

Sitka Advisory Council
Date 12/06/2017
Location of Meeting; Centennial Hall, Sitka

- I. Call to Order: 06:05pm by Jon Martin
- II. Chair comments (rules)
 - If folks wish to testify/speak, we kindly ask them to do so only if comments are new/substantially different information than what has already been shared
 - I would kindly ask members of the public and the AC to testify only after they have been recognized by the chair of the AC
- III. Roll Call:
- IV. Members Present: John Murray, Moses Johnson, Karen Johnson, Tad Fujioka, Stacey Wayne, Brad Shaeffer, Joel Markis, John Murray, Eric Jordan
Members Absent: Andrew Thoms, Dick Curran, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence Users, Commercial Fisherman, General Public
- V. Approval of Agenda: Joel Markis, second John Murray
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Eric Jordan, Tad second
- VII. Agency Staff Present: ADF&G Eric Coonradt and Aaron Dupuis
- VIII. Guests Present: Elsa Sebastian, Josh Wisniewski, R. Spike Arnold, Jean Arnold, Rachel Henderson, Patricia Alexander, Harvey Kitka, Steve Reifentstuhl, Kyle Rosendale, Martha Moses, David Avraham Voluck, Dan Littlefield, Hope Merritt, Peter Bradley, Chandler O' Connell, Ben Timby, Bethany Goodrich, Tommy Gee, Cheryle Enloe
- IX. Old Business: Suggest that we set a net gear meeting in December to cover these Management Plans
 - Proposal 150 (tabled Nov 15th)
 - Steve Reifentstuhl- Sponsor
 - Please review the additional documents I included which answered many questions from the board.
 - New project at Crawfish
 - First adult returns, phenomenal marine survival. Opened the bay to trollers. Most fish caught in Sitka sounds 130,000 caught from crawfish not all by trollers
 - 5 AC 40.042 List of all of NSRAA areas there are 9, this would add number 10
 - In area A special harvest area by coordinate. Two lines one at the mouth, second is a line outside of the bay specified for trolling. In section c: lays out gear c10. Lays out the gear. Supported by the NSRAA board with rep from all gear groups by election.

Advisory Committee:

 - Joel Markis: Is there much sport or public use in that area?
 - Jon Martin: As charter we roll right past there

- Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): Chose this spot specifically addressed conflict
 - Steve Riefenstuhl (sponsor): We would not keep sport or charter out
- Tad Fujioka: If effort has been low, do we have data on presence of wild fish? If start fishing it intensively want to make sure we aren't going to pressure wild species'
 - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): We can shut this down at anytime, if we find problems with that. If chinook conservation mode and find many wild fish being harvested, we can close that area.
 - "May" rather than "shall" language purposeful
- Tad Fujioka: concern that troll area gets closed if conservation concern too.
 - Steve Reifenstuhl : Would have to work with troll biologist. Generally would open it for them. Open for wild stock first and then allow additional opportunity
- Tad Fujioka: concern for net fishery.
 - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): that would be separate for cleanup. Trying to create this to provide a greater allocation for troll.
- Tad Fujioka: Does it need to be so big if just for cleanup? Do we know for sure the outside area is free of wild fish?
 - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): No I guess we don't have data on that
- Moses Johnson: We did cost recovery down there all the way to the marker. No bycatch at all in any of his sets. Towards the end had 6 cohos that could go back and two dark sockeye. But virtually no bycatch. In outer area though a few which could be a concern.
- Eric Jordan: Trollers on NSRAA board supported this.
- John Murray: Is this early run or late?-
 - Steve Reifenstuhl: Fall Run
- Eric Jordan motion to take it off the table, Brad Scheaffer- second
 - No objection to take it off the table
- Eric Jordan move to support 150, Stacy Wayne- second
- Vote: Support 8, oppose-1.
- **Motion to support Proposal 150 passes**

X. New Business:
Finfish/Herring (Continued)

Present ANB/ANS Resolution #17-01

- Paulette Morino- call in. ANS first grand president
 - Speaking in regards to 17-01
 - Passed resolution in unanimous consent.
 - Subsistence harvest needs have been met less than 50% of the time.
 - Strongly support 98, 99, 105, 106
 - Strongly oppose 94, and 104 and recommends that BoF eliminate these proposals
- Subsistence

