

Lake Iliamna AC Minutes
October 23, 2018
Igiugig, Alaska

- I. Call to Order: by Randy Alvarez, 10:35
- II. Roll Call:
 - Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Tinny Hedlund, Elijah Eknaty, Henry Olympic, Bill Trefon, George Alexie, Warren Hill. (Quorum met).
 - Members Absent (Excused): Jim Tilly, Karla Jensen, Tim Anelon
 - Members Absent (Unexcused):
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
 - List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Hedlund moves, Eknaty seconds. Motion carries 7/0
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: : Taryn Oconnor-Brito, Lee Borden, Dave Crowley, Travis Ellison
- V. Guests Present: Christina Salmon, Gene Sandone (Telephone, BBEDC member), James Vanlanden (Telephone, ADFG Subsistance)
- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates:
 - ADFG wildlife update from Dave Crowley:
 - o Stated that moose composition counts have been completed in units 9b and 9c. Counts show increased calf survival and a bull/cow ratio of 30-35/1. He feels the ratio is biased in favor of bulls due to the difficulty of sighting cows and calves during snowless surveys, which the state is working to correct in the data collection. Group discussion around warm temps effecting moose movements and makes for difficult hunting.
 - o Caribou counts completed for unit 9. Data has not been finalized.
 - o Bear counts completed in unit 9 show a slight decrease in population and decrease in harvest but the animals appeared to be bigger.
 - o Calf mortality study has been completed but no data available yet.
 - Discussion, Bill T questioned if state and feds share survey data, Dave C answered yes and explained further.
 - ADFG Commercial fish report from Travis Ellison:

- 2018 was the largest ever recorded salmon return to Bristol Bay. All the nushagak district rivers exceeding escapement goals (provided escapement numbers) . Egegik was the smallest relative return but still met escapement goals. Discussion by the group that perhaps the ADFG counting towers were taken down too soon, especially on the Kvichak. Potential late runs going uncounted.
- The state is now funding counting towers on the Alagnak, Togiak, and Igushik Rivers.

ADFG Sport Fish report from Lee Borden:

- All rivers had good reports regarding numbers of sport fishing success, except the Iliamna River which numerous reports were received regarding low numbers of Dolly Varden.
- An emergency order bag limit reduction for sockeye was issued for the Kvichak River during a stretch of low returns but was later rescinded when large numbers of salmon arrived. Critical area closures were also issued and later rescinded for same reasons on the Kvichak River.
- Bag limits for sockeye were liberalized on the Alagnak River after a larger than expected return of salmon arrived.
- ADFG conducted a mortality study on catch and release chinook on the Nushagak River. Data revealed a 7% mortality rate on a sample size of 300 fish caught.

VII. New Business:

1. Reauthorization of Brown Bear Tag Fee exemption:
Voted 6/1, motion passes.
2. Lake Iliamna AC Agenda Change Request for Board of Game:
Voted 7/0, motion passes to adopt ACR as amended.
3. Proposals for Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish meeting: See table.
4. Lake Iliamna AC Joint Board Proposal: See table
5. Proposals for Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik Finfish meeting: See table
6. Approval of minutes for submission to the Board of Fisheries before the November 14th deadline: AC members voted to allow chairmen Alvarez to approve the minutes.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	6	1	Some discussion about this hunt becoming sport in nature, conflicting with local guides, also much want and waste by locals.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals

November 28-December 4, 2018 | Dillingham, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
No action	7	0	The AC would not support this in our region for fear of over use by non-locals.
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
Support as amended	7	0	Strike words "Six Mile Lake", add "Little Six Mile Lake" to park boundary on all state owned waters.
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
support	7	0	Discussion, the committee would prefer the permit ownership laws remain as they are. Allowing one person to fish two permits will harm those permit holders that do not have their own boat.
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		
oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift		

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	gillnet gear from a single vessel		
Oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
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		
oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
oppose	0	7	
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
oppose	0	7	
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		
oppose	0	7	
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
			No motion.
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
oppose	0	7	Discussion about how a wier is just another name for a fish trap, which have been illegal statewide for decades and for good reason.
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
support	7	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 motion. Discussion that this seems to be a repeat discussion and will come up again. Effort should be put into a resolution for this but this proposal does not seem adequate, it would too difficult to enforce and would be easy to manipulate.
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		

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oppose	0	7	
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
oppose	0	7	

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
7	Reduce the membership for the Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee to ten and add designations for the communities of Pope Vannoy Landing and Port Alsworth		
Support as amended	7	0	Discussion about how some communities are shrinking while others are growing. The AC should represent the changing populations. Reducing the total number simplifies operations while maintaining fair representation. Proposal as amended will remove Pope Vannoy from having a designated and is given to Port Alsworth. We will now have seven designated seats. One each going to the communities of Pedro Bay, Port Alsworth, Nondalton, Igiugig, Kokhonak, Newhalen, and Iliamna. And Three undesigned seats for a total of ten committee seats.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands-Bering Sea Proposals

February 21-27, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
134	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place prior to 2001		
support	7	0	Recommendations to support 134 and 135 as they will restrict the intercept sockeye fisheries to Bristol bay.
135	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt an amended version of the management plan in place prior to 2001		
support	7	0	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan so that fishing periods are structured with 24-hour windows where commercial salmon fishing gear is in the water		
	No motion. Discussion, 136 is similar to 134 and 135 in that this will allow for a “window” of time for salmon to pass through the intercept fishery and travel to the other fishing and spawning grounds across the state.		
143	Repeal the immature salmon test fishery in the Shumagin Islands Section		
oppose	0	7	
144	Restrict commercial fishing for salmon in areas both along the coast and in open seaward waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and the open seaward waters of the Ilnik Section when the preseason Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast is 30 million fish or less		
support	7	0	Discussion detailing how this could help share the burden of conservation across the entire region.
145	Restrict commercial fishing for salmon along the coast and in offshore waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and restrict fishing in offshore waters of the northeast portion of the Ilnik Section		
support	7	0	Discussion supporting this action as it will reduce bycatch to Bristol Bay as well as help stop/lower the over escapement problems to the Outer Port Heiden area and Ilnik Rivers. The district boundaries currently make product quality lower due to the distances the fleet must travel.

I. Miscellaneous Business:

1. Set date and time of next AC Meeting: Tentative early March Teleconference to discuss further Joint Board Proposals.

Adjournment: 4:30pm

Minutes Recorded By: _Hill _____

Minutes Approved By: _Chairman Randy Alvarez_

Date: 11/14/18 _____