

Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee
April 4, 2019
Seward City Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order: [7:05] by Chair McCracken
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Kenn Carpenter, Mark Clemens, Dianne Dubuc, Jim Hubbard, Nathan Smith, Bob White, Jim McCracken, Arne Hatch
Members Absent (Excused): Ezra Campbell, Trent Foldager, Arne Hatch, WC Casey
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present: 1-10, 12
- III. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The approval of the minutes for the November 8, 2018, meeting was postponed until the next meeting
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Jay Baumer
Trooper Ben Endres, AWT
- VI. Guests Present:
Megan Krupa, SASAP
- VII. Dianne presented a report detailing how the proposals generated by the Seward AC for Statewide Finfish and Joint Boards were received at the Board level and an overview of both meetings in general. The proposal for a statewide mandatory use of a DWRM when fishing for rock fish passed the Board unanimously with additional language to have every vessel fishing have a DWRM on board. At the Joint Board level, Dianne stated that in retrospect our proposal was poorly worded and did not reflect the original intent. It was not our intent to disenfranchise any areas. The intent was to break out the North Gulf Coast/ LCI from UCI for purposes of an AC generated emergency closure. A super majority is need to do so and with so many ACs having concurrent jurisdiction, the ability to get a majority is doubtful. The intent was to reduce the ACs with concurrent jurisdiction so an emergency closure petition would have a chance. Dianne said it is rather a moot point as it has never happened. She submitted RC 23 with had better language reflecting what we were trying to do for the record. Dianne stated that the

proposal deadline for the 2019 LCI meeting is April 10 and if the Committee has any ideas of submitting a proposal, now is the time.

VIII Old Business:

Kids Fishing 2019 outlook: **Carpenter** reported everything is on track for another successful derby. This year prizes were given to kids who caught first fish in different age brackets. The topic of having the fish mobile again came up and Jay reported that it is not available and is for sale. 2019 Kids Fishing will be the third Saturday in May. Carpenter agreed to chair the event.

Jay Baumer spoke to the return of coho to Resurrection Bay in 2019. 2016 was a bad parent year for coho region wide in South Central. There is the possibility of an emergency closer if brood stock needs are not met.

VIII New Business:

1. Ken Carpenter made a motion to discuss creating a proposal to tweak the youth fishery held in Seward during June & July & submit it to the next LCI meeting. Nate Smith seconded.

The at length discussion revolved around how to fully utilize the hatchery fish going unharvested and expand fishing opportunity for area youth. It was decided to come at this from 3 different paths, close a portion of the fishing area to reduce gear conflicts between the beach fishery and the youth fishery, reduce the bag limit to allow more youth to participate, and increase the dates to 2 10 day consecutive periods. 1 for kings and 1 for coho. It was the expressed wishes of the Committee to exclude the time frame around the Fourth of July. Passed unanimous. Dianne was tasked with writing the 3 proposals which will then be circulated thru the members for additional input before submission.

X. Megan Krupa made a very interesting presentation which centered around data that has been collected since the 1960's as to how BOF proposals are passed by submitters and areas. ADF&G has the best success at getting proposals passed.

XI. Elections were held with all incumbents reelected and the officers remain the same

XII. Schedule for next meeting / future agenda items:

Next meeting will be scheduled after moose season

XIII. Adjournment at 10:15 PM (Dubuc)

Minutes recorded by Andrew Bacon
Approved by Jim McCracken, Chair
Date Approved: 4/15/2019