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# ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

## Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues

Anchorage | March 11 -16, 2025

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### On-Time Advisory Committee Comments

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee  
 Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 William Jack Hernandez Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: 6:01PM by Kevin Taylor, Chair

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Present
2	Martin	Weiser	Present
3	Willow	Hetrick	Excused
4	Bryce	Eckroth	Present
5	Neil	DeWitt	Present
6	Matt	Moore	Excused
7	Ernie	Weiss	Present
8	Nicole	Schmitt	Excused
9	Kneeland	Taylor	Present
10	JR	Gates	Present
11	Michelle	Bittner	Excused
12	Ed (Harold)	Horton	Present
13	Scott	Crowther	Present
14	Tom	Vania	Present
15	Lynette	Moreno Hinz	Present
16	Vacant		
17	Vacant		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 – quorum present

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams, Brittany Blaine

IV. Guests Present: Richard Person, Eva Jackson, Kathy King, Alvin Edenshot

V. Approval of Agenda Motion, second, unanimous approval.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Minutes not available at this time

VII. Reports

a. Chair’s report

b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment Richard Person spoke in support of proposal 312 and his recent experience using dipnet to fish in place of set nets in the Upper Subdistrict Eastside Setnet Fishery in the conservation of King salmon. Richard also spoke in support of Proposal 313 to add beach seine as legal gear in same fishery, and described his knowledge of other fishermen recent experiences using beach seines under Commissioners permit. Expense to participate, including cost of required observer is a drawback.

Eva, Kathy and Alvin each expressed interest in AC’s agenda item on Eklutna gaming project.

IX. Old Business - none

X. New Business

- a. Discuss Nomination of AC Member for Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council – Chair will forward application to three members of the AC who have expressed interest, the AC is not making any nominations.
- b. Review Current Board of Fish Proposals 263-315 – see actions below. Motion made and seconded for the AC to adopt all unanimous votes by the Fish Subcommittee (all but Proposals 265 and 266) adopted. Motion and second to reopen Proposal 313. Adopted and discussed. (AC took no action on new BGP Proposal 316)
- c. Review Department Comments for Eklutna Native Village Gaming Facility Project – No action
- d. Call for Proposals for BOG 2025-2026 Cycle – Proposals due May 1 – member Kneeland Taylor provided the AC with 2 proposals he would like the AC to discuss – Chair will put these on the March agenda for discussion.
- e. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed – AC nominated JR Gates to represent AC at upcoming Fortymile Caribou Harvest meeting in Fairbanks February 27-28. Ed Horton is nominated as alternate representative.

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263	Open the Cook Inlet subsistence Dungeness crab fishery		
Oppose	0	11	No biological or abundance data provided. All AK residents qualify for subsistence so there could be more effort than just local residents. Annual limit of 40 crab may be excessive.
264	Allow harvest of Dungeness crab in the Cook Inlet sport Tanner crab fishery		
Oppose	0	11	No data provided. Unknown reporting requirements, or mortality of released crab.
265	Establish season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay		
Support	6	5	Pros: Reasonable proposal, season length & limit. Cons: No data provided, no reporting mechanism. Survey showing number of crab would be helpful.
266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
Support	9	2	Pros: Allowing alternative gear types is reasonable for personal use. Cons: new gear types need definitions. More clarity needed on areas, implications of allowing new gear types.
267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
Support	11	0	Reasonable update since there are infrequent surveys, will allow non-commercial opportunity.
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
Oppose	0	11	No evidence of excess harvest; only one pot is allowed per charter party. Suggest harvest data could be collected from log books.
269	Implement a permit for harvesting razor clams in Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries		
Support	11	0	Requiring permit will result in better data. Maybe report size of clams?
270	Modify the East Cook Inlet Razor Clam Sport and Personal Use Fishery Management Plan		
Support	11	0	Department proposal – support for reasons stated in proposal.
271	Reduce the East side razor clam bag limit		
No Action			See comments/action for Proposal 270
272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15		
No Action			
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No Action			
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No Action			
275			Update Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits
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289	Amend pot limit for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery		
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290	Change season opening date for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery from January 15 to February 20		
No Action			
291	Formalize the closure of Bristol Bay waters east of 163°W. long. to directed Tanner crab fishing		
No Action			
292	Amend Tanner crab landing requirements for Registration Area J		
No Action			
293	Amend season dates for the Kodiak District commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
No Action			
294	Establish 58-foot vessel length limit for Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
Support	11	0	Other state fisheries in this region (salmon, pot cod, tanner crab) all have 58 foot vessel size limit, proposal by local fisherman supports local fleet and gives them better opportunity to compete with vessels from other areas.
295	Amend Dungeness crab season dates for the North Peninsula District of Registration Area J		
No Action			
296	Amend Registration Area J Dungeness crab vessel inspection requirements		
No Action			
297	Amend Dungeness crab pot gear operation requirements for Registration Area J		
No Action			
298	Amend the State-Waters Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement		
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299	Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		

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Oppose	0	11	Not necessary, this shrimp fishery is already being managed and current regulations provide for a sustainable fishery.
300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Oppose	0	11	Our understanding is nearly 60% of the non-commercial harvest occurs in areas closed to commercial fishermen. This proposal is likely to increase conflict between commercial and non-commercial fisheries.
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is unnecessary as the estimated total allowable harvest has been above the 110,000 pound threshold since 2010.
302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose	0	11	Raising the estimated total allowable harvest to a static 150,000 lbs level is unwise, however would eliminate the need for survey data.
303	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose	0	11	Eliminating the estimated total allowable harvest number would be unwise and unsustainable – could lead to fishery crash; however the proposal would allow for a consistently reliable fishery (until the potential crash)
304	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Oppose	0	11	The percentage of egg-bearing shrimp varies, but the percentage by May 1 or April 15 is generally less than 10%. (October survey shows 90% of females are egg-bearing) There is no evidence of a biological concern to support this change.
305	Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear		
Support	11	0	Reasonable proposal will alleviate uncertainty and prevent abuse.
306	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements		
No Action			Reporting is already accomplished through EO and fish tickets.
307	Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal is not necessary.
308	Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery		
No Action			
309	Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery		
No Action			
310	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation		

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Oppose	0	11	The area rotation helps keep commercial and non-commercial fishery competition and conflict to a minimum.
311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
No Action			
312	Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the <i>Kenai River late run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>		
Support	11	0	Probable low turnout for this fishery and large projected sockeye forecast in 2025 will be sustainable for near future. 12-hour daily closure windows allow for reasonable tidal push of fish through area. Allows an opportunity for ESSN fleet to catch surplus sockeye.
313	Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>		
Oppose	4	7	<p>This proposal would require CFEC approval. More testing is needed – a more incremental move allowing limited users in the first few years might be a better approach. Opposing members are supportive of getting the east side set net fleet back to harvesting sockeye headed for the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. We support the ESSN working to find methods to harvest sockeye while not killing kings. The beach seines could be a way to do that but more data is needed to ensure that when kings are actually present, that they aren't scooped up and they can be released. They should continue to operate under a commissioner permit where data can be collected until the regular board cycle for the UCI meeting. With only one year of data from an extremely limited test fishery some members did not think we should be opening the fishery wide open to all Cook Inlet CFEC permit holders. The initial test last summer seems very promising but there should be an incremental increase in effort before opening it wide open. Discussion was had on if a paid observer is needed in the fishery and the cost.</p> <p>Support for the proposal because it is a viable way to catch sockeye and give the local fleet an opportunity to fish without harvesting king salmon. Questions remain regarding how many permits are viable in the fishery and how it will be determined who is eligible for a permit if more fishermen apply for permits than will be allowed. Not all leases have beach access which is required to fish this permit and what the option will be for those fishermen. There will be an investment in new</p>

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			equipment required which may keep some permit holders from fishing. Support for figuring out a way to get a fishery that has been operating for multiple generations a chance to fish again.
314	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon		
Support	11	0	Proposal allows more harvest opportunity if the Naknek River escapement falls behind projected levels. Gives ADFG managers another management tool. Special Harvest Areas have already been established and used in other Rivers in Bristol Bay.
315	Allow CFEC salmon set gillnet permit holders who form a joint venture in the Central Section of the Northwest Kodiak District to operate 25 fathoms additional set gillnet gear		
No Action			

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting – none at this time

XII. Set next meeting date – Next Anchorage AC meeting March 4 at the Hatchery.

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

XV. Adjournment: 7:25PM

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Ernie Weiss \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 02/11/2025 \_\_\_\_\_

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Nimilchik

DATE (of meeting): 2/10/25

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Vanek  
Madeline Thompson, John McCombs,  
Teague Vanek, Gary Dimon, Dave Blomson,  
Doug Blomson, Gary Stachinski

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:  
Joe Simpson, Greg Encelowaki

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO     

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: ~~7:05 P.M.~~  
Nick Fowler - Game

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 P.M.

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10 P.M. Recessed until Feb. 17

Stephen Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary

# Central Peninsula Advisory Committee

## Minutes - February 10, 2025 meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman David Martin at 7:05 PM

A quorum was present.

Arnold Mason talked about his proposal to change the moose season.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as written.
2. Dave Martin gave a report on the BoF meeting of last March.
3. Elections were held for the vacant seats and the seats that were up.  
(See attached election sheets)
4. A presentation by Brian Gabriel on the results of the beach seining that was done on the East Side set net beaches.
5. It was moved and seconded that the Committee support the beach seine proposal 313. Vote was 6 yes and 6 no. Proposal 313 failed.
6. It was moved and seconded that the Committee support the dipnet proposal 312 for the East Side setnets beaches. Vote was 8 yes and 4 no. Proposal 312 passed.
7. Nick Fowler, of the Game Dept., gave a review of the hunting effort and successes for last year's hunts.
8. Meeting adjourned for the night. It will continue Monday Feb. 17 at 7 PM.

Central Peninsula Advisory Committee  
 sign in sheet Feb. 10, 2025

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Central Peninsula Advisory Committee C02

Sign in sheet (Feb. 10th 2025)

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### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 2/18/25

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, Dave Martin,  
Madelaine Thompson, Chris Vanek,  
John McCombe, Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom,  
Gary Jackinsky, Ron Vanek, Lowell,  
Drew Hillward, Gary Diamond

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:  
Cody Blossom  
Gary Encelowski

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES  NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Chris Bottom, AD & FG

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 PM

Stephen Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary

Central Peninsula Advisory Committee 02

Sign in sheet - 2/18/25

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**Central Peninsula Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ninilchik School Library**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	David	Martin	Chair	
2	John	McCombs	Vice Chair	
3	Steve	Vanek, Jr	Secretary	
4	Richard "Greg"	Encelewski		
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6	Teague	Vanek		
7	Dave	Blossom		
8	Madeline	Thompson		
9	Doug M	Blossom, Jr		
10	Gary	Deiman		
11	Gary	Jackinsky		
12	Torvald	Hanson	ALT	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

## IX. Old Business

## X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals
- b. Board of Game Statewide Proposals
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
  - i. Call of Proposals for Board of Game Southcentral 2026 (no date released yet, but generally late April or early May 2025 estimated deadline)

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<i>Tanner</i>			
266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
	12	0	We oppose letting charter vessels harvest Tanner crabs. This is mainly a local Alaskan fishery in a relatively small area.
<i>Razor Clam</i>			
269	Implement a permit for harvesting razor clams in Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries		

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	0	12	This is an unnecessary burden on the people for what we perceive as providing no new information for the management of clams. It would just create more unnecessary bureaucracy.
270	Modify the East Cook Inlet Razor Clam Sport and Personal Use Fishery Management Plan		
	11	1	Support. Supporters agreed with the proposal issue. Our AC, that is from the Ninilchik area, has for decades, because of the enormous number of clambers, tried to get the razor clam bag limit to 15 so they wouldn't be overharvested. We didn't succeed and the clamming has been closed for seven years or so. The opposed doesn't want it opened because doesn't agree with the way they survey.
271	Reduce the East side razor clam bag limit		
	No action		See # 270
<i>Crab</i>			
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	12	0	Passed unanimous. The author of this proposal was present and presented his reasoning and the issue for submitting this proposal. It is not a conservation issue. If sports fishery is open then commercial fishery should also be opened. Leave the split at 40% commercial and 60% sport. Should have a 50 / 50 % split for commercial and sport. Should be a set quota. The commercial fishery has long established markets and need to supply the annually. Many people enjoy buying shrimp from the

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307	Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
308	Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery		
309	Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery		
310	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation		
311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
312	Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>		
313	Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>		
314	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon		
315	Allow CFEC salmon set gillnet permit holders who form a joint venture in the Central Section of the Northwest Kodiak District to operate 25 fathoms additional set gillnet gear		

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Central Peninsula AC

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Board of Fish Comments for Statewide finfish

Please use this format to record the votes and comments of members regarding proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary to spend time on that proposal.

Proposal #      Support    Oppose    Abstain      Summary of Discussion  
 (include minority view)

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
312	8	4		Those in favor agree with the proposal that after a season testing it that this proposal would make it worth <del>while</del> while to some and not impact the kings or any other salmon species. Those opposed said all gillnets should be allowed because they were not a factor because only caught 42 large kings last time they are allow to fish. All where in favor of allowing gillnets.
313	6	6		Those in support said it would be a chance to catch some fish instead of just being closed for no biological reason. All members supported the beach to be opened for set netting by all East side beach fishermen. Count all kings & the king escapement goal would be achieved. Those opposed said most East side beach fishermen would be excluded because of being offshore fishermen and rocky or trash sites not able to be seined. Many thought it is illegal and that gillnets where the only legal gear. The E. side beach closure is punitive and is not about kings, but

to flood the rivers with sockeye for the inriver fisheries at the expense of the commercial fishery. Punitive Allocation.

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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
0	12	No conservation concerns. Unnecessary. We agree with the Department. Would just place an unnecessary burden. No biological reason.	
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
0	12	Same justifications as for Proposal #85	
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
0	12	Already have rules not to harass or herd waterfowl. No biological reason. Would place an unnecessary burden on hunters.	
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issues by the Department of Fish and Game		
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
1	11	Shouldn't add the other area. Leave as it is now.	
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
92	Require sheep hunter to complete an online education course		
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
94	Change the definition for "full-curl" ram		
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		
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97	Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep		
	0	12	Leave as is. Not necessary to expand time of no spot. Also we unanimously opposed proposal #98 0 yes 12 no for the same reasons.
99	Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions		
100	Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit		
101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
102	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
103	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
104	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
105	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
106	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
107	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
108	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
109	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, bow and arrow only		
110	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		

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111	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams		
112	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams		
113	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
114	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
115	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
116	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
117	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
118	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
119	Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D		
120	Change the boundary between Units 25C and D		
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		
	0	12	Unnecessary! The Department already has methods to manage areas within 15C. This would make it the 3 <sup>rd</sup> smallest area in the State for no valid reason. This would eliminate our AC and others from having primary jurisdiction on proposals for the new area. People across the Peninsula use this area extensively and must retain their primary input.
122	Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide		

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123	Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters		
	0	12	Oppose: Shouldn't be for pay. Proxies are for sharing. This would create even more proxy abuse and misuse.
124	Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting		
	0	12	Will create confusion. Leave as is.
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
	1	11	Leave as is.
126	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
	9	3	Yes votes agreed with the department and the proposer. Would be useful especially for calling wolves and coyotes. The no votes didn't want to hunt with night vision goggles because not fair chase and for safety issues.
127	Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide		
128	Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide		
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
	3	8	One abstained and had no comment. Those in oppose said shouldn't be Statewide because it doesn't apply to every area. Those in favor said need to have the proper size gun to take down the game and not wound them.
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
	11	1	Agreed that for taking of moose need a minimum caliber rifle.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		
	2	10	Unnecessary burden on trappers. Leave as is.
132	Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine		
	4	8	Those opposed said leave as is. Those in favor didn't want nonresidents to be allowed to use snowmachines as the proposal states.
133	Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine		
	0	11	One abstained and no comment. Leave as is currently
134	Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows		

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	11	1	This would give residents a better chance of drawing a permit. The opposed didn't think was fair to the guides that would be negatively affected. Plus less revenue to the State.
135	Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents		
136	Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt		
137	Change the drawing hunt permit process		
138	Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox		
139	Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals		
140	Eliminate the evidence of sex requirements for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex		
	0	12	Leave as is. It is no problem leaving a testicle on the hind quarter and is a quick verification of the sex. Quicker than DNA verification. We believe there would be more violations if this would pass..
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
	0	11	One member had to leave the meeting; The intent is good but as written could lead to fraud and loopholes
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
	0	11	Leave as is.
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
	0	11	Leave as is
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
	4	7	Those in favor agree with the proposer. Those opposed thought 60 days was not adequate and that the current six months was. Most mounts take a year or two to get completed even when half the money has been put as a down payment.
145	Add Eurasian Eagle to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		

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146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
	0	11	The listing to the clean list should be scrutinized by the Board and ACs and public not just the Commissioner and ADF&G. That is the checks and balances required by the public. We don't want invasive species to get a toehold and change our ecosystems forever.
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
	0	11	Leave as is. It is working fine.
149	Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
151	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout the Interior and Northeast Alaska		
152	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brow bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
	9	3	This is a confined and limited area that moose don't move out of. This proposal helps to manage the moose population accordingly to the carrying capacity. The no votes didn't want a cow hunt in this area and one is opposed to any cow hunts.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
	11	1	We support this hunt. Many of the people in our area utilize this hunt for getting their winter meat. There are no predators on Kalgin island and without hunting the moose population would quickly exceed the carrying

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			capacity and moose would die from starvation. The no vote is opposed to shooting cows in any hunt.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
	0	12	We opposed this hunt for various reasons. Some members would and have been in favor of this cow hunt when it was just confined to the Homer bench but are definitely not in favor of it with the large expanded area. We believe from our own observations that the cow counts are not accurate and are way off on the high side. Because of the mild winter in 2024/2025 it would be a good time to not have a cow hunt and let the increased moose re-habitat some of the areas that are lacking moose. There is moose browse in some areas that is scarcely utilized. Some members were opposed to cow hunts on the Peninsula but supported the Kalgin Island hunt. One opposed any cow hunts.
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		



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187	Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows		
188	Award DI403 and DI\$04 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters as follows		
189	Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply as follows		
190	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows		
191	Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area as follows		
192	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows		

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:     Steve Vanek    

Minutes Approved By:   David Martin  

Date:   02/18/25

**Copper River/PWS Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**CDFU Building & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair] *C. O. 9m*

