

**Nushagak Advisory Committee  
Friday October 26, 2018  
Dillingham City Council Chambers**

I. **Call to Order:** 9:05 by Chairman Frank Woods

II. **Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Frank Woods III chair  
Joe Chythlook Vice Chair  
Dan Dunaway Secretary  
Gayla Hoseth  
Peter Christopher  
Barbara Moore  
Glen Wysocki  
Curt Armstrong  
Susie Jenkins-Brito  
Tom O'Connor  
Joe Wassily by phone Alt for Clarks Pt  
Kay Andrews Alt for Aleknagik  
Walter Kanulie by phone 9:25  
Todd Fritze Alt  
Chris Carr arr 10:15

**Members Absent (Excused):**

Moses Kritz  
Mariano Floresta  
Travis Ball

**Members Absent (Unexcused):**

Richard King

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** total seats 15 quorum 8

**List of User Groups Present:**

Subsistence fishing and hunting  
Commercial drift  
Sport fishing and guiding.  
Commercial Set  
Trapping

Hunting guide

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Dan Move to adopt Joe second

Approved unanimous

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

No minutes to approve.

V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Taryn Brito Boards

Jason Dye Sport Fish

Tim Sands Com Fish

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Gabriella Halas Subsistence by phone

VI. **Guests Present:**

Robert Heyano

Bronson Brito

Suzanna Henry USFWS

Angelo Brito

Andy Aderman USFWS

Katherine Carscallen

JJ Larsen

Janet Schlagel

Gary Kline BBNA

Izzy Ross KDLG by phone

Chris Maines BBNA

Heidi Kritz BBNA

Dee Dee Bennis

Kim Williams

Caleb Westphal

Other guests may have joined the meeting but were not noted. A sign-in sheet was posted.

VII. **Election Dillingham designated seat + 2 at large alternates:**

Dillingham seat :

Todd Fritze nominated Joe Chythlook no more nominations.

Joe Chythlook elected unanimous.

Alternates 2- 1 yr term:

Todd Fritze and Steve Perkins nominated

nominee Katherine Carscallen declined.

Kay moved to close nominations.

Todd and Steve elected by unanimous consent

## **VIII. Election of Officers**

Frank turned gavel over to Taryn

Kay moved, Curt second, Motion approved by unanimous consent: to retain current officers of Frank Woods III chair, Joe Chythlook Vice Chair and Dan Dunaway as secretary.

Dan said he's willing to continue. Joe C said he appreciates the new AC members, its an important public process and he is willing to continue as vice chair. Frank thanked Joe and Dan for their hard work and thanks the AC and public for continued support as chair.

## **IX. ADFG and USFWS Staff Updates**

### **1. Wildlife Conservation**

Biologist Neil Barten not able to attend so Chair gave a short update including the need to address: 17A Antlerless Moose season and' Central / Southwest Brown Bear tag fee exemption. (BOG proposals 134, 140). Barten provided a 2 page handout summarizing the high points of Wildlife Conservation studies and activities.

### **2. Sport Fish Lee Borden**

The harvest and effort estimates for 2018 will be available summer 2019. All indications were that sport fishing was good for most of the area.

Nushagak sonar escapement estimates: king 97,000 , sockeye 1.2 million, coho 111,000. Wood River sockeye count was 7.5 million. Plenty of fish.

Upon exceeding the upper sockeye escapement goals on both the Nushagak and Wood Rivers, 2 EO's were issued increasing the sport bag limit from 5 to 10 sockeye.

Nushagak King Salmon sport mortality study, year 2, went well and now there are 300 kings tagged and tracked- it was a good season. Very preliminary estimates of mortality for 2017 and 2018 for each year are 6.7% . Capture methods imitate normal sport fishery as much as possible. It would have been nice to study treble hooks but too difficult to get sufficient sample sizes for both hook types; so only single hooks were used. A more thorough analysis is expected before the Board meeting and a full report is planned for the meeting.

Comment: AC member expressed concern that sport fishery bag limits were increased but local subsistence fishers had to observe limited fishing time on Dillingham beaches for the period July 2-17; doesn't seem fair, does not seem to respect subsistence priority.

Comment: AC member says people from New Stuyahok found wasted jack kings on a beach downstream of the lowithla River outlet.

Comment: There have been reports of roe stripping and wasted pink and chum salmon carcasses near Portage Creek during the sport fishery; apparently people seeking bait. Troopers were notified at the time.