- 94
- Fishing Seasons
 - 95—97
- HR and GHL
 - 98—103
- Sitka Sound
 - 104—106
 - Proposal 104
 - Motion to adopt prop 104 brad Shaffer, second John Murray
 - Agency Comments
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G-
 - See handout- area around Makhnati I. Blue dots represent herring harvesting, page 2- STA proposed closed waters, page 3- harvest data,
 - Remove regulations for closed waters. 10 square miles Makhnati, Crow and 2mi fed closed waters around Makhnati.
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 - Sponsor of Proposal 104
 - Steve Reifenthul- works on behalf of every fisherman in this room and have worked for many years on enhancement, management, and for subsistence, Also North Pacific Research Board- study of oceans around Alaska, United fisherman of Alaska
 - View the waters around Alaska as a common
 - On this proposal- representing commercial herring fisherman
 - 104- roll back the closed area adopted about 6 years ago. Reason- because it has not helped us meet subsistence needs
 - In 105-
 - Herring group 30-40,000lbs a year has provided. Not all eggs are taken and some goes back to the ocean. Help employ crew that does much of estimating. When first started initiated protocol (less than half in branches- so mostly eggs) 3.5-1.
 - Asked to meet with members of STA. Why can't we just have status quo and stop with this battling
 - Here we are with competing proposals- 105 & 106 want to double closed area
 - Public Comments
 - Pat Alexander- member of the traditional cultural board of STA and on herring committee
 - This is first year ANS has no eggs in their freezer. Quality of eggs on branches has gone down. Thin layers of spawn. Might have to do with where they are harvested, maybe because you haven't done it as many years as some. When you meet with STA you meet with resource protection but you did not go to the tribal council who makes the decisions meet tribal council and tribal leaders.

- Martha Moses- Born and raised in Sitka. Attend herring committee
 - Feelings about egg giveaway boat. Must contain anger and hostility towards that. My brother, my father was relocated after the Kiksadi and Russian war 100% native. My brothers raised traditional way, which is going away. They went out with father/ uncles. Then earned right to get a skiff, then a right to get a rifle, then earn the trust to go harvesting and hunting. When nephew turned 18, learned from their mistakes. I'm saying this because traditions are going away. I work with at-risk families and they are working to keep up with digital age and digital wants. Traditions are going away. I oppose that giveaway boat. It takes away opportunity for parents to take kids out and learn to harvest themselves. Now they all run down to that boat, and the kids learn to run down to the boat. Taking away from our culture and tradition. The way the trucks pull up and take all of the eggs. They should take it to resource management and give to the elders, and then give to rest of the community. Sorry I didn't expect the need to speak but need to say I don't support it and don't think the tribe should support it. It's not a social service it's a tradition
 - - Steve Reifenstuhl: I've done commercial fishing with ...AK natives from Kake and Honnah ad here. I heard an offer given to STA to do it.
- Harvey Kitka
 - I find it hard to believe this is conservative in nature. We put in for area much bigger and was reduced to half the size. We want an area where the fish can spawn. Now start fishing 5-8 days before herring are ready to spawn, and when they open the fishery they cause the fish to spawn before they already in places where the water is not right. The bloom that happens is where the fish will spawn. University of Alaska study when we went out to Silver Bay- amazing to watch the plankton bloom and identify where the herring would likely spawn. As the start fishing so many days earlier. When you squeeze them together milk comes out and causes the herring to spawn early. Changes everything causes herring to spawn in places where there is no food. Noticed this more and more Spawn happened in just one tide rather than multiple like before. Now we have to move to accommodate that. Worst year yet. Tribe put out 30 trees and only got 7 back.
- Ben Timby solidarity with ANB ANS
 - Understand that you think it's a service but it is not a replacement for a designated subsistence area and tradition. Being that this is an area of conservation- to replace it with a commercial harvest is missing the point. This is about conservation and preservation of cultural tradition. This is an insult to their cultural tradition. I am opposed to this

