

**Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee**  
**11.5.20**  
**Online Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [5:39 pm] by [Kevin Maier]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Kevin Maier (Freshwater Charter), Jessie Walker (Sportfish/personal Use) Ed Buyarski, (sportfish/personal use) Peter Robertson (non-consumptive commercial, Thatcher Brouwer, Jason Kolhase, Richard Yamada, Kristine Trott (non-commercial, non-consumptive), Mike Bethers (Hunting, fishing and personal use), Melanie Brown (alternate) Chris Miller (commercial Fishing) Mike Cole (Alternate) Nick Orr (Sport Fishing), Jesse Ross (trapper) Terry White (charter, salt).

Members Absent Atlin Daugherty and Forest Wagner

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: ADFG, Commercial Fish, Sport Fish, Personnel Use, Hatchery.

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved by unanimous consent.

**Agenda**

According to my admittedly less-than-perfect records, we need to hold elections for the following seats tonight:

- o Designated Seat: Processor (Jason Kolhase)
- o Designated Seat: Sport Fish/Hunting/Personal Use (Jesse Walker)
- o Designated Seat: Commercial Fishing (Forest Wagner)
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Per our usual practice, if elections are contested, we will ask each candidate to offer a brief statement of interest and then open floor for questions before voting.

- Discussion of BOF Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting proposals, with particular focus on: 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 89, 90, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 132, 134-141, 143-148, 150, 155, 171-173, 202, 220, and 223, 225

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Annie Bartholomew (ADFG), Dan Teske (ADFG), Dave Love, (ADFG) David Harris (ADFG), Bob Chadwick (ADFG), Andrew Olson (ADFG)

VI. Guests Present: Katie Harms (DIPAC Director),

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business:

#### Elections:

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#### MINUTES

First Order of Business is Elections:

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Passed unanimous consent to reelect current members.

Kevin Maier: Is it okay if we have elections at the next meeting?

No objection.

Kevin Maier: Do you want to set a time limit?

Yes. Two hours was agreed upon.

Statewide Board of Fish Proposals, Joint Board Proposals and Hatchery Resolution.

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Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast Alaska Finfish

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81	Commercial		
Oppose			<p>Dave Harris: This is a mop up proposal. Excess quota is rolled into troll fishery. This would establish a framework for the troll fleet to catch the remaining Chinook quota when it is clear that the other Chinook fisheries will not be able to harvest the king salmon.</p> <p>Thatcher Brouwer: In support of proposal.</p> <p>Kristine Trott: Are there fish present if the fishermen have a difficult time catching them?</p> <p>Dave Harris: The allocation is set under the salmon treaty. If nobody catches them they are gone. This would be a way to maximize the fishery. Yes.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: How did the department do this very thing, this year, without a board proposal? If they catch the quota will it impact sport fishermen?</p> <p>Dave Harris: Special emergency regulations allowed for the department to reallocate the fish this year. It will not impact sport fishermen.</p> <p>Richard Yamada: How accurate is the data coming from the department? What is the danger of the troll fishery overharvesting?</p> <p>Dave Harris: The commercial net fisheries are pretty much done at this time. We can manage the troll fishery very accurately.</p> <p>Dan Teske: Dave is correct, the majority of sport harvest is already complete by September 1. Working on ways to manage and account for in season sport harvest. It is fairly accurate, but trying to get more accurate.</p> <p>Terry White: Why do we harvest them instead of let them go?</p> <p>Dave Harris: They will be unavailable to harvest. If we do not catch them someone else will in British Columbia or Washington. It is not conservation issue. More about the economics of harvesting the resource.</p> <p>Mike Bethers: My concern is protecting the resident sport fishery. I do not mind catching allocation, but do not want it to impact the resident sport fishery.</p> <p>Dan Teske: It would not impact sport fishery. We already have our regulations set.</p> <p>Ed Buyarski: Some conservation concerns? Would not reduce or catch.</p>
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			<p>Dave Harris: No, but it is basically forgone catch.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: This proposal would reallocate the fish back to the troll fishery.</p> <p>Dan Teske: It is a timing deal. Most of sport fish have already been caught by September 1. Given the timing, there will be plenty of fish for the winter sport fishery.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: These fish might end up spawning. It is not forgone conclusion that they will be caught.</p> <p>Richard Yamada: What is the difference between proposal 80 and 81?</p> <p>Dave Harris: Proposal 80 is submitted by the department and would help them manage the Chinook fishery based on new treaty agreement.</p> <p>Proposal 81 would allocate the uncaught Chinook quota to the troll fishery after September 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Melanie Brown: When does the winter season start and when does the department start counting Chinook for purposes of the quota?</p> <p>Dave Harris: The trollers start harvesting Chinook salmon on October 11 in the winter fishery. These count for the next allocative year.</p> <p>Ed Buyarski called question and Jesse Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> question.</p>
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Support	14	0	<p>Andrew Olson: Allow pot gear to be used in Northern Southeast Inside Chatham Strait fishery. Allow gear to be used, but CFEC would need to be petitioned to allow pots. Pot fishing is allowed in the Gulf of Alaska by the federal fishery managers and pot fishing is allowed in Southern Southeast inside waters by ADFG. Currently some boats need to switch between pot fishing and long lining to fish Chatham for boats that have permits in both areas.</p> <p>Kristine Trott: It seems like it is reasonable.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: In support. Pots are a better method for catching sablefish.</p> <p>Jason Kolhase: Pot fishing is much more efficient. The real difference is in reduced buy catch. This is a no brainer. Makes a lot of sense.</p>

