

Chignik ADFG Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2013

Chignik Lagoon Subsistence Building; Teleconference

Minutes

I. Call to Order: 1:35 p.m. by Acting Chair Rodney Anderson

II. Roll Call: Present in chambers

Committee Present

Rodney Anderson, Acting Chair, Lagoon
Alfredo Abeuid, Chignik Lagoon, Alternate
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay
Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville
Boris Kobruk, Perryville
Alvin Boskofsky, Chignik Lake

Absent

Jacob Shangin – Ivanof Bay, Chair - excused
Don Bumpus – Lagoon, Vice Chair- excused
Don Lind –Lake, Excused for SRC meeting
Harry Kalmakoff – Lake, Excused for SRC
Marvin Yagie - Perryville
Stephan Shangin – Ivanof Bay
Noah Shanign – Ivanof Bay

Seven of thirteen members are present, quorum is established.

Others in Attendance:

Susie Jenkins- Brito, ADFG Boards
Trent Hartill, ADF&G Shellfish/Groundfish
Wayne Donaldson, ADF&G Shellfish/Groundfish
Gayla Woods, BBNA
Chuck McCallum, Lake and Pen. Borough
George Anderson, Lagoon
Tony Gregorio, Lagoon
Al Anderson, Lagoon
Aaron Anderson, Lagoon
Dean Anderson, Lagoon
Pete Bumpus, Lagoon
Tim Murphy, Lagoon
Henry Erickson, Lagoon

III. Approve Agenda: Patrick moves for Approval of the Agenda, Gary 2^{nds}

Agenda Approved 7-0

IV. Approval of Minutes: Gary moves to approve the April 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes, Alfredo 2nd Minutes are approved by Unanimous Consent.

V. Introductions: All present briefly introduced themselves. ADF&G staff did not have any specific staff reports but will answer questions as they come up while reviewing proposals.

**VI. Advisory Committee Actions on Statewide Pacific Cod Proposed Regulatory Changes -
Meeting Date: October 18-22, 2013**

Statewide Pacific Cod (1 proposal)

PROPOSAL 1 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2nd **ACTION: Motion Carries 7-0**

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the term “estimated total allowable harvest”

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: ADF&G’s proposal is clear and helps makes regulations more concise for fishermen’s benefit.

Gary calls for the Question.

***Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik State-waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Level
(4 proposals)***

PROPOSAL 2 - Alvin Moves to Adopt, Ben 2nd **ACTION: No Action by Unanimous Consent**

DESCRIPTION: Increase state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik areas based on 10-year average parallel season Pacific cod catch.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Alfredo makes a motion to include South Peninsula in this proposal, Gary 2nds.

ADF&G: The current proposal addresses the Central Gulf’s ABC. Making an amendment to include the South Pen. would not have the desired effect, because the South Peninsula is in the Western Gulf and South Pen’s increase would come from the Western ABC, not the Central Gulf.

Alfredo withdraws his motion.

Alvin requests no action, Alfredo 2nds. All in favor of no action

PROPOSAL 3 **ACTION: No Action based on Action taken on Proposal 4**

DESCRIPTION: Increase Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) to 17.5 percent of the Central Gulf of Alaska total allowable catch (TAC).

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 4 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2nd **ACTION: Carries as Amended 7-0**

DESCRIPTION: Increase Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) to 17 percent of the Central Gulf of Alaska total allowable catch (TAC).

AMENDMENT: Increase the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik and South Alaska Peninsula areas guideline harvest level’s, such that Cook Inlet Area is 7.5% of the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC), Kodiak Area is 25% of the CGOA ABC, Chignik Area is 17.5 % of the CGOA ABC, and South Alaska Peninsula Area is 50% of the Western Gulf of Alaska ABC.

DISCUSSION: Concern surrounding the increase of just the Chignik Area state-waters is expressed. The AC feel if the GHL in the Chignik Area was to increase, the GHL in the rest of the

Central Gulf and Area M must increase as well in order to keep from drawing extra boats into the Chignik Area.