- Kyle Rosenthal- biologist STA
 - Area attempting to rescind proposal came from an assessment of the most important traditional subsistent areas area. In 2006 - we began collecting harvest location data. Core area has been the most popular place to set braches. Sitka Sound is the last stock that consistently provides a herring harvest.
 - Must Provide for subsistence over all other allocation of resource
 - Subsistence needs were only met in last 3 out of 5 years
 - This area is miniscule compared to the area provided to commercial harvest. Does not seem wise to remove an area that people consider important
- Spike Arnold-
 - I don't want to go down to the dock to get eggs. It's a nice thing to do but. If commercial folks to expand into this area does this mean herring are in trouble which they are. This is small area set aside for local people. How does this speak to conservation.
 - Steve Reifentstahl- all fisherman are conservationists if they don't look to the future there won't be fish in the future. all natural resource management is that way. If talking preservation close all hunting and fishing down. Gathering these eggs has been done for decades. It does not preclude people from going out and doing that. Subsistence report is showing that this practice is in decline.
- Advisory Committee
- Tad Fujioka- What year does this map represent?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- It shows 2011-2016
- Joel Markis- Eric you set a limit for herring fishery, how many years have you felt like you have achieved allowable catch that you have set
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Have not achieved harvestable level twice. Too much area nightmare for boats, too little fish. Lots of spawn mixing in with fish that had not spawned poor quality for commercial. One year the fish centered themselves around this closed area and limit was not met.
- Karen Johnson- The boat that brings the eggs provides eggs for people than cannot get them
- Tad Fujioka- The table shows households expanded
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- user households from before can be added to the list or taken away. Expand is based on the non reply expand to account- does not included people not on the list. Capturing vast majority of households
 - Tad Fujioka- you don't know how many you are not including?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- True
 - Tad Fujioka- The AC is on record saying there should be a sanctuary, We submitted a proposal calling for a sanctuary, but did not define the boundaries; We left it up to the BoF to determine them

- Harvey Kitka- area went from haul out at HP, across to gravinski, out and around. Before that to crow island- came up with this closure.
- Eric Jordan- Bof advised people they were going to do something. Did not throw out a proposal
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Anything under green line is under ANS. It was modified one year- thus the spike
- Stacy Wayne- He was talking guideline harvest – two years didn’t meet it one because spawn was mostly in the protected area.
- Eric Jordan- Do we know how important that area is to the fishery? DO we know what level of impact that would have on management?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- We don’t have actual numbers. Overlayed all the spawn from statehood to 2011 (two weeks of my life) shows exactly where the core area is and show how important to subsistence as commercial fishery.
- Jon Martin-Is this area Kakul to Aspid cape- is it fair to say that core area has the majority of the spawn?
- Moses Johnson- Is the quality of eggs, and quality of branches based on dive survey?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G-No measure of quality in subsistence fishery, it’s not measured is hard to judge
- Joel Markis- This body recommended that the board designate a core area.
 - Steve Reifentstuh- The board went through one of the members and said you guys should get together and come up with a compromise. A map was loaded with a line drawn on it. Outside of the meeting agreement to the location of the line. That got coordinates and then was brought to the board and then they voted on it
- Eric Jordan- I don’t think all the parties agreed on that. Some of you got together and came up with something but it was not all agreed upon.
 - Harvey Kitka- The tribe had no input on that line
- Tad Fujioka-The language submitted by seiners
- Moses Johnson- These two competing proposals came up last time. Voted status quo leaving it the same. My opinion same as last cycle- should leave it as it is. Seems fair to have a small area closed to herring fishing. As far as harvest boats. Used to be lots from Hoonah, Angoon and that’s been a tradition forever. To see all this concern about one boat bringing herring eggs- it is also a tradition. And like Karen said some people can’t get out. This does not take away from someone going out and doing it. We can’t stop them. Herring change and people change and we can’t do anything with that here. Leave it- do not expand it, do not get rid of it
- Call to question Brad Sheaffer, Stacy Wayne second
- Vote: support- 0, oppose- 9,
- **Motion to support Proposal 104 fails unanimously SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 104**

