

Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
11/13/2017
CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting called @ 6:30pm by Paul Shadura, Vice Chair

II. Roll Call:

Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large		x	
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence		x	
Vacant – Commercial Fishing			
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		
Joe Thomas – At Large	X @6:40		
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		
Greg Calloway – At Large		x	
Open Seat – At Large			

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present: AK State Troopers

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Elisa Russ (called in)

VI. Guests Present:

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business: Next meeting December 4th, starting at 6:30pm @ CIAA

Alaska Board of Fisheries Prince William Sound Finfish Proposals December 1-5, 2017				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
1		Reduce the bag and possession limits for lingcod in the Prince William Sound Area.		
	Support	8	0	Would like to see an overall reduction in lingcod retention. There might be a concern as pressure has increased and harvest has decreased. This would also make the law easier to enforce from the different lingcod fisheries in cross port waters.
2		Reduce the bag and possession limits for lingcod in a portion of the Prince William Sound Area.		
	Support	8	0	Would like to see an overall reduction in lingcod retention. There might be a concern as pressure has increased and harvest has decreased. This would also make the law easier to enforce from the different lingcod fisheries in cross port waters.
3		Modify and align bag and possession limits for rockfish in the Prince William Sound Area.		
	Support	8	0	This would make season and bag limits easier to understand as wells help the conservation of nonpelagic fish.
5		Specify that bycatch allowance of lingcod in the Prince William Sound Area is measured as round weight.		
	Support	8	0	
6		Allow vessels fishing for halibut in the Prince William Sound Area to retain all Pacific cod bycatch when directed Pacific cod fisheries are closed due to reaching the federal halibut bycatch allowance.		
	Oppose	0	8	Enforcement issue, loop hold for an already closed fishing season. There is already and EO opportunity from Fish and game to manage this if needed. There is also enough complexity between state and federal management on ground fish, this could make a complex

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				situation more complex.
7				Clarify lawful gear requirements for Prince William Sound Area groundfish fisheries.
	Support	8	0	Easy to clean up language and define lawful gear.
8				Add specific registration requirements for Prince William Sound Area groundfish fisheries.
	Support	8	0	Making the registration for these fisheries would make it easier to track who's fishing for what and protect some of the other registration fisheries.
9				Clarify procedures for obtaining, completing, and submitting log sheets for the Prince William Sound Area sablefish fishery.
	Support	8	0	
10				Set an optimal escapement goal for Copper River sockeye salmon.
	oppose	0	8	This is not scientifically supported and should be taken up with the Copper River Management Plan
12				Require operators of fish wheels without live boxes to be present when fishing in the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery.
	Support	8	0	The use of fish wheels as a subsistence means is a privilege and having dead fish due to the lack of no fish box is a waste. Manning a fish wheel with no live box makes good sense to not waste a resource.
16				Require log books for all charters operating in personal use and subsistence fisheries.
	Opposed	4	4	Good idea, but this could be a lot of useful data and possible regulation, but this could also create an extra burden on the Department.
25				Remove the unbaited, single-hook artificial lure restriction in flowing waters of the Upper Susitna River drainage.
	Support	8	0	This would align conservation efforts in the upper Susitna and upper copper river drainages.
26				Allow bow fishing for pink and coho salmon in the Valdez terminal harvest area.
	Oppose	0	8	This is not practical

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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	8	Too restrictive and no biological justification, and very hard to enforce.
31				Reduce the maximum depth of drift gill nets in the Copper River District commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery to 29 meshes through the start of Statistical Week 24.
	Oppose	0	8	There is no need to change the depth as the fishery is already restricted. Changing the mesh size would just add another restriction.
33				Prohibit sale of commercially caught king salmon in the Copper River District if restrictions on Copper River drainage subsistence fisheries have been implemented.
	oppose	0	8	
34				Prohibit commercial salmon fishing in the Copper River District until a salmon is recorded at the Copper River sonar.
	Oppose	0	8	Sometime the sonar cannot be placed in time for the early run fishery. Having to wait for the sonar and the ice flows does not make any sense.
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	8	This would limit that all nets would have be set physically by the permit holder. This would eliminate jobs, crew, and family fisheries.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 9:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford
Date: 11-17-2017