### 3. Commercial Fish Tim Sands:

Announced the Bristol Bay season summary is available, it was an all-time record sockeye run to the Bay and to Nushagak District and Wood River especially. He deferred further discussion for the proposal work.

### 4. USFWS Togiak Refuge Wildlife Biologist Andy Aderman:

Andy discussed the summer photo census of Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd: estimates range from low of 709 to high of 901 animals - reduced from the 1,300 to 1,400 a few years ago. Bull to cows estimated at 25/100, lowest ever estimated. Calf to cow ratio was 34/100. No collars were missed, no indications of migration. There may be a decline in productivity. Most likely the recent winters of good hunting is a main cause for the reduced population - a desired outcome as 1,300 to 1,400 were too much for the range. An old lichen coverage study estimated 48% coverage, 2017 study was 30% - the Service has concerns for depleted range conditions. Very expensive to do lichen studies so they aren't done every year.

Harvest in 2016-17 was 370 reported and 2017-18 about 100 possibly a few more. The USFWS convened the Nushagak Caribou committee earlier this fall; harvest goal was set at 150 animals, allow 2 per hunter to make it worth hunting yet distribute harvest among hunters and communities. Harvest permits may be increased depending on hunting conditions, hunter success as the season progresses. USFWS printed 550 permits, held 50 back for new communities (26) eligible to hunt this herd (Federal Regulations GMU 9 B,C, E 17) and distributed 500 permits among the original 7 villages. 350 issued to date. New villages became eligible this month of October. 10 animals known to be harvested in the Federal area and 1 in the State area to date. Discussion clarified that same day airborne is allowed January 1- March 31 and shooter must be 300 feet from plane.

### 5. ADFG Board Support Taryn Brito:

Nushagak AC should develop a list of meetings they want a representative to attend for planning.

Board of Fish Bristol Bay meeting is in Dillingham, November 28- Dec 4.

On time comments are due Nov. 14.

Proposal RC 36 There is a Board Generated Proposal RC 36 to clarify special harvest areas: whether they are or are not in the commercial fishing district and addresses set netting in Special Harvest Areas. The current wording may produce unintended consequences- find it at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2018-2019/ws/rcs/rc036 BOF Al Cain BB Area and Gear SHA.pdf](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2018-2019/ws/rcs/rc036%20BOF%20Al%20Cain%20BB%20Area%20and%20Gear%20SHA.pdf)

AC agreed to take up RC 36 after addressing the book proposals.

Other meetings of interest: \* Alaska Peninsula / Aleutians Feb 21-26 in Anchorage was shortened by one day. \* Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Anchorage March 8-11 \* Joint Boards to address AC issues and Process for adopting regulations March 21-25 in Anchorage.

Board of Game: \* November 16 ACR teleconference - there may be several ACRs for 9B regarding bears. \* South Central meeting March 15-19 in Anchorage.

Break 10:05-10:15

Chris Carr AC member from Portage Creek joined the meeting 10:15

## **X. Comments and Concerns**

AC members:

Chris Carr asked to add a discussion of roe stripping near Portage and the number of proxy hunts one person is allowed to conduct for winter moose hunts. There are rumors that one person did 7 or 10 proxies last year. Add under New Business

Todd Fritze asked to add clarification of positioning wolf and wolverine with snow-go to New Business. Last winter the BOG meeting ended with unclear resolution except for the caribou portion. Todd says he hopes the AC will write a letter to the BOG.

Taryn reminded the AC that the deadline for Agenda Change Requests for the BOG is November 1, on-time public comments are due November 13 and the BOG will have a teleconference to consider ACRs on Nov 16.

Susie moved Dan 2nd Motion Carried Unanimous: to add the following items for discussion in New Business:

- \* Discuss a letter or ACR to the Board of Game regarding their intent last meeting, on positioning of wolves and wolverines with snowmobile.

- \* The number of winter moose hunt proxies one person may conduct in a season.

\* Discuss apparent problem of stripping roe from salmon caught in the Nushagak and Wood Rivers.

Public:

A copy of a letter authored by Bristol Bay fisherman Randy Sandvik was circulated. The letter addresses permit stacking, boat length, quality of fish handling and safety. The letter opposes permit stacking and advocates various proposals seeking longer commercial boats citing reasons of quality of fish, efficiency, and safety.

## **XI. New Business:**

1. Reauthorization of the 17A antlerless moose season, (BOG proposal 134)

Dan Move Susie 2nd Motion carries unanimous to reauthorize this hunt.

