

Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 19,2016
Teleconference Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order by Alfredo AbouEid at 1:42 pm on January 19th, 2016
- II. Roll Call:
 - Jacob Shangin, Chair, Ivanof Bay, 6/2018
 - Alfredo AbouEid, Vice Chair, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2017
 - Raechel Allen, Secretary, Chignik Bay, 06/2017
 - Ben Allen, Chignik Bay, 06/2018
 - Debbie Carlson, Chignik Bay, 06/2016
 - Mitchell Lind, Chignik Lake, 06/2017
 - Ronald Lind, Chignik Lake, 06/2016
 - Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2018
 - Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2016
 - Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay, 06/2017
 - Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay, 06/2016
 - Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville, 06/2018
 - Marvin Yagie, Perryville, expired
 - Boris Kosbruk, Perryville, 06/2016
 - Rame AbouEid, Alternate 06/2017
 - Ernest Carlson, Alternate 06/2017

Members Present: Alfredo AbouEid, Al Anderson, Gary Anderson, Edgar Shangin, Patrick Kosbruk, Ben Allen, Raechel Allen, Debbie Carlson, Ernest Carlson

Members Absent: Mitchell Lind, Ronald Lind, Jacob Shangin, Stephen Shangin, Marvin Yagie, Boris Kosbruk, Rame AbouEid

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8

Members Present:9

List of User Groups: Chignik Bay, Chignk Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Ivanof Bay, Perryville

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List of User Groups Absent: Chignik Lake

Note: Further into the meeting, Austin Shangin, Perryville, 06/2017, was seated in place of Marvin Yagie's expired seat which raised the Members Present to 10.

- III. Approval of Agenda: Gary makes motion to approve the agenda. Ben seconds. Alfredo asks if there are any changes to be made. Taryn would like to pull the elections: Chignik Lake because it was not properly noticed, Ivanoff because it held an election, Chignik Lagoon because they held an election, and Patrick verified that Perryville held an election on Jan. 15,2016. Taryn requests a letter from the Perryville council confirming their vote. The chair seated the new members after unanimous consent. Discussion was held on the Chignik Lake vacancy and it was resolved that a vote needed to be held with time and place posted for at least two weeks prior to the election. Patrick made a motion to accept the agenda without elections. Al seconded. The agenda as amended was unanimously approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: November 4,2015 Gary makes a motion to approve the minutes. Al seconded. There were no objections. The motion to approve the minutes is unanimously approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support; Dawn Wilburn, Chignik Salmon Management; Lucus Stumpf, Chignik Salmon Management; Nick Sagalkin, Regional Supervisor; Jeff Wadle, Regional Salmon Management; Mark Stichert, Groundfish/Shellfish Management; Nat Nichols, Groundfish/Shellfish Management; Lisa Scarborough, Subsistence; Mary Beth Loewen, Salmon Research; Tyler Polum, Sport Fish; George Pappas, OSM

Guests Present: Axel Kopun, Chignik Bay; George Anderson, Chignik Lagoon; Chuck McCallum, Lake & Peninsula Borough; Bruce Barret, United Chignik Salmon Fishermen; Wallace Hinderer, Chignik Bay; Don Bumpus, Chignik Lagoon; Clem Grunert, Chignik Lagoon; Tony Gregorio, Chignik Lagoon; Gayla Hoseth, BBNA; Laura Tanis, Aleutians East Borough; Johnny Lind, Chignik Lake; Sandra Aleck, Chignik Lake

- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates: Dawn Wilburn presented the 2016 Chignik Salmon Forecast and that it has been posted to the Fish & Game website. Mark Stichert gave a report on Pacific Cod Fisheries. There was no actions taken at the December Board Meeting that will affect this coming season in Chignik. Alfredo inquired about the high % of smaller cod. Mark said in 2013 a big recruitment arrived and we are still seeing remnants of that year from Kodiak to False Pass. Reports of dead fish and birds were given from Debbie in Chignik Bay, Johnny in Chignik Lake, Patrick in Perryville, and Gary in Chignik Lagoon as well as Alfredo. Mark Stichert said observations and frozen samples could be reported to him and he would get samples to the labs. Lisa Scarborough added to get freshly perished samples to the lab within three days and gave a number to Fish and Wildlife Service (866-527-9958) to call into and give reports. She mentioned photos taken being useful for identification purposes as well.

