

Craig Advisory Council meeting February 3, 2015

Quorum in attendance:

Brian Castle
Ellen Hannan
Dave Creighton
Steve Stumpf
Fred Hamilton
Stu Merchant
Doug Rhoades
Mike Douville
Charles Haydu

Members not in Attendance:

Bill Farmer
Steve Merritt
Kirk Agnitsch

Public in Attendance:

Jeff Reeves
Craig Schwanke

Meeting called to order @ 7:07 PM

Agenda approved

Minutes approved from last meeting January 29, 2015

Elections:

Doug Rhoades-Alternate
Steve Merritt-Vice-Chair

New Business:

Discussion on Craig AC's Klawock River proposals. RAC (Regional Advisory Council) recommended closure on the federal portion of the mouth of Klawock River (just upriver of Fireweed Lodge). Federal restriction would be in place for July and August then no restrictions after August 31. We feel our **proposal 151** takes the RAC recommendation further by closing the fishery up river from the Klawock River Bridge. After a lengthy discussion **the Craig AC is dropping proposal 149 and amending Proposal 152 (See below).**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports	Number	Number	Comments/Discussions, Amendments to proposal

or Opposes	Support	Oppose	
BOF	152		Horsepower restriction Klawock River subsistence fishery
	9	0	Amend proposal to leave HP restriction the way it is until August 31 then lift HP restriction. No restrictions on the days of the week that you can fish after August 31.
BOF	127		No more than 1,000 blades of Kelp per herring pen
	9	0	The Craig AC recommends no more than 500 blades of Kelp per pen
BOF	128		Combine 2 closed herring pounds to make 1
	0	9	
BOF	129		Allow herring to be retained for up to seven days
	0	9	This will lead to added mortality due to a longer duration in the pen. Releasing at night helps them escape predators.
BOF	130		Create spiny dogfish fishery using pots
	9	0	
BOF	131		Allow pots in commercial sablefish fishery
	9	0	
BOF	132		Adds pots as legal gear in the long-line fishery
	9	0	
BOF	133		Adds pots as legal gear in long-line fishery
	9	0	
BOF	136		50 fish limit for personal use sablefish
	9	0	
BOF	176		Establish new enhanced salmon allocation by gear types
	7	1	1 vote abstained. We felt this proposal addresses accountability for what is being caught.
BOF	184		Open Kendrick bay to troll fishery
	9	0	
BOF	207		Increase commercial drift gillnet salmon fishing opportunity
	9	0	Open an area for gillnetters that is not open when seiners are fishing and allows protection from the weather.
BOF	208		Establish a drift gillnet mesh size restriction when king salmon fishery is closed
	0	9	King salmon that are present are generally Anita Bay hatchery fish. The Craig AC prefers an area restriction over a mesh size restriction.
BOF	209		Increase mesh depth to 120 meshes
	0	9	
BOF	210		Allow single monofilament net in gillnet fishery
	0	9	Our AC gillnetters opposed this stating,

			"monofilament can be too effective".
BOF	223		Change harvest percentage for Trollers from 70 to 60 % for king salmon on the first opening
	0	9	Sometimes King Salmon are not available on the second opening. Trollers do not want to risk leaving fish "on the table".
BOF	228		Mandatory 10 day closure for Coho fishery August 1-10
	0	9	
BOF	257		Repeal footgear with felt soles
	7	2	Other materials on the same boots can transfer organisms as easily as felt. Felt soles are safer than non-felt soles. There should be a decontamination method instead.

Stu Merchant attending BOF Meeting on behalf of the Craig AC.

Meeting Adjourned At 9:18pm