

Whittier Advisory Committee
Saturday, October 26th, 2024
Anchor Inn & Zoom

I. Call to Order: 1:31pm by Jon van Hyning

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Title
Jon	Van Hyning	Chair
David	Pinquoch	Vice Chair
James	Norris	Secretary
Brett	Wilbanks	
Brett	Roth	
Jody	Mason	
Gordon	Scott	
Brad	Von Wichman	
Darrell	Melancon	ALT
Bruce	Bowman	ALT

Members Present: Jon Van Hyning, David Pinquoch, Jim Norris, Brett Wilbanks, Bret Roth, Jody Mason, Gordon Scott, Bruce Bowman

Members Unexcused: Brad Von Wichman, Darrell Melancon

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Art Nelson, Martin Schuster, Jeremy Botz, Leila Williams, Brittany Blain Roth, Sam Kirby

IV. Guests Present: Chance Nygard, Zeke Brown

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: No report. Jon asked ADFG about lack of salmon in the summer of 2024.
 - b. ADF&G: Jeremy Botz discussed the lack of Salmon, and said everything was normal overall.
 - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: Someone recommended inviting Mark Summerville to the Whittier AC meetings.
- IX. Old Business: Bruce Bowman wanted to discuss the non-commercial Prince William Sound Shrimping fee. It was decided that the Whittier AC should contact Board members to push for the fee.
- X. New Business
 - a. Elections: 3 seats, 2 alternates
Nominations:
 - Chair: David Pinquoch
 - Vice Chair: Brett Wilbanks
 - Secretary: Jim Norris
 - Regular member: Bruce Bowman
 - b. Board of Fish Proposals:1, 14-29, 79-85 and 88
 - c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
 - d. David discussed moving the Whittier AC meeting to Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.. The committee agreed to the change.
 - e. The committee agreed that there should be a work group created to better understand Proposals 1,25 and 26.
 - f. The committee agreed on creating a work group for Sablefish. Leila will be sending out a signup sheet.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: None, at this time.
- XII. Set next meeting date: no date set at this time
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn: 4:30 p.m.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp) Meeting Proposals

December 10-December 16, 2024 | Cordova, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>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.</i>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for Sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries.		
	2	3	2 abstain
14	Close the PWS Walleye Pollock Pelagic trawl fishery		
	5		1 abstain
15	Modify bycatch limits in the PWS pelagic trawl fishery.		
			No action
16	Close the PWS pelagic trawl fishery		
	5		1 abstain
17	Establish observer requirements in the PWS pelagic trawl fishery		
	3	3	The AC would like to amend the proposal too. The commissioner Shall require 100 percent onboard electronic observation or 50 percent physical onboard observers on a vessel during fishing observations.
18	Extend the season dates in the PWS Sable fishery		
	6	0	unanimous
19	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	3		3 abstain
20	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	6		unanimous
21	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
	6		unanimous
22	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound		
	6		unanimous
23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters		
			No vote

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24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound		
	5		1 abstain Gordon would like an amendment to make dates aligne with commercial halibut season.
25	Establish a personal use Sablefish fishery in PWS		
	2	3	2 abstain
26	Establish a PWS groundfish personal use fishery		
	2	3	2 abstain
29	6		Create additional provisions for Yelloweye Rockfish management if amended to say. (a) The purpose of this delegation of authority is to stabilize the harvest of Yelloweye Rockfish in the waters of the PWS area. Yelloweye Rockfish will be managed for long-term sustainability of the stock. If the commissioner determines that the Yelloweye Rockfish sport fishing regulations must be modified to keep the sport fishery within a sustainable harvest level, the commissioner may, by emergency order, require one or more of the following management measures. (1) Modify bag and possession limit for nonresident (2) Implement an annual limit for nonresident (3) Implement a size restriction (4) Implement an annual limit for resident anglers (5) Charter vessel operators and crewmembers may not retain rockfish while clients are on board the vessel. #3 and # 5 have been switched.
79			Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations

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	5		1 abstain Jody made a motion to oppose. David has a written proposal to add to this.
80			Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goals
	6		Jody made a motion to oppose.
81			Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery
	2	2	2 abstained
83			Allow all resident sport anglers to use 2 rods when fishing for salmon.
	6		Jody made a motion to oppose
84			Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining King Salmon and Rockfish while clients are on board the vessel.
	5	1	Jody made a motion to oppose
85			Modify the bag and possession limit for Coho Salmon
	5	1	Jody made a motion to oppose

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jim Norris
Minutes Approved By: David Pinguoch
Date: 11/13/2024