VII. New Business:

I. Discussion of Proposals for Statewide Finfish, 213, 215, 218, and 2, commenced first so Mark could be dismissed for other business. Next, the Proposals for the Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian Island/ Chignik Finfish Meeting were addressed with Sport Fish proposals 198-201 being discussed first, followed by Commercial proposals 172-187, 192, and 189. The discussions and voting records are recorded in the template format below.

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MARCH 8-12,2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	213	Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0	Mark Stichert explained this is a "housecleaning" state proposal aimed at offshore trawl fisheries to stop high grading and it really didn't change Chignik pot fishery. Al moved to adopt. Gary seconded.
BOF	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	10	0	Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Alfredo stated that 58' limit protects our fishery. The bigger boats clean us out. Ben asked for clarification. Mark Stichert explained this was for federal parallel fishery within 3 miles. Alfredo described his experience fishing with these bigger boats around and that they are competing with the pot fisherman. He stated we should ask the Board of Fish to include Chignik in this list or proposal as well to protect ourselves and help the local communities. There was agreement with this. Ben makes a motion to amend to add Chignik to this proposal. Al seconds. Amendment carries 10-0.
BOF	218	Consider establishing state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch for the corresponding federal areas.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Al stated that should the board move forward with this that the Chignik area would remain a SUPER EXCLUSIVE area (similar to our current cod regs). Mark Stichert said to make this a comment in the discussion for the Board to see. All are in agreement with the addition of a super exclusive designation for Chignik.