Ben asks Trent with ADF&G what a doubling of the GHL would look like and if it would be possible? Trent replies it would be within the authority of the Board to do so and the basic increase would if doubled, move Kodiak from 12.5% to 25%, Cook Inlet from 3.75% to 7.5% and Chignik 8.75% to 17.5%. The CGOA ABC would then become 50% dedicated to state-water fisheries and 50% to federal/parallel fisheries.

Alfredo moves to amend the proposal. Gary 2nds.

Question call on the Proposal as Amended by Ben.

PROPOSAL 5 – ACTION: No Action based on Action taken on Proposal 4
DESCRIPTION: Increase Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) based on actual state waters harvest.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Cook Inlet Area Pacific Cod (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 6 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2nd ACTION: Motion Fails 0-7
DESCRIPTION: Open state-waters Pacific cod season to longline gear July 15, if guideline harvest level (GHL) remains.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:
Al raises concerns if longline vessels in Cook Inlet were allowed to harvest unused Pacific cod GHL, other management areas may eventually allow longline vessels to harvest unused Pacific cod GHL. Al was also concerned about halibut bycatch by longline gear in a state-waters fishery.

Tony questions whether long lining is allowed in Chignik.

Trent with ADF&G clarifies that the proposal seeks to allow cod caught incidentally in the sablefish longline fishery to be deducted from the state-waters Pacific cod GHL, and as written this proposal would have no current effect in Chignik but in Cook Inlet state-water fisheries alone.

Alvin suggests no action; Al cautions against no action, Rodney requests a vote.

Gary calls for the question.

Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod (1 proposal)

PROPOSAL 7 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Gary 2nd ACTION: Motion Carries 7-0
DESCRIPTION: Clarify Pacific cod landing requirements.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: Alfredo states this proposal appears to be mainly housekeeping and calls for the question.

Chignik Pacific Cod (8 proposals)

PROPOSAL 8 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2nd **ACTION: Motion Fails 1-4 (2 abstain)**
DESCRIPTION: Limit pot vessels over 50 feet to 50 percent of state-waters Pacific cod pot fishery allocation.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Alvin – States no body in this fishery should be put aside. This proposal would exclude larger boats unnecessarily.

Trent ADF&G states in 2013 there were 4 vessels under 50 ft. participating in the fishery.

Alfredo – to limit the pot to 50% for larger boats is not going to change who is catching what, it's the captain who determines what's caught. People who invest in the bigger boats invest more to do the job.

Alfredo - 6-7 years ago quota was not caught boats worked all year to catch the quota prior to salmon, reducing the fleet is not going to help catch the quota.

George – Asks the Dept. what the harvest rate for vessels under/over 50 ft.

Trent ADF&G – 1997-2013 harvest by vessels less than 50ftas consistent, ranging from a couple 100,000 lbs to a little over a million lbs caught; number of vessels has been very consistent as well 1997-2013 averaging 5 vessels per year.

Average % of GHL caught

1997-2013 over 84% of GHL caught by pot fishery, 1997-2013 16% of total GHL caught by vessels less than 50ft.

2009-2013 over 50ft 93% GHL vessels under 50ft caught 7% GHL

Tony – little guys want a reasonable opportunity to compete against the big boats, the intent is to slow the fishery not just to take away the quota from the bigger boats

Alfredo – sure slow it down but prolonging the season incurs far higher costs in staying out fishing, fuel bait etc. cutting the big boat quota to 50% makes me want to just tie up.

Dean Anderson – Erin said smaller boats no having a chance relative to weather. Super eights are the huge boats and are the root of problem the length means nothing when compared to tonnage. Fishing ability is much greater for the super 8s the tonnage is the key not the length.

The 58 ft limit is a number but the tonnage is the issue when they expand in weight.

Alfredo says we tried this earlier to limit tonnage, it didn't work. 58ft is a size restriction.