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
Trae	Lohse	✓	
Dennis	Zadra	✓	
Kyle	King		✓
Garrett	Collins		✓
Jamie	Foode		
Ardy	Hanson	✓	
Chelsea	Haisman	✓	
Makena	O'Toole	✓	
Brett	Bradford	✓	
Mike	Collins	✓	
<i>Mark</i>	<i>Cloward</i>	✓	
<i>Mila</i>	<i>Burcham</i>	✓	
<i>Chris</i>	<i>Hoffinger</i>	✓	
<i>John</i>	<i>Renner</i>	✓	
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>West</i>	✓	
<i>David</i>	<i>Glatten</i>		✓
Brad	Sapp		✓

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

*Martin Schuster (ADFG), Leila Williams (ADFG), Jeremy Botz (ADFG)*

IV. Guests Present:

*Don Arthur (ADFG), Zeke Brown (CDFU), Kory Blake, Joe Labow*

V. Approval of Agenda

*Motion JR 2nd - Brett*

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

- b. ADF&G
- c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
  - a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals 266-268, 298-311
  - b. Board of Game Statewide Proposals 190 and 192
  - c. Other Fisheries and Game Business as Needed

**Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals**  
 March 11-March 16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline February 25, 2025

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266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
JR-Andy	N/A		
267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
Andy-Bret	N/A		
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
JR-Andy	N/A		
298	Amend the State-Water Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement		
Brett-JR	N/A		
299	Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		
Brett-JR	N/A		
300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Brett-Andy	new motion		Amend contingent on modified language matching SPot
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Dennis-JR	N/A		

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Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals**  
March 11-March 16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline February 25, 2025

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose
Chelsea-JR 302			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level
N/A			
JR-Brett 303			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level
Brett-JR 304			Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
		UNA	
Brett-JR 305			Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear
		UNAIM	
Chelsea-JR 306			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements
		UNA	
JR-brett 307			Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
		UNA	
Ardy-Brett 308			Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery
		UNA	
JR-chelsea 309			Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery
N/A			
Ardy-chelsea 310			Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation
		UNA	
Brett-chelsea 311			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders
		UNA	

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Brett-JR 190			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows
N/A			
192			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows
Chelsea-Brett N/A			

XI. **Select representative(s) for Statewide Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage (March 11-16)**

XII. Set next meeting date: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

JR - Chelsea

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: *[Signature]*  
Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*  
Date: 02-06-2025

## Meeting summary for PWS/Copper River AC Meeting (02/06/2025)

### Quick recap

The advisory committee meeting covered a range of topics including board member updates, proposal discussions, and fishery management plans. They reviewed and voted on various proposals related to crabbing, shrimp fishing, and sheep hunting in different regions, with input from Fish and Game representatives and local experts. The committee also addressed concerns about fish catch reporting and black bear management, and discussed upcoming deadlines and representation for future meetings.

### Next steps

- Modify the fish letter to remove the middle section and focus on requesting the creation of an additional statistical area.
  - Modify the game letter to allow the area manager flexibility in setting the black bear quota rather than specifying 450 bears.
  - Email the modified fish and game letters to the appropriate Fish and Game staff.
  - Add "Board of Game Proposals" to the agenda for the April 1st meeting.
  - Mail out Board of Game proposal books to AC members.
  - Obtain Dave Glasen's address and provide it to Leila for mailing the Board of Game proposal book.
  - Select a representative to attend the statewide Board of Fish meeting from March 11th to 16th.
  - Notify Leila about the selected representative by next week.
  - Release unused rooms from the room block after receiving confirmation about the representative.
  - Prepare for the next meeting on April 1st, unless a different date is agreed upon.
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## **Summary**

### **New Board Member Information and Elections**

Copper and Leila discuss the new board member information and election results. Leila confirms she has received and updated the AC webpage with the new officer roles and board members. They review letters addressing concerns about fish catch reporting and black bear harvest to be sent to relevant authorities. Copper mentions the meeting time has changed to 6 PM and that some members may be late or calling in.

### **Proposal Approvals and Rejections Discussed**

Copper led the meeting, ensuring a quorum was present. The agenda included approval of the previous meeting's minutes, which were still in progress. The main discussion revolved around the approval of proposals, with Martin from the Fish and Game department providing insights. Proposal 266, which aimed to allow additional gear types for crabbing, was rejected due to lack of support. Proposal 267, which sought to modify the non-commercial counter-crab fishery thresholds, was also rejected. The conversation ended with the approval of Proposal 268, which was not specified in the transcript.

### **Scallop Fishery Proposal Discussion**

In the meeting, Copper led a discussion about a proposal to amend the State water weather Van management plan. The proposal aimed to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types, set trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the DMS requirement. Makena and Zeke shared their insights on the scallop fishery, noting that it was open access and had potential for innovation. Martin confirmed the existence of new scallop beds in state waters and the current regulations. The team decided to take no action on the proposal, considering the potential benefits of alternative fishing methods and the current success of the fishery.

### **Shrimp Fishery Management and Quota**

The discussion focuses on the management of the shrimp fishery in Prince William Sound. Zeke explains that the current total allowable harvest (TAH) of 110,000 pounds may not be reached due to low catches in recent seasons, which could lead to the commercial fishery closing while the sport fishery remains open. Martin provides additional context on the survey data, noting a decrease in shrimp abundance since 2021. The group discusses potential changes to the management approach, including splitting the quota between

different areas and improving survey methods to better represent fishing effort and harvest. Martin also mentions that a new model for setting the TAH is being developed to be more responsive to the stock's status.

### **Commercial and Sport Fishery Proposals**

Copper led a discussion on two proposals related to the commercial and sport fishery in Prince William Sound. The first proposal, 300, aimed to modify the fishery management plan, but it was deemed unclear and lacked specific actions. The second proposal, 301, proposed to match the commercial boundaries of sport fishing in the sound. After some confusion about the voting process, Copper moved to approve proposal 301 with comments to match the commercial boundaries of sport fishing. The board agreed to support this proposal with amendments, with the understanding that the amendments would be provided by the CDFU.

### **Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Modifications**

Copper proposed modifying the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan to add language requiring the estimated total allowable harvest for shrimp to be more than 110,000 pounds before a sport or personal use fishery may be opened. Zeke explained that the proposal aimed to address the current spot prawn management plan's closure of the commercial fishery when the total allowable harvest for both commercial and non-commercial fell below 100,000 pounds, but did not have a similar closure requirement for the non-commercial. Donald clarified that below the 110,000 pound threshold, 60% of the harvest would be allocated to the combination of sport and subsistence, and the remaining 40% would be left for rebuilding. Zeke and Copper suggested reducing the pot limit for subsistence use if the shrimp stocks fell below the 110,000 pound threshold. The team decided to take no action on proposal 302, which aimed to delay the shrimp season by two weeks to reduce the harvest of egg-bearing females. They also decided to oppose proposal 304, which aimed to move the shrimp fishery earlier in the spring to avoid overlapping with salmon season.

### **Prince William Sound Shrimp Fishery Proposals**

Copper led the meeting, discussing various proposals related to the Prince William Sound shrimp fishery. Proposal 3.0.4, which aimed to move the season forward, received unanimous opposition. Proposal 3.0.5, which prohibited non-commercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear, also received unanimous opposition.

Proposal 3.0.6, which proposed daily reporting on the commercial fishery, received unanimous support. Proposal 3.0.7, which aimed to align the season start time of the Prince William Sound non-commercial and commercial shrimp fisheries, also received unanimous support. Proposal 3.0.9, which proposed to remove the Prince William Town hot fishing area rotation, received unanimous opposition. Proposal 3.0.10, which aimed to allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound fishery to also operate as tenders, received unanimous support. Zeke and Martin provided insights and justifications for some of the proposals. The conversation ended with a discussion on the practicality of some proposals and their potential impact on the fishery.

### **Sheep Hunt Structure and Concession**

Copper and Leila discussed two proposals related to the resident and non-resident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19 C and the establishment of a guide concession pilot program. They considered the proposals from the Sheep Working Group and the Resident Hunters of Alaska. Copper expressed support for the Sheep Working Group's proposal, while Mike, a resident sheep hunter, supported the Resident Hunters of Alaska's proposal. John and Mike both expressed concerns about the proposals, with John abstaining due to the distance of the issue from their region and Mike expressing uncertainty about the impact of non-resident hunters. Leila provided information about the members of the Sheep Working Group. The team agreed to monitor the situation and consider the proposals further.

### **Sheep Hunting Unit 19C Proposals**

The advisory committee discusses two proposals related to sheep hunting in Unit 19C. They decide to take no action on both proposals 190 and 192, as the area is too far from their region of focus. The committee then reviews draft letters to fish and game staff about creating a new statistical area for fishing near Cape Saint Elias and about black bear management. They discuss potential modifications to the letters and agree to make some changes before sending them. The meeting concludes with a reminder about upcoming Board of Game proposal deadlines and the need to select a representative for the statewide Board of Fish meeting in March.

**Homer Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Building**

I. Call to Order: at 1756 by Acting Chair Tom Hagberg

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Morgan	Jones		X
Thomas	Hagberg	X	
Douglas	Malone	X	
Joey	Allred, Jr.		x
Bob	Nathanson		X
Michael	Craig		X
Tom	Young	X	
Matt	Hakala		X
Dan	Miotke	X	
Andy	Fetterhoff	X	
Dan	Anderson	X	
Dave	Lyon		x
Wesley	Humbyrd	X	
Cory	DeCook	X	
Cory	Loos	X	
George	Matz	X	
Josh	Wickboldt	X	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Danielle Siegert, Holly Dickson, Andrew Pollak, Sara Faris

IV. Guests Present: Lauren Wolford, Mike Devaney, William Roth

V. Approval of Agenda: approved unanimous

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approved unanimous

VII. Public Comment: William Roth brought to AC attention his story of being allegedly wrongfully cited and convicted for moose hunting during the late season ATV closure window. He had driven out a graveled constructed road, parked, and walked out further looking for a moose. When the day's light was done, he returned (on foot) to his

highway vehicle and began heading home for the night. It was at this point that a parked AWT turned on his lights, stopped the hunter, and cited him for violation of the ATV/ motor vehicle closure. He was subsequently found guilty by the court. Upon hearing his story, many AC members were sympathetic and thought that his hunt that evening was in fact legal as described in the regulation, and that there have been more than a few of these “improper citing” incidents. This needs to be addressed with more specific language. Acting chair Hagberg created a committee with himself and William to come up with a proposal to submit for next cycle.

VIII. Reports

- a. Chair’s report
- b. ADF&G
  - i. Mike Booze gave us a handout detailing clam and crab data, and he and staff were available to help understand the adopted proposals.
- c. Others

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Comments for BOG Central/Southwest proposals 1-84: no comment
- b. Comments for BOF Statewide proposals 263-311: see below
- c. Discuss AC generated proposals for 2025-2026 BOF cycle: not addressed
- d. Discuss AC generated proposals for 2025-2026 BOG cycle: Member Doug Malone offered brief synopsis/ideas for 3 proposals for the AC to work on in the next few months: moose season on Kalgin Island, lynx season, and bear opportunity. He will write drafts and send along to members.

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2			Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal
3			Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17
4			Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B
5			Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one
6			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D
7			Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents
8			Clarify that hunting feral reindeer in Unit 10, Umnak Island, is allowed under the current caribou hunting regulations
9			Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9
10			Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting
11			Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents
12			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents
13			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season
14			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents
15			Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E

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16			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents
17			Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents
18			Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts
19			Establish a hunting season and nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10
20			Establish a nonresident bag limit on Arctic fox trapping on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10
21			Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9
22			Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents
23			Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters
24			Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17
25			Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A
26			Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A
27			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
28			Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 17B
29			Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd
30			Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19

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31			Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19
32			Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17
33			Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17
34			Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17
35			Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February
36			Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17
37			Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm and allow the use of firearm from October 10 – May 31 in Unit 17
38			Lengthen the permit dates to access Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary for hunting
39			Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B
40			Change the population objective for moose in Unit 13C
41			Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13C
42			Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.
43			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A
44			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C
45			Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13

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46			Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions
47			Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway
48			Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou
49			Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou
50			Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt
51			Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11
52			Create a new management area around MacColl Ridge in Unit 11, open to resident sheep hunting by registration permit only
53			Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D
54			Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and DS260
55			Divide the goat drawing permit hunt DG720 into three separate permit hunts
56			Establish an archery only registration goat hunt in Units 13D and 11
57			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.
58			Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves
59			Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11.
60			Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11

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61			Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B
62			Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D
63			Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E
64			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
65			Decrease the number of antlerless moose permits for Unit 14A
66			Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Units 14A and 14B
67			Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Unit 16A
68			Change the bag limit of the fall, Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B
69			Shorten the season for the Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B
70			Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B
71			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14B
72			Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16
73			Change the bag limit for sheep in Unit 14A draw hunts to any ram
74			Establish a resident, archery only, sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14A
75			Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
76			Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne

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77			Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B
78			Allow the same day airborne take of wolves in the active, Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
79			Extend the wolf trapping season in Unit 14A
80			Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16
81			Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours
82			Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14.
83			Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 16
84			Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 14A and 14B

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<i>Dungeness</i>			
263	Open the Cook Inlet subsistence Dungeness crab fishery		
264	Allow harvest of Dungeness crab in the Cook Inlet sport Tanner crab fishery		
oppose	4	5	With 2 abstentions. Discussed together with # 265, very similar. See comment below
265	Establish season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay		
oppose	4	5	2 Abstained due to losing the conversation when it went to commercial vs PU fairness. Those in favor have been seeing fair numbers of Dungeness in their Tanner pots and feel that a limited harvest is warranted, especially with a high mortality in winter fishing. Those in opposition felt that it was unfair to allow sport/ PU fishers without allowing a commercial opening for Dungeness.
<i>Tanner</i>			
266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
Tie	5	5	One member abstained the vote. Proposal was offered by ADFG to give more opportunity via switching to an annual abundance survey. Noted that there has not been a survey since 2019, and ADFG has lost the vessel used for that(trawl survey) . Most felt that a survey using pot gear would be less invasive. Those in favor supported moving away from the 3 year average as stated in the proposal and theoretically having better opportunity as a result. Those who voted in opposition were so opposed to any form of trawling that it should not be used as a research method. Note that the AC has expressed unanimous opposition to trawling in general in the current cycle and the past, see comments on PWS finfish this year.
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		

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Support1	6	3	2 abstained due to lack of info. Those in support for prohibiting crabbing from charter vessel pointed to the fact that this is already in the codified (section 5 AAC 77.027), which specifies that fishers must launch and haul their own marked pot. It is not realistic to think that charter customers are handlining pots from 100 fathoms of water, nor are operating the vessel's hydro system given safety concerns and likely running afoul of regulations in other sectors concerning client safety. Enforce the law as it exists. Those in opposition felt that commercial for-profit access should be allowed.
<i>Razor Clam</i>			
269	Implement a permit for harvesting razor clams in Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries		
Support	11	0	Harvest data is good, especially in the razor clam population which, after a precipitous decline a dozen years ago, has shown signs of rebounding (enough for a limited fishery last summer) Need to be careful managing this popular fishery.
270	Modify the East Cook Inlet Razor Clam Sport and Personal Use Fishery Management Plan		
support	11	0	Taken up and discussed along with #271, a similar proposal. Members feel that the clams are rebounding, and it is time to have a conservative season-15 clams and a one month season. Straw poll on month preferred offered no preference. Some suggested an annual limit.
271	Reduce the East side razor clam bag limit		
Support	11	0	
<i>Crab</i>			
272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15		
273	Modify the start of winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1 instead of opening on February 1		
274	Increases the legal size of male red king crab from four and three-quarter inches to five inches and increase size of pot escape mechanisms		
275	Update Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits		
276	Amend longline king pot storage depth from 75 to 100 fathoms or less		

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277			Establish Aleutian Islands state-waters golden king crab fishery
278			Establish pot limit for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery
279			Amend vessel gear sharing and transfer provisions in the rationalized Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery west of 174°W longitude
280			Amend contracting agent performance standards
281			Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications
282			Amend escape mechanism requirements for Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
283			Allow longlining of Bering Sea District commercial snow and Tanner crab pot gear
284			Allow catcher vessels to operate as tenders during the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
285			Repeal and replace the South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy
286			Repeal South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy and replace with size, sex, and season management
287			Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy
288			Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District snow crab harvest strategy
289			Amend pot limit for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery

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290			Change season opening date for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery from January 15 to February 20
291			Formalize the closure of Bristol Bay waters east of 163°W long. to directed Tanner crab fishing
292			Amend Tanner crab landing requirements for Registration Area J
293			Amend season dates for the Kodiak District commercial Dungeness crab fishery
294			Establish 58-foot vessel length limit for Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery
295			Amend Dungeness crab season dates for the North Peninsula District of Registration Area J
296			Amend Registration Area J Dungeness crab vessel inspection requirements
297			Amend Dungeness crab pot gear operation requirements for Registration Area J
298			Amend the State-Water Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement
299			Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan Taken up then tabled to another meeting time.
300			Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan
301			Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan
302			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level
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304			Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
305			Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear
306			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements
307			Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
308			Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery
309			Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery
310			Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation
311			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders

XI. Set next meeting date: January 14 , 2025 at 1800 at KBNERR building

XII. Other: Penelope Haas wanted to talk about sea ducks in the Statewide Board of Game proposals. The AC adopted proposal #86 and heard testimony from the proposer and member Matz about abundance, concerns, ongoing extensive citizen science and steps forward. An amendment was offered to strike the word “immediately” in State of Washington code 220-416-060 language as proposed. The vote on the amendment passed 8-2-1. The vote on the amended proposal passed 9-2-0. This action will be reflected in the official SOA template when the AC takes up Statewide BOG proposals in January or February. It is noted here because it happened on this date.

XIII. Adjourned at 2053

XIV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:    Douglas Malone   

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:    12/11/24

**Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Building**

I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Will Lee	X	
Todd Smith	X	
Andrew Carmichael	X	
Joe Thomas	X	
Dryer Van Dever	X	
Monte Roberts	X	
Scott Miller		X
Al Belnap	<b>X</b>	
Scott Miller (listed twice)	—	—
Jerry	X	
Jon Essert	<b>X</b>	
Karl Dagel	X	
Ronald Petty	X	
Scott Daletas	X	
<i>Greg Herrington</i>		X
<i>Greg Springer</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Lisa Gabriel</i>	X	

III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8\*\*\*\* 7 needed for quorum because Scott Miller and Todd Smith were initially listed twice.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Colton Lipka, Lucas Stump

Guests Present: Various members of public. Robert Begich, Travis Every, Brian Gabriel gave presentation on experimental beach seine.