- Proposal 105
 - Agency Comments
 - ADF&G- Expand closed area by 14sq mi
 - Tribe sponsor:
 - Kyle Rosendale- 104 comments apply to 105 and 106.
 - This area came about through traditional knowledge. Spawn has contracted over time and space. Close areas that were once plentiful and have now declined. ADF&G only has data from 1964-present. Nakwasina has decline 6 of past 25 years. Kena Bay southern most area has seen spawn one third of the time and sporadic. Seeks to close areas that were once plentiful and where spawn has decreased in those areas.
 - Public Comments
 - Harvey Kitka- one of the other reasons we asked for the closure- it's the places were small herring go. To seine amongst them could cause damage
 - Steve Reifentstahl- additional context 60s and 70s biomass 5000. Its density and number of eggs are what's important. If the same fish- 100mi thin biomass or 50mi with really thick eggs
 - Harvey Kitka- Quality of the spawn not nearly as good as the 60s. All Katlian was full of herring and spawn. Southern position of deep inlet spawn was really thick and could last a month. 5/8th to ¾ inches thick when I came back eggs on branches 2in thick. I know Steve means well but I've seen it and know it has declined. Herring don't really make it back before the fishing starts.
 - AC Comments
 - Joel Markis- 2 questions- heard these areas recently have had more younger smaller fish. Does the department have any data to that. Is there a market for those?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G: Yes we see this but often in the summer, and no market for small fish. Commercial fishery does not target those fish. Industry wants minimum 120 gram fish
 - John Murray- Have we opened fisheries in Nakwasina or Katlian?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- about 5 years ago kalian area, Last year mostly krestof but a little bit in Nakwasina area too
 - Tad Fujioka-120gram avg- 6 yr old?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- more like 4-5 year old
 - Joel Markis- I need to look to the data for the subsistence harvest. Failed to meet subsistence needs last 7 out of 10 years. These areas are more likely to have young fish hang out. I would be interested to allow for more areas like this to be closed but not sure which areas. There is a need to do something, but don't know which proposal would provide for more subsistence harvest without being too impactful on the commercial harvest.

- Brad Shaffer- I support Mo's idea of keeping the status quo State of Alaska is spending 100,000s of dollars to evaluate these two dynamically opposed proposals. It's like hunting- Do we define a year where technology shifts? We have a dynamic society trying to feed people trying to support an economic industry. I Vote on keeping the area as it is.
- John Murray- I haven't seen much in some of these places, why did you chose these areas? How do you protect the small fish, don't understand what you mean?
 - Harvey Kitka- The spots with 1-2 year olds places where young fish go to. Thinking more conservation of the herring
- Stacy Wayne- I see in some places more effort in other spots not seeing much effort.
- Jon Martin- Just because we are not seeing data points there doesn't mean it's not happening there. I see this as a sanctuary in some respects for these fish. If two left in the world my guess would be that they would wind up in the core area. When we look at these things we need to strike a compromise. Can't have it one way. Even though commercial area is quite large the majority of the fish are still in the core area. Maybe some of these spots aren't as important for subsistence harvest. I don't understand why these other areas included if there's not much of a subsistence harvest happening there. If we established this area years ago we should keep it.
- Tom Gambell- Public Member- Biggest point to make, Commercial area is in a vast area some of the parts of that 0 fish 0 harvest. Fish are only going to be in one area and everyone is going to be squabbling over the same fish. Need to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence. Close area they are likely to come back to more opportunity to provide for that. Commercial fishery general finished in 5 days, no way an individual can compete with that. It's hard for people to et out when all of the commotion from the fishery is going on. Katlian and Nakwasina is a starting point for everything in the sound.
- Jon Martin- Do you think Nakwasina and Katlian are important areas for subsistence that has just not been captured by the data?
- Tom Gambell- Subsistence harvesters have no opportunity to harvest eggs because of the timing of the commercial fishery. Something needs to change if it's not reduction if it's not closures, it's got to be something.
- Stacy Wayne- Hearing a lot of conversation about conservation. I feel good about our adoption of the more conservative formula. This change we made will really be conservative with protecting the stocks. Feel good going with Mo because we already made this move.
- Tad Fujioka- I feel we have spoken to that need for a change. I was happy to see unanimous support. If board of fish can go along with that. I can support

no action on boundaries. If the BoF doesn't accept our compromise on Harvest Rate, then I support this proposal