2. Reauthorize Central/Southwest region brown bear tag fee exemption ( BOG proposal 140)

Dan move Joe 2nd Motion carries unanimous to reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemption. Dan spoke in support-this is much less burdensome and the data is still collected when the bear is sealed.

3. Address Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish proposals and RC 36.

SEE TEMPLATE FOLLOWING for actions.

12:35- 1:10 Lunch Break between action on Proposal 20 and 21.

1:12 Roll call after lunch

Quorum established Gayla, Curt and Joe initially absent but arrived within the next 20 minutes.

3:03 PM Gayla departed meeting quorum intact - as proposal 39 was addressed. One of the members attending by phone may have dropped out as well.

4:29 5 minute break before proposal 40 was addressed.

As the afternoon progressed a couple AC members departed for other obligations. Quorum was maintained.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE TAKEN UP AFTER THE AC WORKED THROUGH THE FISH PROPOSALS

3. Discuss Stand For Salmon Ballot Measure :

Agenda item apparently added at request of AC member Gayla Hoseth who was not able to remain at the meeting to discuss this item.

Several member comments to the effect that we should not get into politics. The meeting has run long. Other comments urging support and protection for healthy salmon habitat and wildlife habitat in general.

Joe moved to take no action, Dan 2nd. Motion carries unanimous.

4. Process to approve minutes:

With some discussion. AC understands that Dept of Law wants a single person to approve minutes.

Joe Move, Chris 2nd carries unanimous to: Secretary to type minutes and submit to Chairman to review, approve and forward to Boards on time.

5. Positioning wolf and wolverines

Short discussion on Todd's impressions from some of the BOG immediately post meeting vs current regulation book. Different people have different understanding of final results. Some think the BOG dropped the wolf and wolverines with no intentions of addressing them. Others think BOG may have forgotten about the wolves etc. Others think it was BOG intent to allow positioning and one person thought a Board member said it was fine to position these animals.

Todd moved Joe 2nd- AC supported unanimously : Todd and Frank will compose a letter from the AC to request the BOG clarify their actions regarding position of wolves and wolverines with snow mobiles at the BOG meeting held in Dillingham last winter.

6. Salmon Roe stripping.

During summer of 2018 Chris found pink and chum salmon carcasses wasted with eggs removed. Some fish were taken out of his subsistence net. Others have found similarly wasted fish in creeks near Aleknagik - only the eggs were taken. Several comments from ADFG and AC that this is an enforcement issue and troopers should be notified ASAP. It was noted the Wildlife Trooper was not present at the meeting. Chris was encouraged to contact ADFG staff as well. ADFG staff will bring this to Troopers' attention.

7. Number of Proxies a person may obtain.

Rumors of one or two hunters who may have taken 7-10 moose as proxies last winter. Some feel this accelerated the early closure last winter and didn't give others a fair chance to hunt. Chris would like to see a limit. It was agreed the AC can submit a proposal next year for the next BOG cycle for Southwest Alaska.

XII. Date and Location of next meeting:

At the call of the Chair working with Boards. Keeping in mind Area M comments are due February 7. Possibly address Joint Board concerns at the same time.

Chair said the AC would like to comment Area Biologist Tim Sands for his hard work.

XIII. Adjourn 5:40 PM



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18	Repeal limits to subsistence fishing periods in the Nushagak District		
Support	15	0	<p>Susie move Joe 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Very long discussion with strong feelings on all sides. Some feel the schedule does not give them reasonable opportunity. Several public and AC say it was very irritating that Subsistence is official priority but even with the 2018 the huge run and we are limited to 3 days on local beaches. Commercial was nearly wide open and sport bag limits were increased. Current 3 day schedule is very difficult with 8-5 work schedule, add bad weather days and tide cycles limits access to Kanakanak Beach where a lot of nets are set and site competition can be significant. Do some folks fish overnight just to keep their spot yet risk getting slammed?</p> <p>Many people want to get enough fish quickly to be able to process efficiently - especially smoking drying and canning.</p> <p>Concerns expressed for potential waste if the 3 day schedule is repealed; even with 3 days nearly every year someone catches too many fish and can't get rid of them. Historically the regulation was made to address waste. There were observations that unused fish (sometimes a lot) are seen in the landfill - likely just dumped. Historically the 3 day schedule was due to problems with folks not tending nets and catching too many fish, wanton waste was a problem. 3 day is only in effect for nearby Dillingham beaches. People can go outside boundaries and fish 24/7. Some fish thrown out that are ok just because a gull picked eyes out - that's waste - the fish is often still ok.</p> <p>Going outside Dillingham Beach boundaries requires a skiff and many who fish the beaches don't have skiffs.</p> <p>Opening 24/7 might reduce crowding and site competition; folks could get their fish, get out and allow others access to a site.</p> <p>When the commercial fishery goes into the WRSMA available subsistence areas further restricted.</p>

