

NORTHERN SEWARD PENINSULA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board of Fish Proposals

Deering, Alaska

Minutes February 26th, 2012

7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order, *Chair Ron Moto*
 - A. Roll Call / Establish Quorum
Marlene Moto-Karl
Percy Ballot
Nathan Hadley
George Sheldon
Mona Washington
- II. Introductions
Carmen Daggett
Mona Barger
- III. Attendance
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Mona motion to approve agenda
Marlene Moto-Karl Seconded
Agenda Approved
- V. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2012
 - A. Motion to approve minutes Mona
 - B. Seconded Marlene
Percy Ballot: minute amendment requested wolves and bears picking on moose
Minutes approved
- VI. Elections postponed till Selawik seat are decided
- VII. Motion Brown Bear Tag Fee & Antlerless Moose Hunt-the board did approve and agree with you on the decisions on proposals.
 - A. Percy Ballot: It makes it a little easier for people to get a brown bear because we have too many bears in our area.

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

- A. Statewide Allocation, Management Plans and Policies

Proposal 215

Comments: Support subsistence, a proposal not trying to support

Marlene Moto: Motions to support the proposal

Seconded: Mona Washington

Carmen Daggett: Explains that this proposal is meant to prevent one industry from taking over a fishing industry in a particular region.

Discussion:

Nathan: Question about location that is covered by the proposal

Percy Ballot: Explains it is for the whole state.

Nathan: We need to protect our river for subsistence for daily food

Question:

Motion Carries

Proposal 217

Percy Ballot: Suggests that we not support this proposal

Nathan Hadley: We do put nets out for subsistence, last couple of summers we have not been getting king salmon coming up the river maybe the mine up river. Our freezer and dried fish.

Nathan: Motions to not support 217

George: seconded

Discussion: Marlene: a couple years ago when my husband first started fishing and when we first got the allotments the other season was the first time the beluga going up the river the Naknek River.

Percy Ballot: they have a history of going up river, but they are going up river more and more.

All Support

Motion carries

Proposal 218

No comments

Motion to support proposal 218 Marlene Moto-Karl

Is this like what happened what happened with the Kuskokwim River last year?

Will this be a good thing for river fisherman?

Carmen Daggett: This is about fish conservation and setting a number below which escapement goals will be set.

Marlene: Does Fish and Game have a good idea of escapement goals

Carmen: I do not feel I can give good answer.

Marlene: Inquires about escapement goals and if they exist around the state.

Carmen: It was proposed by the Bering Sea Fisherman's Association.

Percy: We work real close with those guys. I will leave this to the council to support or not support.

Seconded:

Discussion:

All support

Motion carries

B. Commercial

Proposal 225

Marlene: I don't think that we should support this. Further example of why we should not support expand.

Marlene motion not to support the proposal, there have been violations by people under permit stacking, it makes it confusing.

Carmen Daggett: Explains that this is not about allowing or not allow permit stacking, but clarifying.

Marlene Moto: Inquires about what permit stacking is and what this proposal is about. Sponsored by the Kenai River Sport Fishing Association.

Percy Ballot: I am concerned about people using two permits at the same time. I am going to move not to support this.

Discussion: Percy Ballot: if you are going to be commercial fishing you should have your own boat and your own stuff.

Marlene Moto: Move not to support it

George: Seconded
Question: All support
Motion carries to not support this proposal

C. Sport

Proposal 227

Carmen Daggett: Gives examples to explain proxy fishing.
Percy Ballot: There are not that many people that do proxy sport fishing around here.
Percy Ballot: I would support it. If there is a real bad reason for them to EO they should close. Remember we don't even use that proxy fishing in villages.
Mona: Inquires what sport fishing is
Carmen Daggett: Explains sport fishing
Mona: Inquires about what a proxy is.
Mona: To me people use rod and reel for subsistence.
Carmen Daggett: Explains rod and reel fishing and subsistence fishing is regionally designated.
Marlene: Many people came here many years ago to come dry fish.
Marlene: What are they asking in this proposal?
Mona: Motion to support the proposal
Mona: Is it hard to change things down the road that we support or not support?
Percy Ballot: If we don't like this proposal we can write a counter proposal for later to change it back.
Percy Ballot: I would support it because if there is a real bad reason to close the season it would be good for the state to be able to do it.
Mona: Motion to support the proposal
Seconded: George Sheldon
Discussion:
Question: All support
Motion carries

Proposal 228

Carmen Daggett: Explains examples of the high grading from the proposal.
Percy Ballot: We don't want that if you catch a fish and you keep it, I think Fish and Game want to say don't throw it in.
Carmen Daggett: Explains the bag limit in relation to catching fish.
Mona Washington: Motion to support 228
Seconded: George Sheldon
Question: All Support
Motion Carries

Proposal 229

Carmen Daggett: Gives examples of what happens with fishing licenses. There is an annual limit on the fish.

