

False Pass Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2012

The committee teleconference meeting began at 2:05 pm. The current roster includes the following people:

Members Present: Tom Hoblet, Travis Hoblet and Gilda Shelikoff

Present at the False Pass Council Chambers: Tom Hoblet, Travis Hoblet, Ken Parker, Monte Chitty, Carleen Hoblet, Nick Nevzoroff, Carlyn Hoblet

Present at Anchorage F&G office: Gilda Shelikoff, Ken Smith, Sherry Wright

Present in King Salmon F&G office: Meghan Riley

Present in Kodiak F&G office: Mark Stichert

The purpose of the meeting was to re-active the committee. The last set of minutes that could be found was from 2003. Sherry requested that Tom send the sign-up sheet from False Pass with email contact information to help for future meetings.

Board of Fisheries proposals due April 10

P-cod Western Gulf Allowable Biological Catch – discussion of harvest by the pot sector out of federal TAC. Mark had faxed information that included the last five years. A request for the last ten years of harvest information was made. Discussion of a proposal to allow up to 55% of the TAC for pot and jig sector in the state water season was held.

Boundary line discussion for shellfish registration area and how it would affect fishery. NMFS would have to be involved in that process. A cautionary approach to this might be wise.

Salmon fishing periods 5AAC 09.320 (b) (2) Bechevin Bay section modified to except not open more than four consecutive days with a 3 day closure, rather than by emergency order only.

Mark brought up a scallop proposal that will be addressed at the **BOF Statewide shellfish** meeting. Gilda moved to adopt. Travis 2nd.

Proposal 353

ACTION: Oppose 0 - 3

Discussion: This type of gear is hard on the bottom of the sea floor. The reason the state closed was to build crab stocks back up. In the last few years even the tanner crab is starting to rebound.

Committee had a discussion of Board of Game proposals to submit which are due by May 1.

Ken Parker had drafted two proposals that the AC may want to endorse. 5AAC85.020 Unit 9 – 10 brown bear season – bag limit under the near village area permits from one brown bear to two brown bear per resident. This would align with what the state is trying to do with predator control on the island. If the harvest is not being met, they most likely would not have a

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conservation concern, but this will allow for some additional harvest, rather than DLP harvest. Gilda moved to adopt. Travis 2nd. Approved to endorse unanimously.

Ken Parker 5 AAC 85.020 Unit 9 and 10 to extend the boundary near False Pass for the village area permits. One reason to include Unit 9, is that even though it's off the island, the bears swim across the pass from the mainland to Unimak Island. There are also residents that live on the other side, who are not able to harvest there. The area currently in Unit 9 by regulation is not included, forcing them to use DLP, rather than harvested and utilized. The caribou used to come through the valley there. There used to be a lot of caribou around False Pass. Now there are bear and not caribou. In the valley where the HUD houses are, the caribou herd used to stay right there. Now you don't even see caribou near the village. Gilda moved to adopt. Travis 2nd. Approved to endorse unanimously.

Discussion of a local bear sealer was held.

Election meeting to be held April 6th at 2 pm at the False Pass Community building. We will hold it as a teleconference.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.