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			<p>Waste problems are a public education and enforcement issues. With fewer Troopers and all tied up with commercial fishery its hard to get enforcement on subsistence.</p> <p>More education could help. Maybe during peak run, regulation should require permittees to remain on-site. Opponents say on-site requirement is difficult too; people just need to know how to manage their nets and sites. Waste is unacceptable.</p> <p>ADFG comment; even when some folks are warned they really don't "get it" and over do.</p> <p>It was suggested since tide cycle is known, ADFG could publish an annual fishing schedule around best tides. Problem is what constitutes the "right tide" varies by site and user; lots of disagreement on what's right. Also some years there might only be one tide in a day- it can happen for a whole week.</p> <p>What about limiting opening during daylight hours say 9 AM to 9PM, (or 7-7)? Still may conflict with tides, weather, beach access. Once ADFG tried to waive the 3 day restriction and it made some people extremely unhappy.</p> <p>Suggestion to add warnings and information about catching excess fish on the subsistence permit to help educate.</p> <p>There may not be a conservation problem but we don't want a waste problem. Need time or gear restrictions, more self policing and education; something to prevent waste. Maybe open and close similar to the commercial fishery?</p> <p>Roll Call vote.</p>
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
Support as amended	12	3	<p>Curt Move Joe 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Author spoke. Intent was to allow only under the subsistence regulations; he didn't want to unleash a Kenai situation but has experienced trying to avoid excess chum and pinks in big years when only needs a few reds or silvers. Intended for official boundaries of Dillingham Beaches ONLY - opposed to expanding up-river, operate dip nets from the beach only not from boats. Admits to trying it briefly and successfully with a small landing net</p>

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			<p>once. A way to be more selective, avoid waste of non-target fish. Smaller investment for some users. Wanted to avoid any possible conflicts with commercial, sport, other subsistence users and gear. Seeking guidance of AC on mandatory spacing - conflict avoidance.</p> <p>Others warned it is a BIG thing, almost a sport in some parts of Alaska - we don't want that here.</p> <p>AC member from Manokotak would like a dipnet option for Manokotak area. Sometimes do it already; generally objects to ANY restrictions on subsistence activities; prefer to have subsistence wide open.</p> <p>Warning this would open the activity to all Alaskans.</p> <p>What about only allowing it after July 17 when pinks are more likely an issue?</p> <p>Chums can be an issue before July 17.</p> <p>Some envisioned drifting from a boat to dip net - better than the snagging that goes on now.</p> <p>Comment supporting original language, for whole drainage and could be a low impact low waste harvest method.</p> <p><u>Dan and Barb Move to amend, Kay 2nd approved Yes 14 - No 1 to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specify Dillingham Beaches only per 5AAC.01.310(d) and Igushik, Weary and Snake Rivers upstream of the commercial fishing districts.</li> <li>2. Specify dip net as defined in State Regulation: 5AAC. 39.105(24)</li> <li>3. Specify Dipnets may only be operated from the beach - not from anchored or drifting boats.</li> <li>4. Specify dipnets may must be operated a minimum of 25 feet from other subsistence gear including other dipnets.</li> </ol> <p>Other commenters support concept to manage harvest, reduce set net site competition.</p> <p>Strong comment warn about attracting unwanted non local effort,</p>

