

Whittier Advisory Committee

2/10/18

Anchor Inn at 1:00 P.M.

I. Jon Van Hyning called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

Committee Members are underlined.

PRESENT: Jim Norris, Ric Vrsalovic, Anthony Sobrino, Kristen Labreaque, Jon Van Hyning, Jody Mason, Dave Dickason, Ed Fee, Dave Goldstein, Gordon Scott, Dave Pinquoch, Brett Roth

ABSENT: (excused) Mike Durtschi, Brad Van Wichman
(not excused) Steve Aberle, Milton Stevens

Number needed for a Quorum on AC: 5

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jay Baumer, Jan Rumble, [REDACTED]

IV. Guest Present: none *see above names NOT underlined*

V: Previous minutes were read and *accepted* ~~excepted~~. All were in favor.

VI: No old business.

VII. New Business

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Prince William Sound Finfish and Shrimp Proposals

Proposal

Position

Support

#Opposed

AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes

Prop 206

Allow the use of pot gear to harvest Octopus under Sport fishing regulations

Support

7 Supported, 0 opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 206, Ric Vrsalovic 2nd the motion.

Prop 216

Require participants in Prince William Sound Area noncommercial Shrimp Fishery to register with the Department prior to May 1.

Opposed

1 Supported, 6 Opposed

Jody Mason made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 216, Gordon Scott 2nd the motion.

Prop 217

Allow for harvest of Octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery.

Opposed

0 Support, 7 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 217, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All opposed (7) unanimous.

Dave Goldstein left the meeting.

Prop 218

Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp pot fishing season.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jody Mason made a motion that Whittier AC withdraw Prop 218, Jon Van Hyning 2nd the motion. All support (6) unanimous

Prop 219

Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishing season.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jody Mason made a motion that Whittier AC withdraw Prop 219, Jon Van Hyning 2nd the motion. All support(6) unanimous

Prop 220

Modify the Prince William Sound commercial Shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons.

Opposed

0 Support , 6 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 220, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All Opposed (6) unanimous

Prop 221

Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishery.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 221, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. Support (6) unanimous.

Prop 222

Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

1 support, 5 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 222, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 223

Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

1 support, 5 Opposed

Dave Pinquoch made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 223, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 224

Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

1 Supported, 4 Opposed, 1 Abstained

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 224, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 225

Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

2 Support, 4 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 225, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 226

Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp Trawl fishery.

Opposed

1 Support, 4 Opposed, 1 Abstained

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 226, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 227

Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter Shrimp Trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall / winter fishery.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jim Norris made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 227, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All support (6) unanimous

Prop 238

Require all fisherman to have on board their vessel a deep water release for rockfish.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 238, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All support (6) Unanimous

Require in season monitoring of noncommercial shrimp fishing.

Support

3 Support, 1 Opposed, 2 abstained

Gordon Scott made a motion that Whittier AC support this proposal, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned 4:08 P.M. Jim Norris made a motion to adjourn, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. Support Unanimous