**Prince William Sound/Valdez Advisory Committee**
**November 21, 2018**
**Valdez Native Tribal Hall**

I. Call to Order: 6:14 p.m. by Hope Upicksoun

II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Hope Upicksoun, Nick Crump, Charles Upicksoun, Ashley James, and Marissa Roberts
Members Absent (Excused): Tim Bouchard, Damien James
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previous meeting was held on 02/08/2018 and approved by the chair, Hope Upicksoun, in order to meet comment deadlines.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

VI. Guests Present: Roy Eskilida Sr.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

Elections: Discussed postponing elections until next meeting in a week or two in hopes of a better attendance. Nick motioned to postpone elections until the next meeting. Ashley seconded. Motion carries. Elections are postponed until the next meeting.

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| 161 | Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders | | |
| | | | Discussion: This proposal requires reporting of all salmon every week. Do not feel that amount of reporting is necessary at this point.<br>No action taken on Proposal 161.<br>Motion to vote on Proposal 161 by Ashley James. Second by Nick Crump |
| 162 | Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch. | | |
| Support | 5 | | Discussion: Feel that sport, personal use and subsistence is not held to as high of a standard as commercial fishers. It would be a good idea to keep an eye on the king salmon by have more timely reporting. Would be a |

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| | | | good idea in the Prince William Sound and you hear about king numbers being down all over the state. This would give a better idea of the numbers and amount caught.<br>Support of Proposal 162. Motion to vote on Proposal 162 by Ashley James. Second by Nick Crump |
| 163 | Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish | | |
| | | | Discussion: We do not have enough information about the waste of subsistence-caught fish in the Northwest to make an informed decision on this proposal.<br>No action taken on this proposal. |
| 164 | Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish | | |
| | | | Discussion: Refer to proposal 163<br>No action taken on this proposal. |
| 165 | Allow a fishing guide vessel to de-register after registration in a calendar year | | |
| | | | Discussion: No action taken on Proposal 165 at this time. |
| 166 | Require rockfish to be released at depth | | |
| Support | 5 | | Discussion: Learned about the devices and other ways of releasing rockfish last year. It would be a great idea for it to be required so there is less rockfish waste. The only downside would be for the time it takes to get a fish down to depth.<br>Unanimous vote in support of the proposal. Motion to vote on Proposal 166 by Ashley James second by Charles Upicksoun. |
| 167 | Allow the use of two artificial flies | | |
| Oppose | | 4 | Discussion: Discussed the regulations for one vs. two artificial flies. There does not seem to be a need to change the regulations as they are.<br>4 voted opposed and 1 abstained from voting as they were not well enough informed about fly fishing. Motion to vote on Proposal 167 by Nick Crump. Second by Ashley James. |
| 168 | Specify that any line used to make the attachment between a skiff and a purse seine used in a commercial salmon fishery may not exceed 10 fathoms in length | | |
| Support | 5 | | Discussion: Discussed the length of a fathom and how commercial fishers can get around the closing time by the length of their line. Feel that having a limit would make sure that seiners used in commercial fishing are closed in a more timely manner.<br>5 votes in support of this proposal. Motion to vote on Proposal 168 by Nick Crump. Secodn by Charles Upicksoun. |

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| 169 | Repeal and readopt the Policy for Statewide Salmon Escapement Goals | | |
| | | | Discussion: Not enough is known about this proposal and we need more time to make an informed decision.<br>No action taken for the time being. May come back to this proposal at a later time. Motion to vote on Proposal 170 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Charles Upicksoun. |
| 170 | Amend the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries to include management targets | | |
| | | | See proposal 169. Motion to vote on Proposal 170 by Hope Upicksoun Second by Charles Upicksoun. |
| 171 | Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries | | |
| | | 2 | Discussion: Discussed the regulation for allocations as they are. Do not feel this regulation needs to be changed at this time.<br>2 votes opposed to changing the regulation. 3 abstained from voting. Motion to vote on Proposal 171 by Nick Crump. Secodn by Charles Upicksoun. |
| 172 | Define "bow and arrow" | | |
| Support | 5 | | Discussion: Having a more clear definition of "bow and arrow" would be beneficial to those who use these for fishing.<br>5 vote in support of proposal 172. Motion to vote on Proposal 172 by Ashley James Second by Hope Upicksoun |
| 173 | Define "ecotourism" | | |
| | | | Discussion: Having a clear definition of "ecotourism" can be beneficial but we do not know a lot about ecotourism to decide if this definition is sufficient.<br>No action taken at this time. Motion to vote on Proposal 161, 162 and 173 by Ashley James. Second by Nick Crump |

Next meeting scheduled tentatively for December 13th at 6 p.m. On the agenda, elections and discussion of joint board proposals.

Adjournment: Ashley James motioned to adjourn. Nick Crump seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Marissa Roberts
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date Approved: December 13, 2018