- Moses Johnson- I disagree with waiting on BOF. I am completely against both these proposals. I am completely against closing areas. We have lost so much area and once we lose it there's no going back. A formula is easier to adjust later on, if we close areas there is no way to get them back later on. Just because there's no fish in that spot now, if no fish in other areas and they move- you can't get at them. Seems like the department is trying to conduct fishery as far away from core area as possible.
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- We do generally do not operate near the line and did not think it would be good opportunity
- Ben Timby- I have seen sein boats running fish along that line
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- If you think you can drive herring you don't know about herring. You and try to push fish.
- Brad- Helicopters work well on herring
- Call to question Eric Jordan, Stacy second Proposal 105
- Vote: Support 1, oppose- 7, abstain-1
- **Motion to support Proposal 105 fails Motion to support Proposal 105 fails unanimously SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 105**
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- **Proposal 106**

- Motion to adopt 106 Tad Fujioka, second Joel Markis
- Agency
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Previous comments
- Sponsor
 - STA rep. Kyle Rosendale- 104 & 105 comments stand
- Public- Comments-
 - Steve Reifentstahl- comments from 104 stand
- Advisory Committee-
 - Tad Fujioka-I don't see a dot near Magic Island- which is a known harvest area.
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Not sure why not dots there not my study
 - Kyle Rosendale- maybe not in 10years of this study and it does not capture everyone
 - Moses Johnson- Did it take place after fishery concluded?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- The spawn started 1 day after fishery closed. If we don't see it we don't map it did see spawn on both ends of town. Did not make it Shelikof this year.
 - Joel Markis- If we look at the maps and the lines, it does add a significant area. I know we have tried to be more conservative with adjusting the formula. Don't feel

like that is enough. From the testimony we hear much about this provides an opportunity to provide that allocation for subsistence.

- Stacy Wayne- This proposal encompasses the majority of the core area where the spawn occurs. One year with no fishery because not enough fish outside of the closed areas. Maybe in the future there no commercial fishery because the sanctuary comprises the majority of the core area
- Joel Markis- subsistence comes before commercial and there were 2-6 that GHL was not met but 7 out of 10 where subsistence needs were not met.
- Jon Martin- How important is area being proposed in 106?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- did not harvest in that area last year and hit the edge of it year before but generally half the time have something in that area.
- Tom Gambell- Public Member- To Kitka- what percentage of your harvest comes from that area? Not based on these others guys making a living off of it. Should not be the opportunity for commercial fishing that you should protect. It should be the opportunity for subsistence this board is working to protect.
- Harvey Kitka- Sitka sound to Baranof point, whole area very important to our people. Before commercial fishery- males would put out milk 3 days before then females would come in and start spawning in those areas. Used to set branches wherever milk once that started. 3 days later start to get eggs. Sometime Aleutkina, some magic island, crow island, then they would move inside. Places where they do not do those things anymore. After pulp mill we had to move farther away from town to set our branches. And as town grew we needed to move farther out due to the waste system which went right out into ocean. We could not harvest near town. Those outlying areas became very important. Some of best areas no longer have spawn. Trying to get areas started again very tough, each time though they start to improve they get fished on. All of these areas important to us, sometimes different years in different places. Core area- over last 40-50 years has been extremely important to us. This past year hit or miss even in the core area. "Last year- so different and so scary"
- Eric Jordan- Thank you everyone for coming and sharing your story and your perspective. It is going to be a tough vote. Everyone in this community and on this board.
- John Murray- I think this area too large
 - Amendment- North end of Crow- South end of little Gavanski, and to magic Island/ Halibut point. Second, Joel
- John- I feel something needs to happen and I don't have faith in the thing we did last week. I don't have faith that industry is going to go for that. If it does not work we expand it or take it away later on.
- Eric call question on the amendment Joel second that-
- Motion to adopt amendment
- Vote Support- 2, oppose- 6, abstain- 1

