

**Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 4, 2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Mike Crawford
- II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large	x		
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing	x		@8:45
Dick Dykema - Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	x		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	x		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		@8:30
Joe Bressler – At Large		x	
Joe Thomas – At Large	x		
Marlene Loomis – At Large - Resigned			
Michelle Williams – Hunting	x		
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	x		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate			x
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

- IV. Approval of Agenda:
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 10/10/16 & 11/07/16
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: 0
- VII. Guests Present: 3
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:

Marlene Loomis officially resigned from the advisory committee.

Start on lower cook inlet proposal

Break @ 7:50

Start @ 8

Meeting Adjourns @ 9:50pm

Next meeting 01/11/17

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.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Comments against – would rather have 2 @ 16 vs 1 @ 18. Amendment to change from 16 to 18 to align with rainbow trout.
BOF	72	Amend general provisions for lakes and ponds of the Kenai River drainage to restore winter ice fisheries for landlocked coho salmon less than 16 inches in length.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	
BOF	73	Align the Swanson River rainbow trout spawning closure with the proposed Kenai River drainage rainbow trout spawning closure start date.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	Aligns the Swanson River with the Kenai for continuity of open season dates.
BOF	74	Align the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries start date, and boat closures with the proposed rainbow trout spawning closure start date.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	Allows some increased fishing from boats when King salmon are not present in the sanctuaries.
BOF	75	Align dates anglers are prohibited from fishing from boats with rainbow trout closure.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on proposal 74
BOF	76	Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar closure periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	
BOF	77	Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar fishing seasons, such that anglers are prohibited from fishing for salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	Note: That in this proposal they call the upper river the middle. The Middle River should be omitted from this proposal.

BOF	78	Align the closure start date for all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area with the start dates proposed for the king salmon sanctuaries and the start dates proposed for the rainbow trout spawning closure. In addition, create the same fishing season in all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	1 abstain vote – lots of date changes that don't line up.
BOF	79	Change the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries and the Moose-Kenai rivers confluence area fly-fishing-only waters to artificial fly waters, and align dates for these special provisions with other provisions.	
TABLED		Tabled for further discussion	
BOF	80	Align gear restrictions for Kenai River tributaries.	
TABLED		Tabled for further discussion	
BOF	81	Create consistent rainbow/steelhead trout regulations in the Kasilof River above and below the Sterling Highway Bridge and amend the open season date for Tustumena Lake tributaries to protect spawning rainbow/steelhead trout.	
TABLED		Table 81 for biological review from the department.	
BOF	82	Amend Kasilof River early-run king salmon possession requirements.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	3	This is unfair to the home owners, guides, and any other law abiding angler.
BOF	83	Repeal gear regulations for northern pike.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	1	Not for the changes in 121 until tote lakes have been treated
BOF	195	Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	2 abstain, they liked the proposal but did not like the principal of restricting the commissioner's authority
BOF	196	Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	1 abstain, mixed signals about it.
BOF	197	Prohibit dipnetting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	
BOF	198	Prohibit webbing in personal use dip nets that exceeds 2.5 inch stretched measure.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	1 for is designed as a dip net fishery not a gillnet fishery
BOF	199	Prohibit dipnetting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	1 abstain due to previous use of fishery
BOF	200	Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	13	0	Amendment: allow retention of 10 kings under 20 inches only one of which one(1) can be over 20 inches. Support for Amendment (13)
BOF	201	Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.	
TABLED		Motion to table – 8 support to table 4 oppose to table. Group would like to have clarification on the map and the actual restriction that would take place.	
BOF	202	Extend the Cook Inlet personal use dip net fisheries to the 2nd Sunday of August.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	
BOF	203	Extend the season and liberalize the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon.	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	Enough fish already taken, no need to impact silver salmon and also a longer season which could impact more habitat. no actual need to extend the personal use fishery. 1 in favor as it is mostly local user base and would help the local population.
BOF	204	Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	The warren ames bridge is already a natural boundary and any increase in this fishery would already interfere with the king fishery that uses this area already.
BOF	205	Allow shore based personal use dipnetting in the Kenai River upstream to Skilak Lake.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 2/8/2017