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			trespass and especially crowding concerns.  Final vote as amended Yes 12 no 3
20	Allow use of drift gillnets not more than 10 fathoms in length for subsistence salmon fishing in the Wood and Nushagak Rivers near Dillingham		
Support	9	6	<p>Susie Move Gayla 2nd to adopt</p> <p>"There can be as many as 600+ Alaska residents in the area with commercial drift boats qualified to fish subsistence, do we want that kind of effort?"</p> <p>I have advocated for this for years but not quite as this is written, we need a vessel size limit of 20 feet or less. In the fall I see some of the commercial fleet hauling box after box to the airport and I wonder what they are doing. I hear rumors and have seen nets that look up to 50 fathoms drifting near Lewis Point.</p> <p>In the 80's and earlier we drifted right out in front of town to get the fish we needed- I have never understood the prohibition - I support this.</p> <p>There was a discussion of legal personal use of commercial catch; there are no restrictions on number of fish that can be taken for PU.</p> <p>Drifting might reduce waste as people would be tending their nets and would not leave them out overnight or through bad weather like set nets.</p> <p>Concern expressed that too many kings might be taken if large vessels are allowed.</p> <p>We should be very careful, this may attract too much effort.</p> <p>"People from New Stuyahok drift anyway, we want it allowed up by our village. "</p> <p>In our discussion of dip netting we opposed drifting, why would we allow this?</p> <p>If this is allowed near the sport fishery it may cause trouble.</p>

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			I support as written to help people get their fish, so what if a few more people come.
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
No Action			Susie Move Kay 2nd to: take no action out of area. Support motion unanimous
22	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Egegik District at any time from May 1 through September 30		
No Action			Susie Move Kay 2nd to: take no action out of area. Support motion unanimous
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
Support	15	0	<p>Susie Move Tom 2nd to adopt</p> <p>One of the co- authors spoke in support: Single owners stacking 2 permits is a big departure from the original intent of the D permit designed to help a new comer, or person who lost use of a boat but has a permit, or who could not afford to put their boat in the water. The original D permit regulation designed to reduce gear in the water but give some benefit for the extra permit.</p> <p>Comment: Supporters of this proposal need to present the full history of D permits to the BOF, address economic impacts when prices were really low, runs were low, people were hurting and some folks couldn't afford to put their boats in the water or had lost a boat to break down etc.</p> <p>We don't want to be obstructionists but we want to support continuing the original purpose of the D permit when 2 permit holders had to be on the boat and one person could not own 2 permits at the same time. That extra 50 fathoms makes a big difference in catching power.</p>

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			Different co-author: I'd like to discourage permit stacking and doubling gear by single owners.
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<p>Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt:</p> <p>We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete.</p> <p>We should actively oppose not just take no action.</p>
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<p>Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt:</p> <p>We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete.</p> <p>We should actively oppose not just take no action.</p>
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear from a single vessel		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<p>Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt:</p> <p>We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete.</p> <p>We should actively oppose not just take no action.</p>
27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	Curt Move Tom 2nd to adopt:

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			AC member - An east side set netter commented : This was once legal and sunsetted and died. There is no need for this I'm opposed to it. Just trying to copy like the drift net proposals we just addressed. This has come up before and was shot down.
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
No Action			<p>Susie move , Gayla 2nd to take no action.</p> <p>Discussion It appears Levelock is trying to build a fish plant and wants easy access to fish for their plant, save transport time and costs.</p> <p>AC member inclined to support this for the village and help logistics fort them. Its a small thing but gets confusing and concerning with the allocation talk. Allocation drives management more than I expected .</p> <p>We should take action to support local efforts. Help them.</p> <p>Boards indicated that Iliamna Ac opposed this.</p> <p>Other AC members not comfortable as it might mess up current allocation plan and its far afield for most members of our local area.</p> <p>Voting on motion to take no action Y 10 -- No 4.</p>
29	Establish mesh size restrictions for the conservation of king salmon in the Naknek-Kvichak and Ugashik Districts		
Support	14	0	<p>Dan Move Susie 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Dan I support , makes it easier for the department and informs fleet. Susie saves time for the department.</p> <p>This is mostly housekeeping.</p>
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
Opposed	1	13	<p>Curt Move Susie second to adopt</p> <p>A letter from a Randy Sandvik was circulated among the AC. Letter listed points in favor and some against longer vessels.</p>

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			<p>AC member comment: current rule is archaic and I favor allowing longer boats. I recall when a 32 foot Rawson seemed huge and innovative, like a cruise ship. This restriction is no longer useful. Other AC members were very opposed, loss of vessel value, current 32 ft boats are big enough and innovations have allowed chillers, other improvements to fish quality. Look how HUGE some of the newest boats are and they are still 32 feet. Those who have the biggest boats now would be the only ones who could get even bigger boats. Bigger boats would put those with small boats at a disadvantage. Bigger boats could tend to bully smaller ones.</p> <p>This would only help the D boats.</p> <p>Set Net AC member: we have enough problems with 32 footers messing up or wrecking our set net lines, even bigger boats could do even more damage to our gear and lines - I don't want that.</p> <p>We have seen proposals like this cycle after cycle. A lot of the concerns against them are valid; "I don't think a local can buy a bigger boat now, maybe not even buy a regular 32' and get into the fishery now. I'm opposed."</p>
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Todd Move Tom &amp; Joe 2nd to adopt</p> <p>This amounts to creating early season "free week" everywhere in the Bay until the 3rd Saturday in June. Fishers wouldn't have to "drop a card" (register). Currently and historically, Nushagak and Togiak have been exempted and do not have "free week". This would put the Nushagak King Plan wide open as early June is when we have had king openers if there are enough fish.</p>
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
			Tom move and Susie 2nd to take no Action



