

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: UNA Alaska Dutch Harbor AC

Location (City, town, village): UNA Alaska, AK

Members Present: Frank Kelly, Zac Nehus, Roger Rowland, Dick Peck, Don Carroll, Mike Holman

Members Absent Don Graves, Steven Gregory

Members Excused \_\_\_\_\_

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒ NO ☐

ADF&G Staff Present: Heather Fitch, Britta Baechler

Time meeting called to order 1205 AM ☐ / PM ☒

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 205 AM ☐ / PM ☒

Signature:

For Mike Holman  
Committee Secretary Frank Kelly  
Chairman

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UNALASKA /DUTCH HARBOR, FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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September 17, 2011

UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER-Chairman Frank Kelty, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM on Saturday September 17, 2011.
2. ROLL CALL- present, Frank Kelty, Zac Nehus, Roger Rowland, Dick Peck, Don Goodfellow, and Mike Holman Absent Steven Gregory, Don Graves. Guests included Heather Fitch, Britta Baechler, James Mason and Kristejen Laxfoss
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- moved Goodfellow; seconded by Peck motion to approve agenda adopted 6-0.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the January 29, 2011 motion to adopt by Peck second by Goodfellow minutes adopted 6-0.
5. LEGISLATIVE BOARD SEAT ELECTIONS

Acceptance of resignation of Katherine McGlashan from the Unalaska Fish & Game advisory committee, motion to accept by Peck second by Goodfellow, the resignation was accepted 6-0.

Nominations asked for Seat H a three year advisory seat, we had two candidates for the seat; they included Reid Brewer he wasn't present at the meeting, but he had verbally expressed interest in severing on the committee. The second candidate was Kristjan Laxfoss, he told the committee why he wanted to serve, and gave us some background information on his commercial fishing and processing experience in the BSAI region. There was some discussion of expanding the committee to accommodate both candidates, or to have and alternate position appointed, the committee decided to vote on the two candidates they had before them. Voting was held by secret ballot, the first vote was a tie 3-3 ballots were counted by the Chairman. Another vote was held and

Mr. Laxfoss won by a count of 4-2 and he joined the committee at the table.

6. ADFG UNALASKA OFFICE FISHERIES UPDATE,

a. Heather Fitch, the ADF&G Unalaska regional biologist gave update on Crab Plan team meeting to be held in Seattle next week. She updated the committee on the Brown King Crab assessment model and the crab stocks under review for the NPFMC Safe Document. She stated; it would be at least two weeks before the TAC amounts would be announced by Fish & Game for the October 15, 2011/12 crab seasons. ADFG staff member Britta Baechler, give an overview of the following fisheries; the Eastern Aleutian Bairdi Tanner fishery, the survey work completed by ADFG showed very few Bairdi Tanner Crab in the Eastern Aleutians districts. Of the three Eastern Aleutian districts, Makushin Bay area looked the best and would possibly open. The Aleutian Island Golden King crab fishery was discussed with the most current harvest results were given fishery is performing well with a high CPUE per pot lift. Unalaska Food & Bait Herring fishery, and Unalaska Island Pink Salmon fishery numbers were discussed as well why these fisheries are managed out of the Sand Point office and not in Unalaska. The McLees Lake Red Salmon subsistence harvest was discussed and escapement levels are estimated at about 40,000 fish thru the weir for that system in 2011. ADFG has announced that ADFG Comfish division has taken over the weir operation from US Fish and Wildlife for 2012 salmon season.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Sportfish issues were addressed, with Don Tracy Sportfish biologist for the westward area based in the Kodiak office. Don discussed many issues with the committee; his concern with budget cuts the sportfish division is taking that he doesn't have allotted of resources available to assist us. He was pleased to hear that Comfish had money to run the weir at McLees Lake in 2012. Salmon stream baseline survey work needs to be continued on the local streams, especially for the Coho and Red salmon stocks. He urged us to contact our legislators about the situation in the Aleutians and ask for support for the sportfish budget.

