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# ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting  
Fairbanks | February 18-24, 2026

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Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee

AC1

Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Bethel ADF&G Conference Room & Via Web Conference

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Roll Call

Name	Present	Teleconference	Absent
Sam Hancock	x		
David Humphrey	x		
Alissa Rogers			x
Lucinda Alexie	x		
Jon La Valle	x		
Michael Glore	x		
Jeremy Brink			x
Seth Madole	x		
Travis Burks	x		
Cole Nance	x		
Kara Domnick	x		
Alternates?			

Number Needed for Quorum: 7

1) Welcome

2) Invocation- Moment of Silence

3) Approval of Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes

4) Reports

a) Kuskokwim Area Fisheries Management Biologist – Sam Decker

i) Report on summer fisheries data including salmon counts and harvest data. Overall, counts were promising and was a positive report on salmon populations in for the Kuskokwim from the bay to the tributaries.

b) ONC reports lower fish distribution this season and is still working on post-season surveys. Avery Hoffman sat in for the meeting, and is the new ONC Natural Resource Director.

5) Public Comment – Keep to 3 mins

6) Old Business

a) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings: May 21, 2025 and June 18, 2025

7) New Business

a) Board of Fisheries proposal discussion

i) Proposal Discussion

• Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish Proposals (12 - 14)

• Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish Proposals (124 - 132)

ii) Representation/Testimony

b) Board of Game Proposal Ideas discussion

i) 2026-2027 Board Cycle – Finalized Proposals will be due in May 1, 2026

8) Other Business as necessary or desired

9) Adjourn

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<p align="center"><b>Alaska Board of Fisheries</b>  <b>Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish Proposals</b>                      November 18-22, 2025   Fairbanks, AK</p>			
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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12	Add eel stick as a legal subsistence gear type for nonsalmon species in the Kuskokwim Area		
Support	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second. Sam Decker elaborates that this is a traditional harvest method that should be encompassed in regulations. She requests someone that practices this fishery be able to speak to the board about it.
13	Amend sport fishing season for king salmon in the upper Kuskokwim River		
Support	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second. Consistency in regulation is a good thing, easier management, easier for people to apply
14	Repeal bag and possession limits for sheefish in the Kanektok, Goodnews, and Arolik Rivers		
Support	9	0	Hancock proposed, Burks second. There is not a notable population of sheefish in these rivers, and this is misleading to fisherman and sets false expectations.

<p align="center"><b>Alaska Board of Fisheries</b>  <b>Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish Proposals</b>                      February 18-24, 2026   Anchorage, AK</p>			
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124	Amend the <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i> to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
No Action			Hancock proposed, Madole second. No action. Bethel AC has no stake in this proposal; Unfamiliar with area.

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125	Amend the <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i> to allow more fishing time		
No Action			Hancock proposed, Madole second. Same as 124.
126	Amend regulatory language to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area by incorporating the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District, and include the Volcano Bay, East and West Pavlof Bay Sections in the and <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i>		
No Action			Hancock proposed, Madole second. Hancock proposed, Madole second. Same as 124.
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
Amended, Approved	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second. Voted unanimously as it is a great effort to improve subsistence fishing opportunity in the Kuskokwim region. Hancock motioned to amend to include set nets for commercial harvest. Madole second - seine, set, drift netting. Unanimously approved amended version.
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
Approve	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second. Continue sustained management and conservation of salmon populations for AYK region.
129	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Approve	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second.
130	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Approve	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second. Recognition that we don't know what is causing a decrease in salmon, smaller body size, etc. Supports this proposal as it will better allow for the migration of sockeye to the Chignik.
131	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Approve	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second

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132	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Support	9	0	Hancock proposed, Madole second

Minutes Recorded By: David Humphrey  
 Minutes Approved By: [Signature]  
 Date: 10/13/2025

## Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 8th, Beginning at 12:00 PM, 2026

**Call to order:** *Chair, Nicholas Kameroff @ 12:18*

	<u>Aniak</u> Nick Kameroff	<u>Aniak</u> Allen Simeon	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Teresa Simeon-Hunter	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Patricia Yaska	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Vacant	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
By Teleconference	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		
Absent							
	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Michael Savage	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Undesignated</u> Doris Allain	<u>Undesignated</u> Chad John	<u>Alternate</u> Vacant	<u>Alternate</u> Vacant
By Teleconference				<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		
Absent							

**I. Roll Call**

a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

i. Roll call was established with 6 members: Nick Kameroff, Allen Simeon, Teresa Simeon-Hunter, Denny Thomas Jr., Doris Allain, and Chad John. Quorum was lost at 1:27 PM when Denny Thomas and Doris Allain had to leave the meeting. The meeting continued as a work session. Notes are included in the minutes as to when that occurred in the agenda.

b. Officer Elections - Officer elections were tabled until the next in person meeting. Motion by Chad John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doris Allain

**II. Welcome and Introductions:**

- a. ADFG: Sam Decker and Madison Hardwig with Kuskokwim Fisheries, Mike Ebinger and Josh Pierce with Wildlife, Matt Keyse with South Alaska Peninsula Fisheries
- b. Other Agency Staff: Kelsey Harrison, AWT
- c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves - none

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Teresa made a motion to amend the agenda to focus on the Board of Fisheries proposals and postpone the parts of the agenda that handled wildlife issues, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad. Unanimous support.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Tabled until next meeting

**V. Reports**

- a. Chair’s report – The chair gave a brief report introducing himself and explaining why the meeting had to be changed to a teleconference due to extreme cold weather.
- b. ADF&G
  - i. Wildlife Reports - Tabled
  - ii. Fisheries Report – Madison Hardwig gave a brief report on the Kuskokwim fishery including fish escapement, aerial surveys completed, and sonar passage.

- VI. Public Comment - None
- VII. Old Business – Savannah updated the group on ongoing efforts to work with communities on elections for membership.
- VIII. New Business –
  - a. Discussion of potential proposals to submit to Board of Game for 2026-2027 season - Tabled
  - b. Board of Fisheries Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Proposals – see chart

**\*\*\*Proposals 127-133 general discussion:** The AC discussed proposals 127-133 regarding June salmon management in the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands, which aim to establish 10-day closures and modify fishing periods to help fish pass through and protect specific stocks. The AC agreed to group the proposals together for discussion, with Nick noting that the measures could help bring fish numbers up to their area. Additionally, Allen raised concerns about pike affecting salmon populations in tributaries and would like to do something about that. Sam clarified that early-season fishing with larger mesh nets is already allowed in some areas to address this issue.