ALASKA PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS / CHIGNIK FINFISH

FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 1, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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Supports or Opposes ?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	172	Increase the passage of sockeye salmon above the Chignik River weir to provide additional subsistence fishing opportunity.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	1	<p>PROPOSAL 172 - Lisa Scarborough reported according to ADF&G the late run subsistence harvest is less than 10K Sockeye Salmon annually. A member stated there is frequent under reporting. Another stated that some had trouble with dried fish and they were going out and getting more for drying without reporting. Johnny said the household surveys were the most accurate. The general comments are that report estimates are low. George asks dept stance on the proposal. Dawn Wilburn stated they were neutral and if raised to 75K it would be difficult to reach the upper escapement goals needed. Al asked why that is. Department states there is just not that many coming in and Didson sonar is used now so it is more accurate reporting. Al stated that there were a lot of fish caught in the past in Sept and now we are killing of the Aug portion of the run because of Area M and Chignik fishing. Al believes the first run was reduced (by the Department) and transferred to the late run rather than adding additional fish in the past. Bruce stated that some biologists believe that the loss of Sockeye Salmon rearing habitat at Black Lake has put more pressure on the Chignik Lake habitat due to the earlier migration of the Black Lake fry into Chignik Lake. The fry, likely most vulnerable to an increase in predation and greater competition for rearing habitat or food, are logically those produced from the real late or near end component of the Chignik Lake run as they would be the smallest and later emerging fry. Not like it was when there was better rearing conditions. Alfredo suggests fertilizing the lake or being proactive to fix the problem or getting more females for the escapement. Ben asked for the negative and positive aspects of the proposal. Dawn suggested it will create a more aggressive management style early in July. Trying to put in 50% after peak of run is a concern. Clem notes we have predation and underreporting. Are we getting enough escaped for subsistence need? Coho predation is also a problem notes Bruce. George Papas asked what is the upper end of the goal that could be managed for plus 25K fish in the month of Aug? Dawn said Aug needs 66K and 25K is 91K fish. George Papas notes that since 2007 the run exceeded the goal 4 times . The proposal would put us over the escapement goals. George asks for examples how strategy would change in July? Dawn Wilburn states that harvest would have to be more aggressive in early July. Bruce states that overfishing the early July component and having weak component management will decrease overall late run. Al agrees with Bruce and said we can't be cutting escapement back. The escapement goal needs to be increased. Ernie notes we haven't been shut down early [Aug 20] until recently.</p>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	1	<p>PROPOSAL 172 continued... Maybe table this proposal and watch runs for a few years. Gary agrees with Ernie. Commercial fishing in the Chignik area is typically over by late August, and therefore, all fish returning after that end up as escapement anyway. The fish showed up after fishing stopped. Gary states he doesn't agree with this proposal. Al believes we harvested too many reds in the past and he would like to see 25K additional fish, 150K is too much. Dawn estimated 300K fish went through after weir was pulled in 2015 Total late run escapement 2015 was just over 500K. There were reports given of reds present for subsistence this year. No problem this year getting reds. Sandra reports getting 80 reds mid Nov.. Silvers dominated in early Sept. Discussion ensued about what number is appropriate to amend to. Patrick doesn't think this makes sense with the current situation with the processor closing. But he would be open to an amendment. Al makes motion to ammend the proposal to keep the run timing and escapement timing the same, but increase the escapement in late August by 25K. Patrick seconds. Motion to amend passes 9-1. The motion to adopt as amended also passed 9-1.</p>
BOF	173	Reduce waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Kujulik, Portage, and Ivanof bays in the Chignik Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	0	<p>Al moved to adopt. Gary seconded. Bruce addressed that this proposal would give the Department plenty of latitude and ample authority to close these areas, stated these are historical fishing areas, and that Chignik had lost harvest opportunity even while there was no shortage of escapement, and on average there was over escapement. There are other methods to calculate the escapement used in other areas that should be applied. Streams in other areas have 500 yard closed water boundaries yet have regular weekly openings. The areas in the proposal are not sockeye areas. Al agrees with Bruce and believes there should be weekly openings and after a catch was reported, then close the area, and fly it to assess as was done in the past. Al supports 173 and 175. George says they are historical lines used in the past. Dawn Wilburn said the current lines were set in 1987 to protect milling fish. Some issues in Ivanoff Bay with dumping dark fish. Alfredo stated he fished Ivanof in 70's and it can't be fished to close to the boundaries or nets will rip. Also, the large closed area where fish mill often holds over escapement. He supports this proposal and believes we should go back to the historical lines in the 70's. Ernie asks the Department what are the escapement goals/capacity vs. what are they producing? Dawn Wilburn gave figures of 6-116k for Ivanoff and 17-204k Kajulik. Actual goals are area wide and no specific goal for each bay. An example was given for Ivanoff of 37k escapement. Ernie -we've over escaped and taxed the rivers some years and need a better "handle" on the situation so we can utilize our resource. Alfredo notes Dorner Bay seems to have lower return lately but Ivanof and Kajulik are over escaped. Bruce notes that a single survey isn't enough and waiting for peak count goal loses harvest opportunity and reduces harvested fish quality. Conservation is the area fishermen's goal. Patrick moves to amend the proposals to add a sunset clause to both 173 and 175. Austin seconds. Motion to amend carried 9-0. Al calls the question for 173 and 175 as amended.</p>

