

**Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011-KNWRVC**  
**Oliver Holm Chairman**

(Minutes represent a paraphrased summary of the KAC, department staff and public comments and are not a verbatim transcript of the meeting Tapes of the meeting are available for review by contacting the committee secretary)

**Call to order: 7:10pm at KNWRVC**

**Roll Call:** Quorum achieved with 12 members . Oliver Holm, , Paul Chervanek, Julie Kavanaugh, Ron Kavanaugh, Don Fox, Kip Thomet, Harvey Goodell, Pete Hannah, Rick Berns, Rolan Ruos and Steve Taufen(for Lou Dochtermann).

**Department staff:** Nick Salgalkin and Mark Stichert.

**Public Safety:** None.

**Alaska Board of Fish.** BOF member Susan Jeffrey was able to attend for part of the meeting.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Chair Announcements:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Cod proposals:** Discussion and committee action on cod proposals and ACR 7 regarding Kodiak tanner crab pot limits.
- 2) **KAC member to BOF meeting:** Julie Kavanaugh was selected to represent the advisory committee at the October BOF meeting in Anchorage.
- 3) **Date for next KAC meeting:** December 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 set as date to discuss and take action on state wide game proposals. The meeting will be at 7pm at the KNWRVC.

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## **Comments from the Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee re: Pcod proposals**

### ***Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod***

#### **Proposal 1                      Action: Fails 12-0**

**Description:** Review licensing and reporting requirements for parallel Pacific cod fisheries for co-ordination with federal Pacific cod.

**Amendments:** None.

**Discussion:**

**Staff comments: OPPOSED.** Proposal is too complex and results in unfunded costs to the department.

**Committee comments:** Agree with and support staff comments.

#### **Proposal 2                      Action: Fails 12-0.**

**Description:** Would require federal LLP license and observer coverage when participating in a parallel Pacific cod fishery.

**Amendment:**

**Staff comments:** Recommend no action. Legally flawed the BOF lacks authority to require federal license in state waters.

**Committee comments:** Agree with and support staff comments and agree with KAC member Ms Kavanaugh that it would be unconstitutional

### ***Kodiak Pacific cod***

#### **Proposal 3                      Action: Passes 12-0.**

**Description:** Develop regulations to co-ordinate state and federal Pacific cod fisheries.

**Amendment:** None.

**Discussion:**

**Staff comments: NEUTRAL.** This is a placeholder proposal to put all issues on table for the BOF to consider.

**Committee comments:** After a lengthy discussion the advisory committee came up with a recommendation for at least the 1<sup>st</sup> season to see what issues might arise.

**KAC recommendation:** State water jig season will open 48 hours after federal A jig season closes and will close on or before June 8<sup>th</sup>. Will reopen 48 hours after the federal B season closes. Pot sector opens 7 days following the federal A season closure. Date for any remaining quota for a rollover season to be set by the BOF.

#### **Proposal 4                      Action: Passes 12-0.**

**Description:** Address overages in state water Pacific cod fishery.

**Amendment:** None.

**Discussion:(proposal 4 continued)**

**Staff comments: NEUTRAL.** Ways to slow the fishery is to have pot limits, trip limits or restricted fishing times.

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**Committee comments:** After discussion KAC and audience members felt the fairest way to go for both gear groups would be to adopt the # 1 alternative in the proposal.

- 1) Establish pot and jig allocations in the state-waters Pacific cod Management Plan such that overages in the pot fishery do not impact the jig fishery allocation.

### **Proposal 5**

**Action: Take no action 12-0.**

**Description:** Allow only jig gear onboard a registered state-waters Pacific cod jig vessel.

**Amendment:** None.

**Discussion:**

**Staff comments: NEUTRAL.** Some jig vessels had gear that was difficult to remove from the vessel (such as reels) causing concern within the jig fleet.

**Committee comments:** After KAC and audience discussion committee members decided to take no action and let the stakeholders hammer something out at the BOF meeting in committee in October.

### **Proposals 6 & 7 ( taken and acted on together)    Action: Proposals 6 & 7 fail 12-0.**

**Descriptions:** 6) Cap jig vessels over 58 ft and larger to 10% of the state water allocation and 7) Cap jig vessels over 58 ft to 25% of the state-waters Pacific cod jig allocation.

**Amendment:** None.

**Staff comments: NEUTRAL.**

**Committee comments:** Committee members agreed with KAC member Mr. Berns that the fishery was initiated as an entry level fishery and as the larger vessels have,nt even reached the 10% level so that no action was warranted at this time and if some problems should arise in the future then the BOF could take it up in another board cycle.

### **Proposal 8**

**Action: Passes 12-0.**

**Description:** Amend regulatory description of Kodiak ground fish area and districts.

**Amendment:** None.

**Discussion:**

**Staff comments:** House keeping proposal.

**Committee comments:** Agree with and support staff comments.

### ***Chignik Pacific cod***

### **Proposal 14**

**Action: Fails 12-0.**

**Description:** Establish 14-day stand-down period for vessels using pot gear in a Pacific cod fishery prior to registering for the Chignik state-water Pacific cod season.

**Amendment:** None.

**Staff comments: NEUTRAL** the proposal is allocative in nature.

## **Comments from the Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee re: Pcod proposals**

**Committee comments:** KAC members oppose this proposal as it would reallocate cod to the Chignik fleet away from other vessels that traditionally fish this area. Approximately 7-8 Kodiak boats would be affected. Some of the vessels that come into the area both fish and tender comments on the following proposals #15 & 16 apply here the committee would like to reference them.

### **Proposal 15**

**Action: Fails 12-0.**

**Description:** Reduce pot limit in state-waters Pacific cod fishery from 60 to 40 pots.

**Amendment:**

**Staff comments:** NEUTRAL. No biological or management concerns.

**Committee comments:** It was noted that there are no local processors in the area and that a lot of the catch is tendered to Sand Point and Kodiak. Slowing the fishery down makes it less economical to tender the cod as the tenders would come in with smaller loads due to having to deliver product within a specific time(usually 3 days). Boats that run their catch to processors would incur greater fuel expenses. KAC member Mr. Bonney who holds the processors seat on the advisory committee stated that his cannery Alaska Pacific Seafoods who does buy cod in the area would find it less attractive because of increased tendering costs to continue buying fish in the area.

### **Proposal 16**

**Action: Fails 12-0.**

**Description:** Establish daily fishing period for Pacific cod fishery.

**Amendment:** None.

**Staff comments:** Reference comments from proposal 15.

**Committee comments:** KAC would like reference comments on proposal 15 as they apply here. KAC members felt this proposal if adopted would drag the season out to the benefit of a small amount of boats.

## ***Kodiak tanner crab***

### **ACR 7**

**Action: Passes 12-0.**

**Description:** Would keep tanner crab pot limits at 20 when the GHL goes over 2,000,000 lbs in the Kodiak area.

**Amendment:** None.

**Staff comments:** The department would have the GHL for the 2012 season by the time of the BOF October work session.

**Committee comments:** If the board accepts the agenda change request at the work session the KAC would like the board to address ACR 7 at the Valdez meeting in December if the GHL is over 2,000,000 lbs and at the March meeting in Anchorage if the GHL is under 2,000,000 lbs.