

Alaska Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet meeting December 8 – 11, 2013  
Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee comments

The Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee met on October 8<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of discussing BOF LCI proposals. They also met on November 12<sup>th</sup> and took up Prop 74.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** Michael Craig, David Bayes, Tom Hagberg, Dave Lyon, Lee Martin, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, Dennis Wade, Jim Meesis, Gus Van Dyke.

**Members Not Present:** Ty Gates, Joey Allred, Pete Wedin, Tom Young

**Public Present:** Beaver Nelson, Malcolm Milne

**Agency Staff Present:** Jason Herremen (ADF&G), Roger MacCambell (Div. of Parks)

The committee approved Dave Lyon to attend the BOF LCI meeting as their representative.

#	Action Requested	AC Support or Oppose and comments
43	<b>PROPOSAL XX - 5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  This is taking money from other fisheries and giving it to a new fishery.  Moved by Lee, seconded by Michael
44	<b>5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area Pollock Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area Pollock Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area Pollock Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  This is taking money from other fisheries and giving it to a new fishery.  Moved by Michael, seconded by Thomas.
46	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries, as follows:	Support -1, Opposed – 7, Abstain -2.  This amounts to creating a loophole that is not fair to fishermen who play by the rules.  Moved by Michael, seconded by Thomas

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47	<b>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.110. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 0, Opposed – 9, Abstain -2.  Poorly written and poor use of data. Need better science.  Moved by Michael, Seconded by Thomas.
48	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support - 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain - 1  Poorly written and questionable interpretation of data.  Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.
49	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 1, Opposed – 9  Support -1, Opposed – 9  Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.
50	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 6, Opposed – 1, Abstain – 4  We think the mortality data is not correct, but support the concept.  Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.
51	<b>5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain -1  No one does this.  Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.

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52	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Amendment by Michael and seconded by Thomas Including steelhead which are in same genus as our other five species of salmon. Support – 9, Opposed -2 Amended proposal Support – 6, Opposed – 4. Abstain -1
53	<b>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 10, Abstain -1
54	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support -2, Opposed – 2. Abstain – 7  The proposal is not specific enough as to what is a major spawning area. Abstain votes wanted more specific details.  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Thomas
55	<b>5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain -1  Too restrictive and would not allow winter king fishery.  Moved by Michael
56	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain -1  Too restrictive and would not allow winter king fishery.  Moved by Michael
58	<b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Close Anchor River to sport fishing on Wednesdays, as follows:	Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstain -1.  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Michael

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59	<b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Delay reopening Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek to sport fishing by two weeks, as follows:	Support – 3, Opposed – 6, Abstain – 2  ADF&G can use EO's to accomplish the same thing. We favor solution #1.  Moved by Gary and seconded by Michael
60	<b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Modify sport fishing season to allow fishing during November and December on Lower Cook Inlet streams, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Michael
61	<b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Ninilichik River, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposed -0  Moved by Michael and seconded by Marvin
63	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet, as follows:	Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstain -3  Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas
65	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet, as follows:	Support – 10, Abstain -1  Moved by Michael and seconded by David
66	<b>5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.</b> Allow use of archery gear for sport fishing in Cook Inlet salt waters, as follows:	Support – 10, Opposed – 0  Moved by Dave and seconded by Dennis
67	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.</b> Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon sport fishery, as follows:	Correction needed for proposal Delete: Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon sport fishery, as follows:  Support – 11, Opposes – 0  Moved by Michael and seconded by Dennis
68	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.</b> Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Cook Inlet king salmon sport fishery, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 10  Not recommended  Moved by Thomas and seconded by Michael
70	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Modify the date king salmon apply to the annual limit in the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon fishery from April 1 to May 1, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  This would allow fishing for kings when spawninf kings are in the vicinity.

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71	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  There is no correlation between winter kings and kings hat return to spawn in the area.  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Michael
72	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Eliminate the third Saturday in August (late-run coho) from the youth-only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, as follows:	Support 10, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 1  Moved by Michael and seconded by Dennis
73	<b>5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan.</b> Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposition – 0  Moved by Michael and seconded by Lee
74	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one, as follows:	Support 3 – Oppose 6 – Abstain 1  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exploitation of lingcod currently considered low by ADFG</li> <li>○ Habitat and Age distribution considered healthy</li> <li>○ Said that ADFG would oppose this proposition based upon decreased angler access to the resource.</li> </ul>
75	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Change the lingcod sport fishing season to begin on June 1 instead of July 1, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 10  Moved by Michael and seconded by David
77	<b>5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections.</b> Change line and descriptions separating the Port Dick North and South sections in the Outer District, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposed – 0  Logical change.  Moved by Michael and seconded by Lee
78	<b>5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections.</b> Remove the "300 yards offshore" reference, and remove references to regulatory markers and replace with latitude and longitude coordinates for certain waters, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposed – 0  Moved by Dave and seconded by Dennis
82	<b>5 AAC 21.XXX. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs, as follows:	Amendment by Thomas to delete #3 relating to Halibut Cove Lagoon Support 10, Opposed – 0. On amended proposal Support – 9, Abstain – 1.