IV. Approval of Agenda  
 Approved

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VI. Reports

- a. Chair’s report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VII. Public Comment

Brian and Lisa gave a presentation on their experimental beach seine.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Presentation on Commercial Set Seine and Statewide Shellfish Proposals
- b. Current Board of Fish Statewide Proposals
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
312	<p>Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i> <i>Motion Dire Second Jerry Question Monte</i></p> <p><i>Concerns over Coho mortality, extension to August 15th, and the lack of though/public process that went into the dipnet idea.</i></p>		
Oppose	0	11	2 abstentions

<p align="center"><b>Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals</b></p> <p align="center">March 11-March 16, 2025   Anchorage, AK   Comment Deadline February 25, 2025</p>			
<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>		
<b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes</b>
313	<p>Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>  <i>Motion Monte second Dire Question Monte</i></p> <p><i>2 opposed would like to see retention of kings language added (authors stated that it was accidentally left out in the printing and will be fixed by ADFG) and also would like to see more research. Also concerns over possible Coho interception in August.</i></p> <p><i>Overall the committee was supportive of the effort to harvest Sockeye while leaving Kings unharmed.</i></p>		
Support	11	2	
314	<p>Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon</p>		
315	<p>Allow CFEC salmon set gillnet permit holders who form a joint venture in the Central Section of the Northwest Kodiak District to operate 25 fathoms additional set gillnet gear</p>		

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

No one available to go on spring break...

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

**XIV. Adjourn**

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Todd Smith

Minutes Approved By: Will Lee

Date: 02/14/2025

## King Cove Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2025

King Cove Harbor House

1. Call to Order: 2:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Gary Mack

Ken Mack

Corey Wilson

Warren Wilson

Herman Samuelson

Grant Newton\_Chair

Absent: Bill Sager

Alvin Newman

Henry Mack

Harbor Master Charles Mack-present

Ernie Weiss AEB-telephone

3. Election of Members: All recent members of committee with expired seats were nominated for AC seat. Gary Mack/Corey Wilson/Henry Mack/Bill Sager/Ken Mack/Herman Samuelson

Vote 6/0. Yes

4. Business: review props for March 11, 2025 crab meeting

Proposal 285-Harvest Tanner crab in South Peninsula crab area similar to southeast Alaska (Area A)-Support 6/0 Main objective of the proposal is to allow the opportunity to fish stocks outside the core areas in the district that are under utilized because of limited surveys and limited fishing time.

Proposal 286-Harvest Tanner crab in South Peninsula crab area with size, sex, and season management.-Support 6/0 this proposal is an attempt to create a crab fishery in south peninsula that can be managed so there is more than 4 days fishing without jeopardizing stocks. 20 pot limits/10 hour days/weather/cpu rates all factor in to help manage some designated fishing without over harvesting a stock.

Proposal 294-Establish a 58' vessel limit on the dungeness crab fishery in the Alaska Peninsula District.-Support 6/0 This proposal tries to do all of the things that are accomplished throughout the state fisheries that have the 58' limit. The 58' state fishery limits have been long standing and help to regulate the exploitation of the resource and promotes the opportunity for more local involvement.

5. Discuss proposals to address the the Federal and state grey cod harvest share and quota size for Western Gulf Fed and State Area M. Ernie Weiss explained the process for changing state cod fisheries quota when GHL are contingent on Federal fisheries limits. The cod stocks for Area M area move out of Area O state cod fishery. How can our cod fisheries more fairly harvest the cod resource In the combined areas? Proposals for grey cod are due April 10, 2025. Hope to have another meeting prior to deadline.

Adjournment: 2:45 PM

*Kenneth Mark - Vice Chairman*

*Frank Newton - Chair*

**Kodiak Advisory Committee**  
**February 12, 2025**  
**Kodiak ADF&G Office Chiniak Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1:08 pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair
- II. Roll Call  
**Members Present:**
- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Paul Chervenak            | Julie Kavanaugh            |
| Rebecca Skinner           | Oliver Holm                |
| Theresa Peterson          | Rolan Ruoss                |
| Tyler Schmeil             | Alexus Kwachka             |
| Ron Kavanaugh             | Andrew Finke               |
| Wallace Fields            | Duncan Fields              |
| Kevin Adkins              | Coral Chernoff (Alternate) |
| Tollef Monson (Alternate) |                            |
- Absent (Excused):** Patrick O'Donnell  
**Members Absent (Unexcused):** Garmin Squartsoff  
**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 8  
**List of User Groups Present:** Kodiak-Processor, Kodiak-Big Game Guide/Outfitter, Kodiak-Large Boat Crab, Kodiak-Subsistence, Kodiak-Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Kodiak-West Side Salmon Gillnet, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seine, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter, Port Lions Village, Old Harbor Village and Kodiak city residents
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nat Nichols (primary); Mark Stichert (briefly): Natalie Romo-Board support
- IV. Guests Present: 15 Kodiak residents, 1 non resident
- V. Approval of Agenda  
 Discussion to add: Proposal 316, Person to Approve Minutes, Representative at BOF  
 Motion to Approve- Julie Kavanaugh; Second- Ron Kavanaugh  
**Motion passes: 15-0**
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes N/A (minutes previously approved by Chair)
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report None
  - b. Others: None
  - c. Public Comment: None
- VIII. New Business
- a. Election for expired seats; the following were nominated:
    - i. Kodiak, Big Game Guide/Outfitter-Paul Chervenak nominated
    - ii. Kodiak, West Side Salmon Gillnet-Tollef Monson nominated
    - iii. Alternate Seats (x2)-Coral Chernoff & Anitra Winkler nominated
 Motion to approve slate; J. Kavanaugh, second Skinner.  
**Motion passes 15-0**

- b. Election of AC Officers; the following were nominated
    - i. Chair-Paul Chervenak
    - ii. Vice Chair-Julie Kavanaugh
    - iii. Secretary-Rebecca Skinner
- Motion to approve slate of Officers; Rolan Ruoss, second-Tyler Schmeil  
**Motion passes 15-0**

**Note:** Following elections out going-member Wallace Fields steps down-committee has 14 members present; at 3 pm Member Ruoss is excused and committee has 13 members present

- c. Discussion of Statewide Shellfish Proposals (**see table below**)
  - d. Discussion of Proposal 315 (**see table below**)
  - e. Discussion of Proposal 316 (**see table below**)
  - f. Set meeting date for Statewide BOG Proposals (Doodle poll will be conducted)
  - g. Person to Approve Minutes: Motion that Paul Chervenak give final approval for these meeting minutes; J. Kavanaugh, second Skinner
- Motion passes 13-0**

- h. Kodiak AC Representative at next BOF Meeting. Motion that Julie Kavanaugh represent Kodiak AC at the next Statewide Shellfish BOF meeting; Fields, second Kwachka
- Motion passes 13-0**

- IX. Old Business
  - a. Kodiak AC draft Bylaws; will be reviewed and approved at next meeting
- X. Set Date of next meeting (Doodle poll will be conducted)
- XI. Committee Comments
  - a. Discussion about existing statewide EO that will be implemented this year in Kodiak to limit sport king salmon harvest, and request for future discussion on this and how it relates to potential ESA Chinook listing.
- XII. Other- None

Adjourn Time: 5:01 pm Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner / Julie Kavanaugh  
 Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak  
 Date: February 21, 2025

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish Meeting Proposals March 11-16, 2025   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description NOTE: ADFG staff provided overview of each proposal as written comments not finalized.		
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>			
282	Require Tanner crab escapement mechanisms on pots		
<b>Support</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>In favor:</b> The cost of installing escape mechanisms (mesh or rings) is minimal and larger mesh is particularly effective at excluding female Tanner crab.
284	Allow a vessel to simultaneously harvest and tender Tanner crab		
<b>Support as Amended</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Amendment:</b> Add language: Prohibit Catcher/Tender vessels from tendering their own catch for the purposes of satisfying delivery requirements related to switching in-season section registration (passes 15-0) <b>Support:</b> The Kodiak Tanner fishery is a limited entry fishery and the AC is not concerned with increased effort resulting from this proposal. Allowing a vessel to both harvest Tanner crab and act as a tender could potentially reduce costs associated with tendering for other small vessels because additional revenue from broader markets, reduced overhead, and increased efficiency, helps offset the cost of operating the tender. Using a tender on the grounds greatly reduces run time for small boats to transit to the shore-based plant, and allows more efficient fishing operations. Increasing the ability of tenders to deliver Kodiak Tanner crab to other ports (like Dutch Harbor) creates an incentive for Kodiak shore-based plants to pay more competitive prices. Smaller vessels can improve safety by avoiding bad weather & utilizing tender vessels. During high abundance years, there is a lack of tender vessels with proper circulation, and lower abundance years do not supply enough volume an adequate number of large “tender only” vessels. <b>Oppose:</b> This proposal primarily benefits permit holders with larger crab boats who can profit from both harvesting Tanner and tendering for other boats. This could further encourage development of well-capitalized “mosquito fleets” that deliver to larger Catcher/Tender vessels, without really benefiting the rest of the small vessel fleet. Tendering is already allowed and it’s not clear why this proposal is necessary or beneficial.
289	Reduce Tanner pot limit around Kodiak to 20 pots regardless of GHl		
<b>Support</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Support:</b> Streamlining the regulation to allow 20 pots under all levels of GHl is more predictable, and could show benefits from slowing down a relatively fast fishery. Supported by both over- and under-60 foot vessels.

290	Change season date from January 15 to February 20, reducing season to 40-day window		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Oppose:</b> Reducing the season to 40 days does not provide enough time for harvest when considering weather and other uncertainties. Pushing the opening date back to February 20 will greatly conflict with pollock deliveries to Kodiak shore based plants. Harvest is generally slower as the season matures; this could increase overhead, lead to forgone catch if the season closes, and may have biological impacts.
292	Streamline Tanner crab landing requirements for Registration Area J		
<b>Support</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Support:</b> The AC agreed with ADFG comments that at-sea communication has greatly improved, and with modern vessel location monitoring and inseason harvest tracking many Registration Area J Tanner crab landing requirements are no longer needed to effectively manage the fishery. Proposal will streamline the regulation.
293	Change season dates for Kodiak Dungeness crab fishery		
<b>Support as Amended</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<p><b>Amendment:</b> Change season end-date to November 15 instead of November 30 (passes 12-2)</p> <p><b>Support Amendment:</b> Compromise offered to assuage concerns about fall overlap with subsistence/sport</p> <p><b>Oppose Amendment:</b> An earlier season closing date intended to benefit subsistence/sport is not of equal value to a later start date to benefit the commercial fishery. The commercial fishery will benefit from higher quality crab, while subsistence/sport users will have to compete for two additional weeks with commercial fisheries, and some areas around Kodiak have a lot of crab pots on the grounds. It is not clear whether the proposed change will allow reasonable opportunity for subsistence.</p> <p><b>Support Amended Motion:</b> Having a unified start date for the entire Kodiak area is a benefit, and the later start date of June 15 helps alleviate harvest of Dungeness with soft shells. Historically fall commercial harvest has been low, with an average of 2.4% taken through December between 2005-2014. The later start date will benefit subsistence users in early June because other users will no longer have to compete with commercial fishery.</p> <p><b>Oppose Amended Motion:</b> The proposal benefits the commercial sector by alleviating the problem of soft-shell crab, but burdens the subsistence/sport sectors by making them compete with commercial later into the fall. It is not clear why extending the commercial dates from October 31 to November 15 is beneficial.</p>
296	Repeal vessel inspection requirement for Area J Dungeness crab fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Support:</b> AC agreed with ADFG comments that this requirement is no longer necessary to effectively manage the fishery. At-sea communications, vessel location monitoring, and inseason harvest tracking have improved and it is highly unlikely a vessel can fish prior to the season opening without being detected. Additionally, the department has waived Area J commercial Dungeness crab vessel inspections annually for the last 15 years.
297	Expand exemption from prohibition on operating Pacific cod pot gear during the Dungeness crab fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<p><b>Support:</b> There is very little chance that Pacific cod will be caught in Dungeness pot gear, or that Dungeness crab will be caught in Pacific cod pot gear, and there is no conservation concern for either species. There is almost no overlap between these two fisheries currently.</p> <p><b>Oppose:</b> Concern that amending the regulation will create an incentive to participate in both fisheries, particularly federal pot-cod participants moving into an open access state Dungeness fishery.</p>

298	Amend scallop management plan to prohibit dredge gear, allow pot gear, eliminate observer and VMS requirement, impose weekly trip limits of 800 pounds		
<b>Support as Amended</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>Amendment by Substitution:</b> Kodiak AC recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries grant the authority to the Commissioner of Fish and Game to issue a "Commissioner's Permit", when appropriate, for a State Waters scallop fishery.</p> <p><b>Support:</b> While the AC does not support disrupting the ongoing scallop fishery, it does support exploring whether pot gear is an effective way to harvest scallops, particularly for smaller vessels. A Commissioner's Permit would allow these options to be explored, without completely disrupting the existing fishery, particularly given current challenges being experienced across the seafood industry.</p>
309	Change Area J shrimp season dates, including moving start date from June 1 to April 1		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<p><b>Opposed:</b> This fishery has not had any effort for many years and there is no justification for an earlier start date. Increased harvest of egg bearing females could create biological concern.</p>
315	Align joint-venture set gillnet limits with recently passed increased non-joint-venture set gillnet limits		
<b>Support</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>Support:</b> The AC viewed this as a housekeeping proposal to bring the joint-venture set gillnet length limits back into alignment with the [regular] set gillnet limits, which were expanded at the January 2024 Kodiak BOF meeting. At that meeting the BOF approved an additional 25 fathoms for set gillnets, but a corresponding update was not made to the joint-venture regulatory provisions at that time. This proposal makes that correction.</p>
316	Change Kodiak "sac roe" season to "herring" season, extend "herring" season 7 months (move season end date from June 30 to January 31), and reduce food/bait season from 6 months (September 1-February 28) to 36 days (October 26-November 30)		
<b>Support as Amended</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<p><b>Amendment:</b> Amend A-Season end date from January 31 to October 25 (passes 11-2)</p> <p><b>Support:</b> AC supports changing the season end-date to align with RC25 (originally submitted at 2025 SE BOF meeting by Bruce Schactler, Matt Alward and Nathan Rose). Kodiak herring is managed within two limited entry fisheries, a spring sac roe fishery, and a fall food/bait fishery. Most of the herring GHF is in the springtime sac roe fishery, which has no markets, and there is a desire to make more fall herring available for food markets. Expanding the sac roe fishery dates will allow sac roe permit holders to fish in the fall.</p> <p><b>Oppose:</b> The proposed change is presented as a simple season date change, but will result in sac roe permit holders essentially entering the fall food/bait fishery; given the high number of sac roe permit holders this is likely to significantly devalue food/bait limited entry permits. Both fisheries are limited entry and permits have been bought and sold over time. If the goal is to increase flexibility and access to the herring fishery then more time should be taken to develop an alternative that does not simply harm one set of limited entry permit holders in order to benefit the other.</p>

## Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2:00pm | online/teleconference only

Join Online: [Zoom link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 848 9149 5704

### Draft Agenda

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Call to Order: 2:10 am

#### I. Roll Call

##### I. Members Present:

- i. Catie Bursch
- ii. Mitch Seybert
- iii. Kim Rice
- iv. Eddie Clarke
- v. James Christianson
- vi. John Christianson
- vii. Tracey Vrem
- viii. Mike Enright

##### II. Members Absent (Excused):

- i. Mary West
- ii. Brian Cato
- iii. Jordan Dyer

##### III. Members Absent (Unexcused)

- i. Gerald Ohlson

##### IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 (due to vacancies Egegik & Pt. Heiden)

##### V. List of User Groups Present:

- i. Commercial fishing
- ii. Subsistence fishing
- iii. Guided fishing
- iv. Subsistence hunting
- v. Guided hunting

#### II. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Natalie Romo - ADFG Board Supports  
Stacey Vega - ADFG Com Fish Egegik/Ugashik  
Lee Borden - ADFG Bristol Bay area Sportsfish manager  
Greta Hayden-Pless - ADFG  
Sgt. Bump - Alaska State Troopers  
Travis Ellison - Naknek/Kvichak management biologist

III. Guests Present:

- a. Mark McNeley - Nelson Lagoon
- b. Tony Zoch -BBEDC
- c. Bob Murphy - CAMF

IV. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Eddie Clark, Seconded by Catie Bursch. Motion carries

V. Reports

- I. Chair
- II. ADF&G
  - i. Travis Ellison - Here to explain reasoning behind Naknek special harvest area.
- III. Others- No comments
- IV. Public Comment- none

IX. New Business

- I. Statewide BOF proposals at the AC's discretion
  - a. Proposal #314 discussion
    - i. Travis Ellison gave us the back story for Naknek special harvest area. This proposal is supported by the Dept of Fish and Game. Not really an over escapement problem, but special harvest could result in being able to harvest more fish. Proposed area is up the Kvichak in the Graveyard area up to the Alayna. If taken up at Statewide board meeting now, could result in more harvest for 2025.
- II. BOF Bristol Bay call for Proposals
  - a. Jet boat excessive and dangerous speeds
  - b. Deck loads bringing quality down.
  - c. Discussed Cinder River Closed waters
- III. Approval of minutes to meet Statewide BOF comment deadline of February 26th for submission. Motion by Eddie Clark. Seconded by Mike Enright. Motion carries unanimously.
- IV. Miscellaneous business - none

X. Set date of next meeting; TBA. Shooting for first few days of April.

XI. Committee comments - none

**ADJOURN 3:15pm** Motion to adjourn by Eddie Clark, Seconded by Mike Enright. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary; Catie Bursch 2/25/2025  
 President: Mitch Seyber  | \_\_\_\_\_ 2/25/2025



**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes of 01/29/2025**  
**VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chair Game  
Andy Couch  
Hunter Hongslo (Zoom)  
Danny Lewis  
Robert (Bob) Cassell  
Ed Soto  
Neil DeWitt (Zoom)  
Steve Bartelli  
Pete Imhof (Zoom)  
Bruce Privett  
Michelle Heun, Secretary

Members Absent (Excused):

Austin Manelick  
Dom Nickles  
Birch Yuknis

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Casey Dinkel

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Alissa Cole, Fishery Biologist (Homer) (Zoom)  
Martin Schuster, Fishery Biologist (Homer) (Zoom)  
Cory Stantorf, Wildlife Biologist (Anchorage) (Zoom)  
Brittany Blain, Fishery Biologist (Anchorage) (Zoom)  
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Ron Linder (Zoom)

- V. Motion made by Chairman Mansavage to amend the agenda to nominate a committee member to attend the Fortymile Caribou meeting in Fairbanks, February 27-28. Second by Mr. Lewis.
- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of December 18, 2024, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request.)
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report
    - o Chairman Mansavage reported the recent Board of Game Central and Southwest Region meeting in Wasilla had only six members. Newly elected Chairman Fletcher did a good job. Mat Valley AC proposals were, in general, supported. Full curl restrictions stayed in place. Mr. Couch commented on the two large books with public comments on Proposal 75 (Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan). Ms. Heun spoke to Proposal 82, as Amended (Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14). This proposal was a collaboration between the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Wildlife Alliance and passed unanimously.