Ben – the issue is not to knock anyone out its only to give some level of guarantee they are only competing against themselves. The 50% is only a suggestion to level the competition. The smaller boats need more time they don't want to take the quota away from the bigger boats.

Patrick calls for the Question and requests a roll call vote:

Alfredo – No

Patrick – Abstain

Boris – Abstain

Alvin – No

Rodney – No

Ben – Yes

Gary – No

Motion fails 4-1 (2 abstain)

PROPOSAL 9 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Ben 2nd **ACTION: Motion Fails 0-4 (3 abstain)**

DESCRIPTION: Establish daily trip limit for state-waters Pacific cod pot fishery.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Alfredo – 20,000 lbs a day not going to do it to pay the fuel etc.

Rodney – Processors won't feel like it's worth it with such a small limit per day, without processors there would be no fishery.

Tony – just looking for a way to slow down the fishery, the intent is only to slow the large boats so the small boats can get a fair shot.

Alfredo – average the small and big boats percentage over the years and make it similar to IFQ's

Erin – suggests that AC wants to create a percentage deal wait till proposal 15 it would be easier to amend.

Patrick – Perryville comes to the meeting to discuss the cod fishery but we are here to try to find solutions for all the communities. We need to stop approaching these AC meetings negatively, we need to work together to find a solution. I'd like to see a solution found together not just an argument between the big boats and the little boats.

Rodney – we need a consensus, the bickering between us is not working we need to fend off the Super 8's

Alfredo – Understands where Patrick is coming from but the allocation on the federal side is already tying our hands, to limit the boats further is not reasonable.

Gary calls for the question and requests a roll call vote -

Patrick – Abstain

Alvin – No

Alfredo – No

Gary – No

Rodney – No

Ben – Abstain

Boris – abstain

Motion Fails 4-0 (3 abstain)

PROPOSAL 10 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Gary 2nd ACTION: Motion Fails 4-1 (2 abstain)

DESCRIPTION: Decrease state-waters Pacific cod pot limit.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Ben – I was the writer of these proposals turned in by the City of Chignik, I just wanted to make suggestions for a possible solution on how to slow down the fishery. There is a younger group coming up and wanting to get involved in the fishery, we need to make these fisheries still accessible. The community does need to look at, as a group, creating access for local people to participate.

Alfredo – 30 pots we've already discussed a decrease of this type, it's not going to make it in, 60 pots already not a lot we need the pots to make money. 60 pots is reasonable, 30 pots won't be worth it.

Ben called for the Question. Question called but not heard.

60 pots is a Central Gulf and Western wide limit.

Alvin calls for the question and requests a roll call vote.

Ben – Yes

Gary – No

Alfredo – No

Patrick – Abstain

Boris – Abstain

Rodney – No

Alvin – No

Motion Fails 4-1 (2 abstain)

PROPOSAL 11 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2nd ACTION: Motion Fails 0-4 (3 abstain)

DESCRIPTION: Establish daily fishing periods in state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Rodney – Daylight hours doesn't address the weather, it could be calm at night and rough during the day, it doesn't justify safety we need the flexibility.

Alfredo – We sometimes wait all day for the weather and the tides are not at a set time, this is not a practical solution for fishing.

Gary – This was used as a tool for management for the crab fishery but I don't think this is problem for the cod fishery.

Alvin calls for the question and requests a roll call vote.

Ben – Abstain

Gary –No

Alvin – No

Boris – Abstain

Patrick – Abstain

Rodney – No

Alfredo – No

Motion Fails. 4-0 (3 Abstain)

Susie ADF&G – interjects a note cautioning against using abstentions, AC members have a responsibility to represent their communities on the Advisory Committees even when the situation is a tenuous one.

PROPOSAL 12 – Gary Moves to Adopt, Alvin 2nd ACTION: Motion Fails 0-7

DESCRIPTION: Establish maximum pot size for state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Ben – This would be far too cost prohibitive

Alfredo – Most of the fleet is already using 6 bys, we tried to limit the pot size earlier. I don't think the pot size would not make a big difference if this was to pass, but the cost is far too high.

