

Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee
Oct 26, 2017
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Campus Room 218.

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I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ed Buyarski, Nicholas Orr, Thatcher Browuer, Jesse Ross, Henry Webb, Jason Kohlase, Terry White, Kristine Trott, Kevin Maier, Atlin Daugherty, Melanie Brown,
BY PHONE: Mike Bethers and Jesse Walker

List of User Groups Present: Commercial, sport/hunt/personal use, charter-Salt, charter-fresh, trapper, non-consumptive

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Fish and Game Staff Present: David Love, Asst Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, Scott Forbes, Asst comm fish area mgmt. bio, Adam Messner, Area Shell Fish Biologist

Guests Present: Jake Abbot, Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

V. HB 199/Ballot initiative Title 16.

Melanie Brown—distributes significant paperwork.

Asks that we write a letter of support for HB 199 or the ballot initiative.

Mike Bethers: calls in, and asks what's wrong with Anadramous Waters Catalog system?

Melanie responds: it's incomplete, and the the state doesn't have isn't budget to finish it, so this puts the burden on the entity that wants to work.

Thatcher suggests he might need more time to consider the bill and/or initiative.

Nick Orr and Henry Webb suggest we return to this issue with more time to consider it.

ADDITIAONAL AGENDA ITEM: Ed reports back on the Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee testimony about Berner's Bay moose proposal.

RAC suggests JDAC draft a proposal for Berener's Bay. This'd be for May 1 deadline

Kevin M proposes we call a meeting in January to address: HB 199, Berner's Bay Moose, and additional BOG proposals. Kevin will call the meeting

VI. JDAC Rep to BOF. Terry White can potentially go? We will table it and come back. Kevin will ask Lena for more information.

VII. Proposals to discuss:

Dungeness Crab: Proposal 53, 54, 55, 56, and 58

Shrimp: Proposal 79, and 82 and 83.

Herring 95, 96, and 100. (maybe 98, 99, and/or 105?)

Sablefish 117

King Salmon 134

Seine 155

Troll 176 and 181

Personal Use 190 and 191, 192,

Sport Special Provisions

198, 199, 203 (all Juneau specific).

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
53				Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended /no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
54				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.
	n/a			LONG DISCUSSION> Thatcher moves that we take no action, as we don't have vested interested.
55				Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.
	n/a			
56				Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.
	n/a	3	6	Interesting debate on whether this issue parallels Juneau-area issues.
57				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
58				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	n/a	0	2	Interesting issue. Mostly out of our purview
59				Close the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab sport fishery.
60				Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound.
61				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area A to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.

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62				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area D to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.
63				Open an exploratory commercial red king crab fishery in specific areas during years of low estimated abundance.
64				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial red king crab fishery under an equal quota share when harvestable surplus is less than 200,000 pounds.
65				Expand fishing area for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
66				Implement weather-related fishery closure delays for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
67				Establish a regulatory closure date for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
68				Define methods used to set guideline harvest levels in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
69				Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges.
	n/a			Henry: concern is that there is no data on this fishery. Doesn't trust these numbers. Henry suggests these numbers are so far off from the reality. No golden crab survey data. Only a catch effort assessment.
70				Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel.
	s/a	14	0	Recommendation: Henry maintains that the fishery has crashed or failed. Very few crab caught. Doesn't recommend closing it, as we need to have some fishing to have information about the fishery. Amend to reduce to 50 pot/vessel. Strongly recommend ADFG conduct

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				research on these crabs.
71				Allow operation of commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots in the 14 days after closure of the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.
72				Re-define 'non-core' areas and define 'exploratory' areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.
73				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery using an equal quota share.
74				Establish a tanner crab fishery in a section of the Yakutat District.
75				Reopen the personal use shrimp fishery in Section 11-A.
76				Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots.
	support	8	2	Seems fair and equitable
77				Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations.
78				Add sections for Districts 6, 8, and 10 and provide shrimp fishery guideline harvest ranges for the new areas.
79				Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp.
	n/a	1	2	Insufficient information on impact.
80				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel, limit the number of pots per string and pot spacing, and limit gear to one operation cycle per day in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery.