Mr. Couch told committee members the federal fisheries exclusive economic zone (EEZ) waters in upper Cook Inlet (*inner* limit is coterminous with the coastal states' boundary at 3 nautical miles and in this case 3 miles out below Kalgin Island) is being reviewed. The Matanuska Susitna Borough Wildlife Commission is drafting a letter to NOAA about concerns of lowering allowable catch. There is still opportunity to provide comment, but it will be closing soon.
  - b. ADF&G
    - o None
- VIII. Public Comment
- o No public comment
- IX. Old Business
- a. None
- X. New Business
- a. Review of Statewide Board of Fisheries Proposals and Board of Game Statewide Proposals.
    - o Standing Motions and second on proposals will be done by Mr. Bartelli and second by Mr. Lewis preceding discussion and vote.

- The committee reviewed Board of Fisheries proposals 263, 264, 265, 269, 270, 271, 299, 300, and 305. Proposals 280 and 281 Two were tabled for further discussion. All reviewed proposals will be submitted with minutes to Board Support after the regular meeting of February 12, after committee final review and approval.
- XI. Select representative(s) for Fortymile Caribou Herd meeting in Fairbanks. Mr. Couch made a motion and second by Mr. Bartelli to nominate Chairman Mansavage or Mr. Lewis to attend the meetings on February 27-28, 2025. They will work out who will attend and advise Ms. Williams, Board Support.
- XII. Set next meeting date
- ~~Wednesday, February 12, 2025~~ Revised to Tuesday, February 11, 2025
  - ~~Wednesday, February 19, 2025~~ Revised to Thursday, February 20, 2025
  - Wednesday, February 26, 2025
- XIII. Other
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- XIV. Adjourn at 9:35pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary  
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
Date: 02/20/2025

**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of 02/11/2025  
VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:09pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chair Game  
Michelle Heun, Secretary  
Andy Couch  
Austin Manelick (Zoom)  
Dom Nickles (Zoom)  
Hunter Hongslo  
Danny Lewis  
Ed Soto  
Pete Imhof (Zoom)  
Birch Yuknis (Zoom)  
Bruce Privett

Members Absent (Excused):

Robert (Bob) Cassell  
Neil DeWitt  
Steve Bartelli

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Casey Dinkel

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Dewey Bitler

V. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Mansavage made a Motion to amend the agenda to table Board of Fisheries (BOF) Statewide Proposals 280 and 281 to the next meeting. Second by Mr. Montgomery. CON: There was discussion among members about not agreeing the

department should do what they want, would oppose, and the committee should take them up and vote down. PRO: The issue for observer criteria is something in the procurement world. The proposal is poorly written. The contracting component is stymied by regulation and regulation is driving it. Would like to hear more from the department. There is no observers on trowels in Prince William Sound. Members would like to wait for department comments. Motion to amend the agenda to take up BOF 280 and 281 at next meeting approved.

- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of January 29, 2025, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request.)
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
    - Chairman Mansavage said the east side set-netters would like to make a presentation to the committee at the next meeting, but it would have to be on Thursday, February 20. He asked if anyone would object to moving the meeting date and time to the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. No objections.
  - b. ADF&G
    - None
- VIII. Public Comment
  - No public comment
- IX. Old Business
  - a. BOF Statewide Proposals 280 and 281 (tabled from 01/29/25 regular meeting). Tabled to next meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 6pm.
- X. New Business
  - a. Review of Board of Game (BOG) Statewide Proposals (including ACRs accepted as proposals).
    - Standing Motions and second on BOG proposals will be done by Mr. Couch and Mr. Montgomery.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - Chairman Mansavage will attend the Fortymile Caribou meeting in Fairbanks February 27-28, 2025.
- XII. Set next meeting date
  - Thursday, February 20, 2025, 6:00pm
  - Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 7:00pm

XIII. Other

- Mr. Couch would like the committee to look at the BOF supplemental proposals at the next meeting (76-82).

XIV. Adjourn at 9:41pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary  
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
Date: February 20, 2025

**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes of 02/20/2025**  
**VFW Post #9365, 301 E Lake View Avenue, Wasilla and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:02pm by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
Dan Montgomery, Vice Chair Game  
Michelle Heun, Secretary  
Austin Manelick  
Danny Lewis  
Robert (Bob) Cassell (Zoom)  
Ed Soto  
Neil DeWitt (Zoom)  
Steve Bartelli  
Pete Imhof (Zoom)  
Birch Yuknis  
Bruce Privett

Members Absent (Excused): 3

Andy Couch  
Dom Nickles  
Hunter Hongslo

Members Absent (Unexcused): 1

Casey Dinkel

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Chris Brockman, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer)  
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Dewey Bitler  
Brian and Lisa Gabriel

V. Approval of Agenda

- VI. Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of January 29, 2025, and February 11, 2025, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support. (Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request.)
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report
    - Chairman Mansavage said the committee would need to take up sheep proposals (19C) since many were discussed at a previous meeting and membership has changed.
  - b. ADF&G
    - None
- VIII. Public Comment
- None
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- a. Presentation by Brian and Lisa Gabriel: Set Beach Seines (Commissioner's Permit UCL-2024-01 (Board of Fisheries (BOF) Proposal 313))
    - Brian and Lisa Gabriel were authorized Permit 24-01 from Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lane to test sea beach seines on the east side of the Upper Cook Inlet. They are the authors of Board of Fisheries (BOF) Proposal 313 (formerly Agenda Change Request (ACR) 8 approved unanimously). They partnered with others to combine resources. Another permit was issued (24-02) on Salamatof Beach with two boats, but they were unable to get resources together. Mr. Gabriel explained they have not been able to fish gillnets because of King mortality and alternate methods to be able to release Kings alive were considered. A video was shown to committee members on use of a trailer to manage the seine on the beach and utilized to move to different locations. (The video can be viewed on YouTube as well as on the ADF&G Advisory Committee site.) The tie can be anywhere on the running line depicting a tide line; similar to gillnets, but the net can be moved in and out with the tide (using the tide 4-15 minutes). They hired and payed for observers for the permit to watch for Kings. No Kings were lost and each were measured before they were "rolled" over the cork.
    - Motion was made by Mr. Bartelli to take up BOF (ACR8) Proposal 313. Motion second by Mr. Yuknis. See comments under BOF Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews. Motion to support Proposal 313 is supported 9-3.

- b. BOF Proposals 280 and 281
    - Motion made by Mr. Bartelli to take up BOF Proposals 280 and 281. Motion second by Mr. Yuknis. (See comments under BOF Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
  - c. Current Proposals for Board of Game (BOG) Statewide Meeting in Anchorage
    - Chairman Mansavage suggested Proposal 190 be taken up and Proposals 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, and 110-118 reflect those comments and vote with the exception of taking no action (TNA) on 108. (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
    - Motion made by Mr. Soto to take up Proposal 190. Motion second by Mr. Yuknis. (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
    - Motion made by Mr. Yuknis to take up Proposal 192. Motion second by Mr. Soto. (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
    - Motion made by Mr. Lewis to take up Proposal 126. Motion second by Mr. Manelick. (Discussion on Proposal 127 and 128 similar). (See comments under BOG Statewide Meeting Proposals Reviews.)
  - d. Other Fish and Game Business as Necessary
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date
  - Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 6pm (Take up BOG Proposals 119-144)
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn at 9:34pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary  
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman  
Date: February 24, 2025

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<p><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></p>			
Dungeness			
263	Open the Cook Inlet subsistence Dungeness crab fishery		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p><b>CON:</b> Is only 6 in and a lot more boats. Where is subsistence area? (Department: Jackolof Bay area to Rocky Bay – the outside of the area across from Homer encompasses Seldovia and Port Graham and also off the shore of Tyonek.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> That is certainly an area people get to and use a lot. I would be more conservative. There is a higher opportunity to harvest on a stock that was closed and we don't have much information Feel any different to amend to 6 ½ inch?</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Not crazy about the seasonal limit of 40. There are dozens of boats in the winter, hundreds in the summer. I don't see anything that prevents anyone from going there if not subsistence. (Department: There is a little concern of the August season. It would make more sense to have it later in August.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I am not in support of this. I would like to see discussion at Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting. It is an accessible area and in terms of subsistence it could get carried away.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> There are too many things to be considered. I won't support.</p>
264	Allow harvest of Dungeness crab in the Cook Inlet sport Tanner crab fishery		
SUPPORT, As Amended	12	0	<p><b>PRO:</b> Sport fishery and constituents might be interested in. (Department: Currently, there is no open season for Dungeness yet.) To Department: When I read this it seems just incidentally take to keep one seven inch male.</p>

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			<p>Any conservation concern harvesting one daily? (Department: There is no formal assessment on Dungeness, so nothing formal to address the conservation concern.)</p> <p>(Department: Prince William Sound (PWS) subsistence adopted for emergency order. Surveys were not used for Dungeness; no concerns in Cook Inlet for low bag limit.)</p> <p>Does this include Kachemak Bay? (Department: Yes.)</p> <p>Are there any dock surveys or information gathered from fishermen?</p> <p>I reject another proposed that included both. Is that normal to manage the same way in different waters? Lump Cook Inlet and Resurrection Bay together? (Department: How things are written in one book. They are lumped across those areas.)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> If this were to pass would it provide valuable data to the Department? (Department: It would require a permit so we would get harvest information from that data.)</p> <p>Between Proposals 264 and 265 that would set season dates, are either one favored by the Department? Similar to bag limit and annual limit except the size. (Department: The difference between the two proposals 265 Dungeness would be open; 6 ½ inch is standard on most coasts.)</p> <p>What are the dates on Tanner? (Department: Oct 1 – Feb 28 or close.)</p> <p>6 ½ inch harvest larger males; PWS adopted same; one a day sounds reasonable. I would support 265 over 264.</p> <p>Let's look at 263 – ½ inch smaller – subsistence July 1 to Sept 30. (Department: 263 dates are good for folks that live there.)</p> <p>Molting – is that a concern with subsistence? (Department: Males will molt earlier – females molt later. Generally, a month or two in the summer where they are closed. It's not really very consistent.)</p> <p>263 any biological concern? (Department: No.)</p>

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			<p><b>CON:</b> There are a lot more boats in the summer; not many boats in winter dates.</p> <p>Unwilling to support 263; 264 is a slam dunk. 265 seems like the standard and I would support.</p> <p>264 concerned with seven in number why not make it 6 ½ as well?</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> I propose to make a Motion to Amend Proposal 264 to 6 ½ inches. Motion second.</p> <p>Amendment passes unanimously.</p>
265	Establish season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<p>What area does it cover? (Department: The full area North Gulf Coast, PWS, Cape Fairfield to Kachemak Bay, the entire coastline.)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> One male crab a day, five per year, 6 ½ inches.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> I prefer 265, I believe it is better defined.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I am opposed. Let's wait until there is more crab to have a harvest.</p> <p>It's difficult to authorize more without any information. One crab a day it would not be a decent survey size.</p> <p>They give you a sheet to fill out, people could make comments about the catches.</p> <p>Is it attached to Tanner crab permit? (Department: Up to the area manager.)</p> <p>It would be better if they were not attached. If you had two different licenses you would only loose one.</p>
<i>Tanner</i>			
266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		

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<i>Razor Clam</i>			
269	Implement a permit for harvesting razor clams in Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries		
OPPOSE	5	6	<p><b>1 – Abstain:</b> Not familiar with it enough.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Naturally, inclined to support Department proposals. (Department: This is to have a permit so when it does open again it would provide the Department better data.) What is the reason for closure? Over harvest or biological reasons? Yes, on over harvest.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Certainly, there could have had over harvest. It's been closed for so long and we are getting the adults in the population again. It might be having a start again. Over harvest hasn't been what's keeping it down as there has been no harvest. It hasn't come back up. We get yelled at by the public for voting for more regulation and making the book thicker. This needs to make the reason good. Can't we just count this instead of a new reporting system? (Department: Other proposals to reduce limits. Having the permits in other fisheries is helpful.) (Department: The only thing I would add it would require a permit to participate razor clams. The only way to collect data is the statewide harvest survey.) Is the commercial on the west side still going? (Department: No.) About six years ago I went across the inlet got a 7 ½ inch and they opened up Deep Creek. It got shut down real quick as the clams were small. People were keeping everything they dug up. (Department: When abundance meets threshold it will open.)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> I am in support of a permit for harvesting. I think it would be helpful on the east side. This would provide a more complete picture for the department. The east side has taken a dramatic</p>

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			<p>change. I would not want to over harvest and compound the problem.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Nothing prevents the department for putting a voluntary work sheet to take samples and people would do that for free. They can always ask for that and get information.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I agree with pervious comment making the book thicker.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I am going to oppose. This is a low hanging fruit for the department to do surveys. Walk down and do a survey. Reduce the bag limit and put efforts to open fisheries that have been closed since 1998.</p>
270	Modify the East Cook Inlet Razor Clam Sport and Personal Use Fishery Management Plan		
<b>SUPPORT, As Amended</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>PRO:</b> I think it's a reasonable proposal. It could provide a nice opportunity and longer season. I would ask the department if you have a preference on dates. I would guess if you are trying to provide opportunity for the largest amount of people July would do that.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Early harvest is better when water is cold and less chance of red tide. You have to be careful especially if it gets warm. Is there a biological concern and the amount of people? (Department: May 1 deadline surveys are met.) Took off two months. There is only about a week you can harvest. Only one in July and one in August.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> I make a motion to Amend dates to late May to June time frame for colder temperatures. Motion second.</p> <p>Department said it's hard to meet that time frame to do those surveys. Is there something preventing them for going that early? We can amend to include May but they may not be able to get the survey done.</p> <p>Leave the specific dates up to the BOF. Traditionally, we dug them earlier.</p>

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			<p>Good tide late May.  <b>PRO AMEND:</b> Reject later season. May 15 – end of June.  <b>CON:</b> They got rid of the early season. I am assuming the department thought about that too about the red tide.  <b>Amendment on the floor is to change to May 15 to the end of June.</b>  <b>PRO AMEND:</b> When the water warms up, I follow the logic and don't want them to open the season at a bad time.  <b>CON:</b> I am opposed.  <b>Amendment passes 11 -1.</b>  <b>PRO:</b> Committee did a thorough job on this proposal.</p>
<b>271</b>	<b>Reduce the East side razor clam bag limit</b>		
<b>TNA</b>			See comments Proposal 270.
<i>Crab</i>			
272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15		
273	Modify the start of winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1 instead of opening on February 1		
274	Increases the legal size of male red king crab from four and three-quarter inches to five inches and increase size of pot escape mechanisms		
275	Update Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits		
276	Amend longline king pot storage depth from 75 to 100 fathoms or less		
277	Establish Aleutian Islands state-waters golden king crab fishery		
278	Establish pot limit for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery		

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279	Amend vessel gear sharing and transfer provisions in the rationalized Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery west of 174°W longitude		
<b>280</b>	<b>Amend contracting agent performance standards</b>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<p><b>2 - Abstain</b></p> <p><b>CON:</b> Deleted observers triggered by trawl fish concern. Why are we okay with contractors guided by the state? (Department: This isn't my area, but the trained observers through the department are an expense.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> The department supported contractors. Who is paying the contractors paychecks? Its human nature to have an allegiance to who's writing the paychecks (Department: Vessels pay for observers.)</p> <p>I don't know enough about this.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> I would like it to be considered. I am not positive and don't know what the full effect of this is. BOF should take a look at this. Halibut or black cod are NOAA employees. This is state fishery crab. (Department: This would not change observer coverage in any fisheries just change the ratio of observer's days. It would put observers in federal fisheries, this would give the department more flexibility.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I would say contrary to what the department is saying taking away observer requirement days away. I don't see days the observer program would be in place. Some of the stuff in PWS signify the trawlers in PWS. I am totally opposed to this and ask the BOF to take a serious look at this.</p> <p>To department: Are all contract observers contracted by the state? (Department: Any non-department observers would be paid for through contractors who provide observers with the state procurement officers doing the contracting.)</p>

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			<p>Does this proposal do away with the 65% that supposed to be achieved for observation? Is that off the table?</p> <p><b>CON:</b> We don't have the appropriate information.</p> <p>Motion to table. Second. (Tabled from 01/29/25 regular meeting.)</p> <p><b>Proposal took back up at 02/20/25 meeting.</b> (Board Support was in contact with Bering Sea observers. Some of the feedback is both</p> <p>Proposals 280 and 281 are housekeeping items. There is a lot of contract observers in the region. This would mirror what is already being done. Proposal 281 gets rid of a statistics course and department concurs.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Without department comments I don't know what they want. Even if they keep the 65%, people with more credentialed have more to lose. I like the idea of the credentialing. What is their job? Do they count crab from the boat?</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> We are mixing and matching a lot. Let's not confuse what a contractor is for the department versus the fisherman hiring the contractor. As long as the contractor observers is contracted by the department is equal. Not sure what the 65% is but I am good with it.</p> <p>Finding people who are qualified. Not necessarily state employees, but employees hired by the state.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> The department doesn't have their comments out to debate this proposal or vote on it.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> I intend to support both 280 and 281. Both are department proposals. Proposal 280, as stated by Board Support from written feedback, is a housekeeping measure and this is currently how things are done. Proposal 281 eliminates a statistic course and since there are staff to do that data collection it doesn't seem necessary to have the person on the boat who is counting be required to have it as part of their qualifications.</p>
281	Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications		

