

**Petersburg Advisory Committee**  
**11/27/24 @ 6:30pm**  
**Borough Assembly Chambers**

I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Chair Max Worhatch

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Max Worhatch

Jacob Rasmussen

Bob Martin

Nyle Thomas

Don Spigelmyre

Joel Randrup (online)

Anthony Taiber

David Benitz

Ben Case

Kaleb Baird

Heather Bauscher

Members Absent (Excused):

Megan O'Neil

Ted Sandhofer

Paul Menish

Jerry Dahl

Brandon Ware

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Jeff Rice

Alex Mccarrel

Rhea Ehresman

IV.

V. Guests Present:

Bonnie Bennet

Jeffrey Groenke (online)

- VI. Approval of Agenda  
Approved
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Approved
- VIII. Reports  
None
- IX. Public Comment  
None
- X. Old Business  
No representative was selected for the January BoF meeting in Ketchikan
- XI. New Business  
Consideration of BoF Southeast proposals 192-211  
Statewide BoG #87, 128, 135

Adjourn **8:30pm**

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<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>			
192	Allow pots used in the personal use bottomfish fishery to be longlined		
Support	11	0	Might reduce bycatch over hook longlining, less buoy line in the water to cause problems.

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193	In state waters of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area, allow CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut with mechanical jig and hand troll gear to use a deepwater release mechanism to return rockfish to the ocean		
Support	6	5	
194	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from three and three-fourths inches to three and one-half inches on pots used to take sablefish in the subsistence, commercial, and personal use sablefish fisheries		
Support	11	0	Member Benitz liked more retention for personal use. Spigelmyre concerned about retention of smaller fish with low market value.
195	Change the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict sablefish fishery season opening and closing dates to be concurrent with the federal Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) sablefish fishery season dates		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed to changes that seem targeted to a small group's business plan.
196	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of escape rings in commercial sablefish pots to three and three-eighths inches		
Oppose	0	11	Not convinced there was a need for change
197	Clarify and amend existing regulations regarding subsistence, personal use, and commercial groundfish fisheries in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict and the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict		
Support	11	0	We support extending a reasonable crew opportunity to bring home subsistence bottomfish with pot gear as well as traditional longline gear.
198	Increase the daily bag limit for sablefish in the sport fishery		
Oppose	0	11	The resource is fully exploited and does not need more sport allocation.
199	Add a weather delay provision that would postpone the opening date of the directed demersal shelf rockfish and directed lingcod fisheries if weather forecast meets gale warning or higher criteria in management areas in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area		
Oppose	5	5	Tension between members appreciating the safety motivation of the proposal versus those who feel that an investment in a more seaworthy vessel should pay off once in a while. One member felt that a proposal like this should have come from the fleet rather than ADFG.
200	Adopt a catch reporting requirement for directed lingcod fisheries		
Support	11	0	Should help with management of the fishery

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201	Clarify lingcod bycatch overage requirements in the Southeast District fisheries for longline halibut and salmon troll fisheries		
Support	11	0	
202	Clarify that only one line can be used for dinglebar gear in the lingcod fishery		
Support	10	1	One member questioned why this fishery goes so fast, maybe the stocks need to be reassessed.
203	Establish unguided nonresident lingcod regulations		
Oppose	0	11	Concerns that the unguided industry segment is getting out of hand. Charters are also beneficial to the economy. Unfair allocation to an increasing fleet of rental boats.
204	Allow pots to be longlined in the state waters of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska commercial Pacific cod fishery		
Support	11	0	Longlined pots seem to be a reasonable way to fish Pacific cod and pots reduce bycatch impacts on other important species like halibut and rockfish.
205	Allow personal use retention of Pacific cod and rockfishes, including thornyhead rockfish, in pot gear		
Support	11	0	
206	Reopen yelloweye sport fishery for residents		
Support	11	0	Yelloweye numbers are increasing and should be available to residents
207	Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents		
Oppose	0	11	Too soon to know if there will even be enough opportunity for residents. The non-resident segment that would be interested in these fish is large and growing.
208	Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents		
NA			
209	Establish provisions for a resident priority within emergency order authority for pelagic rockfish		
Support	11	0	Strong support for resident priority access to this food resource
210	Reduce the bag and possession limit for pelagic rockfish in Southeast Alaska		
Support	11	0	
211	Clarify regulations regarding fish ticket documentation of rockfish overages in the groundfish and halibut fisheries. Also, add a demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) overage reporting requirement for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska salmon troll fishery		
Support	11	0	

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<b>BoG</b>	<b>3 Statewide proposals were considered:</b>		
Statewide BOG #87	Unlawful methods...		
Oppose	0	11	The committee does not think there is a problem here that warrants this statewide measure.
Statewide BOG #128	Night vision...		
Support	10	0	Most feel that allowing trappers to better harvest predators will help deer and moose populations. Some concern that overlap with deer season might give cover to illegal night deer hunting.
Statewide BOG #135	10% cap on non-resident big game permits		
Support	11	0	We support preserving more opportunity for residents to draw and participate in these Alaska hunts.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Rasmussen/Martin\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: Max Worhatch

Date: 1/5/25