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127-133	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	Unanimous		Teresa motion to group Proposals 127-133, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Allen We are looking to not only help the Kuskokwim region but all of AYK. We have been in support of measures to allow fish passage in the past. This proposal would be good for the subsistence fisheries. In light of what's going on in the proposals, we're looking forward to helping keep our salmon species. Though, not only the Kuskokwim and the Yukon, but also these would impact up North. We were in favor of proposals like these in the past that help fish passage through Area M and feel that these would be beneficial for our future subsistence.

**\*\*\*Quorum was lost at 1:27 PM** when Denny and Doris both had to leave. The AC addressed Proposals 127-137 with a quorum and then went into a work session. The members who remained were Nick Kameroff, Teresa Simeon-Hunter, and Allen Simeon. Chad John stayed on for a few minutes after losing quorum, but also had to leave shortly after to discuss Proposal 175, addressing dipnets

c. Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

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11, 163 - 165	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
<b>Nick, Allen, and Teresa made general comments about Trawling that are summarized here</b>	<p><u>Nick</u>: Hopefully you're all aware about what's going on out in the Bering Sea, and they lost our 230-mile limit a while back, or a few years back, and then trawlers have been able to fish within miles off the coast of Alaska, anywhere from the mouth of the Kuskokwim all the way up to Norton Sound area, and they have been fishing in right within as... any type of salmon, be it king chum or red, reds or chums come in. They seem to be targeting our fish that are coming into our rivers. It starts on the Yukon. Last year, there was a whole bunch of trawlers right outside of the Yukon as the fish start entering the river and the trawlers were within, like, 3-4 miles or less around there off the coast, and that's, to me, a direct targeting of the salmon species, even though they know we are on conservation, and we're trying to bring our numbers up, and since the trawlers have come out there, we've really been having a lot of bycatch that is just going to waste... wanton waste. They should, my opinion, those trawlers should be either taking care of that fish, or fined, or pay an X amount of fee for disposing that wanton waste, is my opinion. But they also did the same thing as the king salmon and the other salmon were coming into the mouth of the Kuskokwim right at our fishing dates. Just a few days before the fishing started here, they were all located outside of the Kuskokwim River. The state fisheries regarding this issue that needs to be looked into, and the trawlers should be moved back out to that 230-mile limit off the ocean for any trawlers, or off the coast of Alaska, for any trawlers need to be fishing outside of that zone, so they don't intercept any of our fish from the AYK District.</p> <p><u>Sam Decker</u> explained the differences in the trawling fleet and made the group aware of a NOAA meeting coming up where the comments may be more appropriate. Nick would like to see these comments submitted to NOAA for that meeting but stated that he still disagrees with trawling whether it is in federal or state managed waters.</p> <p><u>Nick</u>: the zone probably should be... I always thought it was 200 miles out for everything, and I never heard of any... any trawlers within 3 miles or less. This past summer and summer before the deliberately targeted, and those are American fisheries, most of them from Washington state, Oregon and California coming up here, taking all the fish,</p>		

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			<p>intercepting the fish, targeting our salmon species and creating all this wanton waste and helping decline our population. That's my opinion.</p> <p><u>Allen:</u> Last year I was traveling and had to go through Bethel and there were people who went down to the mouth of the Kuskokwim. They told me there were 3-6 trawlers just outside of the Kuskokwim and that's in state waters and I don't know who enforces this. I wanted to bring up, you know, trawlers literally kill everything, and that what salmon eat, what does seals eat, and whatever, it disrupts the biological, animals out there in Bristol Bay, so that, no matter what, growers hurts everybody in Alaska. All the biologists are educated. You got to know what these trawlers are doing to the species, small little tiny ones, all the way up to the big ones. They're all impacted by trawlers, and it's real. It really happens. But I want to keep that in mind whether state or federal.</p> <p><u>Nick:</u> The trawlers are decimating not only the microplankton that, small fry rely on through the whole food chain, and they impact seals, mammals, wilderness, whales, you name it. Crabs, tons of crabs, halibut, and the other thing they're targeting is estuaries where all the crabs and all this stuff needs their food source to thrive, and the trawlers are decimating all that area. They claim to be above ground, but their nets are so long, they're breaking the bottom, killing off the microorganisms, as Alan stated.</p> <p>It sounds like they're working on it a little bit, however... it impacts our region and the AYK region, and not only do we as a group look out for our area, we also try to look out for the other regions that are having the same issues.</p>
175			Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
Remaining members were in favor of requiring a smaller mesh size but opposed to adding language regarding rope tied to the dipnet. Nick commented that dipnets do work for subsistence fishing.			
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<b>Oppose</b>	Nick, Teresa, and Allen		Teresa – agree not to increase fishing, especially when we are trying to reduce fishing already. Nick – Do not support increasing any commercial fishing in Area M because we want to reduce interception of our fish Allen – We do not want to increase fishing in this area because AYK and the Upper Northwest tributaries will suffer. We are here to protect the salmon and the run. We do not support any increase of time or area in this fishery. This proposal would go against the positions we took on Proposals 127-133.
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision		
No Action-general comments	Allen – Aniak slough many dead salmon due to using set net. Nets damage fish when trying to spawn Nets damage the fish before they are able to spawn Matt – higher likelihood of not being damaged because of the gear difference. Nick – support because this proposal addresses seine gear and fish may be more likely to move upstream and spawn		
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
No Action	The remaining members discussed Proposal 136, which would close salmon fishing from June 7th through June 28th, but decided to take no action as they believed the state would continue with the current fishing schedule.		
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	Nick, Teresa, and Allen		Nick: My fear of all salmon schooled in, moving into different schools, heading up to their spawning areas. Due to potential impacts on salmon schools migrating to the AYK region. I feel this is something we shouldn't support, and I would like that addressed. Teresa concurred

- IX. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - i. None were decided at this meeting since quorum was lost before reaching this part of the agenda.
- X. Set next meeting date – February, at the call of the chair preferably in person to discuss Wildlife issues and potential proposals to submit to the Board of Game.
- XI. Other - None
- XII. Adjourn: 2:25 PM

Minutes Approved By: Nick Kameroff via text

Date: 1/13/2026

Chignik Advisory Committee

January 27,2026

Call Meeting to Order 10:06am

Roll Call,

Eugene Kalmakoff, Austin Shangin, Jacob Shangin, Edgar Shangin, Marty Takak, Alfredo Abou Eid, Rachel Allen, Ben Allen, Axel Kopen, Henry Erickson, Terrence Kosbruk(alternate),

Quorum Present with 11 members Present

Introductions of Guests, Carl Burnside (ADFG), Myra Scholze (Assistant ADFG), Tylor paulimos(sports fishery biologist) Natalie Romo (Board Support), Chuck McCollum (Lake and Peninsula Borough Fishery Advisor), George Anderson (Chignik Intertribal Coalition, Carlin Hoblit (false Pass Advisory Committee), Mark McNealy (Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee) Clinton Boskofsky