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<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<p><b>2 - Abstain</b> See comments Proposal 280.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> The observer trainee program. They are training. The department is making the proposal so they may have a bigger pool to draw from.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Is the observer is there to look for anything that is statistic?</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> This takes the data set and rolls the statistical data back to the biologist.</p>
282			Amend escape mechanism requirements for Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
283			Allow longlining of Bering Sea District commercial snow and Tanner crab pot gear
284			Allow catcher vessels to operate as tenders during the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
285			Repeal and replace the South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy
286			Repeal South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy and replace with size, sex, and season management
287			Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy
288			Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District snow crab harvest strategy
289			Amend pot limit for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery

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290			Change season opening date for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery from January 15 to February 20
291			Formalize the closure of Bristol Bay waters east of 163°W long. to directed Tanner crab fishing
292			Amend Tanner crab landing requirements for Registration Area J
293			Amend season dates for the Kodiak District commercial Dungeness crab fishery
294			Establish 58-foot vessel length limit for Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery
295			Amend Dungeness crab season dates for the North Peninsula District of Registration Area J
296			Amend Registration Area J Dungeness crab vessel inspection requirements
297			Amend Dungeness crab pot gear operation requirements for Registration Area J
298			Amend the State-Water Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement
299			Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan

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OPPOSE	0	12	<p><b>CON:</b> I do like the idea of cornering the board to come up with a solid plan.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Concur with previous comment. (Department: Have commercial and non-commercial in the Sound. Pretty extensive plans. For the commercial fishery total allowable limit, pot limits, and reporting requirements in regulation.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I don't think the rules are vague. It's very clear on the sport side. (Department: All allocative. We are neutral. We adjust the pot limits on what harvest levels are each year.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Is there conservation concern with shrimp in PWS? (Department: We do have a department shrimp survey each October. There has been in a period of high productivity. The survey estimate has gone down, but we are seeing indications that population is less productive. There has been decline in productivity.)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> I started with five pots and now down to two pots. There are pots out there everywhere. I think a management plan is worth it. At some point there will end up being no season.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I am opposed. They are giving 60% to personal use. The department can raise or lower on the commercial.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> The department say they have a solid management plan, but the numbers are down. Force the board to review the plan and see if there is a gap.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> They are managing reactively. (Department: Yes, we do have a management plan. It is very clear on the non-commercial side. Haven't restricted the season, but restricted the pot limits.)</p>

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			<p>The management plan is allocative between user groups. There is commercial in this. I am not involved in the shrimp fishery, so if we wanted to advocate to this is a member willing to represent the advisory committee to ask for specific changes we would advocate for?</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I pull back some of my comments. I am still not happy with two pots. Will not support.</p>
<b>300</b>	<b>Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan</b>		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>CON:</b> I am inclined to oppose this. Does it take away from what the sport should be? This would add complication how the plan would be managed non-commercial. (Department: We would be tied to the areas. There are three areas defined for commercial however; on the east side the way this is written you wouldn't be able to harvest. In theory it would close a good portion of the sound to non-commercial.)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I would be inclined to take it up and be opposed. It sounds to be non-commercial, and if you don't have the harvest opportunity you aren't going to travel a long ways for that opportunity.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I would oppose.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> In 2009 when we brought this in the small boats can only run so far; the upper end of the Sound is where we are catching the shrimp. The smaller boats will not go to the other side. I oppose.</p>
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
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304	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
<b>305</b>	<b>Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear</b>		
<b>SUPPORT, As Amended</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>PRO:</b> I would like to be able to have additional pots on board. Fish your two pots you get to use, and if something happens you have the extra to use.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> I have personal knowledge of a vessel that had 25 pots. They could two out and then continue to put pots out without saying they had any additional gear. This would keep people from deploying pots illegally.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Cases of abuse with big boats are much more extreme than cases of abuse with sport boats.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> If you had multiple pots on the boat you could have potential for abuse. How enforceable is it? You can't board a boat to know how many pots are deployed.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Totally understaffed on enforcement. I support this. This could easily be amended to make this work for both groups such as having one or two extra pots. Trying to get rid of this excessive pot issue.</p> <p>Is the permit for a person or vessel? Per vessel Permits for the person, pots marked for the vessel. Two extra pots no matter what. Regulation is five pots but restricted down to two pots. Beyond a certain point you can carry three pots, but fish only two.</p>

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			Thought for an amendment to allow no more than two additional pots on a vessel. <b>Motion made for an amendment to allow no more than two additional pots on a vessel. Motion seconded.</b> <b>CON AMEND:</b> Opposed. I think half 50% at only one. <b>PRO AMEND:</b> This gives the board the ability to look at two pots. They can go to one if they want, but two additional pots seems to be what the AC prefers. <b>Amendment passes 11-1.</b>
306			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements
307			Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
308			Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery
309			Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery
310			Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation
311			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders
312			Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>

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313	Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>		
SUPPORT	9	3	<p>Full video and committee discussion can be viewed from this link starting at approximately 20:15:  <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/iAcbRrIbT1owrwDrKHh3kiQ1YiK4hiWONxiMFAM5W8Y13yuG-Vrq9pSAjLMgfehk.IFznAwZYbmv9o8vX?startTime=1740105994000">https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/iAcbRrIbT1owrwDrKHh3kiQ1YiK4hiWONxiMFAM5W8Y13yuG-Vrq9pSAjLMgfehk.IFznAwZYbmv9o8vX?startTime=1740105994000</a></p> <p>You are pulling the corks out, the nets are billowing; is this pulling the lead line? (Author: The leads and corks come together. As the net is brought toward the beach Kings are observed and rolled over the cork to be released in deep water.)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> They seine in the Puget Sound.</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Do you need that many people and that much equipment? (Author: We didn't know. We didn't want to fail and not kill a single King. We feel as an alternative gear type we can go to our site and use this process.)</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> At a 600 foot net; you can maintain everyone on their own leases. It's important to maintain-stay on your lease and still maintain a 600 foot separation. (Author: 600 foot was to unmanageable then went to a 420.)</p> <p>The following questions were read by a committee member to the author during discussion and full responses can be heard on the recorded meeting link above.</p> <p>1. Why were we not putting trackers on released Kings? How are you going to convince the general public that we are not killing Kings and hiding them from the harvest ticket, as in the past? Not only are we extremely worried about Kings, but as you know our</p>

# Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

March 11-March 16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline February 25, 2025

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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			<p>Silvers are tanking, and the release mortality on Silvers is extremely high.</p> <p>2. How will you handle a year like 2020 when the river was flooded with Pinks in early August? I would assume the seine net will be plugged with many Pinks rolled up with that one King. Do you think that might be an issue?</p> <p>3. If you believe there will be close to 40 potential seine netters on a high note how many times will that King be caught and released? Another good reason to track released Kings.</p> <p>4. If by chance we saw the SEG met at 13,500 Kings would you jump right back to gill netting?</p> <p>5. How far do Kings have to go down in numbers before we say enough? Last year we got 6,630 past the counter. It's not looking very promising for the near future. We are already at a stock of concern. What number do we call them an ESA endangered species?</p> <p>Comment by member was a concern the Kings don't lay in the net too long. Addressing a time concern should be part of the BOF discussion.</p>
314	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon		
315	Allow CFEC salmon set gillnet permit holders who form a joint venture in the Central Section of the Northwest Kodiak District to operate 25 fathoms additional set gillnet gear		

## Naknek/ Kvichak Advisory Committee

Monday, February 24th, 2025 at 7:00pm | Bristol Bay Borough, 1 Main St, Naknek, Ak 99633  
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 885 0819 2033

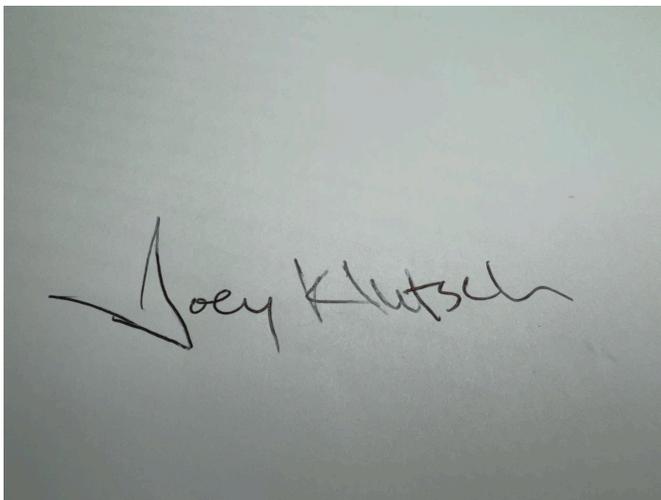
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- I. Call to Order: 7:13
  
- II. Roll Call
  - I. Members Present: Marc Watson, Patricia Edel, Joey Klutsch, Richard Wilson, John Wise, Laura Zimin, Mason King, George Wilson Jr, Ralph Zimin
  - II. Members Absent (Excused): 0
  - III. Members Absent (Unexcused): 0
  - IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9
  - V. List of User Groups Present: None
  
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Travis Eilison Comm fish, Lee Borden sport fish, Trooper Sgt Dave Bump and Natalie Romo board support
  
- IV. Guests Present: Nanci and Heath Lyon, Alina Fairbanks Silverbay seafoods, Dave Beninger OBI seafoods, Nelson Lagoon AC chair,
  
- V. Approval of Agenda Richard Wilson motion to approve agenda, 2nd by Marc Watson. Pass 9-0
  
- VI. Reports
  - I. Chair None as it's my first meeting
  - II. ADF&G Travis stated the department put language into proposal 314 as it was written in general terms and was missing a lot of information. Standing by for questions.
  - III. Public Comment
  
- IX. New Business
  - I. BOF Proposal 314 and Statewide proposals at the committee's discretion. We had a lot of discussion on allocation to kvichak special harvest area with good input from members, Moving the egegik line into the 110 line if kvichak special harvest area is implemented. A lot of concerns about King's incidental catch in the special harvest area as many noticed when commercial fisherman went into naknek river it had an immediate impact on fish moving up river. We made two amendments to this proposal with a lot of discussion. 1st was changing the drift to set net gear openings to a 1-1 ratio with set net having the first opener passed 9-0. 2nd was that all seaward set net gear is to be removed at the end of each period. passed 8-1
  - II. Bristol Bay Finfish Call for Proposals: Deadline April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - III. Richard Wilson brought before the naknek/kvichak AC for board support in co-authoring it as a local proposal. The motion was to adopt a proposal affecting

- Alaska administrative code number: 5 AAC 06.320 © (1) (2) to change the regulatory period date of July 17th to July 22nd. This will help management with reaching optimum escapement goals along with regulation 5aac. 06.331 Gillnet specifications for protection of our king salmon in season and later king runs . This proposal will also affect 5AAC 06.370 (b) This proposal will affect district registrations and deregistrations end date from July 17 to July 22nd. Also proposal 5AAC 06.364 this plan end date from July 17th to July 22nd.
- IV. A member wanted to see if anyone was interested in putting a few proposals together that impacts sport fishing on the naknek king salmon runs and rainbow populations. Ideas of barbless hooks, to closures of areas in both river systems that sport fish utilizes and commercial fisherman getting a few closures in season to help the king salmon stock.
  - V. Approval of minutes before BOF comment deadline of February 26<sup>th</sup> Joey Klutsch will approve minutes to be submitted to state fin fish meeting in anchorage
  - VI. Miscellaneous business None
  
  - X. Set date of next meeting April 1
  - XI. Committee comments
  - XII. Other

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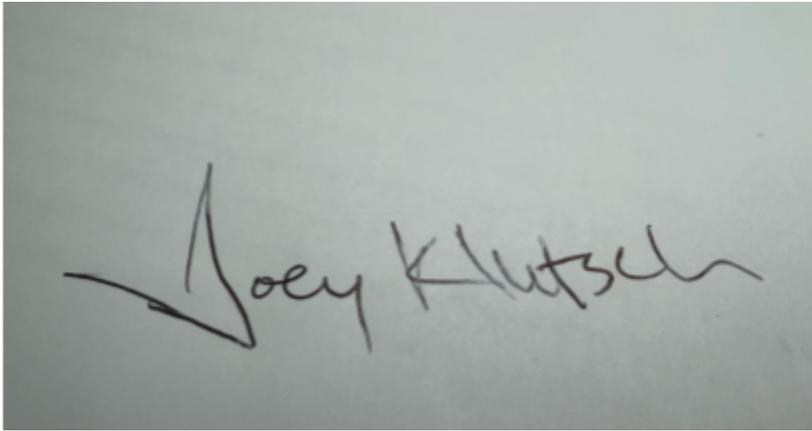
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**Joey Klutsch**  
**Board Co-Chair**



Alaska Board of Fish: Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues March 11-17, 2025   Anchorage, AK			
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Joey Klutsch  
Board co-chair

## Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024

Location: UAF Nagozruk Room

Call to Order- 1:10pm

## Roll Call

1. Charlie Lean- present
2. Brandon Ahmasuk- Absent, Sick
3. Jacob Mannix- Present
4. Andrew McCann- Present
5. Kevin Knowlton- Present
6. Louis Stang- Present
7. Henry Olanna Jr- Present Late @ 1:40pm
8. Jack Fagerstrom- absent
9. Johnson Eningowuk- Present
10. Clifford Seetok- absent
11. Davis Lincoln- Present, phone
12. Tom Gray- present
13. Patrick Knodel- absent, travel
14. Tommy Obruk- absent- unexcused---Sam?
15. Luis Brizuela- absent

Quorum- 8

**ADF&G Staff**

Helen Cold- ADF&G Subsistence  
 Art Nelson- ADF&G Boards Support  
 Shawna Carpovich- ADF&G Research Coordinator  
 Marianna Mallory- Subsistence  
 Sam Kirby- Regulatory Program Assistant  
 Alex Hansen- Wildlife Biologist, Kotzebue  
 Sara Henslee- Area Biologist Unit 22  
 Alicia Carson- Assistant AB Unit 22  
 Quanit Ali- Wildlife Researcher  
 Kevin Clark- Area Manager, Comm Fish  
 Ethan Kelso- Fishery Biologist, Comm Fish

**Members of the Public**

Jeffrey Groenke- Stevens Village, Zoom  
 Austen Ahmasuk  
 Anna Lionas- Nome Nugget  
 John Wade- NSEDC

Kevin Knowlton made a motion to approve the agenda

Second by Drew McCann

Discussion: The AC held discussion on the agenda primarily focused on the wording in the agenda of electing members from the regional villages. AC members Gray and Knowlton expressed that the normal process for the AC is to accept nominations from the villages rather than hold elections. Knowlton and Gray emphasized their concerns that the AC shouldn't have the power to essentially choose who can represent the village and potentially make it a Nome centric AC.

Knowlton specifically stated that whomever the community wants as their AC representative, that person should be seated. It should not be up to AC members to deny a community their right to choose who they want on the AC. Chair Lean suggested a language change from election to “seat” the members from the communities to the AC.

AC supported the language change unanimously and the agenda was approved.

### **Elections**

Johnson Eningowuk was nominated by the village of Shishmaref and the AC members supported his re-seating unanimously.

8 Support, no opposition

Seats for Elim, and Teller did not receive any nominations from villages. Those seats remain vacant.

### **Commercial Fishing Reports**

Ethan Kelson gave a summary of the 2024 commercial crab fishery. 471,200 lbs of crab harvested. 97.6% of the Guideline Harvest Level with a Catch Per Unit Effort of 40. Fish and Game expects that the 2025 season will have a comparable harvest rate. They expect the 2025 season to have a Guideline Harvest Level around 430,000 lbs with an Over Fishing Limit of 630,000 lbs.

Kevin Clark reiterated that we are fishing on the same cohort of crab that have been fished for the last two years. Most of the crab this last season were new shell crab, suggesting there will be good numbers for 2025 but that next year they expect to see more old shell crab.

AC members and fish and game briefly discussed disease in crab, AC Member Mannix stated that some crab caught during the winter subsistence crab fishery had “cottage cheese” disease. Fish and Game staff were not seeing signs of disease or parasites during the summer fishery.

AC member Tom Gray and Kevin Clark discussed how the Guideline Harvest Limit, Allowable Biological Catch and Over Fishing Limits were set. GHL is set to allow a buffer between the GHL and the ABC, the ABC is set 30% less than the OFL.

AC member Gray also had questions about where the majority of the harvest is coming from in the region and if Fish and Game uses that information to manage or manages the resource as a whole. He stated concerns of over fishing by larger boats from outside the region as well as concentrated harvest by regional fishing boats and the impact to subsistence. There was concern about the three crab crashes in the last 40 years and that Fish and Game needs to manage properly to avoid more crashes.

Kevin Clark- Fish and Game manages the crab as a single population. It’s an open access fishery.

Chair Lean summarized the history of the commercial fishery and some of the management actions that have been taken to avoid crashes. A 40 pot limit and the fishery was turned into a super exclusive fishery. They wanted to avoid catching all the mature crab as soon as they matured. The legal options for putting limitations on the fishery are few. It’s important to remember that crab don’t recruit every year, we haven’t had recruitment in this fishery for about 4 years.

Kevin Clark responded by saying that recent functional maturity studies have shown that our legal size crab have been able to spawn 3, maybe even 4 times before becoming legal size. He also responded a question from AC member Drew McCann on how long the 30% OFL buffer has been in place, since 2019 with an increase to 40% in 2020.

### **Finfish Report**

Kevin Clark led the finfish summary. Coho numbers were more inline with historical numbers, there were also no marine water gill net fisheries in District 6 beginning July 1. There was no directed pink fishery this summer. Subsistence needs appeared to have been met in District 5 and 6, but subsistence in Nome appeared to be lower primarily because of low pink salmon returns. District 2 was managed more conservatively based on lower subsistence catch and concerns raised by subsistence users in White Mountain over limited subsistence opportunity. The Pilgrim River rebounded and had good sockeye returns allowing for the limits on subsistence sockeye to be removed.

The plan going forward is to manage for King Salmon conservation in Southern Norton Sound and allow for in river subsistence fishing. He is not anticipating restrictions on the Sinuk River, and looking to open subsistence fishing on the Pilgrim River at the 25 fish limit. If there were restrictions in Port Clarence they would be windows of restriction with windows of openings to allow escapement up the Pilgrim River.

AC members Drew McCann and Tom Gray both raised concerns about coho returns over the last several years. There were also concerns about the effectiveness of counting projects in the region and limited subsistence fishing.

