
Yakutat Advisory Committee minutes for meeting of December 6, 2016

1) Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

2) Roll call. Chair Casey Mapes, Vice Chair, Glenn Israelson, Herb Holcomb, Jesse Pavlik, Reggie Kirkovich, Jonathan Pavlik, Jerimiah Pavlik, Scott Chadwick present.

Sheri Nelson- secretary, Dave Stone, Jeff Fraker, Bob Fraker, Loren Clark, Larry Bemis, absent.

Quorum established.

present on tele-conference to represent the Dept. are Neil Barton filling in for Stephanie Sell, and Nicole Zieser. Audience- Sam Demmert Sr., and Pat Robbins.

3) Elections. for 3 yr terms. Scott Chadwick moves to nominate L. Bemis, Jonathan Pavlik, C. Mapes, G. Israelson, and Herb Holcomb. Jesse Pavlik 2nd. 8 aye, 0- ney

For 2 yr. terms. Glenn Israelson moves to nominate Scott Chadwick, Jerimiah Pavlik, Jesse Pavlik, and Reggie Kirkovich, Herb Holcomb 2nd.

8 ayes, 0- ney

For 1 yr. terms, Glenn Israelson moves to nominate Jeff Fraker, Dave Stone, Bob Fraker, and Sheri Nelson. Herb Holcomb 2nd. Under discussion, Chair advises that 1yr. alternate seat filled by Nate Endicott is vacant, and 1 yr. alternate seat filled by Loren Clark is vacant. S. Chadwick moves to add Sam Demmert Sr. and Pat Robbins to list of 1 yr. seats as alternates with the ok of the 2nd, H. Holcomb. 8 ayes, 0 ney.

H. Hocomb moves to nominate C. Mapes as Chair, G. Israelson 2nd. 10 Ayes, 0- ney

S. Chadwick moves to nominate G Israelson as Vice chair, R. Kirkovich 2nd 10 Aye, 0 ney

R. Kirkovich moves to nominate Sheri Nelson as secretary, G. Israelson 2nd, 10 Aye, 0-ney.

3yr seats

Chair- Casey Mapes- Commercial fish

Vice chair- Glenn Israelson- Hunting

Larry Bemis - Subsistence

Jonathan Pavlik - Commercial fish

Herb Holcomb - hunting

2 yr. seats

Scott Chadwick - Charter/sport

Reggie Kirkovich - Charter/sport

Jerimiah Pavlik - Commercial fish

Jesse Pavlik - Commercial fish

1 yr. seats

Jeff Fraker- Trapping

Bob Fraker- Sport fish

Dave Stone- Sport fish

Sheri Nelson- Subsistence

Pat Robbins- hunting

Sam Demmert Sr.- subsistence

Hunting

4) Neil Barton advises that it's time to renew our proposal to reauthorize an Antlerless moose hunt in Nunatak Fjord. Herb Holcomb makes motion, G. Israelson 2nd. Discussion- R. Kirkovich says, " if Bob Fraker were here, he would oppose, he's always been concerned about shooting cows." Question called by G. Israelson, 10 aye, 0- ney proposal passes.

5) Call for proposals to board of game.

C. Mapes makes proposal to move the moose hunt date, East of Dangerous River to September 1, instead of Oct. 8th, G. Israelson 2nd.

Discussion- C. Mapes states, " since the 9 townships break up went away, and all areas open at the

same time on the West side of the Dangerous, the quota has been taken to fast the last two years. Many feel they didn't have enough opportunity. By opening up the East side hunt earlier, it be more in line with when moose hunts start elsewhere in the state, and the intent would be that some of the hunters might go to the other side, and thereby alleviate some of the hunting pressure. The East side receives historically much less pressure, and rarely is the quota taken. Other options to consider would be to consider a drawing hunt on the West side." No one was in favor of a drawing hunt. After discussion on how the different hunts would proceed, it was decided that everything should roll back equally. So the subsistence hunt would open Sept. 1, the State resident hunt Sept. 8th, and non resident hunt Sept. 15th. Question called by S. Chadwick, 10 aye, 0- ney proposal passes

Fishing

6) Jonathan Pavlik Proposes that Tanner fishing statistical area be broken up, so that Yakutat Bay is separate from the rest of the district. The intent would be so that a small test fishery can proceed without the need for a full survey, which the Dept. can't afford to pay for. In this fashion, volunteer vessels could take Dept. personnel out in Yakutat Bay and count tanner crab. If enough are found, possibly get a small fishery reinstated. Jeremiah Pavlik 2nd. All ayes, 0- ney Proposal passes.

