

**Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee  
December 14th, 2018  
Teleconference**

- I. **Call to Order:** 10:11 a.m.by Mitch Seybert, Chair
- II. **Roll Call:**  
Members Present: Eddie Clark, Mitch Seybert, Mike Enright, Tracy Vrem, Tim Enright, Eric Beeman, Kim Rice, Tom Bursch  
  
Members Absent: Brian Cato, Mark Kosbruk, Mary West John Christiansen, Gerda Kosbruk,  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Eric B moved, Tracy V 2nd. Approved unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved by chairman Mitch Seybert 11/14/18
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**  
Paul Salomone- Egegik/Ugashik AMB  
Lisa Fox- South Peninsula AMB  
Cassandra Whiteside- South Peninsula Assistant  
Dawn Wilburn- Chignik AMB  
Ross Renick- Chignik Assistant  
Taryn Oconnor-Brito—LBBAC Boards support
- VI. **Guests Present:** Gene Sandone—BBEDC  
Chuck McCallum—Lake and Pen Borough, Cody Larson—BBNA. Gary Klein—BBEDC, John Clause—SW school district, Catie Bursch—UGA setnetter
- VII. **Old Business:** Mitch S: Staff comments needed prior to AC meetings—suggest to BOF

**New Business: Setnet Educational Permit.** John Clause—need AC approval to move ahead. Gary Klein—hope this will be considered for 2019. Previous issues sorted out. Will help to reverse local ownership plummeting: 18.4% local ownership, down from 36%. Motion to vote from Eddie Clark, Mike E 2nd.  
**Approved unanimously.**

M Seybert will draw up letter of support. Tom B—use previous letter of support.

**Prop #144**

Mitch S—Shares burden of conservation.

Gene S—provides conservation from first harvester of BB stocks when forecasts are low. This is currently only done when EG is moved in for UGA concerns. Consider not only area, but time closures too.

Mitch S—Ilnik stocks can be harvested further south. Can't take away Pt Heiden's 2 1/2 days, but the NW Pt. Heiden district could be reduced.

Gene S—can alter proposal to give management some options: time and area.

Mitch S—Might take one more meeting to fine tune.

Chuck Mc—vote on prop. as is, then do and RC to amend with Gene's language.

Eddie C motion to adopt, Eric B second.

Mitch S—Prior to OPH we used to fish stocks in NW Ilnik section. Had good Meshik escapements.

Gene S—Not many Meshik stocks taken in OPH.

Mitch S—can catch Meshik stocks in NW Ilnik

**Vote: #144 carries unanimously.**

**Prop # 145**

Mitch S—150,000 Meshik escapement, need 100,000 optimum. Problem is that Dept. doesn't seem to feel that this is overescapement. 380,000 catch in OPH last year with big limits. Now have good markets (plants will be operational) and catch of BB stocks will bloom.

Motion to vote from Eric B, 2nd from Tracy V

**Prop 145 Vote: Carried 8 in favor, 0 opposed**

**General Statewide Proposals**

**#161**

Motion to adopt by Eric B, 2nd by Tracy V

Mitch S—good for Dept to know all science.

Eric B—weekly reporting would be onerous to Dept.

Paul S—sport fish annual survey, used for catch estimates. Long lag time between catch and data. Contacts w/ sport fishermen around NAK used for in season estimates.

Mitch S—to Paul about King Salmon Mesh regs

Paul S—explained mesh restrictions and reasons. Can not see directed eastside Chinook fishery.

Tom B—prop seems onerous. Better not to do statewide

Eric B motioned to take no action, Tracy V 2nd.

**vote # 161 No action. Carried unanimously**

**Props # 162-170, 172, 173 No Action**

**Prop # 171**

Eric B motioned to adopt, Tom B 2nd.

Eric B—KRSA is only interested in allocating fish to Guided Sport group.

Mitch S—Agree with above

**Vote # 171 Failed unanimously**

### **Chignik and South Peninsula Proposals**

Mitch S—Give Chignik support and help if possible

Chuck Mc—S Penn proposals 134,135,136 might help Chignik, since substantial Chignik stocks are harvested. SE mainland and Dolgoi effect Chignik stocks more so than BB.

Mitch S—harvest in this area only 3.6% BB stocks

Chuck Mc—WASSIP stocks were taken in weak years. Kodiak and Area M intercept much more non-local stocks than Chignik

Mitch S—Chignik might need agenda change request.

Gene S—Illiamna AC unanimously passed 134,135. During this time S Penn has no time when one gear group or another is not fishing.

Mitch S—Dont see issue with these fisheries, except when stocks of concern are harvested.

### **Prop # 134**

Eric B motioned to adopt, Tim E 2nd.

Lisa Fox read and explained the proposals.

