XXX. Methods, Means and General Restrictions. Clarity restriction on use of sport, personal or subsistence- caught shellfish by owner, operator, or employee of a lodge, charter vessel or other enterprise that furnishes food, lodging, or sport fishing guide services as follows: Motion to support by Don Graves, second by Mike Holman. Committee felt that the regulations in this area needed to be tighten up, lots of concerns over abuse. Motion to support passed 7-0

- b.) Reviewed and provided comments on the following Board of Board of Game proposals for the Statewide Regulations Cycle B schedule Board of Game meeting on January 13-17, 2012 Anchorage Alaska.

Proposal 63 under Amend 5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures. Increase the number of drawing permits for each species that a person may apply for. Motion to support proposal 63 by Dick Peck, second by Don Graves discussion, committee felt that the increase in applications was warranted Unalaska AC voted 7-0 to support proposal 63.

Proposal 67 under 5AAC 92.050, Require permit hunt conditions and procedures. Limit drawing hunt permits to 10 percent for non-residents hunters; if less than 10 permit available no nonresident's permits will be issued. Motion to adopt Dick Peck second Don Graves, discussion centered on resident priority for these drawing hunts, the majority felt it is justified to have a priority for Alaska residents, especially since it is and Alaskan resource. It was also mentioned of the potential loss in revenue for some guiders who do business with non-resident hunters, many on the committee felt resident hunters also spend allot of dollars with guides and have high travel expenses as well to hunt on prime areas of the state. The motion to support passed 6-0

Proposal 75 under 5AAC Chapter 85, seasons and bag limits. Open youth hunt ten days before other seasons; require hunter education. Motion to support by Don Graves second by Frank Keltly, discussion, focused on concern on the potential of abuse by

hunters using youth hunters to get a head start on big game trophy hunts. The motion to support failed 5-2.

Proposal 104, 5AAC 92.080 Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions, prohibit the use of deer and elk urine in taking game. Motion to support by Don Goodfellow second Don Graves, discussion this was an ADFG proposal; discussion most thought this proposal would cut down on the potential of abuse and giving some hunters and advantage. Motion to support passed 7-0

9. VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP,


Recognition of the late Emil Berikoff Sr. longtime advisory committee member, the committee held a moment of silence in his honor, Emil passed away in early December. Don Graves brought up herring bycatch in the BSAI Pollock fishery and what can be done to utilize this product besides just dumping it at sea.


10. PUBLIC COMMENT, no public comment.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE and TIME,

Chairman Kelty will call a meeting in early February of 2012.
Motion to adjourn, by the chairman.

12. ADJOURMENT at 2:35PM on December 17, 2011

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Frank Kelty, Chairman Date Approved

 3/3/12
Mike Holman, Secretary Date Approved

Sign in sheet

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- 2 Mike Holman 2
- 3 Don Goodfellow 3
- 4 Heather Fitch, ADFG
- 5 Trent Hartill, ADFG
- 6 Mike Reel 4
- 7 D. H. Spruill 5
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