Motion to Approve Agenda- Moved by Alfredo second by Henry

All in Favor

Motion Carries

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes-April 25,2025, moved to approve by Ben Second by Henry,

All in Favor, Motion Carries

Public Comment- Alfredo asks about going through the Proposal Book, Austin (Chair) states Proposals 107-112, and 119,126 will be taken up today

Proposal 107 Carl Burnside (ADF&G) Read into Record

Motion to Adopt- Moved by Axel Second by Alfredo

Discussion: Axel Agree to the intent believes there is a problem with Reporting personal use a problem with reporting in general especially with Chinook, confused with the wording but supports the intent of the Proposal,

George Anderson during the Bristol Bay meeting it was a Big Topic, reason being the area biologist in Nushagak talked about the Under reporting on Chinook, there is no option on the Fish Ticket, estimated on record 30 to 50% under reporting on Chinook. Agrees to the

intent of reporting, Henry agrees with Axel, Alfredo if you get it for your own you can sell it we trying to protect the stock, all for the wording but how you going to enforce it, Ben how will it be advanced with the Fin Clipped it's the lack of reporting, could be Difficult for enforcement, Jacob Agrees with Comments from AC and supports the intent, doesn't believe the AC should support the proposal with the wording, where is the extra funding going to come from, alfredo the subsistence permit already allows the reporting, Axel the Fish tickets have the reporting tools, it's an enforcement Issue, the Ac Supports the intent the proposal itself is a good starting point to have the discussions, rules are already in place.

Ben Motions to take no Action Second by Rachel

All in Favor, Motion Carries

Proposal 108- Carl Burnside (ADF&G) Read into Record

Motion to adopt- Moved by Axel Second by Ben

Discussion: Axel talks on history, we weren't allowed to fish in the western district prior to July 5<sup>th</sup> until 2008, axel has put a proposal in to the Alaska Board of Fish during the 2008 Fish cycle, to allow openings since the Area M Fishermen were out fishing it seemed silly to not allow the Chignik Fishermen to fish on the stock Heading for Chignik the board has passed the Proposal with 2-48 hour openers, at the time it made sense and in 2019 they expanded to 3-48 hour openers in that time period, but with the AYK Chums and all the Chinook Problems throughout the State, has thought it would be time to go back prior to 2008.

Henry -Agrees with Axel, and with AYK failing and struggling and with the Chinook being endangered throughout the state and is leaning toward conserving and preserving runs.

Alfredo-there are a lot fishermen who fish out there and depends on the fishery, there are some boats that cannot fish in the lagoon and is against the proposal and would like to keep it how it currently is with the 2 openings in the western and Perryville district

Rachel- asks about the Department introduce this proposal from there prospective and their thoughts?, there are proposals that target the Depth of the Nets that will allow the Passage of Chinook and Chum Salmon, so doesn't believe shutting down the time frame if the nets shallowed up, doesn't believe this would be needed and that the shallowing of the net depths would be stronger, and shallowing the nets is more favorable then this proposal

Carl talks the Dept is neutral and supports the effort to conserve the King salmon.

Historical king salmon harvesting during this time frame are largely due to lack of Participation has been low, it will effectively displace the fleet in that time period to Central

District mostly and unknowing effect the Chinook Harvest it may or may not change significantly with more fishing in the Central District, 2019 western District be opened the entire period with no windows, Perryville district is on the 3-48 hour fishing period.

George- how often with the early run not coming in early do we have the opportunity to be utilized?

Carl hasn't been utilized during 2018 through 2022 and in 2024 one person has caught 200 sockeyes has been caught right on July 5<sup>th</sup> and in year 2023- 3000 sockeye but no kings and 1000 chum, year 2025 6000 sockeye 1500 chum 1300 pinks so not very much but more common 2017 and earlier. As the early run began to presumably recover it may be utilized more. In the last 10 years the fishery was hardly utilized.

George- was a big proponent of the opportunity in the past due to the size of the fleet in Central and Chignik Lagoon Areas talking 70 to 80 boats so it gave the opportunity to spread out, in the current trend there is no Crowding issue, but when the fishery recovers we can always go back to this in the future.

Axel, the Chum caught in the western district are not Local Chums, if we talk interception on both sides of Chignik doesn't believe we should be out Catching fish where we don't need to catch the fish this proposal will limit where axel fishes and will result in crowding where he fishes, and wants the health of the fishery as a whole , when the fisheries are doing well that's fine but talking about the ESA listing of Chinook and doesn't know where the Chum will end up. It's a good time to pull back. Considering we fish all of June say June 20<sup>th</sup> will be fishing out west the whole time there are potential of Interception south western Alaska Chum and interception.

Alfredo- Area M is Fishing same time as Chignik but there is no regret for asking for more fishing time, but considering we don't have Cod or Crab fishery we need every opportunity to fish, if we catch to much kings we leave the area, and with only so much days to fish the area its not much but those days can help dampen the cost of insurance.

Ben- Chinook is being close to the Endangered species and that could shut all fisheries down instantaneously. As for Washington people are willing to shut down parts of Alaska to protect whales, dislikes the idea of reducing our fishery while other areas fish ben supports the Proposal. With the intent of allowing the fish to move into the river although he utilizes the fishery in the western district,

Austin- supports the proposal getting ahead of the game and takes conservation on our own area instead of something being imposed on the fishery,

Jacob- Burden of Conservation this proposal shows exactly that, to allow the fish to return, with Chignik being a terminal area and the interception on either side this proposal shows some good will and good return and is in support of the proposal.

Roll Call Vote:

Austin -Yes

Jacob -yes

Edgar -yes

Marty -Yes

Alfredo -no

Rachel- yes

Ben -yes

Axel -yes

Henry -yes

Eugene -yes

Terrence -yes

Motion Carries with 10 in favor and 1 oppose

Proposal 109- Carl (ADF&G) reads into record

George (CIC) proposer- proposal was submitted in response to the severe Chinook restrictions imposed on Chignik in 2024 and 2025, has giving the local small boat fleet less opportunity time to access the area in central geographically it makes no sense. Do to announcements it was unclear what was open and what was not. The proposal would clarify some language, and give the small fleet a chance due to the 5 day closures which is 120 hour closure to allow chinook to pass, all while waiting for the next 48 hour opener.

Motion to adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Axel- in support of proposal, Chignik Lagoon is the main area for a fishery and historically has been that the board of fishery has started and most of the local fishermen depend and make most of the living off the area, the size of the Boats and the fleet is small, some of the boats don't have the bigger gear, considering the 5 day closures and 2 day openers in July its very restrictive to conserve the chinook, to give the opportunity for the smaller boats a place to fish, by keeping there smaller gear on, By the creation of a separate stat area it

gives the fishermen an opportunity to fish during the 5 day closure, to its hard to keep a crew around with the restrictions in place. Makes no sense that jacks point is in the central district, you have boundary line for the central district which is jacks point that is on the Chignik bay district then you have boundary line for the western district which is on castle bay side of jacks point, in 2024 they closed the central district but had Chignik Bay district and western district open, so jack point which is in between which is closed, open call the dept and asking what is going on they themselves had no idea what was going on.