Chair Lean brought up that the return of sockeye in the Pilgrim River was not necessarily a surprise but that after this next year there will likely be very poor returns as there was no brood stock to return.

AC Member Henry Olanna present at 1:40pm

### **Proposals**

#### **Proposal 272- Shellfish. Modify the start of the commercial crab fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15th in the Norton Sound Region.**

Kevin Knowlton- Motion to Support

Drew McCann- Second

Discussion: Chair Lean stated that the proposal was written by a commercial fisherman and was written to address low meat fill issues with the earlier season opening date. The proposal could be problematic for commercial fishers in Southern Norton Sound as it would likely require them to travel farther and spend more money on fuel to catch crab. The Southern Norton Sound AC in their meeting had suggested a potential compromise date to the proposal.

AC members briefly discussed whether there could be a conservation aspect to the proposal if better meat fill meant fewer crab were caught, but the effects were thought to be minimal.

The Southern Norton Sound AC was not present to comment.

Kevin Clark said that the department's position had not been finalized but there was potentially an allocative aspect to the proposal because the one buyer can decide to start buying whenever they want but a catcher-seller permittee could sell outside of the processing plants buying timeframe.

### **Motion Passed**

**7 in favor**  
**2 opposed**

Since Henry Olanna was now present Kevin Knowlton made a motion to reseal Henry Olanna to the Brevig Mission seat.

Seconded by Drew McCann

Unanimous Support to reseal Henry Olanna to the Brevig Mission seat.

**Proposal 273- Shellfish. Modify the start of the winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1st.**

Kevin Knowlton- Motion to support

Drew McCann- Second

Discussion: Chair Lean stated that the concern is that during poor ice condition years the stable ice edge gets crowded with pots and people begin to leap frog out onto bad ice to attempt to catch more crab. The cost of a lost pot can be easily made up for by catching more crab on bad ice. The effects of lost pots and ghost fishing is not well known but likely detrimental to the crab population. The intent of the proposal is to allow for an emergency order to close the season to bad ice. Southern Norton Sound supported the proposal.

There was additional discussion from AC member Knowlton on how a standard would be created to determine whether the ice conditions warranted closing or opening. AC member Gray also stated that fishers could still set pots on thin ice, especially because it's easier to cut a hole and that the biggest protection of the fishery is pot limits.

Kevin Clark stated that there would need to be a definition and set conditions so that it wouldn't just be his interpretation of the conditions. This would likely be undertaken by the Board of Fish. On pot loss, the current regulation for the winter fishery allows for 20 pots tags and no more.

Chair Lean stated that there is already precedent for managing a fishery based on ice conditions. Crab fisheries in the Pribilofs were closed as sea ice moved down. You could also make the decision on ice conditions based on the ice edge vs. bathymetry line to determine stable ice, as well as the condition of the ice edge.

**Motion Passed**

**8 in favor**  
**1 opposed**

**Proposal 274- Shellfish. Increase the legal size for king crab in the Norton Sound Commercial Fishery from 4- and three-quarter inches to 5 inches and increase the size pot escape mechanisms.**

Jacob Mannix- Motion to support

Tom Gray- Second

Discussion: Chair Lean gave a summary the proposal stating the intent was to get the legal size in line with the marketable size. The current regulations of 4.75" create a harvestable biomass estimate that includes less desirable, not marketable crab. Which in turn contributes to significant handling and additional mortality. By having the legal size in line with marketable size a better estimate of the harvestable biomass of crab is given rather than a biomass that includes less desirable crab. This in turn will reduce handling mortality.

Limited additional discussion on increased winter handling mortality and whether there has been any comments received by the AC from catcher seller permits.

Chair Lean also discussed whether the Board of Fish would require an increase in pot escape mechanisms if the legal size limit were to be increased.

**Motion Passes- unanimous**

**9 in favor**

**0 Opposed**

**Recess at 2:48pm**

**Meeting Back in Order at 3:00pm**

**ADF&G Wildlife Report**

**Moose:** Sara Henslee gave the wildlife report starting with Moose in Unit 22C. The bull cow ratio in 22C is 28 bulls to 100 cows. The quota for the fall 2024 season was 25 and there was a harvest of 40. All other harvest levels were close to the quotas. 22B west quota 26, harvest 26. 22D Kuzi Quota 27, Harvest 33. 22D Remainder Quota 17, harvest 19. 22B west will have a winter quota of 14 moose. The 22C harvest was high but likely able to be absorbed by the population this year. That likely won't be the case if the high harvest continues. Another composition survey will be flown in Fall 2025 and the next abundance survey will be flown in spring 2026. A browse survey in 22C was conducted for winter browse and there was a browse rate of 9%, and below 35% is the target, based on browse there is room to grow the Unit 22 Moose population.

AC members expressed concern about the harvest in 22C.

Member of the public Austen Ahmasuk expressed the belief that the moose population has been mismanaged by F&G. Emphasizing that there has been continual over harvest of moose and that the Board of Game has refused to address the amount necessary for subsistence. He also suggested that it is interesting to have a 9% browse rate and a moose population that is not growing, suggesting over harvest.

**Moose:** Sara Henslee continued with the wildlife report with discussion on moose harvest in 22E. The bull/cow ratio is decreasing. Non-resident harvest has been decreased, resident harvest has increased. Mrs. Henslee offered clarification to AC member Louis Stang on the current non-resident permit structure. Fish and Game can offer up to 5 non-resident draw permits based on what the resident harvest is. Some hunters make up most of the 22E resident harvest increase. Fish and Game estimates unreported harvest is about 13 moose.

**Musk ox:** there has been an increase in harvest in the earlier months when musk ox are closer to town with 17% of the quota harvested and 1 out of 10 cows harvested. The musk ox population is stable with an estimated abundance of 1932 musk ox, 46/100 bull cow ratio and short yearling ratio of 43/100. The next abundance survey will be in 2028.

AC Member Johnson Eningowuk stated that there is concern from residents in Shishmaref about the musk ox in their area. They are not afraid of people and can be a nuisance. They have torn down people's fish racks. The population is too high and the harvest should be increased.

Fish and Game staff Sara Henslee and Alicia Carson emphasized that the Tier II application period is currently open and encouraged Johnson to apply and to reach out himself or have

others reach out if they wanted assistance or had questions about applying. They further stated that they don't see very many applications from many of the regional villages.

**Bears:** Bear harvest has remained stable with about 100 bears per year in unit 22. The 22C season was closed early last year with the quota. In response to previous requests from AC members the average skull size and age data for the last 10 years appears to be stable. Sow harvest is 37% and the management goal for sow harvest is below 50%.

**Caribou:** Fish and Game was not able to do an abundance survey this last summer, the last abundance estimate from the previous survey was 152,000. The bag limit changes have gone into effect for a bag limit of 15 caribou per year, 1 of which can be a cow.

AC members Johnson Eningowuk and Chair Lean also discussed the mixing of caribou and reindeer and the likelihood that there are resident herds of caribou living permanently on the Seward Peninsula.

Alex Hansen, Wildlife Biologist from Kotzebue joined the caribou discussion to cover WAH questions.

The cow survival rate is 75% and 80% is the long-term average. For herd growth the cow survival rate should be at 85% or higher, we have had low cow survival since 2017. Calf recruitment has been decent.

AC members also asked whether we have age data on cows and whether satellite collars were able to be deployed. Alex Hansen stated that we do not have age data and that 50 collars were deployed in April.

Some additional discussion on declining nutritional value in the caribou food source but Alex Hansen stated he did not have an answer for those questions but there was some satellite research being done on availability of winter forage.

### **Moose Subcommittee Discussion**

AC member Jacob Mannix discussed the intent of the moose subcommittee: Members of the AC and members of the public have long expressed frustrations with the moose hunt in unit 22, primarily the short seasons. The AC has discussed potential options for addressing these concerns but has yet to put forth a proposal. The intent of the subcommittee is to explore potential proposals, draft them and bring them to the full AC for consideration. The subcommittee should work closely with Fish and Game and the public and should be limited in size and try to not impact regional villages. AC member Mannix also stated the subcommittee should try to primarily address the road system accessible hunts and not impact regional village hunts.

AC member Johnson Eningowuk discussed the limitations that the community of Shishmaref has in terms of easy access to moose hunting. Emphasizing the differences between issues that Nome faces versus other communities.

AC member Tom Gray emphasized that even if the subcommittee were to try to only deal with road system issues, the villages would be impacted, that Nome hunters are already hunting out of Shishmaref near Ear Mountain, and into 22E. White Mountain would also be impacted. He also raised concerns about representation on the subcommittee and stated that there needed to

be representation from the villages to ensure that any proposed changes wouldn't impact them or displace more Nome hunters further out.

AC member Mannix stated those concerns were valid and acknowledged and that village representation could be on the subcommittee and that the primary intent of the subcommittee is to attempt to find some kind of solution to the issues that the AC and members of the public have brought up regarding the moose hunt.

AC member Kevin Knowlton raised concerns over availability of people to attend more meetings and that maybe the AC should consider having multiple subcommittees to limit the time and amount of information covered in one meeting.

The AC discussed tentatively holding the first meeting of the subcommittee during the week of January 20th, the AC will need to give adequate notice to Sam Kirby for appropriate public notice.

Kevin Knowlton makes a motion to establish a moose subcommittee.

Tom Gray seconds

8 in favor

0 opposed

Unanimous support

Recess at 4:16pm

Meeting back in order at 4:23pm

**Proposal 151- Pass 6 in favor, 3 oppose**  
**Reauthorization of the brown bear tag fee exemption**

Kevin Knowlton makes motion to support

Tom Gray second

Discussion: AC members discussed whether a tag fee could be used to measure hunter participation, people who are actually going to go bear hunting opposed to people taking advantage of opportunistic hunting. AC member Johnson Eningowuk raised concerns that since brown bears were not subsistence food, and shouldn't need to pay \$25 to shoot a bear if need be. Other AC members shared those concerns. AC members Mannix, Stang and Tom Gray stated that conservation costs money, and the tag fee would provide additional funds to Fish and Game.

**Proposal 129- Fail, all opposed**  
**Establish the minimum caliber for big game be a barrel bore of at least .25 inches and centerfire**

Jacob Mannix motion to support

Kevin Knowlton Second

Discussion: The AC has historically opposed caliber restrictions. Many residents can only afford one caliber and have successfully hunted with that caliber. AC member Johnson Eningowuk stated he only owns a .22-250 and has successfully hunted moose, musk ox, caribou, and polar bear with it.

ADF&G also offered clarification on the definition of "big game" and listed species that are legally defined big game including, deer and wolf.

**Proposal 130- Fail, all opposed**

**Establish the minimum caliber for the taking of moose to be .243.**

Jacob Mannix motion to support

Tom Gray second

**No action based on previous Motion's action**

**Proposal 131- Fail, all opposed****Require identification tags to be attached to traps**

Kevin Knowlton motion to support

Jacob Mannix second

Discussion: The AC briefly discussed the proposal and felt that the proposal was not suitable for a statewide regulation and may be better suited to specific areas.

**Proposal 133- Fail, all opposed****Prohibit the use of snow machines to approach and pursue wolverine**

Kevin Knowlton motion to support

Jacob Mannix second

Discussion: The AC briefly discussed existing trapping regulations and how this proposal would affect them.

**Proposal 142- Fail, all opposed****Permit for selling skins, skulls, and trophies**

Jacob Mannix motion to support

Johnson Eningowuk- second

Discussion: The AC sought clarification on the proposal from the department on what this regulation would apply to. Trophy is defined as lifelike representation of the animal and this regulation would not apply to raw hides and skulls.

**Proposal 143- Fail, all opposed****Purchase and sale of game without a permit**

Kevin Knowlton motion to support

Johnson Eningowuk second

Discussion: AC members discussed the language of the proposal, stating it was a double negative and caused confusion.

**Chairs Report on Caribou Working Group**

The Board of Game did not follow the Working Groups proposals. Starting July 1, 2025 the WAH bag limit will be 15 animals, only 1 of which will be a cow. The original proposals saw a lot of resistance from Unit 26 hunters, and led to this compromise proposal, as well as the Board of Games decision to not close the non-resident season.

Tom Gray makes a motion to support Charlie Lean attend the WACH working group.

Kevin Knowlton Seconds

Unanimous support

**Board of Fish Meeting**

Kevin Knowlton makes a motion to support sending Charlie Lean

Tom Gray- second

Unanimous support

### **Finfish Proposals**

The AC discussed a potential proposal to amend the limit for sockeye salmon on the Sinuk River to 25 per permit. This was previously an agenda change request that was denied.

The AC also discussed king salmon on the Pilgrim River and why there was still a 3 salmon limit on the river when escapements have been very, very low. 13 this past season. Several AC members expressed concern over the low numbers of king salmon returning and that the AC should look at options to remove king salmon harvest from the permit.

Kevin Clark with Fish and Game brought up several things the AC should consider if it were to try and conserve king salmon on the Pilgrim River. Restrictions on gill net fishing would likely need to be implemented and the AC would need to consider how far downstream any new regulations would apply.

AC member Tom Gray and others brought up concerns over a lack of escapement goals in the area and that there was value in having a goal or target to manage to.

Kevin Clark with Fish and Game stated that the department is currently in an escapement goal review for the area but that some goals they have currently may not remain, and some may change.

### **Public Comment**

Austen Ahmasuk commented in support of the moose subcommittee and recommended that the subcommittee set very clear goals. He also expressed concern about potential development plans in the region, namely the Graphite One project and how that could negatively impact the Imuruk Basin and the Pilgrim, Kuzitrin, and Agiapuk rivers.

### **Committee Member Comments**

Davis Lincoln commented in support of the moose subcommittee and expressed concern about the low numbers of moose harvested in White Mountain. Additionally, he brought up two proposals that were to be submitted by White Mountain and hoped that the Moose subcommittee may be able to help more.

Johnson Eningowuk discussed difficulties over moose hunting near Shishmaref, namely the limited amount of access and brought up concerns about the impacts of climate change making it difficult to hunt caribou because of the lack of snow. He also reiterated that there were too many musk ox near Shishmaref and that they are a nuisance and that brown bears provided no subsistence value.

Kevin Knowlton addressed member Eningowuk's comments on brown bear, suggesting that perhaps a predator control perspective as opposed to subsistence perspective may encourage more people to take bears and help the moose and caribou. He also recommended encouraging people to apply for the Tier II permit. He also Reiterated the idea that the AC consider shorter more frequent meetings to be more productive on certain topics.

Henry Olanna Jr expressed frustration over communication on the meeting start time.

Tom Gray emphasized that moose hunting can be very costly and that the AC needed to make sure that moose hunting wasn't just set up for certain classes of people. He also reiterated the importance of crabbing to a subsistence lifestyle and the need to keep crabbing as a culture.

Louis Stang thanked state employees and looks forward to work on the moose subcommittee.

Jacob Mannix will be coordinating with Sam Kirby and others to set a meeting date for the first moose meeting.

Charlie Lean thanked members Johnson Eningowuk and Henry Olanna as well Sam Kirby. Will need to meet more with Sam to discuss travel for AC members.

Next meeting date: After March 16 but before April 11th.

Kevin Knowlton motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 5:57pm

Minutes prepared by: Jacob Mannix

Minutes Approved by:

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Minutes Approved by Charles Lean via email  
on 12.24.2024

## Nushagak Advisory Committee

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 am | Located at the Curyung Tribal Council Office  
 Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 838 7717 2599  
**Abbreviated Minutes for Submission to Statewide Board of Fisheries 2024/2025**

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Call to Order: 10:05

### I. Roll Call

#### I. Members Present:

Chris Carr  
 Travis Ball  
 Gabe Davis  
 Kenneth Nukwak  
 Todd Fritze  
 Curt Armstrong  
 Susie Jenkins-Brito  
 Dan Dunaway  
 Lindsay Layland  
 Travis Wren  
 Moses Kritz

#### II. Members Absent (Excused):

Joe Chythlook  
 Gayla Hoseth

#### III. Members Absent (Unexcused):

Robert Larson Sr.  
 Joe Kazimirowicz  
 Mariano Floresta

#### IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

#### V. List of User Groups Present: ADFG, AK State Wildlife Troopers, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, BBEDC

### II. Fish and Game Staff Present:

John Landsliedel

### III. Guests Present:

Joe Witkop – ASWT  
 Andy Aderman – TNWR  
 Truitt – TNWR  
 Tony Zoch – BBEDC  
 Jesse R., Tom T., Robert H., Reed T., Mark S., Dave B., Misa W.

### IX. New Business

#### I. Statewide BOG proposals at the AC's discretion

Susie: Open invitation to speak up on any proposals. Regs start pg. 92 of book.  
 Todd: proposals to look at - 86-91;

\*See submission to Statewide BOG graphic organizer for committee comments on proposals.

**II. Statewide BOF proposals at the AC's discretion**

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<b>314</b>	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest area to target Kvichak River fish while conserving Naknek River sockeye.		
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	<p>Kurt: I think it's a knee-jerk response to a one-time issue.</p> <p>Robert: if it were a department concern, they would have made the proposal. They still made the escapement last season, it was just on the lower end. If early indication from Port Moller that Naknek is going to be weak, look at boundaries and who can fish while the fish are returning.</p> <p>Dan moves to adopt, Travis seconds.</p> <p>Susie: more prudent for it to be taken up during BB finfish, which is now – seems unreasonable for it to be decided on now when we can have a thorough review process during BB finfish proposals. Question called. Proposal Fails Unanimously.</p>

**PWS/Valdez Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 5:59 pm AST, Nick Crump (Chair)

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
Nick Crump	x	
Dan Eames	x	
Bruce Bowman	x	
Patrick Day		Excused
Brett Wilbanks	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3

List of User Groups Present: CDFU- Forrest Jenkins

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams, Andy Pollock, Donnie Aurther, Heidi Hatcher, Jacqueline Keating, Charlotte Westing

IV. Guests Present: Doug Frasher, Scott Steiger, Joe Lobos, Davids ipad

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brett

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: none

b. ADF&G: none

c. Others: none

VIII. Public Comment: none

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries proposals 266, 268, 299-308, 310, and 311

b. Board of Game proposals 85 and 90-101

c. Election of Vacant Seats (10 available) and Expiring Seats (Bruce Bowman, Brett Wilbanks) Election of Vacant Seats (10 available) and Expiring Seats (Bruce Bowman, Brett Wilbanks):

Elections were held post meeting-

Bruce was nominated by Brett to maintain seat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan, vote to remain was unanimous.

