

Sitka Advisory Committee Minutes
December 13th, 2017
Harrigan Centennial Hall

I. Call to Order: by Jon Martin

II. Roll Call: Andrew Thoms

III. Members Present:, Jon Martin, Andrew Thoms, Tad Fujioka, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Randy Gluth, Eric Jordan, Bradley Shaffer, Stacey Wayne

Members Absent: Jeffrey Feldpausch, Wayne Unger, Joel Markis, Brian Massey

IV. Approval of Agenda:
Dick Curren, Stacy Wayne Seconds

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Randy Gluth moves to approve minutes of November 15th, Tad Seconds the motion.

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Troy Tydingco – Sportfish ADFG

VII. Guests Present:

Tory O'Connell, Teresa Weiser, Bruce White, Bart Meyer, Nina Mouse, Harvey Kitka, Jean Arnold, Pat Alexander

VIII. Old Business:

- Letter drafted and sent on King Fish proposed regulation changes
- Letter drafted on herring concerns/discussion/sentiment from Sitka AC has been drafted.
 - Letter was read by Jon Martin
 - John Murray moved to adopt the letter and sent; Andrew Thoms seconded
 - Harvey Kitka commented on the letter that the letter is good and a step in the right direction because forage fish fisheries are suffering in many places
 - Pat Alexander of Alaska Native Sisterhood stated that she appreciated the letter as written and felt that it captured the breadth and width of testimony offer by community and AC members
 - Voted 11 in favor, 1 opposed
- Shrimp Subsistence Letter: Stacy Wayne outlined background information and state of Shrimp stocks in Hoonah Sound and very alarming concerns on the stock and need for actions to protect the Shrimp stocks in that body of water.
 - Proposed letter was read by Stacy Wayne
 - Discussion was held on editing the letter, sending the letter, and further action by AC

- Further action will be taken December 14th, 2017
- Proposal 116— Randy Gluth moved to reconsider, Luke Bastian seconded
 - Vote of 5 to reconsider-- failed
- Proposal 127—_____ moves to reconsider, Luke Bastian seconded
 - Vote of 5 to reconsider—failed
- Proposal 128—Luke Bastian moves, Stacey Wayne seconds
 - Vote of 5 to reconsider-- failed

IX. New Business:

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop .	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
185				Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery.
	Oppose	0	12	Pro- none Con: Has been proposed in past and BoF always turned down Concern that it would open the door to chartering for P/U fishing such as is occurring on Copper River
186				Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.
	Support	7	1	4 abstain Pro- proposal addresses a loophole where the sale of P/U shellfish is disguised by making the shellfish a "throw-in" on the sale of some other item. Con- the definition that is proposed is circular: it just says that a guest is a somebody who is a guest. The intent might be good, but this definition doesn't solve the problem.
195				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.
	Oppose	5	5	2 abstain pro- proposed by Subsistence RAC-should take their proposals

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				<p>seriously</p> <p>Daily bag limit is 6 large sockeye and 10 small ones. The proposal would allow the harvest of 32 sockeye in total. Why would a non-resident need more than that?</p> <p>Residents bring their non-resident friends/family on subsistence or P/U sockeye trips and catch 6 extra fish and claim that the non-resident caught them sport fishing. This proposal would limit that.</p> <p>Have heard of charter boats taking clients to Redoubt Bay to snag for sockeye</p> <p>At last BoF cycle the board spent a great deal of time talking about diminished subsistence sockeye opportunity in Angoon area. Sockeye are in high demand by subsistence users.</p> <p>Con: The sport harvest of sockeye is small relative to total harvest, therefore current bag limits are working fine</p> <p>Most of sport harvest is from Yakutat; this isn't an issue in the rest of SE</p> <p>Don't think that this is necessary and is just one more regulation- don't like unnecessary regulations</p> <p>The typical charter operation catches very few sockeye- maybe one or two a year</p> <p>The only sockeye system in SE formally designated as a Stock of Concern is McDonald Lake</p>
196				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.
	Support	8	3	<p>1 abstain</p> <p>Discussion: Mostly same as 195, but recognition that non-resident's freshwater is highly concentrated on a few systems easily accessed from larger communities with airports. These</p>

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				are also the same systems that resident non-commercial use is concentrated on, so even if the region-wide harvest is small, there can still be issues on specific local streams.
197				Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.
	Support	12	0	Pro: Why not? These fish aren't supposed to be there anyway. Con: Does anybody even catch 5 of them? Is there any need to change the limit?

Next meeting: Thursday December 14th, 2017—6pm

Meeting after that—December 20th, 2017—tentative discuss King Conservation plan

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn at 9:55

Minutes Recorded By: __Andrew Thoms__

Minutes Approved By: __Sitka AC__

Date: _____ Dec 14th, 2017_____