Motion to support: Mona Washington

Seconded: Marlene

Question: All support

Motion Carries

Proposal 230

Carmen Daggett: Gives examples of what happens with fishing licenses under the circumstances of this proposal.

Percy Ballot: Inquires about annual limit

Carmen Daggett: The individual will lose their annual limit.

Percy Ballot: move to support

Mona: Motion to support

Seconded: by Nathan Hadley

Question: All support

Motion carries

Proposal 232

Carmen Daggett: Rereads proposal explains example of what the proposal is about.

Marlene Moto: Questions what the proposal is about

Percy Ballot: they are asking if they may be used

We use most of them anyways

Percy Ballot: Move to support

Percy Ballot: Whitefish means everything

Marlene Moto: Re-reads the proposal

Carmen Daggett: Explains where there are limits on whitefish it wouldn't fall under this proposal.

Percy Ballot: They want to use it for crab fishing or commercial fishing. They want to use the head and the tail.

Mona: Mostly the parts we don't use.

Marlene: Motion to support

Seconded: Nathan

Discussion:

All support

Motion carries

Proposal 233

Carmen Daggett: Reads proposal 233

Carmen Daggett: Explains reasoning for banning felt soles for the first place.

Mona: What about the disabled people who cannot use the boots and won't be able to fish. I would support the disabled by supporting the proposal. Motion to support

Seconded: Nathan Hadley, I am a veteran I and I support that

All support

Motion carries

Proposal 234

Mona: Wonders if there are other weights at Rotman's

Carmen Daggett: Explains the size of weight importance as well as availability on line.

Marlene: Inquires about use of lead weights by the general public.

Nathan Hadley: I eat a lot of whitefish and I am still alive.

Marlene: We get lead too in our bodies when we eat fish

Mona: as long as there are other kinds of weights out there to use..

Marlene: Motion to support

Seconded: Nathan

Discussion:

Question: All support

Motion Carries

Proposal 235

Marlene: It's a good one. We should support the new regulation. Establish mandatory sport fishing requirements, a new regulation

Look like it is good to support, reviews what the proposal is suggesting. We could support it.

Marlene: Don't they ask us how much we catch.

Carmen Daggett: Explains reporting of sport fishing.

Marlene: Proposed by the Native Village of Eyak, it would be wise to support it.

Seconded: Mona Washington

Question: All support

Motion carries

JOINT BOARD PROPOSALS

A. Moving Selawik from NSP to Lower Kobuk AC

Marlene Moto: Can we support it weren't they part of Noorvik and Selawik several years ago?

Percy: I would support it also, the wording regarding on Sheefish and whitefish in Buckland and Deering

Motion to support as amended strike out "From a fish perspective Selawik, Noorvik and Kiana are more dependent on sheefish and whitefish, while these fish have little to no use in Buckland and Deering".

Marlene Moto: Motion to support as amended

Marlene Moto: We all go after the same thing it is just in a different location.

Mona Washington: Seconded

All support

Motion carries

B. Joint Board-Robert's Rules of Order

Carmen Daggett: Reads proposal

George & Marlene: No comment

Mona: I make a motion to support the proposal

Seconded: Marlene Moto

Discussion:

Question: All Support

Motion Carries

C. Discussion of Additional Joint Board Proposals

Be aware that the new proposal book is out for the Joint Board Proposals. Please review these and be aware that the comments are due at the beginning of the cycle next year.

OTHER

B. NPMFC Letter

Carmen Daggett: Explains the meat of the proposal

Percy: Recommendation to support because it is about by catch, they waste a lot of fish and we live on fish. We need to support this proposal.

Marlene: there are more and more high seas fishing from other countries, they are manipulating the oceans too, the same ocean we are using.

Percy: I think it is a good letter to support this request.

Last summer there were several people sighted people for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Kuskokwim area, but they don't do anything about the fisherman wasting fish in the high seas.

George Sheldon: Motion to support

Nathan: Seconded

Question: All support

Motion carries

C. ICC (Percy Ballot)

We are going to four regions to talk with hunters and gatherers for food security. We are going around doing interviews with hunters and gatherers to gather what they are seeing for changes that are affecting their food. Two phase project will be in 2015.

Beginning with Carolina Behe to assess our food security and how it is related to our environment. So we can protect our food resources. We already went to Selawik and will be going to Kobuk we will use those information to start the second phase about traditional knowledge. We will start to see a lot about shipping. We are seeing drilling, weather and a lot of different things are happening. We are trying to use this knowledge to cure what kind of actions we need to do to manage our food resources better.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Maybe have a large meeting in Kotzebue talking about the Joint Board proposals

Need to get a person to attend the Statewide Board of Fish meeting