

Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

03 February 2024 / 12:00 PM / Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:33pm

Members in Attendance: Chair Donald Standifer Jr., Vice Chair Alex Pfoff, John Standifer, Donald Standifer III, Don Standifer Sr., Terry Jorgensen

Members Absent: Ann Marie Standifer, Ernie Standifer

ADF&G Representatives: Fari Fernandez

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Minutes still need to be submitted and approved. Alex will come up with minutes this time, but proposes we need to fix the issue and have a secretary taking minutes in the future. Discussion on how to approve minutes over email through submission to the chair. Chair brings to a vote about minutes approval - unanimous consent to have Alex draft minutes for this meeting and last and submit to Chair for approval.
2. Donald Standifer Sr. adds to notes that Native Village of Tyonek has approved all of the AC's proposals at their last meeting and we should follow up to get a letter of support.
3. Discussion on participation for upcoming Board of Fish meeting. Terry - we should speak after NDSNA during public testimony.
4. Deadline for proposals to the Board of Game is May 1st.

New Business

5. Discussion on Proposal 211 - with sockeye not being a stock of concern, return gear status to full complement of gear during sockeye directed fishing. Motion to support by Don Sr., 2nd by Terry. Unanimous support.
6. Discussion of Proposal 215 - Terry presents his logic behind this proposal, to target a discrete run of sockeye that are headed up the Beluga River. Discussion of supporting if amended to be different date range, settled on amending to allow 2 additional periods rather than one. Motion to support as amended to 2 periods in place of one made by Alex, 2nd by Don Sr. Unanimous support.

7. Chair gives floor to Alex to discuss drift proposals. Discussion on whether or not the AC wants to submit comments of drift fishery proposals. We feel like the board has done a good job of managing the drift fleet to allow escapement to terminal harvest areas, we would like to see this not change. We no longer catch as many fish that are caught previously by the drift fleet. It is working well, and now is not a good time to change it.
8. Discussion on proposal 126 - Area 2 may not be our area, but these are our fish. Recommended take action on proposals that affect susitna bound fish. Called to vote
9. Discussion on proposal 127 - Called to vote by Alex, 2nd by Don Sr. Unanimous opposition
10. Discussion on proposal 132 - No Action
11. Discussion on proposal 136 - No Action
12. Discussion on proposal 137 - This removes many of our fellow Northern District fisherman's fishing grounds. (Terry) Move to oppose 137, 2nd by Alex. Unanimous opposition.
13. Discussion on proposal 143 - Fear that this will encourage fishermen from other areas to come into our area. Especially with other fisheries closing down. Motion to oppose 143 by Alex, 2nd by Don Sr. Unanimous opposition.
14. Discussion on proposal 43 - Why are we producing so many hatchery pinks? Not productive for the fishery as a whole. Motion by Terry to support proposal 43, 2nd by Alex. Unanimous support.
15. End of proposal discussion/action. Moved conversation to strategy for who we are sending to the meeting. Donnie Jr. (chair) will represent us at the meeting
16. Move to adjourn meeting, unanimous approval.

Action Items

1. See attached document "Action Items February 3rd Meeting"