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81				Allow commercial shrimp pots in the Southeastern Alaska Area to be pulled only one time per day.
82				Close the Section 11-A commercial shrimp fishery.
	n/a	3	6	
83				Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab.
	oppose	4	7	
84				Close additional waters in District 2 to commercial pot shrimp fishing.
85				Expand current beam trawl shrimp fishery logbook requirement to cover all fishing areas.
86				Open fishing areas deemed to have stable sea cucumber populations to commercial harvest of sea cucumbers without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.
87				Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest.
88				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery.
89				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial geoduck fishery.
90				Open previously non-surveyed fishing areas to a limited commercial harvest of geoducks without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.
91				Establish a weekly geoduck harvest limit of 1,000 pounds per diver in the Southeastern Alaska Area.

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
92				Remove guideline harvest range for District 16 scallops and set one guideline harvest range for all of Scallop Registration Area D.
93				Establish a commercial fishery for squid, using purse seine gear, in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
94				Reduce the amount of herring spawn reasonably necessary for subsistence in Sitka Sound.
95				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C.
	S	6	4	
96				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Section 11-A.
97				Open the Southeastern Alaska Area winter commercial food and bait herring fishery on December 1.
98				Reduce harvest rate for commercial herring fisheries in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
99				Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass.
	n/a	0	6	
100				Amend formula used to calculate guideline harvest levels for the commercial herring sac roe fishery in Sections 11-A, 15-B, and 15-C.
101				Reduce bait fishery harvest limit in the Section 3-B commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery.
102				Reduce herring bait fishery harvest limit and increase spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit in Section 3-B.

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103				Reduce the Section 3-B winter bait herring fishery harvest limit and increase the Section 3-B spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit.
104				Repeal closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
105				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
106				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
107				Establish a herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B.
108				Expand the open area for the spawn on kelp herring pound fishery in Section 3-B.
109				Allow no more than four Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holders to operate in a single pound structure in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
110				Allow the department to close fishing to some herring pound types to manage the fishery within the allowable guideline harvest level.
111				Define and allow closed half pound structures in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
112				Use a conversion factor applied to final product weight to determine harvest in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.

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113				Expand description of allowable groundfish parts that may be used as bait.
114				Allow the transport of live groundfish for the purposes of export or sale for human consumption.
115				Create a new commercial fishery for spiny dogfish sharks using pot gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.
116				Establish a regional sablefish nonresident annual limit.
117				Allow pots as a legal gear type in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use sablefish fishery.
	support	9	1	Effective way to avoid bycatch.
118				Change the season opening date for the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to coincide with the federal sablefish fishery.
119				Amend gear and season dates for Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery.
120				Modify fishing seasons in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to allow concurrent fishing with pot and longline gear.
121				Allow Southern Southeast Inside permit holders the option of using longline or pot gear for sablefish.
122				Base guideline harvest limits for the commercial sablefish fishery on federal survey data.
123				Increase the minimum retention size for lingcod in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area commercial fishery.
124				Allow the sale of up to two lingcod taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery in Sitka Sound.

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
125				Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.
	S	12	0	Good conservation move. (2 abstentions)
126				Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deepwater release mechanism.
127				Establish provisions for reducing the resident pelagic rockfish bag limit in Central Southeast Outside waters.
128				Reduce the pelagic rockfish limits in the Sitka Area.
129				Reduce the trip limit in the East Yakutat Section and clarify trip limits in the Southeast District and East Yakutat Section commercial demersal shelf rockfish fishery.
130				Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1.
131				Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery.
132	I	I	I	Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.
I	S	9	1	Long discussion. Some discussion of escapement of goal 19-39,000. Dave Harris ADFG notes: optimal target is 25,500. Very low escapement requires very conservative management. (4 abstentions).
133	I	I	I	Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.
I	S	9	2	(3 abstentions) LONG DISCUSSION
134				Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon.

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	n/a	5	4	
135				Modify lawful gear for subsistence salmon fishing in Yakutat Bay.
136				Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream and upstream of the Situk River weir during June and July.
137				Increase the regional resident king salmon possession limit when the Southeast Alaska Area preseason king salmon abundance index is greater than 2.0.
138				Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods.
139				Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator.
140				Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018–2020 fishing seasons.
141				Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas.
142				Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
143				Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
144				Allow increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity with troll gear in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.