S. Chadwick proposes to move the Situk weir to 9 mile bridge to easy fish travel. H. Holcomb 2nd. 0 aye, 10 ney Motion fails.

Sam Demmert moves to extend the no fishing zone above and below the weir to 300 yards for the months of June and July to protect King Salmon. G. Israelson 2nd. Discussion- It was decided that should the number of kings counted thru the weir reach escapement goals during June or July, the boundary would revert back to 100 yrs. S. Chadwick calls question, 10 aye, 0 ney

H. Holcomb proposes that in light of lack of a plan for what to do about the chronically below minimum numbers of returning kings in the Situk, and Sockeye in the Lost River, a plan needs to be in place so that we can continue to have a sockeye fishery, in the event that the Dept. has to close the Situk estuary. Nearly no kings are caught in outside area of Ocean Cape net fishery, and being a considerable distance from the Lost/Situk confluence, it is felt that extending the bay fishery down the beach toward Situk is the answer. Proposal calls for 75fm. nets to be allowed up to 1/2 mile offshore, and up to a distance of 2 miles from the West side of the Situk river terminus. This would allow for an expanded area for anyone displaced to be able to fish, without having as great an impact on the jeopardized stocks. This would also alleviate the loss of Situk sockeye opportunity. Two years ago the Situk went over the upper level escapement goal, because there weren't enough kings to allow for nets to have an extension. This area can be extended without fear of impacting Situk king salmon. J. Pavlik 2nd. Discussion.- There was concern about impact on other river systems' fish passing through this area, but it was pointed out that this is how it is done everywhere else in the state. Limiting the 75fm net fishery to being inside Yakutat Bay is kind of a dinosaur way of managing. Was considered that perhaps the proposal should be written so that it wouldn't take effect, unless the Dept. closed the estuary. Was decided to proceed as proposed, because likely the Dept. was close incrementally, as they have historically done. S. Chadwick calls for the question, 10 ayes, 0 neys. Proposal passes.

R. Kirkovich proposes that Yakutat Bay subsistence net fisheries should be like it is in the Situk estuary. During the months of April, May, June, and July, you must stay on your net, pull it, or tie it up so that cannot harvest in your absence. This will eliminate the seals taking precious king salmon. G. Israelson 2nd. S. Chadwick calls for question. 7 Aye, 3 ney, motion passes.

C. Mapes makes it known that current proposal that allows for 1 fisher to operate 2 nets with 2 permits in the Situk, Kaliakh, or Yakutat Bay, in the fall season, or for sockeye on years when the projected king run is greater than 1000, is due to sunset at the next BOF cycle. R. Kirkovich moves to make it permanent. H. Holcomb 2nd. Discussion- it was pointed out that there is only a few, as in 2-3 guys who have ever utilized it. It isn't doing the resource any harm, and does provide additional opportunity. Some felt that it only increases congestion in an already crowded Situk estuary. G. Israelson calls for question. 6 ayes, 3 neys, 1 abstain. Motion passes.

Jonathan Pavlik proposes that 2 permits should be allowed to be fished by one permit holder, anywhere in the district. S. Chadwick calls question, 6 ayes, 3 neys, 1 abstain. Motion passes.

G. Israelson proposes to move the Eastern no trolling marker during the fall season from the western side of Dangerous River, West, as far as the Western boundary moved during the last proposal. The intent was move the buffer to follow the westward migration of the river, but it was an oversight to not move the eastern boundary at the same time. P. Robbins 2 nd. S. Chadwick calls for question, 8 ayes, 2 neys, motion passes.

S. Demmert Sr. Makes motion to convert the Eastern winter trolling boundary line to Nautical miles to

match the Western boundary. He says it is a clerical error and was never the intent of the original motion when the line moved out. It creates confusion. H. Holcomb 2nd. R. Kirkovich calls question. 10 aye, 0 - ney.

5) Chair C. Mapes states that in lieu of the secretary being absent, he will type up the minutes, and write up the proposals as adopted, and present them for a final review by the committee before the the deadline.

S. Chadwick moves to adjourn at 10:25 p.m., G Israelson 2nd 10 aye, 0-ney.