Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dave Lyon, at 6:05 PM

The following regular AC members in attendance: Thomas Hagberg, Lee Martin, Michael Craig, Doug Malone, Gary Sinnhuber, Dave Lyon (chair), Marv Peters, and Ty Gates. Additional individuals present: Jerremy Baum AWT, and Jason Herreman ADF&G.

Dave Lyon announced that this meeting was to be informal, with no votes to be taken. Items for discussion were to include potential proposals to be advanced by the Homer AC and any other item brought forward by any of those present.

The first item of discussion, and a continuation from the previous meeting, was Kenai Peninsula moose regulations. The leading proposal to be formally presented to the AC at the next meeting is to include: A 10-day general season with a spike, fork, 3 brow tines, 50" restriction, to be followed by a registration hunt that would include "an any moose" clause. The registration would be limited and areas to be hunted would be smaller than the existing sub-units within Unit 15. The number of tags and the assignment of area would be based on ADF&G biologist assessment of herd strength, number of moose taken during the general season, and the condition of the range (available feed).

The next item of discussion was around the idea of requiring all proposals that are to be made to both the Board of Fish and the Board of Game would be required to be submitted to "any" AC prior to it be submitted to the respective Board. There would be NO requirement that the selected AC endorse the proposal, only that it review it, nor would a negative endorsement from the AC prevent the individual who submitted the proposal from then submitting it to the respective Board.

Black Bears, those in Unit 15C, were the next topic of discussion. The Chair intends to submit a proposal to limit the take of Black Bears "on the South side of Kachemak Bay" to one for the period 1/1 to 6/30, and one for the period of 7/1 to 12/31 each year. This is in lieu of the existing limit of 3 Black Bears per year.

Spruce Grouse limit and seasons were next addressed. The proposal that will be submitted will include reduced daily limits of Spruce Grouse in Unit 15 and will call for a later start to the fall opening date.

The AC was reminded of the upcoming public meeting to be held in Anchor Point at the Senior Center on 3/27 from 7-9 PM that will be addressing F&G issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting will be on April 10, 2018.

Minutes approved by Dave Lyon, Chair 4/13/2018