

**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Nov. 14, 2017**

Call to Order: 6:10 by Tom Young (vice chair) at the NERRS building.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Thomas Hagberg, Joey Alred, , Ty Gates, Lee Martin.

Members Absent: Dave Lyon (chair) at BOG meeting, Gary Sinnhuber, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Dennis Wade, Doug Malone (at BOG meeting), Wes Humbyrd, Phillip Jones.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: At least three.

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

Fish and Game Staff Present: None

Guests Present: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Prince William Sound Finfish Proposals December 1-5, 2017				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
3				Modify and align bag and possession limits for rockfish in the Prince William Sound Area.
	Support	8	0	Consistent with other areas.
5				Specify that bycatch allowance of lingcod in the Prince William Sound Area is measured as round weight.
	Support	8	0	This would be an easier way of figuring out bycatch and should be more enforceable.
7				Clarify lawful gear requirements for Prince William Sound Area groundfish fisheries.
	Support	7	1	Would make enforcement simpler.
12				Require operators of fish wheels without live boxes to be present when fishing in the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery.
	Support	8	0	Reduces waste.
26				Allow bow fishing for pink and coho salmon in the Valdez terminal harvest area.
	Oppose	0	8	Use of a bow and arrow for fishing in congested areas

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				may present a safety issue. Location an important factor.
28				Repeal mandatory inside waters commercial salmon fishery closures in the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.
	Support	8	0	This proposal gives more discretion to ADF&G staff to manage based on locality and current conditions. Mandatory closure may unnecessarily deny opportunity.
29				Extend inside closure area to 1/4 mile off the southern shores of all barrier islands in the Copper River commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery.
	Oppose	0	7, A-1	This proposal would have serious impact on the Cordova commercial fishery, essentially blocking this fishery from a necessary option. What is being proposed is an allocation issue that is not supported with sufficient data to justify reducing the allocation to commercial fisherman.
44				Specify that operation of each set gillnet or drift gillnet must be performed or assisted by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit holder in the Prince William Sound Area commercial salmon fishery.
	Oppose	0	7, A-1	Creates an unfair allocation.
45				Limit each Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit holder to no more than four set gillnet sites deployed with lines and buoys in the Prince William Sound Area commercial set gillnet fishery.
		4	4	AC uncertain about this proposal.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon
Date: 11/15/2017