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No Action			<p>AC member from Togiak asked: last year was really late, would this have had an effect there? - ADFG said NO</p> <p>When asked if ADFG can extend by 1 day by EO ADFG answered YES</p> <p>Another AC member expressed concern that shorter closed time could hurt coho escapement.</p> <p>Vote on motion to take no action Y 13 -- N 1</p>
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	14	<p>Susie move Tom 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Several comment that this is just renaming a fish trap and fish traps are outlawed in the constitution.</p> <p>Comment: I think the arguments they make in support are invalid.</p> <p>We are getting high quality fish now with current gear.</p>
34	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
Oppose	0	<p>13</p> <p>1 abstain</p>	<p>Susie Move Gayla 2nd to adopt</p> <p>This proposal does not address conditions for erosion criteria established by the Board in 2016.</p> <p>A Dillingham set netter who fishes the area of concerns says: because of the erosion, none of us are fishing on our leases. But I would ask the AC not to support this; this proposal will not support the criteria we came up with to determine erosion complaints.</p> <p>Another set netter using that area is opposed.</p>
35	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District near Graveyard Creek		
No Action			<p>Susie move Dan 2nd to take no Action</p> <p>Vote on motion Yes 14 -- No 0</p> <p>Discussion of use and history of the area. There is a huge erosion problem, a bank collapsed changing route of a creek. DNR cancelled a set net site and people began fishing further up the creek.</p> <p>Troopers reviewed regulations and had a different interpretation than what was being used by the set netters. Since it is Graveyard Creek, there is an upstream boundary to the commercial district vs a slough- such as Queen Slough in the Nushagak. State can't seem</p>

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			to produce GPS boundary coordinates for fishers to use.
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			Susie move Gayla 2nd to Take No Action: ADFG explained they have accuracy problems counting kings in the Alagnak and will be removing the king goal. There are already provisions for a Levelock net fishery. This special use area hasn't been used in 10 years. Vote to take no action Yes 14 -- No 0
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
No Action			Dan Move Susie 2nd take no action. Several comments that intent was not clear. Vote take no action Yes 14 -- No 0
38	Repeal provisions to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Wood River exceeds 1,100,000 fish and the escapement is projected to exceed 1,400,000 fish		
Opposed	1	13	Susie move Joe 2nd to adopt Author of proposal spoke in support: the section is ineffective, need to find better alternatives during big runs, does not follow original intent of the Board when WRSWA was formed (to protect Nushagak reds and kings), processors don't or won't buy fish up there, originally expected to provide opportunity for Igushik set netters too but they don't go up there. Suggested alternatives: allow smaller mesh in the district earlier in the season, in big years move northern boundary farther north to expand the district. Further, author objects how gear allocation has been implemented there after July 17 when the regular district allocation ends July 17.

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			<p>AC members: But this huge year even with 700+ boats and all the set nets lots of fish got through whole district and still a lot of fish were caught in the WRSHA and escapement was far over 1.8 upper goal and reached 7.5 million.</p> <p>ADFG and others noted that moving upper boundary north would interfere with subsistence users and possibly some set net sites. Others suggest alternatives would still not slow record runs like 2017 and 2018.</p> <p>ADFG noted: We think this is a useful tool to reduce escapement; in 2018 - 800,000 + and in 2017 700,000?? reds were taken in the WRSHA, several fishers have commented that by opening the WRSHA, they felt it spread out the fleet and set nets and allowed for more effective fishing for most fishers. ADFG further suggested that WRSHA is a useful tool in controlling escapement and foregone harvest. Biologist Sands discussed how he managed allocation and how he understood the regulations.</p> <p>An AC member asked about some sort of in-season adjustment to allocation set to drift as it seems the drifters have lost something. Could a sliding scale be adopted?</p> <p>ADFG noted for 2018, do the math, actually the set net fleet was shorted about 1.4 million fish.</p> <p>ADFG discussed their efforts to avoid a line fishery to improve fleet efficiency.</p> <p>Member was concerned the discussion was distracted to allocation when the proposal addresses the WRSHA; there is another proposal that deals with allocation better.</p> <p>Several comments to the effect that WRSHA can be a useful tool and should not be eliminated, it has been really good for some fishers who go up there and provides a safety valve some years. Another member hopes the Board can clarify guidelines for using the WRSHA.</p>

