

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UNALASKA/DUTCH HARBOR, P.O. BOX 162 UNALASKA, AK 99685

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2011

Unalaska Public Library Conference Room, Unalaska Alaska

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Frank Kelty called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM on Saturday January 29, 2011.
2. **Roll call**- Present, Frank Kelty, Don Graves, Dick Peck, Roger Rowland, Steven Gregory, Don Goodfellow, Katherine McGlashan. Absent Reid Brewer, Zac Nehus. Introduction of guests were made, please see sign in sheet attached.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**, Goodfellow motion to approve/ Graves seconded the motion passed 7-0.
4. **Approval of Agenda**, Discussion by Peck to added 'Reese Bay' subsistence red salmon fishery to agenda under 'Item D'. With no objection the Advisory Committee adopted the new agenda.
5. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion to adopt minutes of the January 9th minutes was made by Don Graves, seconded by Dick Peck, minutes adopted with no changes 7-0. Motion to adopt minutes from the June 4th, 2010 was made by Katherine McGlashan, seconded by Don Graves, minutes adopted with no changes 7-0.
6. **Legislative- Elections**
 - A. The board received one applicant for seat (I) Mr. Holman submitted a letter of interest to the board. Mr. Holman comment to the committee on why he wanted to serve. The committee had no information on Reid Brewer if he wanted to continue to serve or not. Don Graves made a motion to nominate Mike Holman to seat (I) it was seconded by Don Goodfellow. Vote was unanimous 7-0. Board discussed seat 'G', Katherine McGlashan nominated Steven Gregory, seconded by Don Graves; vote was unanimous 7-0. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary were discussed.
 - B. Don Goodfellow nominated Katherine McGlashan for Secretary, seconded by Don Graves, motion passes- vote 7-0. Don Graves nominated Frank Kelty for Chair, was seconded by Dick Peck, vote was 7-0. Vice-Chair nomination by Roger Rowland for Don Graves, seconded by Steven Gregory, unanimous vote 7-0. The Chairman congratulated everyone and invited Mr. Holman to the table.
7. **Old Business**-
 - C. Update from the new regional ADFG local office biologist in charge Heather Fitch, gave the committee updates on Bering Sea Opilio Snow Crab fishery,

Eastern Aleutian Bairdi Tanner fishery, Aleutian Island Golden King crab fishery and the Aleutian Island State Water Cod Fishery. Ms. Fitch mentioned that the Snow crab landing was at 10.9 million pounds, CPUE was at 251 crab, average weight was 1.45. The Eastern Aleutian Tanner crab fishery is minimal, one boat fishing, has made one landing from Makashin Bay.

- D. Review on BOF actions by Ms. Fitch and Mr. Kelty on actions by the Board of Fish the week of January 9th in Anchorage, Alaska. The focus was on the City of Adak Emergency Petition for the Pacific Cod fishery in the central Aleutian Islands. Mr. Kelty expressed that most of the fish caught in Adak is not brought landed in Unalaska. Mr. Graves asked how many boats were fishing in Adak right now, Ms. Fitch responded that state water fishery wasn't open as of yet, and there were no processors operating in Adak area at this time. Mr. Kelty and it would be difficult to attract processor interest with the BOF actions allowing only 58' ft vessels to, fish in state waters. The BOF will be taking up this agenda item once again at the end of March at the BOF Crab meeting. Mr. Kelty said that there are three lawsuits involving the SSL Bi-Op in the Aleutian Island as of now. Mr. Kelty asked about a local survey on the Bairdi Tanner crab fishery, Ms Fitch said the survey looked very bad last year summer and that is the reason for the Unalaska Bay closure and reduced quotas in they other two districts. Roger Rowland asked if there were any other areas that may open. Ms. Fitch said she would contact the person that will be in charge of the next summer's survey.