Alfredo, talks about putting markers in place which will solve the problem,

Carl- jacks box overlaps the Chignik Bay district and Central District, the larger gear can be used in the inner portion of Central District, and if you're in the inner corner of Chignik bay district you cannot use the larger seins. This proposal makes it so the jack's box is part of the Chignik Bay district, and you cannot use the larger gear, and you would need to use the lagoon sein. In 2024 the jack's box was closed and didn't know fishermen were fishing in the area, the second period where he had opened western and Chignik Bay district just the jack's box so he can connect the Chignik Bay District and Jacks box, this allows it to be clear, but doesn't like because he doesn't know how much is harvested in the area. Since its part of 4 different stat areas remains neutral because the gear requirements,

Alfredo -is Against it and wants markers and wants to remain the same due to low catch amounts.

Axel-will be bringing up this separate stat are should be open when the lagoon is closed as long as chinook is not being harvested, the fishermen wouldn't have to be changing the gear and losing half a day or a day of fishing, with the burden that has been imposed on the Chignik Lagoon this would make sense,

Henry- it would be nice to have a place to go there is no competition with the sein size and some boats cannot fit the larger seins on the boat. Not sure if in favor but likes how the department has an extra tool to use.

Jacob in support of the proposal due to the 5 day closures and 2 day openers with the restrictions in places its hard to keep crew happy and content during the down time, it gives the extra opportunity to go out and harvest, rather than allowing the crew to get in to things and normally not the good stuff, it gives the lagoon fleet to go out and harvest,

Terrence says this gives us other options,

Alfredo- asks if we can put a sunset on this until the Chignik Lagoon comes off the restrictions, why cut out the larger geared boats out, against the proposal

Marty- in support of the Proposal, with the restrictions in the lagoon there isn't a sufficient amount of time to fish all while the outside districts being open and the Chignik Bay District is on a 5 day closures and 2 day openers while the outside districts are open.

George- we are reacting to the Chinook restrictions put on our local small boat fleet, if enough restrictions are placed across the gulf our chinook population would return. The Commissioner intends to keep our terminal areas closed down and restricted, trying to develop a tool for the department to use during this time of restrictions.

Alfredo talks about the larger boats that cant fish in the lagoon and the amount of money put in to the boats and gear, now with the amount of time fishing being cut.

George- speaking on behalf of the tribal members who have smaller vessels those who have been effected by the restrictions of Chinook, trying to give more opportunity to make the effects on there lively hood.

Alfredo talks about the weather and larger boats which are effected because they are out in the elements.

Axel- who cant fish in the lagoon but with the outside districts being open the whole month of July while the Chignik Lagoon is down to 2 days a week, boats can go to the outside districts but creates crowding. And dislikes it if the lagoon was open all the time and the outside is closed. Gives the fishermen more opportunity to fish and keeps the crew happy.

Henry- the outside was only open all the month of July is because the Escapement has kept up all while the lagoon only fished 2 days a week,

Rachel- the Chinook situation is creating such a burden that the areas are having to adapt, but in august the lagoon is on 5 days a weeks allowed to fish,

Austin is in support of the proposal but when the fishery is allowed to 5 days a weeks in august he sits in the middle of a decision,

Alfredo we should put a sunset on the proposal until the restrictions go away, goes to talk about the cod fish where they put 20 mile restriction and was told they would change it the next year but took 12- 15 years,

Axel unless someone wants to amendment the proposal suggests we vote on it.

Ben- when the pink salmon show up doesn't want to be fishing in the outside districts with the lagoon sein because of the meshes are too big and it would allow the pink salmon to be gilled. And in august that's the majority of the salmon caught is in the outside districts. Would want the different web sizes, as written cannot support. It should be tied into the different areas open

Roll call Vote:

Austin- yes

Jacob-yes

Edgar- Yes

Marty- Yes

Alfredo- no

Rachel- no

Ben- no

Axel- yes

Henry- no not as written

Eugene- Not online

Terrence- yes

Motion Carries 6 for 4 against

Proposal 110

Proposal Read in by Carl

Motion to adopt moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> ben

Axel says you can legally fish a 75-fathom lead In Chignik lagoon, the 325 is plenty mesh depth to catch sockeye salmon, has been in contact with the fisheries research institute in the university of Washington who research on the chinook has done while they travel. The shallower the depth of a sein makes a difference on the harvest of king salmon, in support of proposal Chignik and area m have the deepest seines in Gulf of Alaska and not right if we don't do the same if we ask area m to shallow up,

Dept doesn't know how it will affect the species composition directly

Ben, support of proposal as he has fished side by side with a deep net vs shallow net where he has caught kings and the other person has not, doing haul for haul and says you can see a change in the dog salmon numbers caught agrees with axel in his statement on fish depth and travelling sockeye are in the upper level of Collom and even shallow up even more as they get closer to their terminal river, that's why the blob effects the salmon because of the

temperature in the upper Collom of water. it perfect for the mostly targeted salmon of sockeye

Rachel in favor of proposal it is the most effect way to conserve chinook and chum salmon if that's an issue and believes all areas should do the same.

Henry in support of all purse seines should have the same restrictions on their nets, we Share the burden of conservation as a state

Jacob says he supports and supports what henry states about sharing the burden of Conservation and to lead by example and this proposal shows good faith

Terrence is in support

Alfredo is for it and against it, Chignik Seins are 375 mesh's, Area M is 375 Mesh's, Kodiak 325,it should be everybody on 325, Area M can intercept the fish before it comes to Chignik, all for everyone being the same on either side, against it because Chignik has the biggest chum population, chums in Ivanoff, along with Dorner bay Ivan bay metrofania Castle and Chignik Lagoon, dog salmon in Chiganaga all the way up to Aniakchak bay, we don't want to cut ourselves down but we like to conserve for the Kings and for the chum for AYK.

