

Sitka Advisory Committee
December 2, 2014
Legislative Information Office, 201 Katlian Street, Suite 103

- I. Call to Order: 6:32PM by John Murray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call:
 - Members Present: Brian Massey, Bradley Shaffer, Jerry Barber, Kim Elliot, Randy Gluth, Moe Johnson, Dick Curran, Jessica Gill, John Murray, Peter Roddy (via telephone)
 - Members Absent: Tad Fujioka, Jeff Feldpausch, Karen Johnson, Cody Loomis, Floyd Tomkins
 - Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8
 - List of User Groups Present: Resident Sport Fish, At Large, Hand Troll, Hunting, Seine, Longline, Subsistence, Alternative 1, Power Troll, Shellfish (via phone)
- III. Approval of Agenda:
 - No agenda was published, but the Chairman overviewed proposals to discuss this evening.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: November 18th, 2014
 - Meeting minutes were not available at this time.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - Eric Coonrandt; Troy Tydingco; Phil Mooney; Joe Stratton via phone in Petersburg
- VI. Guests Present:
 - Harvey Kitka, Richie Davis, Mike Svenson, Roger Ingman
- VII. Old Business:
 - BOG proposal #11, BOF proposal #65
- VIII. New Business:
 - No new business was discussed.
- IX. Minute Recording
 - John discussed D. Vex comments. Discussion regarding herring proposals ensued. John reminded everyone about five open seats; elections on December 10. Phil Mooney distributed ADF&G's analysis and recommendations. After BOF proposal #64 was discussed and voted on, Pete discussed the ability of the alternate members to vote on proposals. It was mentioned that because we have absent members at this meeting, that they are allowed to vote. Pete discussed the November 18 meeting, with a full roster present, the alternates still voted. Jessica looked into the regulations, and noted that the alternates function as a full AC member in the event that other members aren't present. Because the Sitka AC has two empty seats, the alternates are allowed to vote. Brian asked for an overview of shrimp management in Southeast Alaska. Eric (ADF&G) mentioned there are six factors that ADF&G looks at as indicators (carapace length, size at which male to female (L50), catch rates, fishery CPUE, logbook information, size mix), but in areas without a stock assessment survey, they rely on CPUE without soak times. Brad asked about SEFA's alliance/membership. Richie mentioned they were a reputable agency in effect for 12 years. Brian asked if BOF proposal 108 is trying to extend the season. Eric mentioned it was clarifying fishing periods.

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
BOG	11		Establish separate brown bear registration hunts for nonresident relatives within second-degree of kindred in Unit 4.
SUPPORT As amended	9	0	<p>Tabled from last meeting (11/18/14). Brian moved to bring proposal off the table, Jerry seconded. Phil Mooney—under brown bear management strategy, BOG commissioned a strategy team for 2 years, which was accepted by BOG in 2000. He was under the impression that because next of kin (NOK) was already sanctioned, and it got tabled until now. Brown bear management strategy has to do with guide use areas, which came from guides to set up boundaries based on historical records. Admiralty and Baranof has next of kin hunts. It's managed by islands, but now separated into Admiralty, Baranof, NE Chichagof (from Tenakee Inlet and Port Frederick north and east, respectively) and remainder Chichagof. But there is no historical record of next of kin hunters, was going to look at two hunts on inside and two on outside. Need to put something in the brown bear management strategy. ADF&G put pressure on Forest Service to manage hunt/hunters. 27 guides to 23 guides, getting to where the strategy needs to be. ADF&G has control over NOK hunts. Mechanism isn't important for him. Brian—any limit on NOK hunts? Phil—Forest Service controls permits, but most permits overharvest, and mortalities are not matching. From 2004-2013, 195 NOK hunters, under management strategy it should have been 40. Hunters took 75 bears, but should have been 20. If you count all other types of mortalities, it's important to level the playing field. BOG doesn't like getting set into numbers, but a range of hunts is also appropriate. Usually it's not the plan that fails, it's the implementation. If the AC has a better idea for the hunt (drawing, limit, etc). Brad—hunts=hunters? Phil- Yes. He can't do much about going to a GUA (Guide Use Area, 16 GUAs in GMU 4), from what info he has. NOK hunters go with relative to public use cabins, taking up some valuable "space". Brian—you mentioned four bears? Phil—four spring hunts, including the three fall hunts. It's better to do when there's some flexibility, having little effect at this point in time. EO is a big hammer, affecting residents and nonresidents. Brian—does it establish drawing hunts? Phil—no, BOG decides that. Resident hunts don't change. Brian—is the number of hunts ok? Phil—it's a good place to start.</p> <p>Jerry—getting some control over this is important, and this is a good way to start. Kim—can we change the language to drawing permit? Phil—we can, but it's not necessary. BOG can do that too. It would only change nonresident next-of-kin hunts (a small number). Brian—motioned to approved, but change registration hunts to and/or drawing permits. Kim seconded.</p>

Adjournment: 9:20PM

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman
Date: Dec. 18, 2014