8. New Business-

- A. Review and provide comment on Crab **Proposals 299-316** for Statewide BOF Crab meeting being held in Anchorage the week of March 21st, 2011. Ms. Fitch emphasized that the ADFG Dept. comments were still in draft form, very preliminary.
- B. Motion to adopt **Proposal 299** was made by Roger Rowland and Seconded by Katherine McGlashan. In Proposal 299 under Amend 5 AAC 34.10b as follows: "Male golden king crab may be taken only from 12:00 noon August 15 through 11:59 p.m. May 15 [.] **except that the commissioner may extend the season by emergency order.**" She also said the dept. opposes the proposal as it doesn't give enough time to set the annual allocation. Mr. Graves asked if it may be a biological issue. Ms. Fitch stated that it is not a biological issue. Mr. Graves stated that the liked giving the commissioner the last call, and to leave it in his hands. Mr. Goodfellow liked to have a parameter of a 2 week or a month extension of the season. The motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Goodfellow voting 'Nay'.
- C. **Proposal 300** was motioned to adopt by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow. Proposal 300 was to increase the biodegradable twine requirement to 90 thread. Ms. Fitch stated that this was still in draft form and that more research was still coming in. The Advisory committee elected to take 'No Action'.
- D. **Proposal 301** motion was made by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow. *Proposal 301* was to Change boundary in the Bering Sea District

Tanner crab fishery further to the east in the Bristol Bay area. Mr. Kelty stated that if we head further east we would be moving into the Red King Crab nursery grounds. Not sure if we would want extra activity in that area. Proposal 301 failed 0-7.

- E. **Proposal 302** was motioned by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow. Mary Swenzfier spoke on proposal 302 which deals with Onboard Observer Certification and Decertification. She expressed that the wording would be more concise and raises the standards of the behavior of observers. Mr. Graves said that he liked the proposal, and wanted clarification on Observer responsibility. Mr. Holman inquired about what was considered still on the boat? Motion passes 7-0.
- F. **Proposal 303** was motioned by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Graves. Shellfish Onboard Observer Program. Proposal 303 is about when vessels needs and observer and harassment issues, which may also include vessel crew. The proposed harassment wording is more concisely stated. "for the purpose of this section, 'harass' means words, conduct, or action that, being directed at the observer, other issues that could cause emotional distress in the observer." Motion passes 7-0.
- G. **Proposal 304** motion to adopt was made by Roger Rowland and seconded by Katherine McGlashan. Mrs. Fitch stated this proposal was modifying the Tanner crab pot storage area in the Eastern Aleutian Islands Tanner Crab fishery. Motion passes 7-0.
- H. **Proposal 305** was motioned by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow. The proposal would change the King Crab fishing season Area Q. Change fishing season date for St. Matthew Island blue king crab fishery to September 15 or September 1st from October 15th. The proposal changes (1) male blue king crab may be taken only from 12:00 noon **September 15 (or maybe September 1)** [OCTOBER 15] through 11:59pm **February 1;** [JANUARY 15]. Mrs. Fitch spoke on how much was caught, this season the quota was at 1.4 million pounds and only 1million pounds having been caught to date. Mr. Kelty mentioned that this fishery was rationalized with an 80/20 North /South regional split, with the South communities, with the 20 % of the harvest landings. Mr. Rowland asked if the molting season would be a problem, Mrs. Fitch said there was no concern. Mr. Graves stated that he supported the motion, this may increase the harvest allowing the TAC to be taken in total and it is three day run from St. Matthew Island to Unalaska. Motion passed 7-0.
- I. **Proposal 306** was a proposal on Escape mechanism for shellfish and bottomfish pots. This proposal is for a super exclusive area Norton Sound and the Unalaska Advisory Committee had no comment.
- J. **Proposal 307** –was motioned to adopt by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow. 5AAC 35.520 **Size limits for Registration Area J; and 5AAC 35.508. Bering Sea District C. bairdi Tanner crab harvest strategy.** Mr. Kelty stated that if the size limit was reduced to 5" this would increase the TAC and allow the fishery to open, it would also reduce catches of sublegal male crab, thus reducing handling and discard mortality. Motion passed 7-0.