- Motion to adopt amendment fails
 - Tad & and John, Stacy, Jon- We want to reiterate that we can support No Action on Proposal 106 if the BoF supports the Sitka AC compromise on Harvest Rate
 - Tad Fujioka- Conservation one piece and subsistence access is a different point. This proposal speaks to subsistence access. Other one dealt with conservation. I think we need to make clear the point of conservation, separate from subsistence action.
 - Stacy Wayne- Subsistence take higher over last five years than over last 12 years. The figure in terms of meeting the needs I think the effort is a piece there. Not getting less take getting less effort. I do not know how many people doing herring harvest actually surveyed and represented in this data.
 - Call to question Tad Fujioka, stacy Wayne second
 - Vote support 2, oppose 6, abstain- 1
- **Motion to support Proposal 106 fails SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 106—**
Specific letter on herring from Sitka AC attached/below

John Jensen, Chair
 Alaska Board OF Fisheries
 ADF&G Boards Support
 P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK, 99811-5526

Chairman Jensen and Board members,

In addition to our detailed minutes and proposal comments, the Sitka Advisory Committee felt a short letter imparting how important herring conservation, management, and sharing are to this community and committee. We worked with community members, fisheries interests, and subsistence users for over 7 hours and covered numerous proposals over two meetings. We were honored to have the president of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, tribal members, fishermen, subsistence users, seal hunters, former Sitka F&G AC chair and Sitka resident since 1930, Larry Calvin, as well as numerous members of the public present.

As is typical at our local Sitka AC meetings, consideration of these herring proposals was supported by ADF&G staff that provided detailed explanations of the management and answered questions about the herring resource and fishery. Additionally, staff from the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Resource Protection Department, and a representative of the Sitka Herring Conservation Alliance also provided information and answered questions.

Public testimony overwhelmingly focused on two primary issues: 1) there were general concerns and a call for conservation of Sitka herring stocks and 2) there were concerns about adequate subsistence opportunity. After all of the comments and committee work the Sitka AC is unanimously recommending adoption of only one proposal (99) with a single amendment. While it seems like a fairly simple solution, applying the SE sac roe harvest formula to Sitka, and retaining the 25,000 ton minimum biomass threshold, this action will take steps toward both conservation, while also allowing for additional substance opportunity. We believe both of these goals can be achieved without adversely impacting the sac roe fishery, especially in times of high abundance.

This change would be significant in that it would be a consensus move toward conservation in a time when fishery survival appears stressed throughout SE. This change would be creative in that it accomplishes conservation without closing areas or reducing the harvest % when higher biomass warrants.

The Local Sitka AC voted unanimously for this action (99 as amended) with Industry, Subsistence, and Seine members all present. As a result of this move to improve subsistence opportunity and sustain herring abundance, the majority of the committee did not support further action to close areas. However, several members indicated that their opposition to proposals 105 and 106 was contingent upon the BOF supporting the AC amendment to Proposal 99. If the BOF chooses to leave the harvest rate formula unchanged, then they would support increasing the size of the sanctuary zone as an alternative conservation measure.

The Sitka advisory committee believes the aforementioned proposal would address both conservation concerns and increase subsistence opportunity. We believe this is good work, championed from the community, and hope the BOF will find a way to do similar.

Sincerely,

Jon Martin, Chair
 Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee

- Eric Jordan- I move to send a letter to BoF- letting them know we take herring very seriously, spent many hours on this topic, take subsistence very serious,, feel we have taken some action on conservation by adopting se formula, and if BoF does not take action on reflecting that they need to come up with something.
- Eric Jordan move to have letter drafted, Tad Fujioka second
- Brad Sheaffer- do you think anyone is actually going to read it? It's like beating a dead horse/herring!
- Eric Jordan- Been on boards and there is a lot of information. Letters are important and especially coming from this committee.
- Tad Fujioka- I read everything and not even on the board
- Tom Gambell- Public Member- It would be important to include reference to the hours of testimony and reference to the tribal elders, subsistence, harvesters and fisherman and hunters. Requesting the BoF take special attention to this.
 - I'm glad to be hear and speak to the learning that occurs hear. That testimony is important so we can remember later on when they are not here and some of us are in the position to make these hard decision. People are not going to be the same but the issue and the resource is the same. Thank you to everyone for your participation in this process
- Spawn on Kelp
 - 107—112
 - Proposal 107- 13C
 - Motion to support and open discussion Tad, Stacy second
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 - Agency
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G
 - Open a roe on Kelp fishery in Sitka sound- if 1,500 tons remaining after sac roe fishery finishes
 - Eric Jordan- Concern of legality
 - Harvey- I am oppsed to this. Back when they first started roe on kelp fisheries in Sitka Sound encompassed people from all communities in South East Ak myself included. Chance for us to make a few bucks. Realizing the way the permit fisheries have gone. With out peole realizing this happening, some people allowed to start a fishery and get on permit. Many people got left out. Craig, metlakalta, ketcikan many people not even considered for
 - Pound fisheries notorious for disease and taking it out to schools and effecting other fish in schools. One of the reasons fishery never came back in Valdez- due to disease and pound fishery

