

**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
10/16/16
Cooper Landing Community Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 12:10pm by George Heim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: John Pearson, Todd Donahue, George Heim, Theo Lexmond, Mike Adams, Robert Gibson
Members Absent: Billy Couilliette, Alex Kime, Gerry Neis, Ed Holsten

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: 1-12

- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: Public present: Glen Parker, Dave Atcheson
- VII. Old Business: Federal Subsistence Board proposals- Cooper Landing resident Glen Parker present to encourage members to testify at the SRAC meeting in Anchorage on 10/17.
- VIII. New Business: - Public Comment from David Atcheson, updating Title XVI. All in support.

-MOU: no action

-Upper Cook Inlet Finfish: see table below

-Discussed general concerns:

- Fish count, is it correctly distinguishing species?
- Mainstem Upper Kenai escapment? Upper Kenai River sockeye counter?

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 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	71		Align size restrictions for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout bag limit in the flowing waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Easier to read the regs, good idea.
BOF	74		Align the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries start date, and boat closures with the proposed rainbow trout spawning closure start date.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Housekeeping, good to align the regulation.
BOF	85		Repeal and readopt provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add provisions to manage the drift gillnet fishery to harvest surplus sockeye, pink, and chum salmon production and achieve escapement goals.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	No need for commercial fishing to be extended, could potentially hurt Coho runs.
BOF	86		Amend provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add language to manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery based on the inseason abundance to meet escapement goals and harvest surplus salmon.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Too liberal, with no concern of overharvest or low in-river fish numbers. Expanded areas are not necessary.
BOF	87		Amend <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> to maximize commercial harvest of sockeye salmon.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Does not address over harvest. No goals on escapement.
BOF	88		Remove restrictions to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods based on test fishery and escapement data.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86
BOF	89		Repeal and readopt <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86
BOF	90		Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on inseason salmon abundance.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86
BOF	91		Remove area restrictions imposed on the commercial drift gillnet fishery during July 9–15 and 16–31 time periods.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86
BOF	94		Remove the one-percent rule, as referenced to both the set and drift gillnet fisheries, from the drift gillnet management plan.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Not a good idea, concern of harvest of silver salmon, which is a sport fish.
BOF	97		Repeal the drift and set gillnet one-percent rules that apply from August 1–15.
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 94
BOF	144		Require that when proxy fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, once a bag limit is taken the next legal bag limit caught must be retained.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Proxy fishing should not be abused.
BOF	145		Allow only barbless hooks in Upper Cook Inlet flowing waters closed to salmon fishing.

X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		If one is releasing, barbless only in ethical.
BOF	147		Start the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery as an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Good reasonable management tool, would spread out early season fishing pressure on the Kasilof.
BOF	150		Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as single-hook, no bait, non-retention.
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 147
BOF	151		Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Barbs are unnecessary for catch and release, easier on bycatch.
BOF	152		Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Drift-only section should stay drift-only
BOF	153		Prohibit fishing for king salmon from markers 300 yards below Slikok Creek upstream to Skilak Lake.
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 155
BOF	154		Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 155
BOF	155		Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		It makes sense, the science is there, not ethical to catch salmon on their spawning grounds.
BOF	159		Extend the time that the slot limit for Kenai River king salmon is in effect.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Makes sense, 1 st run fish are still in the river, slot limit should remain in effect for King salmon fishing.
BOF	160		Prohibit use of bait in the late-run Kenai River king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Start conservative until fish are in river.
BOF	161		Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 160
BOF	162		Establish an Optimum Escapement Goal for Kenai River late-run king salmon.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Current escapements are not adequate, conservation is #1 priority.
BOF	163		Prohibit bait on runs less than 22,000 and eliminate 12-hour fishing period restriction.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	We all need to share the burden of conservation.
BOF	164		Repeals and readopts the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	More conservation is required for a management plan.
BOF	165		Decrease the trigger for management actions on Kenai River late-run king salmon from 22,500 to 16,500.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	No need to lower escapement. Current escapements are not too liberal.

BOF	168	Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Just because in river fishing is over, conservation in ocean should still be considered.
BOF	170	Reconsider “paired” restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 172
BOF	171	Remove the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section from “paired” restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 172
BOF	172	Remove “paired” restrictions in the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Paired conservation is important, paired restriction is important for shared conservation.
BOF	173	Decrease the projected inriver run goal of late-run king salmon to 19,000 fish and remove the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery from “paired” restrictions.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 172
BOF	176	Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	No scientific data to have Kasilof managed like the Kenai.
BOF	177	Allow commercial fishing periods in the Kasilof and Kenai/East Forelands sections to be opened separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 176
BOF	178	Increase the number of days only non-motorized vessels may fish on the lower Kenai River.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support		6	Less crowding, all scientific studies having to do with turbidity and hydrocarbon pollution prove it won't hurt.
BOF	179	Add Thursdays as a day only non-motorized vessels may fish on the Kenai River downstream of Cunningham Park.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 178
BOF	182	Prohibit all guiding from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		1	1 support: no one should have exclusive use
		5	5 opposed: With less sockeye it takes longer to get them. But holding a spot should not be done.
BOF	183	Allow guided anglers to fish on Mondays in August.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support		3	1 no action: can't manage Coho without data 3 support: 4 days not fishing out of a boat will not affect Coho stock 2 opposed: It is nice to give the fish a break
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BOF	184	Relax guiding restrictions when king salmon fishing is closed by emergency order.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 182
BOF	186	Only barbless hooks allowed in Kenai River upstream of the Lower Killey River.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support		6	All catch and release should be barbless

BOF	188	Allow only one single-hook or one single-hook lure.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Single hooks cause less damage
BOF	191	Increase Kenai River coho salmon bag limit from two fish to three.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	No data to say a limit of 3 is adequate for run strength. Conservation is #1.
BOF	192	Shorten the Kenai River coho season by closing October 31.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Conservation should be first on list.
BOF	193	Create an archery fishery for sockeye salmon in a section of the Russian River.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Safety concerns. The area is already closed to salmon fishing.
BOF	195	Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Kenai already gets inundated, needs some time to regroup. Would make enforcement easier.
BOF	201	Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Housekeeping, makes it easier for enforcement.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00 pm
Next meeting December 10, 2016

Minutes Recorded By: John Pearson
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 12/10/2016