Don also thought, we should look into some enchantment grants that could help the Unalaska Schools District hatchery program to enlarge to assist the Red and Coho runs. We discussed the Dungeness Crab Sport Fish bag limit and the concern with poor catches in the Unalaska Bay. Discussion centered on whether we should change the bag limit, not allot of information on the Dungeness situation the catches aren't

tracked, and it would have to be taken up out of cycle ACR request in October of 2012. The committee reviewed the response to letters from Jeff Regnart, Director Com Fish, Charles Swanton Director Sport Fish, and Aaron Potter, Alaska Peninsula Area Management Biologist. The Committee's priorities and continued concerns will to be relayed to ADFG Kodiak, Sand Point and Juneau headquarters on various Unalaska ADFG commercial and sportfish needs, which include staffing, salmon stream survey work, enchantment and habitat issues in the Unalaska area.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS,

- a) Review of Agenda Change Requests for the BOF work session in Anchorage on October 4-5, 2011. The committee took action on ACR # 9 the motion and action ACR #9 is listed below.

ACR # 9 Increase total allowable catch in the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery due to the lack of a new stock assessment. Motion to support was made by Don Goodfellow seconded by Zac Nehus to amend ACR#9 with the following statement. The Unalaska /Dutch Harbor AC encourages ADFG to complete the stock assessment model as soon as possible before further increases in the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab Fishery TAC,s are adopted. Motion passed 7-0

- b. Review of BOF proposals for the October 6-10, 2011 for the South Alaska Peninsula, Kodiak, Chignik, PWS and Cook Inlet. The Committee addressed proposals 20-33 action taken is listed below.

Proposal 20 under 5AAC 28.577. South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Open state-waters Pacific Cod season seven days after the federal Western Gulf of Alaska A season Pacific Cod pot sector closes. No motion made to support.

Proposal 21 5AAC 28.577. South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Open state-water Pacific Cod season on March 1<sup>st</sup> or seven days after federal Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod pot cod sector closes, whichever is later Discussion, pot cod harvesters from Unalaska area felt a later opening would be beneficial for allowing there participation in the fishery. Motion to support, proposal 21 by Zac Nehus, second by Roger Rowland, motion to support passes 7-0.

Proposal 22 5AAC 28.577. South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Open state-water Pacific cod season on March 15, or seven days after federal Western Gulf of Alaska cod sector

closes if that closure is later than March 15. No motion made to support.

Proposals 23-31 5AAC 28.577 South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan; these proposals all have to do with various increases to the jig gear allocation in the South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod fishery. Discussion, committee felt increases to the jig sector would adversely impact other Pacific cod harvesters that use other gear types, it should be noted that this fishery is already fully utilized. Motion to support, by, Roger Rowland, second by Don Goodfellow, motion fails 7-0.

Proposal 32- 5AAC 28.570. Lawful Gear for, South Alaska Peninsula Area; repeal one definition of mechanical jigging machine gear as follows a single continuous line with no more than 150 hooks. Motion to support; Roger Rowland, seconded by, Don Goodfellow. Discussion, housekeeping issue, ADFG submitted committee had no problem supporting the department, and motion to support passed 7-0.

Proposal 33 – 5 AAC 28.555. Description of South Alaska Peninsula Area Districts and Sections; amend regulatory description of South Alaska Peninsula groundfish district and sections as follows. Motion to support, Roger Rowland, second by Don Goodfellow, discussion, housekeeping issue from ADFG, committee had no problem supporting the department and felt it was prudent to update the demarcation lines and coordinates, for the area, motion to support passed 7-0.

- c. Reviewed agenda of the North Pacific Council which will be held in Unalaska October 4 through October 9, 2011.

9. VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP, Discussion on committee member Zac Nehus to attending the October BOF work session and regular meeting in Anchorage, Chairman Kelty would work with Zac Nehus, to setup travel arraignments to Anchorage to attend the meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT, no public comment.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE and TIME,  
Chairman Kelty will call meeting probably in early January of 2011.  
Motion to adjourn by Peck seconded by Goodfellow

12. ADJOURMENT at 2:05PM on September 17, 2011

		
Frank Kelty Chairmen	Date Approved	Mike Holman Secretary