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Dan nominated Jens Saxsum to membership, 2<sup>nd</sup> xxxx, vote to allow membership was unanimous.

- d. Other Fish and Game business as needed: the minutes incorporated here are focused on BOF proposals. BOG proposals will be submitted separately.

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266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
Support	3	0	Motion by Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan, Nick voted to take no action
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
Support as amended	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce. Discussion indicated that multiple incidental species, in this case tanner crab, harvested in conjunction with the major targeted species in the context of commercial charter operations, allows substantial additional pressure to those incidental resources. This additional harvest pressure via charter operator access is not only of concern, but consideration of the qualifying user position of the guest (i.e. Residents [subsistence and personal use]) or open access (i.e. nonresidents and residents[sport]), should be considered. The feeling of the committee became focused upon specific incidental resources harvested with remotely deployable gear, as they fish all day long in one location, while the guest fishes all day in another location for the targeted species. The committee recognized that if this practice were widespread, the impact to these incidentally harvested species would be extremely detrimental. While this proposal is focused on tanner crab, the concept and precedent set by this proposal may allow guests on finfish

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			charters to drop multiple remote gear types, targeting multiple incidental resources, in the same trip, Industry wide, on an intense daily cycle, for the entirety of the subject species seasons. It was agreed that if this proposal were not to carry, access to incidental harvest should at least be limited to personal use or subsistence user groups.
299	Develop a comprehensive Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		
Support	4	0	<p>Motion by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett. The committee focused discussion (in the context of the sponsors of this proposal), as to it's clarity and directness, considering the broad scope of it's intent. The concept of a task force and its abilities to develop a well-crafted plan were considered and reaffirmed. Further definition of specific qualities to be addressed were discussed, and it was determined to be warranted to provide additional language for the board's consideration. Particularly identified topics are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 yr. regulatory cycle (individual aspects considered/ ununified action) vs. a task force (whose findings could be considered out of cycle in a thorough manner). This could be an area for further identification of tactics and definition, that helped SE stabilize the pot shrimp fishery in their region.</li> <li>2. Equality in allocation and regulation applied to all user groups directed to share the burden of conservation. -i.e. manage by regulatory guidelines not EO.</li> <li>3. A specific directive to address the current management inequity in maintaining specific GHL goals. -i.e. manage by regulatory guidelines not EO.</li> <li>4. Geographic management strategies intended to direct harvest to the most productive areas of the district with consideration of user access. Currently, commercial activity rotates annually in three of four areas within the sound, contrarily non- commercial access is sound wide annually... all access is based on sound wide data and forecasts and this disparity between user groups is of concern to the committee.</li> <li>5. The proposal from the AC re: a user fee- (intended to compliment the departments' ability to obtain biological data and fund in-season reporting) was highlighted and should continue to be supported in the upcoming session. It was noted that AC</li> </ol>

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			<p>requested direct support for this initiative, which has stalled, and the request can be refined. PWS Valdez AC and Whittier AC will amend the request and seek a letter of support from the board before approaching the Legislature.</p> <p>6. The committee recognized the positive nature of society “within the regulatory process framework” to promote and encourage trust in the honor system. Committee members also shared/recognized their personal experiences and noted the unchecked potential for abuse and enforcement challenges.</p> <p>Forest Jenkins commented that he felt he was on the same page with the concept of a comprehensive FMP.</p> <p>Public comment by Doug Fraser supported the need for definition of certain aspects /components of an FMP but he was uncertain how the comprehensive analysis would evolve.</p>
300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Support as amended	4	0	<p>Motion by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce, Forest presented the proposal and noted there would be an amendment forthcoming to address southeastern sport use. The Committee voted to support the proposal and include the CFDU amendment. Committee discussion highlighted that geographic management, in-season reporting for the sport fishery, and a shared burden of conservation between user groups were similar in nature too, and would be suited for consideration within, proposal 299. Brett supported the in-season reporting methodology and mentioned the potential use of better geographic data, i.e. stat area identification, as a useful tool for the department to manage the fishery in-season.</p>
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
Support	4	0	<p>Motion by Brett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan, Forest presented the proposal and clarified the intent to share the burden of conservation between commercial and sport user groups without affecting subsistence users. Furthermore, he pointed out that AK residents can shift from sport to subsistence permits, hence users could be taking advantage of a loop hole with a negative impact to the intent of regulation/management. If a dramatic shift in user classification occurs, the ANS is not designed to manage towards that condition. Historically the prevalent over-harvest of the sport GHL motivated this proposal and was deliberated in detail. The committee determined by consensus among attendees that the over-harvesting this</p>

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			GHL was of great concern. The committee concluded that this issue would be suited for consideration within proposal 299. Doug voiced his opinion, in support of an Equal Burden of Conservation (=BoC) represented in the proposal. Additional discussion led to the potential need for a non-subsistence zone near the Whittier access point to PWS.
302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan. Committee opposed raising the TAH unanimously.
303	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose As amended	0	4	Motion by Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan. Committee concurred that the current TAH is arbitrary. The =BoC should be represented by a scientifically sound TAH as input for a responsive/relevant MSY which would be a primary focus of a task force and appropriate for consideration within proposal 299.
304	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Support	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce. Discussion focused on egg bearing females sampled by ADFG and Data gathered by Richard Regan, in coordination with Jan Rumble of ADFG, in the first two weeks of the season. Donnie confirmed that the Statistical decline in egg bearing females is 36% in April approaching 5% in May. Richard's data will be presented at the next meeting. The committee's commercial shrimp fishery participants shared their personal experiences with early season egg bearers and felt the need to support the 2 week delay in season opening.
305	Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear		
Support as amended	4	0	Motion by Brett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan, Committee deliberation supported limiting the amount of additional gear sport users can carry. It was clarified that remotely deployable gear is specifically susceptible to misuse and enforcement in the district is extremely limited for this user group. Forest reiterated the lack of enforceability was a primary concern in putting this proposal forward. Committee concurred to support the proposal but allow a small number (1 or 2) additional pots for sports participants.
306	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce. Committee discussion unanimously opposed daily reporting requirements for the commercial fleet as the department currently has frequent and accurate reporting methods.

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307	Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Support	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce. Committee discussion supported the proposal. Start time was debated and the members confirmed their opinion that normalization of the start time was favorable for safety, enforcement, and equal opportunity reasons. It was noted that this issue is another aspect of this fishery that would be suitable for consideration within a FMP, proposal 299. Forest supported the concept noting the safety and enforcement benefits.
308	Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery		
Oppose	0	4	Motion by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce. The committee unanimously opposed a reduction in the maximum number of commercial pots allowed. No benefit was perceived, as the department currently has EO authority and has demonstrated that the number of pots available to commercial fishermen over recent history is manageable.
310	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation		
Oppose as amended	0	4	Motion by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce. Committee comments and deliberation resulted in uncertainty given the proposed outcome if the elimination of the rotational areas was executed. It seemed that the concept may have unintended consequences. Like many of the proposals before the committee this would be suitable for consideration within a FMP, proposal 299. Andy commented on the sound wide aspects of the proposal and the potential value in consideration of a FMP.
311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
Oppose	4	0	Motion by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bruce. Committee input was in opposition to the concept of tender/ fishing vessel combinations. The complications of fishing vessels tendering in this fishery was discussed. Enforcement of operations with dual interests was perceived as complex and difficult to enforce. The distinction between fishermen and buyer processor operations involves a point of sale and chain of custody for this resource which is challenging to validate.

## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

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85			Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services
90			Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting
91			Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting
92			Require sheep hunter to complete an online education course
93			Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent
94			Change the definition for “full-curl” ram
95			Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram
96			Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram
97			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
98			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions
99			Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions
100			Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit

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101	Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Brett was nominated by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Vote carried unanimously.

XII. Set next meeting date:

XIII. Other:

XIV. Adjourn:

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:   Bruce Bowman  

Minutes Approved By:   Nicholas Crump  

Date:   02/25/2025

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February 21, 2025

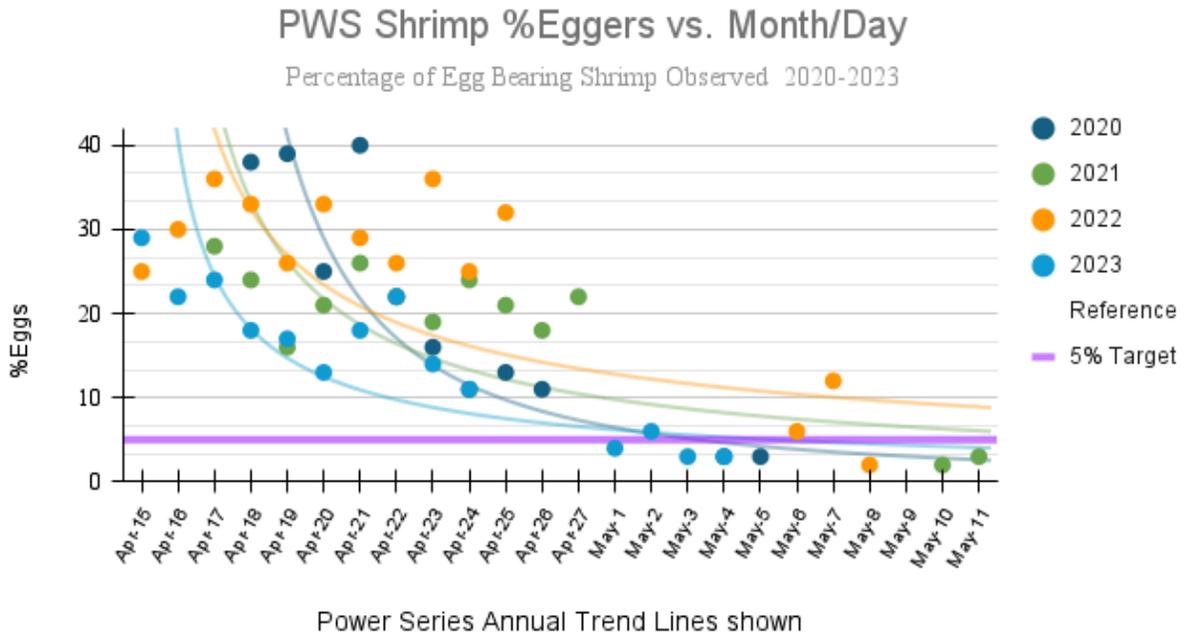
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 Alaska Board of Fisheries  
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**Subject: Proposal 304 - Change PWS Shrimp Season Start Date to May 1**

To the Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Changing the start date for Prince William Sound shrimp will allow shrimp eggs to be released before the start of the season and improve the shrimp stock. With the current assessment of the PWS spot shrimp stock being in decline, conservation efforts need to be focused on low barrier, low cost, and uniform measures that will have a positive effect on the resource. This can be achieved by starting the regular PWS shrimp season on May 1 annually.

ShrimpPros Association members have worked independently and with Department of Fish and Game staff to verify sampling methods, collect samples and compile data about the number of egg-bearing shrimp that are being harvested in Prince William Sound at the regular season start date of April 15.



From April 15 through April 22, the **first week of the regular season averages 26% egg bearing shrimp**. By May 1, that average drops significantly and reaches the target of 5%. The impacts of allowing shrimp to drop eggs before harvest could be significant with the potential to rapidly increase shrimp stocks.

It is impossible to determine how quickly changing the season start date would lead to improved shrimp recruitment in PWS. However, it is predictable that doing nothing will continue to put harvest pressure on egg-bearing shrimp. The impact of a continued April 15 start date reduces the contribution to the shrimp stock from the last two weeks of the spring shrimp egg drop.

### Method

All shrimp from each complete gear cycle were pooled into three separate tanks equipped with circulating water to maintain viability and prevent stratification by reproductive status or size. To ensure an even distribution of shrimp, the contents of each tank were thoroughly mixed. A single scoop was then taken from each tank, with scoop size calibrated to yield approximately 100 shrimp per sample. This sample size was chosen to minimize selection bias while maintaining statistical reliability. Each sample was examined, and the number of egg-bearing shrimp was recorded as a percentage of the total count.

### Method Validation

The sampling method was validated by comparing the proportion of egg-bearing shrimp in the approximately 100-shrimp subsamples to the proportion in the entire harvest from multiple pot cycles. Variance between subsample estimates and total harvest counts was consistently less than 1%.

### Data

The data was collected over a four year period beginning in April 2020. The number of pots sampled annually was determined by the number of pots allowed and days fished. The sample size ranged from a high of 1475 to a low of 960 pots with over 5000 total pots sampled. Percentages of egg-bearing shrimp were calculated daily.

During the sampling years, the commercial season paused in late April and resumed in the first week of May. In all but one sampling year, the egg percentage dropped below the study threshold of 5% by the resumption of the commercial season in the first week of May.

Based on these field observations, there is an opportunity to allow a substantial amount of shrimp eggs to be released prior to opening of the general Prince William Sound shrimp pot season by delaying the regulatory opening date to May 1.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brett Wilbanks, Chairman  
ShrimpPros Association

**Seldovia Advisory Committee**  
**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Seldovia Multipurpose Room and Zoom**

5:30 MVO

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Michael	Opheim	✓	
Stephen	Payton	✓	
Jevon	Chartier	✓	
Walt	Sonen	✓	
Alvin	Swick	✓	
Bryan	Chartier	✓	
Keith	Swick	✓	
Cutter	Grahn		excused
Jordan	Cameron	✓	
Chris	Pollock	✓	
Chance	Collier	✓	

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Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Jason & his, Leila

IV. Guests Present:

Liz Diamant

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Elections:
  - i. 3 seats open for election/re-election
    - 1. Keith Swick
    - 2. Cutter Grahn
    - 3. Jordan Cameron
  - ii. 4 vacant seats open
- b. Proposals 85-87, 121, 124, 125, 148 & New Proposals 187-192

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85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
AS JC	0	10	
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
AS KS	6	4	
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
JC AS	0	10	Wo
121	Divide Unit 15C into two subunits		
AS KS	0	10	no great outlined
124	Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting		
125	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 17		
148	Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents - Prop. 7		
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
AS JC	9	0	
187	Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows		
188	Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters as follows		
no action			

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Amend prop 155 to include no shooting cows with calves

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189			Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply as follows
KS AS	9	0	
190			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program as follows
191			Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area as follows
192 (ACR#9)			Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C as follows

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting *retracted*
- XII. Set next meeting date *264*
- XIII. Other *263 open dungy history* *support/oppose*
- XIV. Adjourn *264 allow dungy in Tanner history* *265*
- XV. Adjournment: *7:17 pm* *AS, KS*

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton  
 Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: 1/24/2025

### Members Elected

Name	Member Replacing	Term Expiring
Kieth Swick	<del>Mike Wood</del>	<del>6/2024</del>
Jordan Cameron	<del>Mark Burcar</del>	<del>6/2026</del>
Liz Diament	<del>Alternate Seat</del>	<del>6/2024</del>

### Officers Elected

Chair: Michael Opheim

Vice-Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Stephen Payton

All newly elected and re-elected members must send a completed *NEW Member/Re-elected Member Form* to the Regional Coordinator within 30 days of the election.

Either scan and email, fill out the form on-line (ADFG Website: Regulations Tab -Boards Tab- Advisory Committees Tab- Manual, Rules, Forms Tab) or snail mail forms to Fari Fernandez, Southcentral Regional Coordinator.

**Email:** [fari.fernandez@alaska.gov](mailto:fari.fernandez@alaska.gov). **Address:** ADF&G/Boards Support Section, 333 Raspberry Rd, #1109, Anchorage, AK 99518.

## Southcentral Region Election Record

Advisory Committee: Seldovia

Date of Election Meeting: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Number of open Seats for Election:

### Nominations for Election:

Name	Vote Tally	# Of Votes
Keith Swick		9
Jordan Cameron		9
Liz Daiment		9

**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee  
November 20, 2024 at 11:00am  
Myles Gonangnan Aaron Panek Memorial Hall**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 11:27 am.

II. Roll Call (7 quorum)

First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
Jacob	Ivanoff	Present
Morris	Nassuk	Present (Phone)
Renaë	Ivanoff	Present
Matilda	Hardy	Unexcused
Randy	Takak	Present
Dominic	Richardson	Unexcused
Keasha	Steve	Unexcused
George	Flynn	Unexcused
Kelsi	Ivanoff	Present (zoom)
Wes	Jones	Present (zoom)
Gary	Eckenweiler	Present (zoom)
Johnny	Richardson	Unexcused

III. Fish and Game Staff Present

Sara Henslee, Alicia Carson, Sam Kirby, Kevin Clark, Luke Henslee, Helen Cold, Marianna Mallory, Brynn Parr

IV. Guests Present

Shyler Johnson, Perry Burress, Lucia Ivanoff, Jeff Erickson, Silas Paniptchuk, Ike Towarak, Steve Ivanoff

V. Approval of Agenda

*Wes Jones made a motion to approve the agenda with the ability to amend as needed, seconded by Renaë Ivanoff. There was no opposition.*

VI. Nominations and Officers Elections

Gary Eckenweiler nominated Perry Burress to be elected to the vacant Unalakleet Seat. Renaë Ivanoff nominated Shyler Johnson as an alternate.

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to approve nominations and the election of the members. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

*Wes Jones made a motion to approve the previous minutes of November 2, 2023 as presented, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

VIII. Reports

a. Chair's report

Jacob Ivanoff reported no activity. Kelsi Ivanoff was selected as a representative to attend the Board of Game meeting January 26 – January 29, 2024, in Kotzebue. She gave a brief update on board actions for hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou and moose in game management unit 22.

b. ADF&G

Kevin Clark summarized the Norton Sound-Port Clarence salmon season and commercial crab fisheries and gave a brief update on management strategies for 2025. There was discussion on crab abundance estimates based on the latest trawl survey and management strategies with a timeline for when the 2025 guideline harvest level (GHL) will be set. Kevin noted that the 2025 GHL will be similar to 2024. Additionally, there was discussion on an upcoming review to incorporate a drainage wide escapement goal for the Unalakleet River Chinook salmon stock. There was concern from both advisory committee members and members of the public.

