

**Kodiak Advisory Committee
January 29, 2018
ADF&G Building, Kodiak AK**

I. Call to Order: 1300 by Paul Chervenak (Chair)]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 10

Guide	Paul Chervenak	Transporter	Roland Rouss
C. Citizen	Julie Kavanaugh	West Set Net	Kip Thomet
Alternate	Jason Bunch	Old Harbor	Conrad Peterson
C. Citizen	Mellissa Burns	Ouzinkie	Skylar Waite
Small Boat	Oliver Holm	Port Lions	Kevin Adkins

Members Absent: 7

South Set Net	Small Boat
Alternate	Subsistence
Large Boat	Trawl
Processor	

Quorum on AC: 8

User Groups Present:

ADFG	Big Game Guide
Kodiak Borough	Board of Game

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved Unanimously

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 2/21/17 Approved Unanimously

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Natura Richardson

VI. Guests Present:

Dick Rohrer	Larry VanDaele
Patrick O Donnell	

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

1. Tuck Bonney (processor) and Pete Hannah (south set net) request to step down from their seats.

2. Nominations and Voting for Expired and Open Seats as follows;

C. Citizen	Julie Kavanaugh	S. Set Net	Theresa Peterson
Alternate	Jason Bunch	Large Boat	Tyler Schmeil
Alternate	Nathan Rose	Processor	Randy Swain
Small Boat	Oliver Holm	Trawl	Patrick O Donnell

All Nominees went unchallenged and voted to the board as nominated.

3. Selection of Committee Officers

Chairman	Paul Chervenak
Vice-Chairman	Julie Kavanaugh
Secretary	Jason Bunch

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4. Proposals Discussed:

Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp and Other Misc. Shellfish 2018-2019 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	208	Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District Commercial Dungeness Crab fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relatively small fishery between 2-6 vessels• This proposal will substantially reduce the number of pots fished. Current pot-use averages 500-600 pots per vessel.• No biological concern by ADFG• This proposal may establish a questionable precedent by using vessel size and participant history to determine pot limits, which may be viewed as “bad policy” for the board.

BOF	209	Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent of this proposal is to establish a lawful and ethical method (that is enforceable) to cash gear during the season for future use without harming resources. • This further scrutinizes when and how gear can be cashed which is a known problem within Kodiak Waters. All gear must be removed from the water at the end of the fishery. • This is less restrictive than a pot limit which is not desired • This committee realizes 14 days may be too short of a time period. 18-21 days may be more acceptable to allow for varying fishing techniques.
BOF	210	Establish fishing season for scallops in the southeast district of Registration Area K.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADFG does not have baseline information for this area. • Data from the adjacent area (SW area by commissioners permit) shows a relatively small fishery (2 vessels, 10-14 day open) that routinely reaches its GHL. • Unwanted by-catch of crab is a general concern since this area overlaps known crab grounds. • This fishery has a 100 percent mandatory observer policy however, Opposers have concerns with observer effectiveness since they generally work 8-hour days but vessels fish 24. • Supporters feel this proposal is an appropriate first step in looking at a new area to be considered for a regulatory opener.
BOF	211	Reduce closed waters for scallops in the Southwest District of Registration Area K.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Proposal 210 comments for points of discussion on this proposal. • The area requested for opening includes State Waters and a No Trawl Area. • General concern over conflicts within State Waters. • Committee agreed to support (8-1) this proposal's passing if amended to "...exclude State Waters and the No Trawl Area..." • Supporters felt opening this area may relieve pressure on existing areas. • The 100 percent observer regulation on this fishery allows ADFG staff to appropriately regulate this fishery and any new area boundaries. • Opposers have concerns with observer effectiveness. • Opposers have concerns with management of other resources within the area.
BOF	212	Establish Sea Cucumber management plan in the Kodiak District of Registration Area J	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unanimous Support for this proposal. • This proposal allows participants to develop their fishery through the regulatory process. • Clearly defines parameters of the intended fishery. • Is Kodiak Specific, which is already developed. • Includes a well thought out and inclusive weather delay plan for a safer fishery.

VIII. New Business (Continued)

5. Motions to write letters of recommendation in support of seats for BOG and BOF

Committee supported (9-0) a letter be drafted from Kodiak AC to Governors Office to support Larry VanDaele for BOG seat.

Committee opposed (5-4) a letter be drafted from Kodiak AC to Governors Office to support both Duncan Fields and Jason Chandler for BOF seat.

Committee supported (6-3) a letter be drafted from Kodiak AC to Governors Office to support Duncan Fields for BOF seat.

Adjournment: 1645

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Bunch

Minutes Approved By: Paul A. Chervenak

Date: Feb. 7, 2018