

Minutes

## King Cove Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM | King Cove Harbor House

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- I. Call to Order: 10:10 AM by Grant Newton chair
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Grant Newton, Kenneth Mack, Gary Mack, Herman Samuelson, Warren Wilson  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Bill Sager, Alvin Newman, Henry Mack, Cory Wilson  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
  
List of User Groups Present: Seiners, Gillnetters, Set netters
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- IV. Guests Present: Paul Dushkin, Harlen Newman, Jason Mack
- V. Approval of Agenda: All in favor
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Elections for 3 undesignated seats: Gary Mack nominated-Grant Newton, Alvin Newman, Warren Wilson. Ken Mack 2nd All in favor
  - b. Officer elections: Grant Newton was elected Chair
  - c. Discuss AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/ Chignik Finfish Proposals at the discretion of the AC
  - d. Appoint single member to approve Meeting minutes to accommodate on time comment submission: committee appointed Ken Mack to approve all unapproved meeting minutes
- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Grant Newton was selected Feb 18

X. After over 40 years of restricting Area M for chum and sockeye harvest by:

#1 Reduction in depth of gear effecting efficiency

#2 Creating window closures to allow passage of all fish

#3 Reduced time fishing during season and complete closure of first 10 days

#4 Caps and triggers that halt fishing

#5 Complete closure of areas in fishery deemed high in chums

Coupled with the entire fleets awareness and these voluntary actions to maintain the fishery and conserve chums:

#1 Fleet stand down for 1st day of season

#2 Fleet movement out of areas with high chum catch

#3 Voluntary stand down by seiners when experience chum high abundance

The committee opposes any further restrictive action in Area M with lack of any new evidence that further restrictions will noticeably or scientifically improve the regions of concern for salmon stocks. We are far removed from the areas of stock concern. The committee recognizes that there are other fisheries (trawl, Bristle Bay, in river) that can harvest the concerned stocks. The present and past scientific factors (warming effects on permafrost and zooplankton bloom) are having an effect on salmon sustainability.

The area M salmon fishery has existed in constantly changing form and regulation for over 100 years. During that time the stocks of concern have cycled through their natural ups and downs. We feel as a committee representing the town of King Cove and the surrounding communities that any further action will only cause more duress and hardship at a time when many Alaskan fisheries and communities are fighting to survive.

We support proposals that address changes within our fishery that make it more current for stock management, methods of fishing, conservation of stocks, and general health of our area.

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February 18-24, 2026 | Anchorage, 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>			
106	Amend the current subsistence fishing seasons to increase fishing time		
N/A			
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person's own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
Oppose	5	0	
108	Amend the Chignik Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	5	0	
109	Amend the boundaries of the Chignik Bay District to increase area in the Chignik Bay District		
N/A			
110	Amend the seine specifications to decrease the allowable depth and length		
N/A			
N/A	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to create two new statistical areas in the Western District		
112	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to include area closures and king salmon caps for king salmon conservation		
N/A			
113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section		
Support	5	0	
114	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language		
Support	5	0	
115	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section		

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116	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to decrease commercial salmon fishing time and area to drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
117	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
118	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan Require that Northern Alaska Peninsula Coho commercial fishermen report their steelhead bycatch.		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
119	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
120	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reduce fishing time and area for seine gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
121	Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
122	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
123	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
124	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	

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125	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing		
Support	5	0	
126	Amend regulatory language to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area by incorporating the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District, and include the Volcano Bay, East and West Pavlof Bay Sections in the and So		
Oppose	5	0	
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
Oppose	5	0	
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
Oppose	5	0	
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	5	0	
130	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	5	0	
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Oppose	5	0	
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	5	0	

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134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
138	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
139	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
140	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
141	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
142	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula		
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143	Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
144	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
147	Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
149	Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
150	Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
151	Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
152	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
153	Amend the gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	

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154	Establish a summer herring food and bait fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
188	Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
N/A			
155	Amend dates that bait is allowed and a single-hook is required in the King Salmon and Bear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
156	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Cinder, Meshik, and Black Hills rivers, and North		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
157	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
158	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
159	Prohibit the use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
160	Prohibit use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
161	Adopt an Alaska Peninsula king salmon management plan		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	

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Adjournment: 11:00 AM

Minutes Recorded By: Grant Newton  
 Minutes Approved By: Kenneth Mack  
 Date: January 31, 2026