Sara Henslee provided an update on the RM841 hunt, reporting 55 moose being harvested. The RM844 hunt begins December 1 – February 28. The department will fly a composition survey in the first week of December if weather conditions allow. The last survey of this nature occurred in 2020. Additionally, a population estimate, and recruitment survey is anticipated in the first week of March 2025. Sara also summarized the browse survey that took place in March 2024 which indicated a 19% browse removal rate, suggesting habitat in the area for moose is sustainable and has the potential for growth.

Sara also provided an update on the musk oxen survey that took place last spring estimating 1,900 animals, which indicated that the population is stable, and recruitment rates are good. In general, the distribution of musk ox has expanded eastward from unit 22D into other game management units, in some cases east of the Yukon based on GPS collar tracking.

Lastly, Sara gave an overview of the western arctic caribou herd and updated seasonal bag limits, giving insight into the continual decline of the population. She noted a photo census was unable to take place, but collared animals track female caribou survival. The Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group meeting will take place December 11 – 12, 2024.

## IX. Public Comment

Jeff Erickson made a concerned comment regarding the Unalakleet River Weir operations and there was discussion amongst ADF&G staff regarding such operations.

Perry Burress made a comment regarding the potential to facilitate hatchery operations to supplement depressed runs of Chinook salmon and Renae Ivanoff and Kevin Clark gave insight into regulatory stipulations regarding such operations.

Ike Towarak asked about regulatory management of federal lands within the Unalakleet River drainage system and biomass herring surveys and their correlation to the crab population. The department noted that they no longer do extensive surveys and biological data collection and that NSEDC currently flies surveys to supplement the current bait fishery.

There was a discussion amongst all user groups on predator control.

## X. Old Business

There was no old business.

## XI. New Business

## a. Board of Fisheries meeting Cycle/Schedule and Proposals 272 - 310

- i. March 11, 2025 Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues, comment deadline February 25, 2025

Refer to Table below for discussions on the following proposals, 272, 273, and 274.

*Wes Jones moved, seconded by Randy Takak to take no action on proposals 266, 267, and 268. The question was called. There was no opposition. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

*Wes Jones moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 272. The question was called. Motion failed 0 – 8.*

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to support proposal 273. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

*Renae Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to support proposal 274. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

*Wes Jones moved, seconded by Randy Takak to take no action on proposals 267 – 297. The question was called. There was no opposition. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

- b. Board of Game meeting Cycle/Schedule and Proposals 85 – 165
  - i. March 21, 2025 Statewide Regulations MeetingRefer to Table below for discussions on the following proposals, 151.

*Wes Jones moved, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler to support proposal 151. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

- XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting  
It was unanimous consent that Jacob Ivanoff will attend the Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues meeting in Anchorage on March 11 – 16, 2025 with Randy Takak as the alternate.
- XIII. Set next meeting date  
The next meeting date is anticipated February 11 or 12, 2025.
- XIV. Other  
Renaee Ivanoff gave an update to remind advisory committee members that proposals for Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish are due April 10.
- XV. Adjournment  
Chair Jacob Ivanoff adjourned the meeting at 1:54 pm.

Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues			
November 20, 2024   Unalakleet, 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>Commercial Shellfish - Crabs</i>			
272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15		
	0	8	<p>In eastern Norton Sound, the spatial distribution of crab correlates with timing in the commercial crab fishery. Norton Sound red king crab exhibits near shore to offshore migration patterns following ice break up. This occurs frequently in May but has been variable in more recent years due to the direct impacts of climate change causing ice to melt earlier and form later. Modifying the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15 would curtail commercial crabbers in eastern Norton Sound, particularly out of Unalakleet and Shaktoolik. By July 1, crab will have migrated further offshore making it less accessible and feasible for eastern Norton Sound crabbers to participate in the commercial crab fishery as the catch per unit effort is significantly impacted. Additionally, the exploitation rate of the crab fishery has been achieving the guideline harvest level at a record pace in recent years, decreasing the window of opportunity to harvest crabs when crabs will have already migrated further offshore by July 1.</p> <p>However, if the proposal were to be passed, the Southern Norton Sound Advisory committee suggests an amendment request to modify the start of the fishing season to open to an alternative midrange date between June 15 and July 1, such as June 23.</p>
273	Modify the start of the winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1 instead of opening on February 1		
	8	0	<p>Ice conditions throughout the winter fishing season are different and variable near all Norton Sound coastal communities that participate in the commercial crab fishery. Modifying the winter fishing season to open by emergency on or after February 1 instead of opening February 1 allows for flexibility by the department to apply in-season management projections based off real-time ice conditions and patterns.</p>

Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues			
November 20, 2024   Unalakleet, 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
274	Increases the legal size of male red king crab from four and three-quarter inches to five inches and increase size of pot escape mechanisms		
	8	0	The department indicated that there is no biological or conservation concern to increase the legal size of male red king crab from 4 ¾” to 5”. Additionally, there was discussion from committee members that increasing the legal size to 5” will better align with the current market demand. With increasing the legal size of male red king crab from 4 ¾” to 5”, it is recommended that the department update the harvest strategy for consideration and to lay the framework for a consistence and transparent approach for management decisions to reflect this regulatory change. Lastly, the pot escape mechanisms regulations currently in place requiring all crab pots to be fitted with either four escape rings with minimum inside diameter of 4.5” or not less than 6.5” stretched mesh webbing do not need to be increased as they will allow for some 4 ¾” crabs to escape.

Statewide Regulations Meeting November 20, 2024   Unalakleet, 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>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions</i>			
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.		
	8	0	Beneficial for resident bear hunters in Units 22 to reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions as brown bear harvest rates are low and well within the sustainable yield limits and have been exempt in Unit 22 for 20 years.



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Jacob Ivanoff, Chair



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Renae Ivanoff, Secretary

Date: January 9, 2025

**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee**

**Date: 02.18.2024 @ 11 am**

**Location: Teleconference/Zoom**

I. Call to Order:

Chair Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 11:14 am.

II. Roll Call (8 quorum)

No	First Name	Last Name	Community	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Jacob	Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
2	Morris	Nassuk	Koyuk	Present
3	Renae	Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
4	Matilda	Hardy	Shaktoolik	Unexcused
5	Randy	Takak	Shaktoolik	Present
6	Dominic	Richardson	St. Michael	Present
7	Keasha	Steve	Stebbins	Unexcused
8	George	Flynn	Stebbins	Unexcused
9	Perry	Burress	Unalakleet	Excused
10	Kelsi	Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
11	Wes	Jones	Unalakleet	Present
12	Gary	Eckenweiler	Unalakleet	Present
13	Johnny	Richardson	St. Michael	Present
14	Shyler	Johnson	Alternate, Unalakleet	Present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present

Luke Henslee, Alicia Carson, Sara Henslee, Sam Kirby

IV. Guests Present

Richard Guidry

V. Approval of Agenda

*Kelsi Ivanoff made a motion to approve the agenda with the ability to amend as needed, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler. There was no opposition.*

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

*Gary Eckenweiler made a motion to approve the previous minutes from November 20, 2024 as presented, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

## VII. Reports

## a. ADF&amp;G

Luke Henslee provided an update on the commercial winter crab fishery and answered questions relating to upcoming salmon forecasts and regulations projected in 2025.

Alicia Carson provided an update that they were not able to get a moose composition last fall. The RM844 winter moose hunt is open through February 28 with no harvest thus far. The moose population survey will take place from the last week of February into the first week of March and is anticipated to be conducted over a five-to-seven-day period.

## VIII. Others

## a. Possible proposals for Finfish

The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee (SNSAC) members present made a consensus that a proposal would be drafted and submitted regarding in-river salmon management strategy regulations separating subdistrict 5 (Shaktoolik) and subdistrict 6 (Unalakleet) before the April 10 deadline.

## b. Proposal 272 – Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15

There was discussion regarding developing support for a Norton Sound red king start date of July 1<sup>st</sup> and including a crab pot limit, based on GHF, outlining pros and cons for such an amendment. Ultimately, the SNSAC members decided not to support the idea. The original stance on proposal 272 from the November 20, 2024, meeting stands in failure to support 272 with a zero (support) – eight (not support) vote.

*Gary Eckenweiler made a motion to revisit proposal 272, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff. There was no opposition.*

*Gary Eckenweiler made a motion to keep the original stance on 272, seconded by Randy Takak. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

## IX. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## X. Old Business

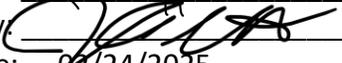
There was no old business.

## XI. New Business

There was no new business.

XII. Set next meeting date  
The next meeting date is anticipated October 7, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment  
Chair Jacob Ivanoff adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Minutes Recorded By:   
Minutes Approved By:   
Date: 02/24/2025

**Tyonek Advisory Committee  
Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Zoom, Dena'ina Conference Room Anchorage Fish & Game Building, Tyonek Tribal Center**

I. Call to Order: 4:13pm by acting chair Donald Standifer, Jr.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/Excused/Unexcused</b>
Donald Standifer Jr.	Chair	Present
Alex Pfoff	Vice Chair	Present
Ann Marie Stephan	Secretary	Present
Ernie Standifer		Present
Donald Standifer Sr.		Present
Donald Standifer III		Present
John Standifer		Present
Terry Jorgenson		Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Elections for 3 expiring seats (Donnie Jr, Alex, and Ann Marie) and 7 vacant seats
- b. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan
- c. Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals 312 and 313

d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

From Colton Lipka:

The department is considering what level of restriction or closure to subsistence fishing is necessary to meet king salmon conservation needs in Northern Cook Inlet. The main message is that king salmon harvest must be reduced in the Tyonek subsistence fishery until escapement goals are being met.

The key points:

- King salmon escapements across Northern Cook Inlet were not met in 2024.
- 2025 king salmon forecast are at historical lows
- 2024 subsistence fishing restrictions to 2 – days a week during king salmon season did not meaningfully reduce harvest
- All sport and commercial king salmon fisheries in Cook Inlet will be closed this year, EO's will be coming out this week.
- Subsistence is the departments highest priority fishery to have harvest if king salmon yield is available

What is under consideration for 2025 is:

- 1 – day per a week for subsistence fishing on kings (May 15 – June 14)
- close subsistence fishing for kings
- Add additional time in July to target more abundant sockeye salmon for subsistence salmon needs

I encourage anyone to put forward ideas or considerations for the upcoming summer. Please keep in mind that the intent of the actions is to reduce king salmon harvest from traditional levels and meet escapement goals.

Tyonek's Response:

- If there is only going to be one day of subsistence fishing, it should be a 24-hour day.
- Data shows that Tyonek is not overharvesting, so why is Tyonek being penalized and having fishing days taken away?
- Members of the public and AC have witnessed violators from Anchorage fishing below Tyonek fish camps in violation of current orders in place from Department
  - Need to increase enforcement of orders, possible game cams installed?
- Food is too expensive to buy at local grocery store (costs \$0.60/lb to fly into Tyonek), so food security is being threatened by potential closure
- Not enough fishing permits are being returned, so better engagement needs to happen between AC members, Tyonek fishermen, and Department staff
  - And Tyonek would like better communication with Department staff about potential fishing changes in their area sooner
- Tyonek would like to receive phone call updates for subsistence in-season reports
- Aerial surveys: when are they conducted? How many days are they conducted for?

312	Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>		
Opposed	0	10	Motion to oppose by Donnie Jr, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ann Marie. Subsistence fishing in Tyonek is facing closure. Why should other fisheries down-river get more fishing days? And why do they get to catch potential Tyonek escapement when Tyonek is not the one overharvesting and is being penalized?
313	Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>		
Opposed	0	10	Motion to oppose by Donnie Jr, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ernie. Same comment as previous proposal.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Not sending anyone because there is nothing to talk about
- XII. Set next meeting date: Need to meet with Tyonek Tribal Council to discuss next steps for subsistence fishing preservation in Tyonek for this summer, potentially on 3/12, but not necessarily as an AC action
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn by
- XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Board Support  
Minutes Approved By: Donald Standifer, Jr.  
Date: 02/25/2025

# Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 1:00 pm | Teleconference/online via Zoom ONLY  
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 854 5638 5286

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Chair Coleman called the meeting of the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee on February 18, 2025 at 1:05 pm.
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Dustin Dickerson, Vice Chair Tim Mahoney, Chris Price, Chair Shari Coleman  
Members Absent: Secretary Jeff Hancock  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ethan Nichols, Area Management Biologist; Asia Beder, Assistant Area Management Biologist; Natalie Romo, Boards Support
- IV. Guests Present: Roger Rowland
- V. Approval of Agenda: Price moved to approve the agenda with second by Dickerson. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved by consensus.
- VI. Reports:
  - I. ADF&G. Nichols gave an update on BSAI crab fisheries and Beder reported on state water cod fisheries.
- VII. Public Comment: none
- VIII. Old Business: none
- IX. New Business
  - I. Statewide Groundfish Proposals at AC's discretion

<i>Proposal Number</i>	<i>Proposal Description</i>	
<i>Number Support</i>	<i>Number Opposed</i>	<i>Comments, Amendments, Voting Notes (motion / second).</i>
266		Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery
3	1	Support for having another way to harvest crab, but personal use harvesting of crab may not be applicable to Unalaska region. Motion to support (Dickerson/Mahoney) Motion passes.
276		Amend longline king pot storage depth from 15 to 100 fathoms or less

0	4	Gear stored out to 100 fathoms could interfere with other gear types such as halibut longlining. Motion to support (Dickerson/Coleman) Motion fails.
277	Establish Aleutian Island state-waters golden king crab fishery	
3	1	Concern expressed about gear conflict and that lost gear would impact other gear types, especially with single pot fishing in strong current areas. Also, little if any ADF&G surveys to reflect crab biomass in the area of proposal. Interest expressed about opening opportunities for small local boats and community, and that as a possible emerging fishery whose potential should be further explored. Motion to support (Dickerson/Coleman) Motion passes.
280	Amend observer contracting agent performance standards	
4	0	The AC agreed with the ADFG program changes. Comment to support changes as long as data integrity is maintained. Motion to support (Dickerson/Coleman) Motion passes.
281	Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications	
4	0	The AC agreed with the ADFG program changes. Comment to support changes as long as data integrity is maintained. Motion to support (Dickerson/Mahoney) Motion passes.
283	Allow longlining of Bering Sea District commercial snow and Tanner crab pot gear	
3	1	Supported in that the fleet should be able to harvest crab in the most efficient manner, and that this would not preclude other harvesters from continuing using single pot gear configuration. Concern that this would further consolidate the fleet and make smaller vessels who are not able to longline pots obsolete. Motion to support (Dickerson/Price) Motion passes.
294	Establish 58-foot vessel length limit for Alaska Peninsula District commercial crab fishery	
1	3	Discussion focused on vessels fishing the south and north regions over the past 5 years, and that limiting vessels by size would exclude some who currently and historically fish there. Support given to help protect small vessel fleet currently fishing that area. Motion to support (Dickerson/Mahoney). Motion to amend for vessels greater than 58 feet to participate if have done so in 3 of the last 5 years. Motion failed by lack of second. Main motion passes.
298	Amend the State Waters Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement	
1	3	Could be opportunity for smaller vessels with different gear types but objected to the VMS requirement. With scallop bed well established

		and management plan protecting bycatch, opposite saw no benefit to change. Motion to support (Coleman/Mahoney) Motion failed.
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- X. Set date of next meeting: Membership meeting set for March 24, 2025 at 1 pm.
- XI. Committee comments: none
- XII. Adjournment: Having completed all items on the agenda, Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Vice Chair and Chair on February 25, 2025.

**Whittier Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm**  
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [4:01pm by David Pinguoch](#)

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present/Title
David	Pinguoch	X Chair
Brett	Wilbanks	X Vice Chair
James	Norris	X Secretary
Jon	Van Hying	excused
Brett	Roth	X
Jody	Mason	X
Gordon	Scott	excused
Brad	Von Wichman	excused
Bruce	Bowman	X

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: [Brittany Blane Roth, Leila Williams, Martin Schuster](#)

IV. Guests Present: [Doug Frasher](#)

V. Approval of Agenda: [Approved](#)

[We agreed to do the Board of Game proposals first. While we waited for others to show up for the meeting.](#)

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: [Approved](#)

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: [None](#)

b. ADF&G: [None](#)

c. Others: [None](#)

VIII. Public Comment: [None](#)

IX. Old Business: **None**

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries proposals 266, 268, 299-308, 311
- b. Board of Game proposals 85, 90-101
- c. Other Fish and Game business as needed
- d. **Special note:** Jody had to leave the meeting after proposal 303. Attendance was reduced from 6 to 5.

## Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

March 11-March 16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline February 25, 2025

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>			
266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
No Action			After much discussion Bruce Bowman made a motion to table the proposal, and Brett Wilbanks 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was supported unanimously.
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
No Action	0	5	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to support, and Bruce Bowman 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. 1 vote No Action
299	Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		
Support	6 unanimous	0	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to support, and Bruce Bowman 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.
300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
No Action	3	2	Bruce Bowman made a motion to take no action, and Brett Roth 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. The AC agreed that Proposal 299 would be the best solution.
301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
No action	2	4	Jim Norris made a motion to oppose, and Jody Mason 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.
302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Oppose	6 unanimous	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Brett Wilbanks 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. The AC agreed that Proposal 299 would be the best solution.
303	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level		
Support as	5	1	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. Amend to: Create a new scientifically founded TAH that would

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March 11-March 16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline February 25, 2025

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
Amended			include all user groups in times of need for conservation. The AC agreed that Proposal 299 would be the best way to address this issue.
304	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
Support	4	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. 1 member took no action
305	Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear		
Support	5 unanimous	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.
306	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements		
Oppose	0	5 unanimous	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to oppose, and Bruce Bowman 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.
307	Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
No Action	2	3	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support, and Brett Wilbanks 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.
308	Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery		
Oppose	0	5 unanimous	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Jim Norris 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.
310	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation		
No Action			Take no action. The AC agreed unanimously that Proposal 299 would be the best way to address this issue.
311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
Oppose	0	5 unanimous	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Brett Roth 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.

## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 21-28, 2025 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 7, 2025

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>			
85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
Oppose	0	6 <i>unanimous</i>	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose, and Jody Mason 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	6 <i>unanimous</i>	Brett Roth made a motion to oppose, and Jody Mason 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: [Gordon Scott was elected unanimously.](#)
- XII. Set next meeting date: [No date was set at this time.](#)
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn: [6:50 by David Pinguoch](#)
- XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: [Jim Norris](#)  
 Minutes Approved By: [David Pinguoch](#)  
 Date: [01/26/2025](#)