Consensus that the potential cost of limiting pot size is not worth the possible effects.

Question called by Ben.

PROPOSAL 13 – Alfredo Moves to Adopt, Alvin 2nd ACTION: Motion Carries 7-0

DESCRIPTION: Change date for rollover to all gear types of unharvested guideline harvest level (GHL) in state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Alfredo – Good proposal the move to August 14 would be better for Chignik's smaller guys to be able to harvest while they still have crew in town from salmon.

AC member comments that this would maybe a million lbs. caught.

ADFG –Trent: Clarifies superexclusive registration requirements still apply for vessels during rollover period. If proposal were to pass, the only vessels that could participate would be, a) those that participated in the Chignik state-waters Pacific cod fishery during that calendar year, or b) a vessel that has not registered for any state-waters Pacific cod fishery in that calendar year. Due to the superexclusive requirement in Chignik, any vessel that registered for any other state-waters Pacific cod fishery in that calendar year would not be allowed to participate. Dean – can you keep incidental cod caught in siene? Trent ADF&G- No, it's not a legal fishery gear type.

Ben – We need an opportunity to catch the fish before the tenders leave, jig guys could fish too when salmon shuts down and allows them to stay and fish. Increase local area participation.

Rodney – Any regulation regarding what a tender can carry?

Trent ADF&G– Tenders should be able to accept multiple fish species. Prior to 2012, the rollover date was August 15. Only in 2012 and 2013 has this date been different. This proposal would just revert the rollover date back to the original date

Alvin calls for the question.

PROPOSAL 14 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Ben 2nd ACTION: Motion Fails 0-7

DESCRIPTION: Remove superexclusive registration for jig gear in state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Trent ADF&G introduces proposal and describes exclusive and superexclusive registration requirements and which state-waters Pacific cod fisheries are exclusive and superexclusive.

PROPOSAL 15 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2nd ACTION: TABLED

DESCRIPTION: Change state-waters Pacific cod jig season opening date and limit jig vessel size.

AMENDMENT: AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL TO COME AT P. COD BOF MEETING AS A RECORD COPY.

DISCUSSION:

2003, 2005, 2011 small boats would have exceeded jig quota, this is a chance to give them something, if Trident builds a plant this would help to allow local boats get back in the fishery.

Aaron – thinks this proposal would be a good vehicle to help the smaller boats. 48 limit scares me a little because it could entice boats from outside the area what about 46 feet? Many voices speak in support of the 46 ft. limit.

Alfredo – 6 years we haven't caught more than 10% if there is effort it can go to 25% - 48ft an odd length

Ben – This is an avenue for us to give the smaller boats –pot season start date so we have tender service at the same time March 7th

48 footers would still be allowed to commercially compete with the bigger boats but they'd also have a jig quota set aside for them with the jig fleet but it's a choice you cannot fish both quotas. 90% pot 10% jig quota to take it off.

Al – wants to hear from Perryville.

Request for AC to form a subcommittee and give the subcommittee authority to act on its behalf by Ben. Alvin 2nd.

Question on the motion for a subcommittee called.

Motion Carries 7-0

Sub-Committee members include: Ben (Chignik Bay), Patrick (Perryville), Alfredo (Chignik Lagoon), Alvin (Chignik Lake), Aaron (public), and Jacob (Ivanof Bay). Subcommittee meeting will be a publically held duly noticed meeting, if a subcommittee member is unable to attend another AC member from their specific community may replace them, each community gets one vote on the subcommittee.

South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod (13 proposals); Bering Sea – Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod (8 proposals); Aleutian Islands Atka Mackerel (1 proposal)

PROPOSAL'S 16-37

ACTION: No Action by Unanimous Consent

Alvin Requests the AC take No Action on Proposals 16-37 as they are outside the Chignik and Central Gulf Area, Gary 2^{nds}

Adjournment 5:30 p.m.
