

Elfin Cove Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 25, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:01 PM

Chair: Patrick Baum

Roll Call:

- Zach Miller - Absent
- Susan Meier
- Hayden Meier
- Hayley Janttie
- Jacques Norvell - Absent
- Shirley Perkins
- Mary Jo Lord-Wild
- Holly Enderle
- Ryland Bell
- Eric Strome
- Charles Peep
- Nicole Pollock
- Nelson Merrell
- Alice Johnson

Quorum: Present

ADFG Attendees:

- Daniel Teske, ADFG Sport Fish, Area Management Biologist
- Jess Ethridge, Assistant to Daniel Teske
- Scott Forbes, Juneau Area Manager for Commercial Fisheries
- Rhea Ehrenmann, ADFG Sitka Area Manager
- Alex McCarrell, ADFG Ground Fishing
- Anne Reynolds Manney, Comm Fish Regional Supervisor

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Ryland Bell motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Nicole Pollock.

Outcome: Motion Approved

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Charles Peep motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Charles Peep.

Outcome: Motion Passed

4. Proposals for Discussion and Vote

Proposal 191: Amend Logbook Requirements for Groundfish Vessels

Discussion: This proposal would amend current logbook regulations for groundfish vessels, adding pot gear to logbook requirements.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** Unanimously Approved (13 Support, 0 Oppose)
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 191.

Proposal 193: Allow Use of Deepwater Release Mechanism for Rockfish in Eastern Gulf of Alaska

Discussion: Concerns were raised about the potential negative impacts of making deepwater release mechanisms a requirement for longliners. ADFG stated that full retention is better for fish and game management.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 1 Support, 10 Oppose, 2 Abstain
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee opposes Proposal 193.

Proposals 151-155 (Various Situk River King Salmon Fisheries Proposals)

Motion: Charles Peep motioned to take no action on Proposals 151-155, seconded by Hayden Meier.

Outcome: Motion Passed

5. New Business

Proposal 14 (by Alaska Outdoor Council): Close the Trawl Fishery if Trawlers Contact the Seabed or Catch Chinook Salmon for Prince William Sound

Discussion: General support for the idea, with some questions about implementation.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** Unanimously Approved (13 Support, 0 Oppose)
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously approves Proposal 14.

Proposal 15 (by Chenega IRA Council): Modify How Bycatch Limits Are Set by ADFG (Poundage Limit vs. Percent of Pollock Harvest)

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** Unanimously Approved (13 Support, 0 Oppose)
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously approves Proposal 15.

Proposal 16 (by Chenega IRA Council): Close the Prince William Sound Pelagic Trawl Fishery

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** Unanimously Approved (13 Support, 0 Oppose)
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously approves Proposal 16.

Proposal 17 (by Chenega IRA Council): Require On-board Electronic Monitoring and Observers on a Portion of Trawlers' Trips

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** Unanimously Approved (13 Support, 0 Oppose)
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously approves Proposal 17.

Proposal 199: Add a Weather Delay for Lingcod and DSR Fishing

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** Unanimously Approved (13 Support, 0 Oppose)
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 199.

Proposal 200: Adapt a Catch Report Requirement for Direct Lingcod Fisheries

Discussion: Questions raised regarding communication requirements for reporting.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** Unanimously Approved (13 Support, 0 Oppose)
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 200.

Proposal 201: Provide Clarity for Lingcod Bycatch Limit for Lingcod and Salmon Fisheries

Motion: Ryland Bell motioned for the Elfin Cove Advisory Committee to unanimously support, seconded by Charles Peep. No objections.

Outcome: Motion Passed. Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 201.

Proposal 202: Clarify That Only One Line Can Be Used for Dinglebar Gear in the Lingcod Fishery

Discussion: Clarification requested regarding if it would mean using only one side of the boat. ADFG clarified it meant one line, period.

Motion: Ryland Bell motioned for the Elfin Cove Advisory Committee to unanimously support Proposal 202.

Outcome: Motion Passed. Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 202.

Proposal 203: Establish Lingcod Unguided Sport Fishing in Southern Southeast Alaska

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 0 Support, 12 Oppose, 0 Abstain
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee opposes Proposal 203.

Proposal 204: Allow Pots to be Longlines in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska for Pacific Cod Fisheries

Discussion: ADFG clarified this was not a management issue but an outdated regulation.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 1 Oppose, 11 Support
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee supports Proposal 204.

Proposal 205: Allow Personal Use Retention of Pacific Cod and Rockfishes (Including Thornyhead Rockfish) in Pot Gear

Discussion: The proposal would ensure consistency in regulations.

Motion: Ryland Bell motioned for the Elfin Cove Advisory Committee to unanimously support Proposal 205.

Outcome: Motion Passed. Elfin Cove Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 205.

Proposal 206: Reopen Yelloweye Sport Fishery for Residents

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 5 Support, 5 Oppose, 2 Abstain
Outcome: No action taken due to a tie vote.

Proposal 207: Establish a Bag and Possession Limit for Demersal Shelf Rockfish (DSR) for Non-Residents

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 10 Oppose, 2 Abstain
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee opposes Proposal 207.

Proposal 208: Establish a Bag and Possession Limit for DSR for Non-Residents

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 10 Oppose, 1 Support, 1 Abstain
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee opposes Proposal 208.

Proposal 209: Modify Regulations for Halibut and Rockfish Fisheries

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 9 Support, 2 Oppose, 1 Abstain
Outcome: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee supports Proposal 209.

Proposal 210: Amend Fisheries Regulations for Halibut and DSR

Roll Call Vote:

- **Result:** 5 Support, 6 Oppose, 1 Abstain
Outcome: Proposal 210 did not pass.

Proposal 211: Develop Proposals for Future Meetings (Formation of Records Committee)

Motion: Ryland Bell motioned for unanimous support to form a Records Committee.

Outcome: Motion Passed. The Records Committee will consist of Haley Janttie, Ryland Bell, Patrick Baum, and Erik Stromee. Alice Johnson motioned to establish the committee, and the motion passed.

6. Set Next Meeting Date

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2024, at 5:00 PM

7. Adjournment

Motion: Charles Peep motioned to adjourn, seconded by Erik Strome.

Outcome: Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes Signed by: Alice Johnson

Date: 11/29/2024