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			Andrew Olson: Long line catches more by bycatch. Especially Rockfish and small black cod.  Ed Buyarski – Question. Jesse Ross – 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
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S			Andrew Olson: Proposal would require escape rings in the state fishery to be 3 and ¾ inches. All pots would have the same escape ring size. Thatcher Brouwer: Would this put a burden on the fleet? Andrew Olson: No. This would reduce the size currently used in Southern Southeast and it is easy to reduce size. Jason Kolhase: No requirement in gulf for escape rings and it would not be a big burden for fishermen to decrease size in the State fishery. All fishermen would need to do is purchase smaller escape rings.  Question: Jesse Walker and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed Buyarski
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S			Andrew Olson: This would require escape rings in pots used by personal use fishermen. 3 and ¾ inch escape rings is the perfect size based on research done.  No proposal to long line pot gear in personal use fishery. Jason Kolhase: Why not allow them to be long lined? Andrew Olson: No one submitted a proposal to allow them to be long line them. Jason Kolhase: Should we amend the proposal to allow long lining of pots by personal use fishermen? Jesse Walker: Would support allowing long lining of pots. Richard Yamada: It would set a bad precedent to change the wording of the proposal. Kevin Maier: We have amended proposals in the past. There is some precedent to amend the proposal. Richard Yamada: It might be a note rather than an amendment. Concerned that it sets bad precedent.
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			<p>Jason Kolhase: Okay if we just send comments to board of fish with proposal.</p> <p>Chris Miller: Fine with making the comment if that would be acceptable.</p> <p>Kevin Maier: Proposes that we support proposal 223 with a note that we would prefer to amend the proposal so that pots could be long lined.</p> <p>Kristine Trott: Why would you longline pots?</p> <p>Jesse Walker: Longline the pots would cut down on the amount of line by half.</p> <p>JDAC supported this proposal unanimously</p>
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S	14	0	<p>Dan Teske: This would increase the bag and possession limit for the sport fishery for sablefish based on abundance or total allowable catch.</p> <p>Richard Yamada: In 2008 when sport fishing started there was a concern that the sport fishery would take lots of fish. That has not been the case.</p> <p>The average take is about 3% is by the sport fleet in Northern Southeast Alaska black cod quota.</p> <p>This proposal would peg this to some form of abundance.</p> <p>In times of high abundance there would be an increase in bag limits.</p> <p>Andrew Olson: ADFG uses a robust study to estimate the annual harvest objective for NSEI. SSEI they look at trends and do not produce an ABC.</p> <p>As written, this would use the ABC from NSEI to set bag limits.</p> <p>This is an allocative proposal.</p> <p>Jason Kolhase: What is the allowable harvest in Northern Southeast Chatham?</p> <p>Andrew Olson: About 1 million pounds of allowable harvest recently. 2020 was the first year it exceeded 1 million.</p> <p>Jason Kolhase: Concerned about the no annual limit and wanton waste. As it is written I am not going to support this. Irresponsible not to have an annual limit.</p>

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			<p>Richard Yamada: This does not change the resident annual limit. It keeps it at status quo.</p> <p>Jason Kolhase: Realizes this is the case, but still opposes the fact that there is no annual limit.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: I see there is confusion based on the way the proposal is written.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: Do you have estimates of sport fishing?</p> <p>Andrew Olson: Yes. We get an estimate from the sport fishery.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: Unguided fishermen do not take very much. Not a big deal.</p> <p>Mike Bethers: It is a lot of work and there is not a lot effort by non-guided resident fishermen.</p> <p>Jessie Ross: Is there a growing interest in this fishery?</p> <p>Richard Yamada: Some guests want to fish for sablefish and others do not. Has been pretty stable. Very niche fishery. In existence for 10 years and we have not seen much increase in the sport fishery.</p> <p>Dan Teske: As written it would put an annual limit on residents. It is incorrectly written. We would flag that. If you were to vote on this and support it you would be putting an annual limit of 8.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: I won't be supporting this as written.</p> <p>Richard Yamada: Not the intent of our organization to put an annual limit on resident sport fishermen.</p> <p>Richard Yamada: I propose we make a comment that we want to strike the annual limit for residents.</p> <p>Peter Robertson: I suggest that we amend the proposal to strike the language about the annual limit for resident anglers.</p> <p>Kevin Maier: We are discussing voting on a proposal that does not include the annual limit of 8 fish for resident anglers included in it. Discussion of the proposal as amended?</p> <p>Jason Kolhase: I am still concerned about the no annual limit. This fishery is maturing and it is irresponsible to not have an annual limit particularly with the pot fishing allowed in the personal use fishery.</p>



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			<p>Jesse Walker: This is rod and reel fishery. Not the personal use fishery. Just sport fishing. Not legal to sport fish with a pot.</p> <p>Jason Kolhase: Thank you. This is just sport fish not personal use. I will retract everything I just said.</p> <p>Dan Teske: This proposal just addresses the sport fishery. The rod a reel fishery.</p> <p>Kevin Maier: Just to be clear, pots are not allowed in the personal use fishery?</p> <p>Dan Teske: Correct.</p> <p>Andrew Olson: Pots are only allowed in the personal use and subsistence fishery.</p> <p>Jesse Walker: This is the sport fishery not personal use. The confusion is understandable.</p> <p>Richard Yamada: There is a typo in the proposal. Again it was not our intent to change resident limit.</p> <p>Kevin Maier: I call for unanimous consent to support this proposal as amended to strike the typo of the annual limit for resident sport fishermen.</p> <p>Passed by unanimous consent.</p>

Kevin Maier: I will send a doodle poll regarding the next meeting. We have until April 2, 2021 to get our comments in on these proposals.

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn Kristine Trott 7:27pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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