- Tom- concern the impact this would also have on the subsistence fishery. If can't meet GHF not going to meet subsistence.
- Spike Arnold- Agree with Tom, I like eggs on kelp naturally but pound fisheries incubator of disease Get the primo fish and prim eggs but this is very hard on the fish. I don't understand how a pound fishery would work if they already know they didn't meet the GHF?
 - Eric Coonrad- Pound fishery takes a lot of planning on department as well as fisherman's part. Calling a fishery in a day would be problematic for everyone.
- Advisory Committee
 - Brad Shaffer- To some extent kelp fishery is still developmental in terms of no consistency. Trial and tribulation. My understanding of the market in terms of Hoonah there's only one buyer and very sensitive to demand. If all these people flood the area is that productive? How do we try to run a seine fishery and the pound fishery
 - John Murray- if there are extra fish they ought to go to the subsistence folks.
 - Tad Fujioka- remember talking about gear being left on the grounds up in Hoonah don't want to encourage this behavior closer to town
- Eric Jordan call to question, John Murray second
- Vote support- 0, oppose- 9,
 - **Motion to support Proposal 107 unanimously fails SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 107**
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- Proposal 108
 - Not our area
- Proposal 109
 - No Comments
- Proposal 110
 - Motion to support 110 John Murray, second Joel Markis
 - Agency:
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Allow closure of
 - Background- down in Craig after roe on kelp fishery in order to prosecute the fisher but did not have backing with regulation
 - Get down to 20 pound structures. Needed grounds for this legislation
 - All permit holders are equal, group of 6 people 2 pounds with a combination of people
 - Advisory Committee
 - Joel Markis- If too many people in the fishery to prosecute it how do we make a determination as to who can participate?
 - Eric Coonradt ADF&G

- By this reg- push people to operate in groups. Less pound structures less herring being taken. When people group up incentive on blade allocation.
- Stacy Wayne call to question, John Murray second
- Vote -support 9, oppose- 0
- **Motion to support Proposal 110 passes unanimously**
 - **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 110**
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(Brad Shaffer leaves)

- Proposal 111
 - No comments
- Proposal 112
 - No comments
- **King conservation plan:**
 - AC fisherman and the public are interested in being provided the King Conservation Plan
 - Eric Jordan– we know the department is working on a King Conservation Plan for 2018 but do not know when they are going to share this information. May have to wait for some information until BoF meeting. Request to know when AC, fisherman and public and comment on the plan.
 - Grant Hagerman ADFG Troll biologist coming to speak to Conservation Plan December 20th
 - Erics letter-
 - Joel Markis- I would like to see preliminary information, This is coming quickly. Allow time for us to say something to the board
 - Eric Jordan- saying we want to be informed so that we can informed.
 - Joel Markis- adjust letter to say bring us in sooner on the development stage while they are working on things.
 - Jon Martin- Once this letter gets drafted, I will get it out for review by next Monday.
 - Harvey Kitka- I would like something available to the public.
 - Jon Martin- I am happy to share this with the tribe as well.
 - John Murray- Pretty sure required to have these things available two weeks before the meeting.
 - Eric Jordan- They are not planning to do that. Thus why this is a plan and not a proposal. Yes proposals are required to have time for review and comments. This is super important to have these ahead of time
 - Adjorn Stacy Wayne called motion, Joel Markis second- time: 8:59pm
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