Carl Kodiak is 325 mesh's in depth and south pen is 375 mesh's which includes chaffing,

Ben wants to refocus on the problem with king salmon after he agrees with alfredo and the entire state needs a change. Considering we have the actual river that has a real run in it. also believe that the entire of seining needs to be the same, you can modify the bay fisheries that the department deems fit, in favor of proposal

Austin brings up that proposal 148 has same languages to match Area M sein depth with Chignik,

Ben calls question

Roll call vote:

Austin yes

Jacob yes

Edgar yes

Marty yes

Alfredo yes

Rachel yes

Ben yes

Axel yes

Henry yes

Eugene not online

Terrence yes

Unanimously passes

Prop 111 split metro into different statistical areas

Carl Reads into record

Motion to adopt: moved by Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Axel

Discussion:

Ben : it is our proposal, there is a side of the island where immature salmon is present supports the island be split into two different stat areas,

Axel supports the proposal despite the department importance to support it. Having two statistical areas on the island it gives more information on what's being caught on each side of the island, if the department has issues about the reporting, the tickets asks for the stat area the fish are caught, it would give information on stock assessment, it offers for more discrete management something the state should be striving for considering the depressed runs all over the state, this prop gives the department another tool to use to manage, would hate to be booted off the whole island because one spot is catching the Chinook salmon.

Rachel- couldn't agree more with axel this was brought up specifically due to the Chinook Salmon restrictions, and allowing the department to give more restrictions on area and give more effectiveness where the restrictions don't apply and conserve the kings

Alfredo is for the proposal and has contacted the department in regard to the immature salmon in parts of the island ,one spot called red bluff mostly reds with no kings, there are spots including the light where immature salmon are present

Ben-is in support of the proposal as written, the department can modify the closure on the metro island dept can close small areas to make it deemed fit to allow fishing,

Jacob says this proposal allows the management to use as a tool, and provides additional information on stock.

Department asks often to the fishermen fish on either side of the island and about the reporting on tickets do fishermen report on stat areas like if one fishermen makes 8 sets on one side and move over to the other side and make 1 or 2 sets on the other side of the island and claim the harvest was from one side of the island,

Ben says when delivering the harvested salmon he would give them the correct statistical area, say if there are a large number of immature salmon weather or lack of salmon present they would move, required by law to report the stat areas

Austin would be in favor of the proposal it would give the department another tool to use to find out what is going on in the east end and the west end of metrofania island it would give them the opportunity to close either side of island rather than closing the whole island down,

Alfredo it would allow the department to protect what is in our area like the chinook salmon. It would allow the fishermen to stay away from the chinook and immature salmon.

Ben calls question

Roll call Vote:

Austin yes

Jacob yes

Edgar yes

Marty yes

Alfredo as written not sure but for the best of the fleet yes

Rachel yes

Ben yes

Axel yes

Henry yes

Terrence yes

Motion passes unanimously

Motion for a 45 min break: moved by ben 2<sup>nd</sup> henry

Reconvene at 1pm

Chair calls meeting back to order 1:02 pm

Proposal 112

Department reads proposal into record

Motion to adopt moved by Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Discussion:

Alfredo wants a sunset clause for proposal considering the Chinook salmon restrictions, if the Chinook salmon population accumulates would like to go back to normal. What if some fishermen don't like the area so they go out and catch the 1000 kings to shut the area down, and just move to different area, otherwise looks good

Axel 48 hr. followed the 72 hr. closures is because the lagoon was only getting 48 hr. openers, if we get east and west of metrofania island spit like in proposal 111 wouldn't need section (B) of Proposal 112, this plan would only go into effect if the chinook escapement doesn't accumulate the minimum Escapement Goal, and if the Chignik Lagoon King salmon isn't considered a stock of concern. It's not really a sunset clause but it won't be in affect always, the discussion was would the guys like more fishing time with less area. After the commissioner has imposed the restrictions on Chignik suddenly proposal 112 was developed and asked that the same restrictions were imposed on Area M,

Carl-The motioning of over escapement is written in the action plan comments to show an acknowledgment to the board a reduction in the sockeye harvest in the lagoon, to see how strict the board can be, and to show no matter what is done it will have a reduction in the sockeye harvest, unclear on the order of the steps will be taken, assuming the escapement is not being met what are the thresholds to go between the tiers, and to start out with the most severe tier if the escapement looks to be not met,

Axel- 80% of the Escapement happens in July, could amend the proposal at the board process to have more data at the finger tips.

Carl- the interm escapement goal has been slow in the first part of July but has caught up in the second half of July, reaching king escapement is the goal and allowing sockeye harvest while achieving the chinook escapement goal. 2024 we have come close to reaching the

chinook escapement goal but in 2025 we have reached the goal. In a lot of areas its Normal to closing the terminal areas but there are recognition that the lagoon is heavily dependent of harvesting Sockeye salmon is where most of the fisheries are harvested, there is acknowledgement that it is a pretty big sacrifice for conservation of the Chinook salmon.

ben -is the department stance to manage in reverse , we have full control of local terminal fisheries, and we can shut down if the escapement is not being met, are you managing inwards to outwards? is it better to limit outside participation to relaxed or reduced level before messing with the terminal areas where you can use for an on and off switch

carl- common strategy to start inward move outwards as far as restriction go.

Ben- strike the (B) section from the Proposal with metrofania being cut in half it pretty much fixes the potential Chinook harvest.

Axel- daily escapement on the AMR on July 6 10% chinook escapement was met in 2025, and going to July 11it was 20% ,July 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> more fish running through. come up with markers every few days if 10% or 20% met by certin date and the goals are met your able to get more fishing days with the closure areas in place. And if dropped below then the stricter management tool would be implemented. Or the opposite would be start out really strict then as goals are met slacken off of the restrictions, over 30% of escapement was met by the middle of July and over 40% by the 17<sup>th</sup> of July , well over 50 to 60% by the 20th of July. 2024 escapement was almost met.

Alfredo wants (b) to eliminated from proposal the Department can close by emergency order

Marty line (A) on proposal doesn't like and should have every other area on same restrictions.

Axel- we have 2 Choices that are no great but if the Chinook salmon escapement improves there is a possibility that the fishermen get both time and area but it could come out as a combination of things where we get more fishing time with less area,

Alfredo Department has the authority to restrict areas by emergency order, is against Section (B)

Henry- this is another tool for the Department to use as we may have new managers come in and not have the local knowledge or research to use,

Ben wants to slide the section (B) to the bottom or strike completely from proposal to make an adaptation to keep it as is because if we don't give the department something in

writing the department will try to work with the fishermen to make it work and if things aren't working the department will make their own decisions,

Carl -Action plans are waiting review by the commissioner but they are finalized, There are 3 lagoon options and 2 outside district options and the 2 outside options are the same as last year with the whole district closure if 1000 kings are caught and the other option is the same as the proposal with just the stat area closure. 3 lagoon options, option 1 is status quo the same as 2025 with 2 24 hour openers or one 48 hour opener a week, option 2 Olies point and bumping it up to 3 days a week instead of 2 days a week with the closed waters. 3 option is 2 days a week with the Olies point marker. Would be in place for the next 3 years until brought up at the next board meeting.

Rachel-the peak chinook runs 50% July 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> which is shift to a later date on escapement wants the B removed,would be in favor of proposal if section (B) is Removed.