- K. **Proposal 308** Motion made by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow. Advisory Committee took 'No Action'. This issue was specific to Kodiak.
- L. **Proposals 309, 310, 311, 312, & 314** were all motioned to adopt by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow, the committee took 'No Action' on these items.
- M. **Proposal 315** motion to adopt by Roger Rowland and seconded by Don Goodfellow. This new section Clarifies restriction on use of sport, personal, or subsistence caught shellfish by owner, operator, or employee of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise that furnishes food, lodging, or sport fishing guide services as follows. Mr. Goodfellow emphasized that he has been at a business where this has happened and it subsidizes their operation. Motion supported 7-0.
- N. Sports fish Salmon Bag Limit for the Aleutian Islands. Mr. Peck stated that the sports fishermen get the short end of the stick and that we need a Sport Fish Biologist in our community. Mr. Peck was requesting a 5 fish limit in the Unalaska Bay. Mr. Kelty requested the proposal needs to be before the Board of Fish before this spring. Mr. Gregory said the size of rivers may not support the stock, therefore less fish limit. Mrs. Fitch said that Don Tracy would know the reason and look into the issue. Mr. Gregory said he spoke to Mr. Bowers before he left and wanted to make a suggestion to close the Illiuliuk River above the bridge. Mr. Kelty emphasized that the proposals should be in soon for the 2012 meeting.
- O. Mr. Kelty suggested with the Advisory committee's concurrence he would speak to and write a letter to Commissioner Campbell for a Sports Biologist position for the Unalaska. ADFG office. Mr. Peck stated that we are the 11th largest City in the State of Alaska and would encourage a permanent Sport Fish Biologist to help sustain the sport fish resources of they area.
- P. Reese Bay-Weir- Mr. Peck stated that this would be the last year for the fish weir at Reese Bay. That the weir and fish escapements have been good and beneficial for the fishery sustainability. Mr. Kelty suggested that we send another letter that reflects last year's concerns of keeping the fishing closed until the Reese Bay escapement goal has been met. The committee agreed that the letter should be resent to the ADFG Sand Point office.
9. Voice of the membership- Mr. Graves stated that the Emperor Geese should be considered to be harvested. Ms. Fitch said she would look into that for the committee. Mr. Graves said a 'Tag' system or a 'Stamp' system would work well. Mr. Kelty welcomed Mr. Holman and stated that our next Advisory Committee meeting would be in June 2011. Mr. Graves expressed concern that the proposals being brought forward by Mr. Peck and Mr. Gregory should be brought forward for review.
10. Next Meeting Date and Time, By the call of the Chairman

Adjourn at 1:43pm on January 29, 2011



Frank Kelty, Chairman

9/21/2011 9:44am 6-0

Date

APPENDIX B

**NEW OR RE-ELECTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMBER FORM**
Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Office

ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNAlaska / Dutch HarborDATE OF ELECTION: 9/17/11 FOR A 3 YEAR TERMAdvisory Committee member you replaced: Katherine MacGlehanSEAT: Designated H Undesignated _____ Alternate _____Name of village UNAlaska, Alaska

For OFFICER ELECTIONS please check your office title.

Chairman _____ Vice-chairman _____ Secretary _____

It is important to have your complete mailing address in order to receive information from Boards Support Section regarding Board of Fisheries, and Board of Game materials.

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Please check activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-12 in which you participate:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please check the box of your race.			
1.	Trapping	7.	Guiding				Alaskan Native
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sport Fishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8.	Processing				American Indian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsistence	9.	Personal Use				Asian/Pacific Islander
4.	Hunting	10.	Outdoorsperson				African-American
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Fishing	11.	Assoc./Corp.				Hispanic
6.	Photography	12.	Conservationist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			White

Name/s of related organization/s and corporations to which you belong

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Signature

Kristian B. LaxfossDate 09-21-2011

September 14, 2011

TO: Frank Kelty
FR: Kristjan Laxfoss

Good morning Frank,

I have interest in serving on the Fish & Game Advisory Committee for the next 3 years.

I have been active in cod, Pollock, black cod, halibut, rockfish and herring for the past 30 years, bottom dragging, mid-water dragging, long lining & jigging in the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and the Aleutian Islands.

I believe I can be an asset to the board.

Should you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,


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Katherine McGlashan

To: Frank Kelty (fkelty@ci.unalaska.ak.us)
Subject: resignation

June 15, 2011

Frank Kelty & Advisory Board Members
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Dear Advisory Board Members;

Please accept my official notice of resignation on the Fish and Game Advisory Board effective immediately.
Thank you for the year that I did serve on the board and much success to your future decisions for our fishing industry.

Sincerely,



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UNALASKA/DUTCH HARBOR
ADVISORY COMMITTEE NINE MEMBERS
COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSTER AND OFFICERS AS OF
September 17, 2011

One year seats D. Frank Kelty, Chairman
E. Roger Rowland,
F. Dick Peck

Two year seats: A. Don Graves, Vice Chair
B. Don Goodfellow,
C. Zac Nehus

Three year seats G. Steven Gregory,
H. Kristjan B Laxfoss
I. Mike Holman,

Secretary Officer position is vacant.

SIGN-IN SHEET

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