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39	Open the wood River Special Harvest Area to both set and drift gillnet gear after July 17		
Opposed	0	13	<p>Susie move Dan 2nd to adopt 1 (2?) member departed, meeting quorum intact. Public comment: "everything is allocative and gear allocation was adopted to make the WRSWA an orderly fishery" - before, it was chaotic with gear conflicts - supports alternating gear types. Opposed to openers with where both gear types are in the water at the same time. One member felt the fishery was ok when both gear types fished concurrently. Season to season different gears have different advantages - this year the fish were small and ran deep - set nets couldn't stop them and drifters might have caught more. Some years fish are on the beaches to set net advantage.</p> <p>Another member said 2 gear types at the same time reduces overall effectiveness of the opener but set nets can't stop the fish in there and it probably should be more of a drift fishery. He strongly supports the option of harvesting in the WRSWA , we need to find a way for gear types to share the opportunity. Public comment: we are talking about some record years here and we shouldn't change everything based on some unusually big runs. Also its a mistake to change a few things just because industry can't keep up. AC member warned some of the worst regulations come from over-reaction or panic. The allocation plan is one of them. I don't think we can fix that regulation with just another proposal. There is no way that this one change will curb over-escapement. A member expressed concern for impacts the WRSWA might have on Muklung king run.</p>
40	Establish a drawing system for use of the four furthest downriver set gillnet sites in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
			Curt move Susie 2nd to adopt

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<b>Opposed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	ADFG thought it was not legal or within Board authority. Others wondered if its legal or how it could be conducted. Comment: years past we tried to let the cannery do it, and the cannery wouldn't even go for it.
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
<b>Opposed</b>  see recommen dation	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<p>Chris Move Susie 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Public comment, 41, 42, 43 all address the king plan, the AC should ask the BOF to form a working group to review the whole plan and develop recommendations. Sonar equipment has changed and seems to under count kings, ADFG no longer can forecast kings, all this will take a lot of time. A working group could take the time needed and bring back to BOF at a later date.</p> <p>Several members agree with this idea.</p> <p>Susie withdraws here second "Tiny "fixes" aren't helpful.</p> <p>AC member Chris who participates in the sport fishery business agrees, says we're down to a 10 day season, I can't book after the 4th of July, fish are small, I get closed down too often, I withdraw my motion.</p> <p>Susie Move and Chris 2nd to:</p> <p>New motion to Take No Action on 41, 42, 43 and ask Board to form a working group to address the whole Plan.</p> <p>Motion carries unanimous.</p> <p>AC member Dan suggest we should OPPOSE 41-43, we don't want action on those proposals without a full review of the plan.</p> <p>Dan Moves for reconsideration. Susie 2nd Motion Carries Unanimous.</p> <p>Susie Move, Joe Second to oppose 41, 42, 43 and ask Board to establish a working group to review whole plan.</p>

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			<u>Motion carries unanimous</u> : AC Opposes 41, 42, 43 and recommends the Board form a working group of stakeholders for full plan review.
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	See discussion for 41 above
43	Establish subdistricts in the Nushagak District		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	See discussion for 41 above
44	Allow any remaining unharvested Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp allocation to be reallocated to the Togiak District sac roe herring fishery		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1</b> <b>abstain</b>	<p>Susie move Chris 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Used to be very lucrative but little or no market now.</p> <p>We shouldn't give it away because its not used right now, keep it in case market comes back.</p> <p>If we can't use it, it should go to local subsistence - they have to go farther now to get roe on kelp.</p> <p>Frustration that processors seem to control fishery and market now. Tenders make more than fishermen.</p> <p>On an average season now, seiners take all their quota gillnetters take less than 20%.</p>
45	Allow unharvested Togiak District sac roe gillnet allocation to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<p>Susie move Chris 2nd to adopt</p> <p>The food and bait fishery keep trying to take our unused quota. It would be better to share and keep it among Togiak based gear groups than to give up to Dutch Harbor, we'd never get it back.</p> <p>We should look for alternate uses and markets, don't give it up.</p>
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			Curt Move Susie 2nd to adopt