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145				Allow commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear in the Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
146				Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan gear-specific value allocations.
147				Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging.
148				Expand the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area to provide additional sport fishing opportunity for hatchery-produced king salmon.
149				Extend the closing date for salmon harvest by the hatchery permit holder in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area.
150				Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet.
151				Establish a terminal harvest area and management plan for Carroll Inlet.
152				Update area description and coordinates of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area boundaries.
153				Repeal the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan.
154				Establish a management plan for pink salmon in Lower Clarence Strait.
155				Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery.

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156				Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.
157				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.
158				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12.
159				Prohibit the use of all aircraft used to locate salmon or direct commercial fishing operations during open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
160				Allow commercial fishing for salmon in waters near selected streams in Boat Harbor, Anita Bay, Deep Inlet, and Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas up to a straight line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks.
161				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters coordinates in Whitewater Bay.
162				Open additional fishing area in the remainder of the Yakutat District as mitigation for king salmon conservation closures around the Situk and Lost Rivers.
163				Continue to allow set gillnet gear permit stacking in the Yakutat Area, by removing the sunset provision.
164				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters description at the mouth of the Situk River to provide a more accurate description of current closed waters.

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
165				Change commercial salmon fishery closed waters description for Tsiu and Tsivat Rivers to more accurately reflect current stream mouth location.
166				Allow a weekly commercial fishery targeting pink salmon with purse seine gear in District 12.
167				Close waters beyond one half mile from shore in Districts 12 and 14 to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.
168				Close certain waters of Districts 12 and 14 to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
169				Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear.
170				Open a portion of District 10 the third Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear only.
171				Add District 6 to the mesh-size restriction area and allow implementation of the mesh-size restriction for an additional month.
172				Remove restrictions on harvesting non-Alaska hatchery-produced salmon in the spring commercial salmon troll fishery on the Gravina Island shore.
173				Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision.
174				Establish commercial fisheries targeting enhanced chum salmon using troll gear in portions of Districts 9 and 10.

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
175				Implement a king salmon possession restriction for vessels participating in the enhanced chum salmon troll fishery.
176				Establish a commercial fishery using troll gear to target hatchery-produced chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet.
	support	9	1	
177				Allow commercial fishing with troll gear for hatchery-produced coho salmon, in certain areas, during commercial troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures.
178				Restrict fishing area in Sitka Sound when harvest of non-Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon reaches 30,000 fish by March 1.
179				Adopt measures to reduce harvest rate in the winter commercial salmon troll fishery during times of high king salmon abundance.
180				Reduce triggers in the Southeastern Alaska Area spring commercial salmon troll fishery by five percent in years of high king salmon abundance.
181				Reduce the percentage of remaining commercial king salmon troll fishery harvest taken during the initial summer king salmon retention period from 70% to 60% during years of high king salmon abundance.
182				Establish a starting date for the reopening the summer commercial king salmon troll fishery.
183				Modify commercial salmon fishing closed waters adjacent to the Situk River.
184				Modify gear specifications for the commercial salmon hand troll fishery.

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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.
186				Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.
187				Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River.
188				Provide for personal use harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in Ketchikan Creek.
189				Provide regulatory provisions necessary to harvest aquatic plants for personal use within the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game nonsubsistence areas in the Southeast Alaska Area.
190				Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage.
	support	7	2	
191				Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June.
	oppose	0	9	(2 abstentions) doesn't help king salmon conservation
192				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11.
	oppose	0	11	other personal use harvest is in terminal harvest areas to avoid conflict, all species could be affected
193				Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A.
194				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15.

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195				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.
196				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.
197				Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.
198				Amend the open season for Dolly Varden in Auke Bay.
	n/a	0	5	(6 abstentions) this could result in excessive harvest during spring outward migration time
199				Increase the bag limit for Dolly Varden on the Juneau road system.
	n/a	0	5	(6 abstentions) not justified by existing population numbers
200				Prohibit snagging in all salt and freshwaters along the Juneau road system, with minor exceptions.
	n/a	6	3	LONG DISCUSSION. Amended to prohibit snagging for SHORE-BASED anglers along the Juneau Road system save for areas mentioned(5 abstentions)
201				Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.
	O	0	14	
202				Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.
	O	3	10	1 abstention
203				Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.
	S	11	0	recommended by ADFG
204				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.
	S	8	3	Amend: open to fishing Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 1-fish per day, 4 fish/year. (3 Abstentions)

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
205				Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.

Adjournment: 9:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Maier

Minutes Approved By: AC

Date: 12/14/17