BOF	174	<p>In July and August close Chignik Area commercial salmon fisheries between Castle Cape and Kupreanof Peninsula when the Southeastern District Mainland is closed to commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0 9	<p>Al moved to adopt. Ben seconded. Dawn reported the department stance was to oppose this proposal - it limits the Department to manage local stocks and the Department would lack control of over escapement. Also, there is no precedent for managing our stocks on other areas. Alfredo opposes to 174 - it closes us down and seems anchored on greed. It is irrational as the fish predominately travel east, and there is no evidence of any notable South Peninsula Pink, Chum, and/or Coho salmon contribution in either of the subject two districts. The WASSIP study showed that South Peninsula Area Chum salmon contributed an average of 6.6% of the catch for the three years 2006-08 and that Chignik Sockeye Salmon dominated the sockeye catch from the two districts in the same period. WASSIP indicated that the SP Southeastern District Mainland is an interception, non-local stock fishery on Chum Salmon with the Chignik/Kodiak stock aggregate dominating the catch for the two years evaluated (2008-09). Al is against 174 and foresees that we will wind up with watermarked fish to harvest. Alfredo said we should be utilizing our resource. Many of the salmon streams near these villages of Perryville and Ivanof Bay are of distinct cultural and economic importance. To suggest that local resources in these districts should be restricted based on non-local stocks is most unreasonable and a callous disregard of our people. There was some discussion on how to expedite this meeting and it was decided it was prudent to address each proposal separately. Ernie then reminded folks that there were 46 streams in the Western and Perryville Districts that needed to be managed and this proposal doesn't address this .</p>
BOF	2	<p>Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. (This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10 0	<p>Al moves to adopt. Ben seconds. Al reaffirmed that he is most concerned about preventing waste. Ernie asked if there is a weight percentage in the proposal. Al said that he thought the Board could decide that. Mark Stichert said the Department usually sets the % said the Default % was 20%. The following is the discussion of Proposal 2 at the September 23,2015 Chignik AC meeting: <i>Mark Stichert comments that there might be some catch accounting issues. The fish ticket data base for salmon is separate from groundfish and management will need information in season to react. The data base folks are being asked about how this issue can be addressed. Motion to adopt by Rodney and seconded by Alfredo. Rodney asks what permit cards are needed to qualify and Mark Stichert lays out some options. Don asks if salmon season could be closed if cod bycatch is too high and Mark says no, and they would manage to the cod GHL and if cod bycatch was high they would close cod and stop the retention of cod but not close salmon. Tony asks if you have to have a pot or jig license to deliver cod on salmon fish ticket and how it effects the exclusivity of the fishery. Mark says that you don't have to be in the cod fishery so the super exclusive would not apply because you are not in the fishery. Rodney states that there is a problem with cod going and he would like to see this solution even if it has to come off the jig quota. Mark Stichert notes that seine mortality for cod is high but technically the dead cod is supposed to be reported on the fish ticket and accounted for. Mark Stichert asks what level, in the fishermen's experience, should the bycatch level be set at? Tony notes that right now the Chignik jigfishery is not a viable fishery but if, in the future, the jig fishery becomes viable we may have to deal with that. Tony asks if anyone has approached the canneries and if the companies will buy? Al Anderson says that he wrote the proposal and hates to see the waste and that last year everyone was swamped. George asks if the department would be more favorable if there was a sunset clause. Mark said that he wasn't sure he had a good answer. Mark noted that this is less complicated and that waste might be of interest to the BOF. Catch acct is the crux of the issue. Sunset probably won't make a difference on how the department comments. George asks if there will be additional costs for the department. Mark says there will be some additional costs to mesh the two systems, groundfish and salmon, together. The cost could be a problem in this fiscal environment. Rodney calls for question. Motion passes with all in favor.</i></p>

