

Sept 19, 2013

Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

7 pm Library Courtyard

Committee Members Present: Michael Opheim, Kelly Brennan, Robert Purpura, Allison Miller, Layla Pedersen, Walter Sonen

Public Present: Larry Storry, Jeane Merchant, Tim Dillon (City Manager)

Call to order: 1901 (7:01 PM)

Excused Absences: David Chartier, Bryan Chartier, Matt Gallien, Alvin Swick, Mary Klinger

Discussion on Proposals #1-8:

Our discussion on these proposals led us to believe that we did not know enough about these areas to have any meaningful opinions.

No Action

Discussion on Proposals #9-18: **Advisory Committee Uniform Rules of Operation**

Prop #9- *Change the Advisory Committee Membership Term Dates*

Sonen: Changing committee membership term dates accommodates summer residents. Not in support. Brennan: states that we have one of the most diverse committees a community our size could ever want. The rest of the committee concur that all user groups have representation in Seldovia. Pedersen: believes that some of the voting irregularities mentioned in these proposals are somewhat overstated.

No Action

Prop #15- *Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committee and Boards Support Section.*

Purpura: This pertains and seems to simplify the other proposals dealing with the Uniform Rules of Operation. We should specifically comment on this, adding an amendment to leave operations as status quo. Sonen agrees. Larry Storry (public) agrees that committee membership terms should not commence and expire during summer, when everyone is busy. Purpura: This proposal seems the cumbersome and more in line of what has worked for our AC over the years. Brennan: Agrees that have the election cycle should remain as it is.

Sonen makes a motion that we support Proposition #15, adding an amendment that we keep original election dates. Brennan seconds.

Action: 6 in favor of motion. 0 opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on Proposals #19-21:

Discussion: Purpura: These proposals if adopted would be somewhat burdensome for our small community. We just do not have that large of a population to comply with these proposals.

No Action

Discussion on Proposals #22-24: no comments

Discussion on Proposals #25-27: **Adoption of Fish & Game Regulations**

Prop #27- Modify the Regulations to Reflect the Need to Schedule Meetings for the Joint Board

Purpura: Scheduling Joint Board meetings *when needed* would save money, reduce redundancy and burden. In support of Proposition #27, requests a motion.

Brennan moves to support Proposal #27. Sonen seconds.

Action: 6 in favor of motion. 0 opposed. Motion passes.

Discussion on Proposals #28-29:

No Action

Discussion on Proposals #30-32: **Regional Councils**

There is some confusion on difference between Regional Councils and Advisory Committees, but it seems that operating in favor of Regional Councils, reduces efficacy and importance of individual communities. Purpura is not in support of smaller communities merging with larger ones to form Regional Councils.

No action on these proposals.

Discussion on Proposals #33-37: **Subsistence Uses and Procedures**

Prop #35- Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest

Committee discusses requirements to qualify for subsistence harvest, and wonders why Nonsubsistence Harvest needs to be defined.

No action.

Prop #36- Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population

Committee discusses how much harvest is taken out of the region by folks who either live here seasonally or send harvest to relatives out of state, etc. Purpura: I'm not in favor of promoting any large influx of urban users coming into rural areas not in close proximity where they live.

Brennan moves to adopt Proposal #36. Sonen seconds.

Action: 0 in favor of motion. 6 opposed. Motion fails

Prop #37- Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter

Committee discusses what types of harvest are permissible as barter.

Sonen moves to support #37. Merchant (public) seconds.

Action: 6 in favor of motion. 0 opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on Proposals #38-41: Nonsubsistence Areas

Prop #38- Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas

Discussion: People living in rural communities have a hard enough time putting food on their tables without competition from urban areas.

Sonen moves to adopt Proposal #38. Pedersen seconds.

Action: 0 in favor of motion. 6 opposed. Motion fails

Next meeting: Thursday November 7, 2013. 7pm Multi Purpose Room

Brennan moves to adjourn. Sonen seconds.

Meeting adjourns 1959 (7:59 PM)