Alfredo says all the Chignik bound King salmon are caught in the central and Chignik bay district and for the outside districts those are travelling kings.

Clinton- talks about the if the department doesn't acheve the escapement goal asks rather then having a speculation put a number in place.

Axel- with section (B) we don't want to catch travelling kings but its not just about Chignik kings we have the whole state and west coast is struggling with the king escapement. if we get the 2 stat areas and the lower part is if you catch 1000 kings in a stat area the area is closed for a week, will support with or without Section B of proposal, without Section (B) of proposal makes more sense with the other aspects of the proposal and with what was done in Proposal 111. And wants to amend and remove Section (B).

Ben makes a motion to amend Proposal 112 to strike section 1(B) alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favor

motion passes to amend the proposal 112 to strike Section 1(B)

back to original motion to vote on original proposal to vote on as amended

Ben calls the question

Roll Call Vote:

Austin yes

Jacob yes

Marty yes

Alfredo yes

Rachel yes

Axel yes would like to see escapement goal guide lines added but can have done at the board process.

Henery yes

Terrance yes

Ben Yes

Motion passes unanimously

Proposal 119

Proposal read into record by the department

Motion to adopt moved by Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> by Axel

Discussion:

Axel -opposed to the proposal, the proposal wants to eliminate the harvest numbers in Chignik the 300k 600k the proposal wants more fishing time, Chignik is wholly dependent on the 2 run to make a season, having more of the 2<sup>nd</sup> run being fished on before it gets into Chignik.

Cic opposes 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, and 125

These proposals as written are not consistent with sustainable salmon policy and mixed stock policy by;

- Reducing long standing conservation protection in SEDM of Chignik Bound Sockeye
- Increasing allocation % of Chignik Bound sockeye
- Sustainable salmon policy states when fisheries are fully utilized, no expansion of these mixed stock fisheries can occur.

SSSP section (3); effective management systems should be established and applied to regulate human activities that affect salmon as follows:

(C); when wild salmon stocks are fully allocated, new fisheries or expanding fisheries should be restricted, unless provided for by management plans or by application of the board's allocation criteria;

\* Nothing in the board's allocation criteria provides for these expansions to be allowed

Ben- There is no grasp in the understanding we have and actual escapement and the harvest, Area M is not restricted by escapement except for Orzinsky section, these set netter can move

Alfredo opposed the proposal they want more allocation,

Axel-for times sake wants to take up 119,121,122,123,124, and 125 all at the same time its all the same proposals to eliminate 300k 600k threshold and change the percentage and want to go fishing same time as Chignik, the proposal wants to remove the long standing allocation that has been recognized for over 40 years which has been upheld by tagging studies and the wasap study, wants to make and amendment and adopt 119,121,122,123,124 and 125. And apply the comments from CIC.

Ben makes a motion to amend the original motion to apply 119,122,123,124 and 125 as a block, axel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

All In favor

Motion Carries,

Chuck -The history Igvak plan was in place when the Stepavak allocation plan was taken up, on the year that triggered the salmon plan as known as the SEDM plan, there was a huge first run then a weak 2<sup>nd</sup> run, SEDM was regulated in such a way that as soon as Chignik harvested 1million sockeye SEDM was wide open, the Department has recognized that the 2<sup>nd</sup> run wasn't properly managed, all while Chignik was sitting on the beach waiting for escapement SEDM was fishing while trimming the escapement down, In consequence current plan was put in place and was done on Historical estimates on Chignik Bound Stocks.

George -long standing conservation ties to Chignik bound sockeye, there needs proof that the allocation is no longer needed, the allocation battles have been long standing, where the allocation Plan has triggered a lawsuit and the courts upheld,

Axel-Chignik is the most heavily impacted by the intercepted Fishery down in the SEDM and has been upheld by the tagging studies and wasap study, any change to the allocation percentage like go from 7.6% to 20% of Chignik bound stocks, which in result will allow them to catch a significant amount Chignik Bound Sockeye but they will also catch cook inlet and Kodiak also east of wasap it's not just Chignik being intercepted, it will damage other fishing going to other areas as mentioned, the only thing controlling this fishery in SEDM is the allocation on Chignik, there is a proposal in introduced to lower the percentage of Chignik bound sockeye saying its not 80% it should be lower and if done they will be catch more Chignik Bound sockeye even if you believe the percentage is lower you

will still catch Chignik Bound sockeye because of the Increase of Fishing time.and not only Chignik Area bound sockeye but other areas do to the interception of the fishery. There is no relevance in any proposals because of the fleet size or the processing plant capacity. Will be voting in opposition

Alfredo talks about Orzinsky only being a 100 thousand max on Escapement

Ben calls question

Austin to oppose say No

Roll call Vote

Austin no

Jacob no

Marty no

Alfredo no

Rachel no

Axel no

Henry no

Terrence no

Ben no

Motion carries Unanimously to oppose

Proposal 120

Department reads Proposal into record.

Motion to adopt moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Discussion:

Axel- this Proposal keep seiners out of SEDM until July 26<sup>th</sup> when fishery occur they really hammer down on the fishery, they do more damage in a shorter period of time then the set netters do. Settnetters are saying they don't get enough opportunity, and if they get a couple more weeks without the seiners the set netters have more opportunity.

Henry-The fact that our allocation percentage often goes over by the time the fishery closed and this proposal would slow the overage of percentage.

Ben- as for the department stand point is there is no such thing as over escapement. And if that's the case this would give them the opportunity, its more of a local issue not a allocation issue, this is a different way of them asking for more opportunity rather then expanding their fishey

Rachel will support the proposal

Alfredo needs clarification on the proposal

Axel seiners cant fish in the SEDM until July 11, this proposal wouldn't allow them to fish until July 26

Ben- The proposals just pushes the seiners so that they are not coming closer to the Chignik Management area for a longer period of time.

Alfredo- doesn't understand the proposal and thought he had more time to read the proposal.

Ben calls the question

Chair calls for a vote all those in favor of supporting proposal 120

Alfredo remains neutral do to misunderstanding the proposal

Motion carries All in favor with one abstain

Proposal 126

Department Reads Proposal 126 into record

George- the proposal is intended to add a conservation tie to the Volcano Bay Section which is directly adjacent to the west of SEDM, removing the 191,000 cap which was place in 2014, prior to 2004 this area was not fished, and wasap study in 2007, 2008, and 2009 showed there was a high presence of Chignik bound sockeye in the Volcano Section very similar to SEDM, so adding the conservation tie to the area of Volcano Bay will conserve not only Chignik Bound Sockeye but salmon travelling east of wasap which come in number 2 in the post June Fishery, fish traveling to cook inlet, Karluk as well as Chinook salmon which travel as far as the west coast and all over Alaska.