BOF	175	Create a pink salmon management plan in the Chignik Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	0	<p>Proposal 175 was discussed and voted concurrently with 173. The same minutes are repeated here as follows: Al moved to adopt. Gary seconded. Bruce addressed that this proposal would give the Department plenty of latitude and ample authority to close these areas, stated these are historical fishing areas, and that Chignik had lost harvest opportunity even while there was no shortage of escapement, and on average there was over escapement. There are other methods to calculate the escapement used in other areas that should be applied. Streams in other areas have 500 yard closed water boundaries yet have regular weekly openings. The areas in the proposal are not sockeye areas. Al agrees with Bruce and believes there should be weekly openings and after a catch was reported, then close the area, and fly it to assess as was done in the past. Al supports 173 and 175. George says they are historical lines used in the past. Dawn Wilburn said the current lines were set in 1987 to protect milling fish. Some issues in Ivanof Bay with dumping dark fish. Alfredo stated he fished Ivanoff in 70's and it can't be fished to close to the boundaries or nets will rip. Also, the large closed area where fish mill often holds over escapement. He supports this proposal and believes we should go back to the historical lines in the 70's. Ernie asks the Department what are the escapement goals/capacity vs. what are they producing? Dawn Wilburn gave figures of 6-116k for Ivanoff and 17-204k Kajulik. Actual goals are area wide and no specific goal for each bay. An example was given for Ivanoff of 37k escapement. Ernie -we've over escaped and taxed the rivers some years and need a better "handle" on the situation so we can utilize our resource. Alfredo notes Dorner Bay seems to have lower return lately but Ivanoff and Kajulik are over escaped. Bruce notes that a single survey isn't enough and waiting for peak count goal loses harvest opportunity and reduces harvested fish quality. Conservation is the area fishermen's goal. Patrick moves to amend the proposals to add a sunset clause to both 173 and 175. Austin seconds. Motion to amend carried 9-0. Al calls the question for 173 and 175 as amended.</p>
BOF	176	Amend Southeastern District Mainland commercial salmon set gillnet fishery season opening times and fishing periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	<p>Ernie is opposed to the proposal as it does away with the allocation plan we have worked for years on. He went on to say the gentlemen in that area created their own problem when they were given three permits through limited entry and then sold some of them off creating more competition and now they want us to pay on this end. Ben makes a motion to adopt. Gary seconds. Dawn Wilburn said the department was neutral on the allocative aspects and said the department was opposed to establishing a set schedule that would limit their ability to manage local stocks and be difficult to meet local stock escapement in area M. Bruce expressed this would expand an interception fishery and Orzinski was the only terminal run in the area and he felt the department was remiss in not stating that this expansion of an interception fishery was contrary to Board of Fish policy. George stated that if implemented, it would supersede the SEDM plan, removing all allocation assignment and all conservation requirements. Ben- the proposal would expand an existing interception fishery monumentally. If approved, it would wrongly permit SEDM setnetters to intercept Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon absent of any allocation assignment or conservation requirement. The proposal represents nothing less than whole-hearted greed to pirate Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon by a select group of Area M fishermen.</p>

BOF	177	Revise the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear concurrent to the Chignik Area commercial sockeye salmon fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	<p>Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Department is neutral to the allocative aspect and is opposed to allowing concurrent fishing with CMA because it would limit the department's ability to manage local area M stocks. It would make it difficult to meet escapement goals. Alfredo states this is more greediness and would create more interception. Hopefully, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will recognize the proposal for what it signifies--- a total disregard for a long-standing BOF policy against non-local stocks fishery expansions. Al asked to address if they rarely catch the 7.6% and Jeff said they get pretty close and last year they went over. Alfredo said he tendered in the Shumagins - they are mostly Chignik fish being caught and aren't recorded on the allocation. Bruce said they won't make the 7.6 % in all the years because Chignik is "on their lips" with poor fish returns. This plan would expand an interception fishery. Ernie asked what they are targeting after July 25. Jeff said that they are managing to target for chums and pinks and some sockeye. Bruce- Orzinski sockeye are well over by then and Jeff Wadle agreed. Alfredo -it's just an interception fishery after that. The proposal, if approved, would expand an historic interception fishery and remove the harvest preference granted to Chignik fishermen. Gary clarifies that Chignik has a 300,000 minimum catch and that the department must still guarantee that Chignik catches 600,000 in the current plan. Ben states the proposal is similar to Proposal 176 as it reflects greed and a willingness to damage Chignik fishermen who invest significantly in the conservation of Chignik's two Sockeye Salmon runs and that it's nothing more than a fish grab. If approved, the proposal change would effectively take sockeye salmon away from the Chignik terminal fishery.</p>
BOF	178	In the Southeastern District Mainland establish weekly fishing through July 10 for set gillnet gear and from July 11 through July 25 establish 48 hour open fishing periods and closures for set gillnet and purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	<p>Dawn Wilburn explains it gives 600 hrs fishing time with 96 hrs open and 72 hour closure. She said it is unclear if it removes allocation criteria. The Department is neutral on the allocation aspect but opposed to set fishing schedules as it limits the department's ability to manage local stock. Ben moves to adopt. Al seconds. Ernie suggests submitting an allocation plan into this proposal. Ben cites the some of the same comments from 177. The proposal, if approved, would expand a historic interception fishery and remove the harvest preference granted to Chignik fishermen. The proposal is similar to Proposal 176 as it reflects greed and a willingness to damage Chignik fishermen who invest significantly in the conservation of Chignik's two Sockeye Salmon runs. Hopefully, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will recognize the proposal for what it signifies--- a total disregard for a long-standing BOF policy against non-local stocks fishery expansions. If approved, the proposal change would effectively take Sockeye Salmon away from the Chignik terminal fishery. Ernie stated that this proposal would do away with an allocation plan with a long history that's been working and asked how this would be prosecuted with allocation criteria? Jeff said it would be opened as the schedule would dictate and Dawn clarified that if it was under an allocation plan the department could still close it as necessary. Ben calls question.</p>
BOF	179	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to establish that 40 percent of the sockeye salmon taken in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay sections are considered to be of Chignik River origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	<p>Al makes motion to adopt. Ben seconds. Ben asks if this would double the SEDM allocated catch? Bruce answers yes, it would increase interception of salmon and to keep it allocatively neutral cut the 7.6% allocation to 3.8%. The ADF&G testified in the last Area M BOF meeting that the 80% Chignik stock assignment is not inconsistent with the findings of the GIS study funded by the Aleutian East Borough several years back. Also, the results of the 1963 tagging study that the pre-July SEDM Plan is founded on, clearly shows 80% of the tagged fish were Chignik bound sockeye. Chignik stock abundance varies however it would increase the amount of harvestable fish intercepted, contrary to policy. Alfredo reaffirms that it's just a way for Area M to intercept more salmon.</p>