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Support as amended	11	1	<p>Author spoke to his proposal: there is a surplus of herring for the gillnetters that isn't taken even in their biggest recent year 2014; in 2017 15 gillnetters only took 20% of their allocation while seiners took all their allocation. I used an average of several years to write my proposal. We need to keep the fishery in Togiak vs Dutch Harbor - if they take it, we won't get it back. For the last 3-4 years gillnet has take a very small portion of their allocation - this should not hurt the remaining gillnetter(s?).</p> <p>I agree keep the harvest in Togiak it would be easier to adjust allocation among Togiak gear groups than to recover it from the Dutch Harbor fishery .</p> <p>We could g this proposal to try it out for 3 years.</p> <p>It seems like the gillnet fishery is getting phased out - I hate to see that.</p> <p>Dan I move Todd 2nd to amend the proposal from the current regulation dividing the Togiak harvest allocation of 70% seine and 30% gillnet to a harvest allocation of 80% Seine and 20% gillnet and to sun set in 3 years.</p> <p>Motion to amend carries 9-3</p> <p>Vote on amended proposal carries 11-1</p>
47	Adopt the Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan		
Support	12	0	<p>Tom move Dan 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Mostly book keeping but apparently author wants full plan in one place for reference and clarity; its too hard to find and get the full picture with the pieces scattered throughout the regulations.</p> <p>We should support it, it is a good document and should be easier to for the public to find, use, and understand.</p>
48	Modify the sport fishing season in the Naknek River drainage		

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No Action			48- 61 are out of the Nushagak area and the AC agreed unanimously to take NO ACTION
49	Prohibit retention of rainbow trout by nonresident sport anglers in a portion of the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
50	Prohibit guiding on the Naknek River drainage during spring from the marker at Lake Camp downstream to the marker at Rapids Camp		
No Action			
51	Establish a limited guide permit system between September 10 and October 20 in a portion of the Naknek River		
No Action			
52	Limit the number of clients a sport fishing guide or sport fishing guide business may have while targeting trout in a portion of the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
53	Establish guide permits in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
54	Limit the hours guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River		
No Action			
55	Limit the days guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River		
No Action			
56	Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery		
No Action			
57	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
58	Close sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
59	Close waters to king salmon sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
60	Create a rod limit for nonresident anglers sport fishing for salmon on a portion of the Naknek River		



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61	Prohibit blocking access to sport fishing locations in the Naknek River		
No Action			
62	All sport-caught fish removed from the water in all freshwater drainages of the Bristol Bay Area must be retained		
Oppose	11	0	<p>Dan Move Chris 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Dan - I'm opposed, ADFG says studies show no detectable harm, would make outlaws out of every person who had to lift even the smallest fish out of the water to unhook, would make violators out of too many people for no biological gain. How would anglers unhook even tiny fish?</p> <p>Todd, I'm very opposed.</p> <p>Often a big part for some folks is an out of the water photo and if there is no biological harm why make them violators?</p>
RC 36	Board Generated Proposal to address upstream boundaries of commercial fishing districts.		
Action pending			See additional meeting minutes following this template.

**RC 36** Board Generated Proposal to address upstream boundaries of commercial fishing districts.

Discussion:

ADFG is not fully informed but it appears to attempt to address concerns Troopers have interpreting where commercial boundaries are for in-river special harvest or management

areas of Bristol Bay. Apparently the issue came to light in the Naknek Special Harvest Area summer of 2018.

**Comments:**

Public - this should be addressed by a subcommittee of the AC and addressed AFTER staff comments.

There could be very significant impacts to subsistence users and regulations.

It might open entire drainages to commercial fishing - I don't think we want that or that it was intended.

We need a lot more information. The state doesn't even seem to know much about it.

**MOTION:** Dan move Todd 2nd to: form a subcommittee for the AC when data and more information are available on this proposal; to meet before the November BOF meeting and develop a response. Meeting to be at Dillingham ADFG office, November 26, 10 AM.

**Carried Unanimous**

Committee will be Curt Armstrong, Tom O'Connor, Frank Woods, Dan Dunaway.

Adjournment: 5:40 P

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway  
Minutes Approved By: [Signature]  
Date: 11-5-18