

UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

04 June 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

1207PM AST, by Chairman Frank Kelty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Frank Kelty	Roger Rowland
Jennifer Shockley	Margaret “Augie” Kochuten
Steven Gregory	Dustan Dickerson
Shari Coleman	Melissa Good
Mike Holman	
Don Goodfellow	
Tim Mahoney	
Jeff Hancock	

GUESTS PRESENT:

Miranda Westphal, ADF&G Unalaska Office Area Management Biologist

Zoe Sobel, KUCB

Jim Paulin

Rebecca Duffy

Abi Woodbridge

Tyler Polum, ADF&G Kodiak Office Area Management attended via telephonically

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None

APPROVE AGENDA:

Agenda adopted by voice vote with no additions.

APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes were adopted with no changes.

ADF&G UPDATE:

Miranda Westphal, ADF&G staff: provided the update, on BSAI crab fisheries. Opilio snow crab season ended in May at 40.6 million pounds. Bristol Bay Red King Crab at 10 million pounds with 65 vessels participating. EAG Golden King Crab at 3.3 million pounds with 3 vessels participating. WAI Golden King Crab confidential two vessels fishing this district. EBS Tanner has 50 vessels participating 11.0 million pounds WBS tanner at 8.4 million pounds and 62 vessels participating in both districts. No participation in local rockfish fishery. Aleutian Islands cod is ongoing but participation is confidential due to number of vessels and processors. State water Sablefish is ongoing harvest data is confidential.

LEGISLATIVE:

The Board accepted nominations for seats A, B and C.

- Seat C: Jennifer Shockley was nominated by Hancock, seconded by Mahoney; elected by voice vote with no objections.
- Seat B: Roger Rowland was nominated by Shockley, seconded by Hancock, elected by voice vote with no objections.
- Seat A: Frank Kelty was nominated by Holman, seconded by Coleman; elected by voice vote with no objections.
- Alternate: Jeff Hancock was nominated by Coleman, seconded by Mahoney; elected by voice vote with no objections.

The Board accepted nominations for officers.

- Chair: Frank Kelty was nominated by Holman, seconded by Shockley; elected by voice vote with no objections.
- Vice-Chair: Steven Gregory was nominated by Mahoney, seconded by Shockley; elected by voice vote with no objections.

- Secretary: Jennifer Shockley was nominated by Holman, seconded by Gregory; elected by voice vote with no objections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion: Chairman Kelty reported actions taken at the State Board meeting in February. Public testimony was heard on Proposal 194 but no action was taken in February. In March the State Board Fisheries passed Proposal 194 5-2, to close Unalaska Bay to all trawling year round this was against the recommendation of this Unalaska AC for status quo. Proposal 201 was passed, reducing Coho salmon possession limit in Iliuliuk Creek. State Board of Fisheries supported Unalaska Board positions on Proposals 207 and 209.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Salmon sportfish concerns dominated new business.
- Frank Kelty reported that the State Board rejected request to change Summer Bay regulations so that coho and sockeye restrictions are the same from the mouth of Summers Bay River. ADFG staffer Tyler Polum explained that emergency orders can't be issued without data to support the change, and that the issue should go through the ACR process.
- Discussion re. lack of AST enforcement. Polum recognized that Unalaska AST enforcement of sockeye fishing regulations is limited in the summer; persons wishing to report violations can always phone Kodiak AST. Signs for both Summer Bay and Iliuliuk Creek have been ordered. Polum: AST doesn't have funds to keep trooper here all summer, suggests writing to governor. Abi Woodbridge: NOAA agent told her they can be deputized to enforce state laws.
- Discussion re. what kind of changes to regs. Polum and Westphal both recommended that closures and other limitations be the same for local coho and sockeye fisheries. Mahoney question about changing gear type rather than closed areas? Polum: easier to enforce closed areas.
- David Gregory: What is goal here? Equal access or to protect resource? Need to determine goal in order to determine possible actions to take. Lack of enforcement is key problem.
- Coleman: What happened to change where people fish? Why so much pressure now at Summer Bay? Kelty: closure of more parts of Iliuliuk Creek.
- Discussion re. outreach/education: Holman notes education is key. Round-table discussion on KUCB, new signage, coordinate with processing plants to educate seasonal employees, volunteer observers. Gregory notes that problem is not with locals. Coleman volunteers to begin with new processor orientation at Unisea.

Woodbridge suggests weekly advertisement in paper; Polum agrees might be feasible.

- Discussion re. signage: Polum suggest signage in multiple languages; Woodbridge asks for clarification regarding actual wording of signs; Westphal suggests add'l signs posting limits.
- Discussion between Kelty and Polum re. weirs on local creeks, staffing and funding
- Salmon subsistence issues
 - Discussion re. ways to reduce pressure on sockeye run in Iliuliuk Creek. Change net length? Change mesh size? Polum: 50-fathom net length is western Alaska standard, can be modified by ACR.
 - Miranda Westphal ADFG biologist to provide Unalaska AC members with subsistence effort information by e-mail for last 3-4 years; also requesting federal funds for comprehensive subsistence survey in 2017.
- Discussion: Agenda Change Request to change salmon sportfishing setback at Summer Bay, decision to request changing sockeye setback to 250 yards for Summer Bay and Morris Cove this time and if it is adopted, Board can reassess the successfulness next cycle and decide then whether to change setback again. Motion to submit an ACR changing sockeye setback to 250 yards for Summer Bay and Morris Cove June 1-Dec 31 motion made by Holman, seconded by Gregory; passes with voice vote.
- Discussion: Focused on the amount of debris, toxins and trash going into watershed. Jeff Hancock had questions re boom containment at Unisea during dock rebuilding; Abi Woodbridge noted the burning of toxic products in fire pits in the community.
- Discussion re. Next meeting: in August

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

None.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be in August.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:44PM AST.