BOF	180	Require all salmon harvested in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery to be landed within the Southeastern District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0	Ben made the motion to adopt. Gary seconded. Dawn commented that the dept was neutral on allocation but had concern about enforcement. Bruce verified a provision in the proposal to waive this requirement if necessary. Dawn Wilburn believed this was correct. Bruce- the department should verify if misreporting is or is not happening and show evidence. Ben supported this proposal saying the department should be able to verify and check if the rules [allocation] are being applied properly. It was commented that there must be a tendency to under report. Ernie questions the percentage of sockeye being caught when it is just gillnetters vs when seiners are present as well. Department didn't know. Seinners can move so this proposal would improve honest reporting. Alfredo states that if we have an allocation on our run then they [the beneficiary] must be accountable for the fish they catch. He supports the proposal. The statement should be made that if you cheat you will be penalized.
BOF	181	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	7	Ben made motion to adopt. Gary seconded. Dawn Wilburn explained it would repeal the management plan and no alternative was given. The Department said there was some question why it did not oppose and request more info. Ben questioned if this could potentially be used as a fish grab. Al said we don't really understand what they are trying to do. Chuck suggested they are trying to shut down a fishery. Bruce suggested letting it go and not make it more of an issue. Al did not like leaving an open ended ticket. There was general agreement to that. 2 abstentions
BOF	182	Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to shift the opening date for the drift gillnet fishery to coincide with the set gillnet fishery opening date.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Raechel moved to adopt. Gary seconded. Al says this will create "infighting" and the Board will allocate fish to them and it will negatively impact us. Raechel said it gives them more fishing days. It would increase interception. Jeff Wadle verifies it would increase fishing time. Ben says it is allocative amongst the fisherman and amongst areas with no accounting where they are going. Chuck stated it will increase effort.
BOF	183	Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to stagger opening days for the drift and purse seine fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Ben moved to adopt and Gary seconded. Raechel clarified that they would fish staggered the entire season. While the hours for each gear type remain the same the hours of gear in the water is increased. Al states that the two groups would be fishing without competition with the other, giving them increased interception. Ben agrees. Raechel stated it makes less competition for each gear type making increased interception. Jeff said there is always gear in the water. Al - it adds a day for the drift gillnetters. Ben sees more interception. Jeff clarifies that, yes there would be more effort. Bruce states that Chignik stocks are present in these fisheries
BOF	184	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Ben moved to adopt. Gary seconded. This appears to insure more Chum to AYK. Chignik doesn't have a chum issue. Ben made a motion to take no action. Agreement was expressed. Gary seconds. 1 abstention

