

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niini'chik

DATE (of meeting): 10/8/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, Dave Martin
Gary Deirnan, Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom,
Joe Simpson, Jeff Berger, John McCombs
Dan Presley

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Rion Vanek, Madeline Thompson,
Greg Encelowski, Aaron Berger,

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Glen Hollowell
Jason Herremann

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Recessed
Time Meeting Adjourned: 10 PM.

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary

Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee
 Date: 10/18/19 Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Vanek			
Glean Hollowell			
Jason Herremen ADPG			
Joe Simpson			
Dave Blosson			
Doug Blosson			
Gary Deiman			
John McConley			
Amid Martin			
Jim F. Byer			
Ron Presley			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
 6 - Photography 7 - Guiding 8 - Processing 9 - Personal Use 10 - Outdoorsperson
 11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist

Continuation of 10/5/19 meeting
Lower Cook Inlet

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AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Mirilchik

DATE (of meeting): 10/10/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Prestly, Joe Simpson
Steve Vanek, ~~Dave Martin~~, Dave Martin
John McCombs, Gary Deiman, Dave Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Rion Vanek, Jeff Berger, Greg Encelowski
Madelive Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary

Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

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Central Peninsula AC
Oct. 8th + 10th 2019

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Proposals			
December 10-13, 2019 Seward, Alaska			
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
Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.			
1	Redefine the area the management plan encompasses to include all waters north of Bluff Point (ADF&G)		
support	7	0	This was considered housekeeping
2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing (ADF&G)		
no action support	7	0	we agreed with the Department
3 no action	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		

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No Action			
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
NO Action			
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
NO Action			
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
Support	7	0	This is all private property. Having it open encourages trespassing. There are many other areas open to fish. Safety issue also.

7. Support	4	3	opposed said leave it as is. it isn't that confusing.
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
Support	4	3	Too many winter kings are being caught at 2 per day. Those opposed want to be able to catch 2 per day all winter
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
oppose	1	6	Five winter kings is too small a number for all winter. supporters felt too many kings are taken now
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
support	7	0	we felt this was housekeeping
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		

11.	oppose	0	7	Two issues in one proposal. Only need to use one fly. Some talked about amending to have the single fly hook have a gap between Point and shank of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch or less. This would reduce spagging. Didn't amend Leave up to Board to do.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)			
	Support	7	0	Ling Cod are slow growers and the fishing pressure on them has increased dramatically in the last decade. Easy to deplete near shore stocks.
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)			
	oppose	0	7	Reduce the bag limit first and see how that works.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)			
	oppose	0	7	Leave as is. Current practice involves the fisherman. That's how they learn to fish. Many times the people are not allowed to hook the fish because of a hurry to complete the charter.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)			
	oppose	0	7	would monopolize the guiding booking to only guides, would exclude the people who book clients and provide a guide.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)			

16. support	6	1	this would give Dept. more data opposed person said it would require the Dept. do more work
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
support	8	8 1	we now had 9 people in attendance abstained - had no opinion no felt it was to restrictive
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
oppose	0	8	1 abstained - no opinion. opposed felt that other fish would be taken later
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
opposed	0	8	1 abstained - no opinion opposed because participation in the fishery now was not that great
20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
opposed	1	8	opposed. felt that it would become confusing if different than anywhere else. Supporter felt it would give more people an opportunity
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
support	9	0	it is unregulated now and should be defined as proposer suggests.
22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)		

22	oppose	2	7	Hatcheries strive to have the bulk of salmon harvested in common property fisheries. But at start up of programs it is necessary to harvest a higher percentage until project is established. Poor returns will change the percentages of harvest. Egg take & cost recovery goal must be achieved to sustain the hatcheries. Cost recovery moneys are used for agriculture projects that increase one's obstained had no opinion salmon production for all users.
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)			
	oppose	1	7	The permitted egg capacity has not increased since the State built & ran the hatchery clear back in the 70's. This authors accusations are his theory and are unsubstantiated. When the park was created hatchery fishing operations and commercial fishing were written in as park uses and compatible. One; obstained and one yes had no opinion given.
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)			
	oppose	0	8	This would prevent the hatchery from functioning. The Tutka Bay lagoon special harvest area is critical for the hatchery operations. Straying studies show very minimal straying. Cost recovery cleans up the lagoon and prevents a glut. 1st paragraph paragraph in the Reason: is not true. One; obstained had no opinion
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)			
	oppose	0	9	ADF&G has defined the area open to fishing & identified the areas for closer to protect salmon for achieving the escapement goals. The Department has EO authority. No Conservation issue. Leave as is.
26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)			
	oppose	0	9	The Department has EO authority. There are no conservation issues. The Departments job is to achieve escapement goals and harvest the surplus. Leave as is with EO authority.
27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)			

27			This area has been used off and on for hatchery releases that benefit all users. This can be continued into the future. Leaving the Special harvest area in place contributes nothing negative to the area. When the Park was created hatchery fishing operations and commercial fishing were written in as park uses and is compatible.
oppose	0	9	
28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)		
support	9	0	housekeeping. makes sense.
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
oppose	0	9	Leave as is. The Department has EO authority to increase or reduce this area depending on salmon abundance and escapements. Could negatively impact Wendy Bay stocks if they are weak.
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	9	0	Makes Sense. We support the Departments position for support.
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
oppose	0	9	The Department has EO authority to open this area based on abundance and escapement.
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
oppose	0	9	The Department has EO authority to open this area based on abundance and escapement.
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		

33. support	7	2	This is a high traffic area and is a safety concern. Not many seiners fish here anyway. opposed said this was allocative.
34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)		
opposes	0	9	This is allocative and not necessary
35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
support	8	1	It does not make sense to have to cut a panel in half just to save 10 feet meshes. opposed want to keep it as is.
36	Prohibit the retention of king salmon over 28" in length in the commercial purse seine fishery in the Southern District (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		
oppose	2	7	Those in favor said commercial fishermen should not sell any kings opposed. permits allow the sale of all salmon
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
oppose	2	7	opposed agreed but by the time to implement it, it would be too late to do any good. Other solutions should be imposed soon. Those in favor believe that something needs to be done about Kodiak king salmon intercept.
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		

38, oppose	0	8	1 abstained - He doesn't understand the issue. opposed say paired restrictions don't work for the purpose proposed
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
No action			not familiar with situation
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
No action			no familiar with situation
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
No action			not familiar with the situation.
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
Support	9	0	Housekeeping - clarity
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		

43, oppose	0	9	leave as is - samples can be taken from the plant. Extra stock unnecessary burden on the fishermen.
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		
oppose	0	9	These are the same stocks and should be similarly protected.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vaneb

Minutes Approved By: David Mutch

Date: 10-20-19