Axel this area didn't get fished in June month prior to 2004, 2015 800,000 reds were caught in the Volcano Bay Section just in June month, close to 1 million for the whole summer. The

board has given the 192,000 cap but this cap is useless because they will catch the 192,000 before they have to stop if there was a disaster in Chignik, the fish are flowing through the Volcano bay section like they are going the SEDM considering the geographical area. it is passed the time the area to share some burden of conservation.

Motion to adopt moved by Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> by alfredo

Discussion:

Ben-this is an expanded Fishery this area of fishery was never intended to be fished at this level, has been over utilized, the history they put restrictions on Area M and in result pulled the boundaries and Reimplemented the fishery in 2001- 2004. And will be in support of the proposal.

No further discussion.

Ben calls question

Ben request for unanimous consent

Motion carries.

Chair call for recess @ 2:30pm until 10 am January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Opening Comment: CIC Proposals were made by listening to the public CIC has expressed thanks to the dept for making adjustments during the season in real time and make the best out of the events unfolding and conserving the Chinook and applaud the process of the AC.

Chuck- acknowledges and supports the AC and the process of taking up proposals.

Chair Lays out the plane to take up Proposal 127-140

Chair Calls Meeting Back to Order: 10:07AM

Roll Call: Boris, Austin, Jacob, Marty, Alfredo, Rachel, Ben, Axel, Henrey, Terrence

Quorum Present: 10 Members

Proposal 127

Proposal 127 Read into record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Axel- Appreciates of the intent of the Proposal, There needs to be longer closures in the South Peninsula in June needs to go back closer to the plan prior to 2004, Doesn't know if this works for Chignik and the Shumigans, the closure between June 10 and 23 doesn't say whether there is steady fishing, the later part of June there are Chignik bound sockeye present in the Shumigan islands, middle of June and later starts to get more Chignik bound stock, the support for longer closures for the June fishery,

Ben-has the same sentiments as what Axel states the date of June 23<sup>rd</sup> does fall closer in line with the starting date, prior to adjustments in the early 2000s, gives some relieve to the early run to allow the stock to get to there designated area, there are no facts to show the after the dates,

George- asks axel what days would be supportive if amended?

Axel -From a Chignik Perspective would suggest a 10 day closure from June 20<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month June 30, predominantly the Shumigan islands if separated from the Shumigan island and South Unimak, in the Shumigans would like to see a 10 day between June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, The 10 day closure would allow more protection for the Chignik, based on tagging studies with salmon, along with Chum migrating through the South Peninsula in June, considering the stocks of concern on both sides of the area there should be severe restrictions in place, there was serious conservation when the salmon use to be number one in the state, agrees to longer then 10 days of closure to allow fish passage through the area, needs more detail but supports longer then 10 day closures, there shouldn't be a fishery in June with there are stocks of concern on either side and the Chinook population down, along with chum salmon decimated there shouldn't be a fishery in June when its 98% interception fishery in the South Peninsula, Supports the 10 days of closure but the dates are unclear.

Carl- the proposal would require a 10-day consecutive closure which will start 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 13<sup>th</sup>. Doesn't believe there will be an effect on the current fishing schedule before or after the dates.

axel -prior to June 10th seiners and drifters don't fish, the proposal would mean no fishery for the drifters and seiners until June 24<sup>th</sup> unless changes were made,

(Chat) mark Mcneley says they used to test fish to see what the chum and red ratio is before the fleet goes out

henry-agrees with Axel as long as no changes are made after the 10 day closure, in support of the 10 day closures, agrees with axel that it should be slid back further, considering the AYK stocks which supports if the science is correct.

Jacob- backing axel and Henry statement in response supports the intent and supports to allow salmon back to the terminal area.

axel- AMR doesn't have the dates, what's the date of last opener,

Carl-16 20 and 25<sup>th</sup> are the start dates, There are (3) commercial fishing periods between June 10 and June 23, Total of 222 hours for purse seine, 264 hours for Drift Gill net with the option of this proposal which would reduce commercial fishing for Purse Sein from between 132 hours and 154 hours depending on which days the 10 day closure begins with in June 10 and June 23 period, drift gill net is reduced 176 from the start of the 10 day closure, it would basically remove the June 1<sup>st</sup> to 10 the June 16<sup>th</sup> and part of June 20<sup>th</sup>, it would cut out 2/3 of the fishery for the purse sein, depends on when the start of the 10 day closure.

Axel -would support depend on the dates of the 10 day closure,

Alfredo-don't like the dates should be from the 20<sup>th</sup> on forward considering the run time, This proposal is best for the AYK for the chum, its not aimed at the Shumigans will support as written if the dates are late for the Shumigan,

Ben-needs the verbiage to states it does not change the current plan to eliminate the manipulation, remains neutral at this time,

axel- This proposal will affect the interception on Chignik in the Shumigan islands, it affects us indirectly, concerns of the dates when the 10 days closure happens, and what happens after the 10 day closure, will support the concept of the proposal but have the dates so it doesn't hurt Chignik.

Alfredo- June 18 to 26 top tier of the run for Chignik stocks in the Shumigan Islands. stock of concern is in place everyone should be against it, should be stopped completely but everyone needs to make money, will support proposal as is,

Henry-As long they know we don't agree with what could happen after the closure dates, wants to help AYK in support of conservation, preservation runs and stock of concern.

Rachel-Support the proposal but unsure of the dates, it would be important not to have a free for all after the closure dates, which is not stated in the Proposal, it would allow the local stocks in Area M to Accumulate,

Austin- supports the proposal and supports AYK, as for the Dates would like to move them back from June 20 to June 30 which is beneficial for Chignik but the proposal is submitted by AYK, if supported doesn't know if we should shift the dates to fit Chignik,

Axel- minutes should reflect our Concerns,

Rachel- supports as written but believe the proposal can be tweaked at the board process

Ben calls for question

Roll call Vote

Boris yes

Austin yes

Jacob yes

Marty yes

Alfredo yes

Rachel yes

Ben yes

Axel yes

Henry yes

Eugene yes

Motion passes unanimously

Proposal 128

Proposal 128 Read into Record by the Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Discussion:

Axel-suggest we take no action, Support the protection of chum salmon, considering chum chucking that happens in the area, AC supported 127,

Rachel- doesn't support because there is no consideration of other areas such as Chignik, doesn't look at effects of other areas, would support the intent of the proposal but not as constructed,

Alfredo-The AC supported 127 has better wording, going neutral.

Henry -not written well the caps tend to promote getting closer to the caps you'll just be throwing dead fish over will not support,Support AYK cannot support the Proposal remains Neutral,

Motion to take no action: moved by Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob

Ben requested unanimous consent

Motion carries to take no Action.