BOF	185	Establish a Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section Management Plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9 0	<p>Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Bruce - It anchors to the Chignik harvest preference of 300k and 600k. We negotiated the 120k # with Area M fishermen but there was not enough notice given for that board cycle. It puts a management tie to conservation of Chignik stocks. There are less than/ about 2% local sockeye. It's an intercept fishery and should have a conservation burden. George- this proposal ensures that local pink and chums are harvested. Alfredo- 120K is too much. Gary asks if Dolgoi is tied to the 7.6% allocation. Bruce clarified- no constraint or conservation burden on this area now. Gary- in 2006 they intercepted a very large component of the Chignik run. Alfredo - the fleet has been growing more efficient, better gear, larger vessels and states why not attach an allocation percentage instead of 120K. Bruce- the harvest preference will give accountability when Chignik runs are depressed. Ben asks what years records were analyzed. Chuck mentioned his dad fished there and was aware they were catching Chignik fish. George doesn't want a hangup on the 120K #. It was discussed at length with AreaM fisherman and 120K was palatable after looking at 60K and 80k. Most important to get conservations ties. Bruce stated that it would be difficult to tie anything into the existing 7.6% allocation because SEDM fishermen[setnets] don't move much. Ben - by setting up conservation ties this proposal will help SEDM have a greater potential to fish as Chignik will get its escapement. It would have positive effects clear to Igvak. There was consensus in discussion that the issue of lacking conservation must be addressed. It was noted that the 120K was agreed on with Area M and that it was Sue Jeffery that called a lack of adequate public notice. Alfredo and Al have concern that the 120K will be caught and then later in the bays they will pursue more sockeye with no constraints. Bruce felt the lines were reasonable. In 2014, 280k caught in Dolgoi while we caught 600K total. Dawn - the department is concerned with enforcement of required delivery in Dolgoi area. General discussion of accuracy of fish ticket reporting. George and Bruce pointed out the delivery requirement could be negated by the Department or removed by the BOF. Gary suggests negotiating with Area M fisherman again to minimize differences. Ben asked where the 120K came from. Bruce explained the last 10 years after removing the high and low. Earnie and Ben asked for various comments to be entered into the record [noted at end of Proposal 185 minutes]. Patrick suggests starting negotiation where we started last year. Bruce read the Dolgoi catches from 2006-15. 851,000 catch for 2015 was startling. General discussion of what figure should be in proposal. Patrick and Gary suggest 80K. Bruce agreed. Ernie asks to tie 186 with this proposals discussion. Patrick makes an amendment to 80K. The vote to amendment from 120K to 80K carried unanimously (9-0) . Additional Comments entered into record for Proposal 185</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ About 50% of the Sockeye Salmon harvested in the Dolgoi Island fishery through July 25th are Chignik-bound early and late run fish as reported by the comprehensive WASSIP study. ▪ Chignik bound Sockeye Salmon are the dominate stock taken in this fishery even when Chignik runs are weak or well below average, as established by the WASSIP study. ▪ Per the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy, it is reasonable to address the impact of the Dolgoi Island fishery. In accordance it is prudent to set some side-boards on that fishery to address conservation of Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon as well as limit the degree of non-local stock harvest occurring annually. ▪ Currently there are no constraints to protect Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon even when Igvak and the SEDM fisheries are closed to meet Chignik Sockeye Salmon escapement shortfalls. Too often Dolgoi Island fishermen harvest more Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon than caught at Igvak and in the SEDM combined. ▪ While there is some historic basis for this fishery, there has been increased gear efficiency and effort advancing the killing power and targeting of migrating Sockeye Salmon, namely fish destined to Chignik and Cook Inlet and Kodiak. ▪ While not a prominent stock in Dolgoi Island fishery (per WASSIP findings), Bristol Bay Sockeye Salmon could be alternatively harvested in fisheries west of Dolgoi Island as well as on the north side of the Peninsula by Area M fishermen. ▪ The proposal would not limit local stock harvest opportunity as there are no terminal Sockeye runs in the Dolgoi Island Area, and the proposal, as drafted, adequately ensures that local Pink and Chum Salmon can be harvested.

