

St. Lawrence Island AC Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2013
Savoonga IRA

I. Call to Order: Time 3:00 pm (No Chairman)

II. Role Call/Quorum

III. Members Present: 4

Verna Immingan (Savoonga)
Melvin Apassingok (Gambell)
Ronnie Toolie (Savoonga)
Peggy Akeya (Savoonga)

Members Absent: 1

Michael James(Gambell)

Number Needed for Quorum: 3

IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Dorothy Childs

Need more information from Dorothy Childs-Anchorage

Morris Muller-Based out of Unalakleet

Want to join Southern Norton Sound- I'll draft a proposal

Motion to approve the minutes Verna Immingan including the minutes from Dorothy Child's.

Minutes Approved

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett-Boards Support

VII. Guests Present: Alex Andrews-NOAA

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business:

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	215		Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries. No user group ever is to receive 100% of the rights to harvest all of the fish in a single area. No aquaculture association should be allowed to fund their entire operations from a single commercial fishing area thereby excluding the traditional commercial fishing fleet in that area.
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melvin Apassingok: We are concerned about the Southeast and Southwest side of St. Lawrence Island, there are lots of marine mammals over there. We don't want the trawlers to go to that place. • Peggy Akeya: We don't want one person to control fishing all over Alaska. Look at Aleutians and what happened to their fish because of the trawlers. • Melvin Apassingok: Northwest from here that is where they wanted to we are surveying that area for the other commercial fisherman to their fishing in that area what needs to be proposed to not. • Ronnie Toolie: Bottom trawlers 100 miles out. We need to keep trawlers out and keep our island segregated. Trawlers are just wasting. • Carmen: you should work with Art Ivanoff to work on a proposal for trawlers • Melvin Apassingok: We need to support the Northern Kuskokwim because they were having difficulties with fishing. • Ronnie Toolie: Motion to support • Peggy Akeya: Seconded • Motion Carries
BOF	217		Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals. Mandate statewide priority for management of king salmon as follows: Mandate that the Chinook salmon returns be managed AS A PRIORITY to meet the pre-season established goals AND on a yearly basis, STATEWIDE, raise the lower end escapement goals 2 percent for the next 15 years for all rivers to correct the last 25 years of mismanagement.
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvin Apassingok: there should be less sport fishing. Reviews the proposal meaning • Peggy Akeya: Will this benefit all of the fisherman? • Melvin Apassingok: Motion to support increasing Chinook salmon return, there shouldn't be as much sport fishing. • Verna Immingan: Seconded • All Supported • Motion Carries

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BOF	218		Policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries; and 5AAC 39.223. Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals. Establish a sustained escapement threshold (SET) for stocks listed as a yield or management concern as follows: A sustained escapement threshold (SET) shall be established for any stock that is listed as a yield or management concern.
Support	4	0	Discussion: Question about sustained yield Peggy Akeya: Motion to support Seconded: Ronnie Toolie Motion Carries
BOF	225		Policy for the implementation of permit stacking. Develop and require use of statewide policy during consideration of permit stacking proposals as follows: The Board of Fisheries will have to address the issue of permit stacking on a statewide basis and come up with the most appropriate policies and procedures for this issue that meets with CFEC legal requirements.
Support	4	0	Inquires about if permit stacking already occurs Carmen: yes Melvin Apassingok: Motion to support permit stacking Seconded: Ronnie Toolie Motion Carries
BOF	227		Emergency order authority. Provide the department with emergency order (EO) authority to restrict sport proxy fishing when there are conservation concerns.
Oppose	0	4	Melvin Motion: motion to not support the proposal Seconded: Peggy Akeya: fish may go to elders and this proposal would keep that from happening and I don't want to happen. Motion Fails: The AC wishes to not support proposal 227 •
BOF	228		Prohibit the practice of "high grading" by anglers.
Support	4	0	Discussion: Peggy Akeya: I want to stop anglers from high grading and waiting for bigger fish. Ronnie Toolie: Motion to support Melvin Apassingok: Seconded Motion Carries

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BOF	229	Harvest record for finfish with an annual limit.	
Support	4	0	Discussion: Inquiry about who would be affected by this proposal. Marvin Apassingok: Motion to support Peggy Akeya: Seconded Motion Carries
BOF	230	Possession of licenses, stamps and harvest record. If duplicate licenses are issued, ensure that the section for season or annual limits is removed from the duplicate.	
Oppose	0	4	Discussion: Motion to support the proposal All opposed Motion Fails
BOF	232	Use of sport-caught fish as bait. Clarify the use of sport-caught fish as bait.	
Support	4	0	Discussion: Peggy Akeya: Our commercial fisherman and subsistence fisherman use white fish as halibut bait they ship it from Nome or from camp. This is why we want to support this. Motion to support Seconded: Verna Immingan Motion Carries
BOF	233	Freshwater sport fishing. Create an exemption for the use of footgear with felt soles for the disabled or handicapped fisherman.	
Supported as amended	4	0	Peggy Akeya: I want the handicapped and the elders to go out fishing in the waters. Melvin Apassingok: Motion to amend to add a guide requirement for disabled fisherman. Seconded: to support as amended Motion Carries as amended
BOF	234	Sport fishing gear. Ban use of lead weights in fresh and salt waters of Alaska in all sport fisheries.	
Support	4	0	Motion to support Seconded by Peggy Akeya Motion Carries
BOF	235	New Regulation: Possession of licenses, stamps, and harvest record. Establish a mandatory reporting system for sport fisheries statewide.	
Support	4	0	Peggy Akeya: inquires about bringing and trading fish Carmen Daggett: it is sport fishing Peggy Akeya: Motion to approve Seconded: Motion Carries

NPFMC: We want to draft a letter

Peggy Akeya: Motion to support it

Seconded:

All support motion carries

Joint Board Meeting Discussion:

Motion to support being joined with the Southern Norton Sound AC

Seconded:

Motion carries

Motion to table the AC process give presentation before elections.

We want to be combined with Southern Norton Sound AC.

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____