

SITKA ADVISORY BOARD  
JANUARY 17, 2014  
SAGE BUILDING 6:30PM

Attendance:

Floyd Tomkins, Moe Johnson, Randy Gluth, Pete Roddy, Brian Massey, John Murray, Jerry Barber, Tad Fujioka, Kim Elliot, Jeff Feldpausch, Bradley Shaffer and Jessica Gill. Dick Curran showed up at 7pm.

Bradley offered to act as temporary secretary in absence of Eric Jordan.

Floyd began the meeting by providing Unit 4 big game information provided by Phil Mooney. Phil does not believe there will be any Agency proposed changes to Unit 4 in the next proposal process.

Troy Tydingco, our local area sport fish manager, introduced himself. Troy responded to questions regarding *Didemnum vexillum* (or D. vex) and another invasive E. Vex. He explained the taxonomy and locations of its existence. There appears to be no major spread of D. vex from the infested area of Whiting Harbor. Kim inquired about control over public access and Troy described the physical notices but reminded us the state has very limited authority.

Election:

Most of the expiring terms were filled by the present representative. The group had an open discussion regarding the vacant positions.

The following occurred:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>
John Murray	Power Troll	Tad/Brian
Peter Roddy	Shellfish	John/Bradley
Floyd Tomkins	Conservation	Tad/Randy
Cody Loomis	Guide	Tad/Jerry
Dick Curran	Longline	Brian/Peter

The ballot was unanimous.

Eric's decades of participation was acknowledged by all but reluctantly we agree with his desire to not participate at this time.

Upon John's nomination for Chair, a very constructive discussion occurred regarding responsibilities and duties. Brian, Tad and outgoing Floyd all shared no nonsense advice and observation they have experienced as Chair. All three agreed the Secretary is an integral part to making the Chair's duties not become overwhelming.

Jessica Gill who introduced herself at the beginning of the meeting made her interests of participation known to us. She is willing to serve as alternate and secretary.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>
Jessica Gill	Alternate	Brian/Jeff

The ballot was unanimous.

With that out of the way the election of officers occurred:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>
John Murray	Chair	Brian/Randy
Brian Massey	Vice Chair	Peter/Kim
Jessica Gill	Secretary	Brian/Kim

The ballot was unanimous.

Jessica was not able to stay for the whole meeting; she left after the election.

Game Proposal action was as follows:

<u>Proposal Number</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
143,144	11	1	1	Motion/Second: Brian/Jeff Obsolete process, activity is no use to the State. State also desires passage
135	6	5	1	Motion/Second: Brian/Kim Bradley commented this proposal may be the result of ANCSA corporation using Alaska harvested meat out of State for a shareholder meeting. While the general consensus was that ceremonial activities are to be supported by the State, sentiments were mixed on meat leaving the state. Jeff stated he supports tribal activities and locations should not impede the activities
140	0	11	1	Motion/Second: Brian/Tad Randy “who’s business is it?” Tad “no value in the information for managers”
142	TABLED			Motion/Second: Brian/Kim General discussion regarding the intended purpose and need for such a change. Bradley suggested no action on the proposal. Jerry/Brian moved to table
152,153	0	12	0	Motion/Second: Tad/Randy Tad stated there is no need. Most of us would like to know who Pioneer Alaska Fisheries is and what a corporation has to do with proposing unreasonable standards. Jerry saw no reason for changes as there is no public harm or loss

				currently. Jeff stated the proposal conflict with customary use.
156,157	0	12	0	Motion/Second: Brian/Jerry Jeff does not believe anything is “broken”. Jerry stated the proposal is unnecessary. Bradley believes the proposals authored by Pioneer Alaska Fisheries can generally be viewed as anti-harvesting proposals.
175	12	0	0	Motion/Second: Kim/Jeff Kim moved that Sitka be added to the list of communities for Units 1-3, with Brian making a friendly amendment to include Units 5A &B (he would later withdraw his amendment). Pete disclosed we are the only community in SE that is not included on any other the unit lists. John pointed out that Sitka is a subsistence community and boundaries are not black and white as to where activities occur. Randy commented that antlerless hunts generally represent surplus animals. The surplus animals should be available to those with “local knowledge”. Tad pointed out that numerous Sitkans hunt unit 3 and that Gustavus was never discussed much in the past, which he believes is an indicator that not many Sitkans hunt Gusvatus. That comment caused Brian to withdraw his motion for unit 5. Jerry does not believe there is any geographical sense to Sitka’s omission. Peter wants Sitka included.

The meeting wrapped up a couple of minutes passed 8pm. A round of applause was provided to Floyd for his vigilance as 2013 Chair.