BOF	186	Establish a Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section June Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	8	1	The purpose of 185 and comments there apply to 186 as well. Ben moved to hear proposal 186. Gary seconded. Bruce explained this is easier/simpler for the Department to manage (than proposal 185). It reduces fishing time [25%] and applies the 300K and 600K harvest preference numbers. Dawn Wilburn explains the figures of the current plan hours and proposal 186. Bruce - the times align with what is currently done. Ben - the other plan [185] is better. George - this is a reasonable plan that gives them fishing time. Dawn says the Department is neutral as this is allocative. Al moves to adopt. Gary seconds. Ben asks if we should change to 33%. George- 300K/600K is the crux of the issue. Status quo is unreasonable and shutting them down completely is unreasonable. This is a good compromise, a good start. Al would rather the cap of proposal 185. There was discussion over what the appropriate time % reduction should be. It is noted that the Chignik component of fish caught in the Dolgoi area is 43% in June and 51% post June. Ben suggests amending to 33% reduction in fishing time as 25% was not enough of a reduction. Al points out they are intercepting greater than 45% of Chignik sockeye, and to put that into perspective. General agreement - 25% reduction was not enough. Al suggests 50%. Gary moves to amend to reduce the fishing time in proposal from 25% to 50%. Ben seconded. Amendment passed 8-1.
BOF	187	Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for South Alaska Peninsula to provide the department authority to make openings for specific gear groups.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Al moved to adopt. Gary seconded. The department stated it is a vague proposal and there was not enough detail. Bruce stated it could provide greater interception. We are unclear about all the implications.
BOF	189	Allow for dual permit vessels and increased gear limits for dual permit vessels in the Alaska Peninsula Area commercial salmon purse seine fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Chuck stated that there were many latent permits and it would bring more effort [net length] into the area. Ben opposed it and stated it limits the ability of new participants to enter the fishery. The State can do buy backs if there is an issue. Ernie said it's against the effect of the limited entry.
BOF	192	Allow commercial fishing for salmon with set gillnets in the area between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs any time the area is closed to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Pat moved to adopt. Austin seconded. Jeff said currently we are opposed to the proposal. Ernie asks if it is a potential expansion of interception fishery. Alfredo asked if it would potentially expand the time fished. Jeff said, potentially yes.
BOF	198	Require non-retention of king Salmon in the Sandy River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of our area.
BOF	199	Amend the freshwater bag limit provisions for salmon species other than king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Tyler Polum introduces the proposal. It would increase the bag limit for under 20 inches. It aligns the AK Peninsula with Kodiak. Al asks if this applies to Chignik and specifies that he adamantly does not want to increase bag limits in Chignik River at all. George Pappas gives information about federal subsistence regulations. Ben has concerns that we have a subsistence issue already and doesn't want an increase in sport fishing pressure added to the subsistence problem. Al sees this applying to hunters flying in. Ben would like Chignik excluded from this. Al moved to adopt and Ben seconds. Patrick states his understanding is that it doesn't change the number of fish you can keep a day. Tyler said this is correct but it does increase the bag limit for under 20 inches. Patrick suggests if we are worried about this then we would oppose this action. Ben again suggests amending to exclude Chignik to give the Department a way to apply the proposal without including Chignik. Patrick points out that every area and fishery is different and just because it works for Kodiak doesn't mean it will for us. Clem Grunert opposes this proposal. Comments during the vote were "not as written" and "it leads to more."

BOF	200	Close Swanson Lagoon and its tributaries to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of our area.
BOF	201	Reduce the possession limit for coho salmon in Illiuliuk Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of our area.

- II. Al makes motion to authorize Alfredo AbouEid, the Vice Chair, to approve the minutes in case of the AC not being able to make quorum. Ben seconds. Motion carries with unanimous approval.

VIII. Set date and location of next meeting.

Al suggests meeting in Anchorage before the Board of Fish meeting. Having time to seat any new Chignik Lake members was discussed. There is a CRAA meeting on February 19th, 2016. Taryn could run a teleconference on February 16th, 2016. Al mentions chartering Iliamna Air as a cost effective way to get everyone to Anchorage. The next meeting is tentatively set for February 16th, 2016 at 1:30pm to address the proposals 185, 186, and other topics that would apply to the BOF meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen
Minutes Approved By: Alfredo AbouEid
Date: February 8, 2016