

Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
November 20th, 2023
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

RC 8

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	x		
Andrew	Carmichael	x		
Greg	Springer		E	X
Scott	Daletas	x		
Dick	Dykema	x		
Dyer	Van Devere	x		
Jerry	Strieby	x		
Joe	Thomas		X	
Lisa	Gabriel	x		
Jon	Essert	x		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	x		
Monte	Roberts		E	X
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	x		
Scott	Miller		E	X
Todd	Smith	x		
Will	Lee – Secretary			EX
Karl	Dagel	x		
Ron	Petty			EX

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

IV. Guests Present: None

Mike spoke about excused and unexcused absences, and general courtesy of letting everyone know if you can't make it.

V. Approval of Agenda

M: Dyre

x

S:Paul

Unanimous

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

Mike talked about how this will be a tough year with UCI proposals, and encouraged the board to all work together and be respectful while discussing tough issues.

b. ADF&G

Board asked questions about board process and stock of concern ruling. How does this affect process. Paul heard there was an action plan coming out in December.

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

Adjourn

Alaska Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals

November 28-December 1, 2023 | Homer, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number	Number	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes

Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.

1	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)		
S	11	0	M Jerry S Dire Q Dire Would restrict salt King fishing the way ADFG did by EO in 2023 to protect Cook Inlet stocks. The committee generally felt this is an appropriate conservation measure .
2	Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i> (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)		
O	0	11	M Jerry S Dire Q Dire Committee felt that Cook Inlet Kings are frequently killed in this fishery and conservation is needed.
3	Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)		
O	1	10	M Jerry S Dire Q Dire Opposed: Proposal is not specific to statistical areas of setnets. Whole inlet is included. This has the potential to shut the whole inlet down if Anchor River or surrounding area fish need to be protected. Support: If setnet fishery is open there are plenty of fish. Opposed: This proposal

- 4 Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)
- O 0 11 M Jerry
S Dire
Q Dire
- Bluff point is an appropriate spot, and is a line of latitude. If you cannot understand a line of latitude you should not be in this water.
- 5 Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round
- S/A 11 0 M Jerry
As S Dire
Amended Q Dire
- Motion to amend to ADFG option 2 per comments by Andrew. Second Paul. Adopted unanimous. Board liked additional beach opportunity, although concerns were expressed about crowding and waste.
- 6 Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery
- S 8 3 M Scott
S Dire
Q Dire
- Opposed: Harvest levels are no different than other areas of AK (Kodiak, PWS) where there are no guideline harvest levels. Also unknowns about upcoming UCI/Kenai action plan. Support: Growing fishery, needs sidboards on it.
- 7 Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24
- No Action
- 8 Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay
- No Action
- 9 Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan
- O 0 11 M Jerry
S Dire
Q
- Not a lot of specifics on numbers. Limit on number of fish per day would affect private anglers who don't fish often but would be an effective way to minimize harvest. Point was raised that many of these are hatchery fish. Committee is in favor of management plan but opposed based on lack of info and unknowns regarding UCI/Kenai action plan that we have no details on.
- 10 Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery
- S 11 0 M Jerry
S Al
Q Dire
- Motion to amend to say clipped fish don't count to annual limit. M Todd S Al. Q Dire . Failed 4-7. Overall, board felt annual limit of 10 was reasonable.
- 11 Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon
- O 2 9 M Jerry
S Dire
Q Dire
- Already looking to limit GHL, this wouldn't help.
- 12 Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla
- No Action
- 13 Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries
- M Jerry
S Dire

Motion to table M. Jerry S Dire Unanimous Consent

14 Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season

O 0 11 M Jerry
S Dire
Q Dire

Uncomfortable liberalizing when most of Cook Inlet has been restricted. Concerned about habitat effects. No reason ADFG can't liberalize by EO as they do now. Broad support was expressed for modifying the season dates.

15 Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River

O 1 10 M Jerry
S Dire
Q Jerry

Opposed: Concerns for natural stocks and habitat. Support: Liked additional opportunity without increasing bag limit.

16 Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery

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18 Modify rockfish bag and possession limits

O 3 8 M Jerry
S Dire
Q Paul

Opposed because low possession limit affects multi day private anglers more than charter boats. Support felt that conservation on rockfish is necessary

19 Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay

S 9 2 M Jerry
S Dire
Q Dire

Like that the possession limit is better for multi day trips than proposal 18.

20 Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits

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22 Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31

23 Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits

24 Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters

25 Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits

26 Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest

27 Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier

28 Change gear group allocation in the *Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan*

29 Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters

30 Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp

31 Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates

32 Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan

- 33 Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area
 - 34 Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan
 - 35 Create a *Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan*
 - 36 Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan
 - 37 Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan
 - 38 Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas
 - 39 Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet
 - 40 Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon
 - 41 Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon
 - 42 Readopt the *Bear Lake Management Plan*
 - 43 Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)
 - 256 Repeal the no bait regulation and allow the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon (5 AAC 67.022). *Formerly ACR #9, accepted at the 2023 work session.*
 - 257 Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. *Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.*
- S 11 0 M Jerry
 S Dire
 Q Dire
 Support bringing AK management in alignment with Federal Management.
- 258 Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. *Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.*
 No Action
- 259 Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. *Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.*
 No Action

Adjournment: 10:15pm M Jerry S Dire

Minutes Recorded By: ___ Todd Smith _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____