Mitch S—If proposal adopted would it give relief to Chignik?

Lisa F—Dept did restrict this fishery last year because of Chignik stock concerns.

Chuck Mc (?)— No windows in this fishery—all the time in the water. Fishery is more liberal now than historically.

Eric B—how much would this proposal help Chignik?

Lisa F—Seine and Drift begin June 10th and catch the lions share of the Area M Chignik harvest. Setnetters begin June 7th and harvest less Chignik stocks.

Mitch S—Did Dept do anything different in 2018 to reduce intercept of Chignik stocks?

Lisa F—Yes

Eric B— If this area were curtailed, how much migration of effort would there be to areas more likely to catch BB stocks?

Lisa F—would push effort to Shumigans and Unimak

Mitch S—Asked about Orinsky (local S Pen system) escapement.

Lisa F—Orinsky lowest esc in 30 years. Other lesser systems all seemed weak.

Average historical total escapements for these combined systems is 78,000. Total in 2018 was 17,000.

Mitch S— Did dept restrict the section?

Lisa F—no direct changes, but no effort due to such low abundance.

Eric B asked Lisa F if this fishery had expanded time-wise over what had been historical.

Lisa F—gave a brief rundown of the fishery dates and it sounded like it had.

Eric B—since the setnet part of this fishery harvests a less % of Chignik stocks than the other user groups, is it fair to penalize them equally?

Chuck Mc—when the CFEC first issued permits, many who were issued seine permits, were also issued setnet permits. They would seine when that fishery was good, and

setnet during the other times. As years progressed, seiners sold off their setnet permits, causing the permits to be fished more often.

Eric B—to Lisa F: after this June fishery is done, when does this area again open?

Lisa F—In August.

Eric B—can't imagine people in this area not being able to fish during a large part of the summer.

This was later clarified that the fishery in July is operated on set schedules, and in August it switches to an abundance/escapement management similar to BB and in last August no fishing was allowed in this area and fishing did not re-open until Coho management began in September.

Call for question by Mitch Seybert

**Vote Prop # 134 Carried 7 in favor, 1 opposed**

### **Prop # 135**

Mitch S—proposal from FBKS—why?

Gene S—for chum and chinook, proposed numerous times in prior cycles

Mitch S—Also concerns BB

Gene S—Bulk of BB harvest taken in drift fishery

Mitch S— Are returns now better? Important to subsistence.

Gene S—fall and summer chums returns are good, but chinook situation is not good in Yuk/Kusk. Dont know, but doubt that S Pen harvests many chinook bound for these systems.

Mitch S—would this help Chignik?

Chuck Mc—Yes

Mitch S— Pt Heiden, Nelson Lagoon, Cinder R kings stocks need help.

Motion for vote by Eric B, Tracy V 2nd.

**Vote Prop # 135 Carried Unanimously.**

### **Prop # 136 No Action**

### **Prop # 143**

Chuck Mc—Problem is that seiners catch immature salmon at certain times during the season. Dept send out a test boat to sample. If too many immature salmon present, seine fishery is delayed. This proposal would end this test fishery.

Tim E motioned to adopt, Eric B 2nd.

Lisa F explained test fishery.

Mitch S—prior to test fishery, seiners caught large #s of immature salmon. Opposed to proposal.

Tim E—Has seen the fishery and is opposed to proposal.

**Vote Prop 143 Opposed Unanamously**

### **Prop # 155**

Motion to adopt by Tim E, Tracy V 2nd.

Lisa F explained proposal.

Tim E motioned to take no action, Eric B 2nd.

**Prop # 155 No Action**

**Prop # 156**

Lisa F—No mesh size in June

Motion to adopt by Mike E, Tim E 2nd.

Mitch S—how big are Chignik fish?

Lisa F—Generally large, but getting smaller.

Chignik AC probably voted against this proposal.

Motion to take no action by Tim E, Eric B 2nd.

**Prop # 156 to take No Action carried 7 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Prop # 157**

Briefly discussed.

Motion to take no action by Tim E, Eric B 2nd.

**Prop # 157 No Action**

**Prop # 158**

**No Action**

Motion to approve Mitch S and Eddie C to submit Educational Setnet Permit wording and letter of support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Gene S—has WASSIP and OPH study data for anyone who is interested. Email [genejsndone@gci.net](mailto:genejsndone@gci.net)

Took short break. When returned only Mike E, Tim E, Eddie C, Mitch S, Tracy V, Eric B, so no quorum.

Taryn and Mitch S discussed getting another meeting after New Years.

Taryn briefly explained Joint Board proposals.

Motion to adjourn by Eric B, Mitch S 2nd

**Meeting adjourned @ 1:17 p.m.**

Adjournment: 1:17 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Eric M Beeman

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 1/28/19