

Klawock AC Meeting February 8, 2023

Call to Order: 6: pm

Roll Call:

Total Members: 13

Number needed for a quorum: 7

Klawock AC Members	Officer	Present	Absent	Expiration
Dennis Nickerson	Chair	x		June 2024
Nick Nickerson	Vice Chair	x		June 2024
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	x		June 2025
Tylo Kennedy		x		June 2023
Mike Kennedy			x	June 2023
Irving Langmaid			x	June 2025
Tom George		x		June 2025
Al Edsall		x		June 2023
Mark Tollfedt		x		June 2024
John Priddy		x		June 2024
Katie Rooks			x	June 2025
Roby Medina			x	June 2025
Madison Stumpf			x	June 2024

ADFG Staff present:

Craig Schwanke sport fish biologist, **Boards Support Henry Leasia** (online).

Guests present:

Approval of Agenda:

approve the agenda for 2.8.2023.

Vote:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

meeting minutes from 1.18.2023.

Vote:

Reports:

Chair:

ADFG:

Kurt: Board of Game & Seasonal Residents report

Public Comments:

Old Business:

Killer Whale Lawsuit Against SE Trollers

Whereas commercial fishing is a mainstay of Alaska's economy and the largest private sector employer in the state; and

Whereas the troll fleet is the second largest fleet in Alaska; and

Whereas 44% of the fishing income to trollers is derived from their Chinook catch; and

Whereas commercial salmon trolling is a year-round contributor to the Southeast Alaska economy and sustains year-round employment in the fishing processing and support sector industries; and

Whereas including fishing, processing and all retailer multiplier effects, the troll fleet has a total economic impact of approximately \$85 million for the whole of Southeast annually, as measured in terms of total output; and

Whereas the lawsuit files by the Wild Fish Conservancy against the National Marine Fisheries Service(NMFS) threatens to close the Southeast troll fishery despite that closure providing no meaningful benefits to Southern Resident Killer Whales; and

Whereas the Wild Fish Conservancy has pledged to eliminate mixed stock fisheries and eliminate hatcheries; and

Whereas the communities of Southeast will suffer severe economic hardship if the Southeast troll fishery is closed; then

Therefore, be it resolved that the ADFG Klawock Advisory Committee urge in the strongest possible terms that:

NMFS and ADFG commits the necessary resources to effectively defend Alaska's fisheries and the Southeast troll fishery in particular; and

All necessary and available state, federal or private resources be made available to support lawsuit defendants and intervenors; and

The State of Alaska work with Alaska's Congressional delegation to protect Alaska's fisheries from present and future misdirected or malicious lawsuits.

ADFG Klawock Advisory Committee

Continue discussion about future herring proposals.

New Business:

Next meeting date:

Meeting adjourned: 8: pm

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by: Dennis Nickerson

Date: 2.8.2023

