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***FAX***

**To: Sherry Wright/Dept of Fish and Game**

**From: Justine Gundersen**

**Date: June 4, 2012**

**Subject: Minutes ( I apologize for taking so long.)**

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MEETING

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**ALLEN NELSON COMMUNITY BUILDING  
1:00pm., SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012**

**I Call To Order**

**II Roll Call/Establish Quorum**

**III Approval of Agenda**

**IV Approval of Minutes**

**V Old Business**

**VI New Business**

**VII Next Meeting**

**VIII Adjournment**

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**I Paul Gundersen, Chairman, called the advisory committee meeting to order at 1:00pm**

**II Roll Call**

**Present:** Justine Gundersen, Arlene Nelson, John Nelson, Jr., Merle Brandell, Leona Nelson, Ray Johnson, Danny Johnson. **Absent:** Theo Chesley.

**Teleconference:** Paul Gundersen; Ernie Weiss and Sam Cotton: Aleutians East Borough; Tom Heuker: fisher; Brain Hartman: fisher.

**III Approval of Agenda**

**Ray Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda, Merle Brandell seconded. Motion passed.**

**IV Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Ray Johnson to accept the minutes as read, a second from Leona Nelson.**

**V Old Business**

**No old business**

**VI New Business/Proposals**

**Discussion followed on ideas for 2012 Board of Fish proposals: Gear restriction on the north side: depth to 45 mesh; Early opening on Ilnik; Discussed the weight of lead line on drift nets on the north side.**

**Proposal: open up the north line after July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Proposal: 45 mesh depth: north side**

**Proposal: sport fishing: catch and release only**

**Proposal: escapement should be 200,000 in the Lagoon, instead of 100,000.**

**Proposal: close above Bear River on August so the silvers can go by. Study the Sapsuk: escapement study: what like sustains and surround streams.**

**Recess until March 19<sup>th</sup>: Ray Johnson made a motion and a second by Justine Gundersen. Passed. 3:00pm**

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**ALLEN NELSON COMMUNITY BUILDING  
1:00pm, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2012**

This meeting has been called back to order by Paul Gundersen

Present: Ray Johnson, Arlene Nelson, Justine Gundersen, Merle Brandell, Theo Chesley  
Teleconference: Paul Gundersen, Ernie Weiss: Aleutians East Borough; George Weaver:  
Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association.

Had a lengthy discussion about the proposals that had previous been made. On Proposal 101 was discussed but not adopted. This proposal concerned jet boats scaring the fish away to Bear River due to the fact the river is so swallow. This did not pass the advisory board. The other proposals were discussed and a final reading will be at the next meeting in April.

The meeting is in recess. 2:30pm

**ALLEN NELSON COMMUNITY BUILDING  
1:00pm., TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012**

The advisory committee was called back to order by Paul Gundersen, Chairman:

Members present: Arlene Nelson, Leona Nelson, Justine Gundersen, John Nelson, Jr.,  
Teleconference: Paul Gundersen, Ernie Weiss: Aleutians East Borough, George Weaver:  
APICDA.

Proposals: (attached)

Final reading:

Proposal: 102 motion to support made by Arlene, second by John. Passed

Proposal: 104 motion to support made by Leona, second by Justine. Passed

Proposal: 105 motion to support made by Leona, second by Arlene. Passed

Proposal: 106 motion to support made by Arlene, second by John.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Arlene to adjourn the meeting, A second was made by John. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm

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## 102

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 ACC 65.022 Regulation Book Page No.

2. What is the problem you would like the Board to address?

We would like the Board to address recent low escapement of Chinook salmon in the Nelson Lagoon. Escapement goals were not achieved last year.

3. What will happen if this problem is not solved?

Inaction could result in complete depletion of this renewable resource and collapse of the Nelson Lagoon local economy.

4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

5 ACC 65.022 (d) In the Sapsuk River, king salmon fishing is open only for catch & release, fly fishing using single hook artificial lures or artificial flies only.

5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?

Yes. This will give the Chinook salmon a chance to rebuild the population.

6. A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted?

Giving the Chinook salmon a chance to rebuild is a benefit to all stakeholders.

6. B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted?

No one.

7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them.

Doing nothing will result in collapse of the Nelson Lagoon Chinook salmon fishery.

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## 104

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 ACC 09.310 Regulation Book Page No.

2. What is the problem you would like the Board to address?

The Nelson Lagoon Silver salmon resource is being depleted due to over-harvest and over-fishing on the north line.

3. What will happen if this problem is not solved?

Inaction could result in complete depletion of this renewable resource and collapse of the Nelson Lagoon local economy.

4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

5 ACC 09.310 North side of Cape Seniaven will close on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?

Yes. The resource is depleted and we have no silver salmon season anymore. Closing on 8/15 would allow the silver salmon migration to their home streams.

6. A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted?

This would benefit Nelson lagoon, a terminal fishery.

6. B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted?

No one.

7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them.

Doing nothing could result in collapse of the Nelson Lagoon Silver salmon fishery.

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## 105

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 ACC 09.331 (4) Regulation Book Page No.

2. What is the problem you would like the Board to address?

The Advisory Committee would like the Board to address the declining return of salmon to the Bear River and Nelson Lagoon, due to over-harvest.

3. What will happen if this problem is not solved?

Inaction could result in failure of the Nelson Lagoon salmon fishery.

4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Change the gear depth from 70 mesh to 45 mesh depth in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area salmon fishery.

5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?

Yes. Around 1990 the depth size went to 70 mesh depth. There was really no depth size because everyone was using shallow gear. At the time, the Department would open the Three Hills area on or around July 4<sup>th</sup>, and then alternating between Three Hills and Bear River. In 1998, the fleet started fishing further north. This is when we started to see significant changes in the Nelson Lagoon fishery. In 2006, when the north line opened above Pt. Heiden, our fishery began to rapidly decline.

6. A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted?

Bear River and Nelson Lagoon systems will benefit. This action will improve the quality of the resource. The salmon size has dropped because of the pressure on the harvest.

6. B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted?

No one.

7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them.

Doing nothing may result in collapse of the Nelson Lagoon and Bear River salmon fisheries.

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## 106

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 ACC 09.310 Regulation Book Page No.

2. What is the problem you would like the Board to address?

The Nelson Lagoon Sockeye salmon resource is being depleted due to over-harvest and over-fishing on the north line.

3. What will happen if this problem is not solved?

Could result in complete depletion of this renewable resource; collapse of the Nelson Lagoon local economy.

4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Close the north side of Cape Seniaven until July 15<sup>th</sup> - open it on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?

Yes. The resource is depleted and we have few sockeye salmon anymore. Staying closed on the north side of Seniaven until July 15 would allow the Sockeye salmon migration to their home streams.

6. A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted?

This would benefit Nelson lagoon, a terminal fishery.

6. B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted?

No one.

7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them.

Doing nothing will result in collapse of the Nelson Lagoon Sockeye salmon fishery.

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