Proposal 129

Proposal 129 Read into record by Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> Boris

Discussion:

Axel-Opposed the Proposal, Section 2 talks about sein gear, beginning June 20th the first commercial fishing period will open for 68 hours beginning at 6am,then close for 76 hours, then another 66 hour opener, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commercial salmon fishing period will begin 32 hours later then go another 88 hours, final fishing period will begin 32 hours later and close after 88 hours, there aren't that many hours in the last 10 days of June, by reading the Proposal the fleet will be fishing into July, opposed to the proposal along with the chum caps, nothing in the proposal works.

Alfredo-agrees with axel on the hours, when Chignik needs it to be closed in the Shumigan Islands, takes 4 days from Dolgoi Island point to the Kupreonof Islands, Proposal allows steady fishing with no escapement for the 1<sup>st</sup> run in Chignik, Proposal as written remains neutral.

Department-states the effects suggest the a reduced amount of total fishing by gear type, there's acknowledgment in the staff comments that it would put the fishing period past June with less hours in June as written would have openers pasted July 3<sup>rd</sup>, delaying the 3 openers to 10 days later, the final fishing period start July 5<sup>th</sup> and end July 8<sup>th</sup>,unclear how it would be implemented to be practiced,Acknowledgement of less hours in June.

Ben as written no support , would need repairs and or amended to proposal.

No further Discussion:

Ben calls questions

Motion to oppose Proposal 129

All in favor to oppose unanimously

Motion fails

Proposal 130

Proposal 130 Read into Record by Department

Cic has comments- history shows in march 2022 state wide meeting about the early run not meeting the escapement goal for 3 years, where the designation of stock of management concern was established, where a question was raised of what kind of restrictions in the Shumigan Islands would bring the escapement on the early run in Chignik, while utilizing the best available science, tagging studies in 1987 and 1992 and also the wasap study, by using the stock compositions from the studies, that a 50% reduction in fishing time in the Shumigan islands, in practice when the lower end of the early run escapement goals are not being met the reductions decrease the second openings in the Shumigan Islands from 88 hours down to 44 hours. Which then turned the 32-hour closure into a 76 hour closure, allowing the Chignik Bound sockeye to pass in result of achieving the low bound goals, Once Chignik recovers and not listed as a stock of management concern, it allows the Shumigans to go back to the 88 hour opening in the Shumigan Islands and 32 hour closures. When Managing for mixed stock fisheries management objective is not only to meet the objective goal, when managing for a total run it needs to be Escapement plus Harvest.

Axel-this stems from 2004 when you look back historically at the Shumigan Islands they fished less then 200 hours, and in 2004 it more then doubled the fishing effort and reduced the closures in between, it takes 70 plus hours for the fish to pass through, as the current moves in the South Peninsula the fish move faster going west then they do going east due to the currents, If you look at Igvak it takes the salmon 5 to 7 days to reach Chignik. From the Shumigan Islands to Chignik the salmon take 7 to 14 days geographically roughly the same distance, The fish spend more time in the area, ever since they moved to 32 hour closure when historically that was not the case due to only one gear type in the water, this

proposal allows historically to allow Chignik Bound Sockeye salmon to pass through, The board recognizes in July there are closures where there are windows to allow the fish to pass through. This Proposal allows them to go back to the Traditional fishing times, which gives them more than the average was its a lot closer than what is used to be, if you look at Section (A) of Proposal 130 as written there is no mention of Chignik, there is no Recognition that there are Chignik bound sockeye in the area and, there are Chinook going all over the state, needs more time to allow salmon to move through the area longer then 32 hours, After July 25<sup>th</sup> Chignik see the effects in escapement and harvest.

Ben- Currently Chignik is fishing on 2 days in the lagoon, need at least a 72 hours closure to allow the salmon to pass through, Support of the proposal

Alfredo support of proposal, did we get our escapement June 28<sup>th</sup> , needs to cut down due to the historical fleet in the area which was about 6 boats in the Shumigans now there are 56 boats, not like the 1950 there are larger boats and increased fishing,

Carl-2025 was the first time since 2017 the department was within the interim goals, the first opener was on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and the escapement was met,

Axel-there are more than just Chignik stocks moving through there are chum going to southwest Alaska also going to AYK, longer closures times will allow more fish going by that need it, there are also Chinook Salmon which are close to being on the Endangered Species Act, so the longer closure times help tremendously for the passage of both Chinook and Chum in the areas that depend on those species.

Chuck- Under the Bristol Bay allocation of 8%, there was a set % in Shumigan Islands which allowed protection for the Chignik Stock without being named as a protected stock, it worth speaking of the protection it had on Chignik bound Stocks, which has disappeared,

Ben calls question

2<sup>nd</sup> by alfredo

All in favor of support 130

motion carries.

Proposal 131

Proposal 131 Read into Record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Axel- Reference comments from Proposal 127 to Proposal 131, supports the reduction of fishing time,

Alfredo- same as 127 chum caps, support like what it is,

Ben- would like to support and move the comments over from Proposal 127 to Proposal 131

Henry- Move Comments from Proposal 127 over to Proposal 131

Jacob - Move Comments from Proposal from 127 over to Proposal 131

Jeremy Anderson has joined the meeting

Austin would like all Comments from Proposal 127 to reflect on Proposal 131

Ben calls question and requests for ask for unanimous consent

All in favor

Motion carries

Proposal 132

Department Reads the Proposal into Record

Motion to adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Axel- would like to take no action, looking at the hours in the proposal and as the Department stated there is no clarity, will not support if unclear, Proposal 127 and 131 makes it clearer what the intent is and does the job for what needs to be accomplished.

Ben- agrees with Axel,

Alfredo- They breaking down the amount of fishing boats in the area and the tonnage of increase, stays neutral

Henry- doesn't get the verbiage and Stays neutral.

Jacob- Calendar graph would have helped to better understand, remains neutral

Rachel- in favor of taking no action or staying neutral for the lack of understanding but the intent is going in the right direction,

Motion to take no action on Proposal 132 as written: Moved by axel, Jacob 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ben requested unanimous consent

Motion to take no action on Proposal 132 passes

### Proposal 133

Proposal 133 Read into Record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alfredo

Discussion:

Axel-ac generated proposal, this Proposal is the same as proposal 130, Proposal 130 deals with Shumigan Islands, Proposal 133 has Shumigan Islands and South Unimak, this Proposal was to tie south pen under one management plan. They historically had more fishing time for both set net and seiners, in support of proposal.

Alfredo- in support of the proposal it emphasizes the Gear and time, acknowledges and supports paragraph (G)

Axel- Reference comments from proposal 130 to reflect on Proposal 133 also Reference the Comments made by the CIC as the comments apply.

CIC- does it offer more protections, traditional knowledge says to follow the fish, if one stat area is closed you will move to another stat area to catch that fish just in a different spot. Comments from Proposal 130 allow for more Back up.

Axel- This proposal allows for more protections because it would include the South Unimak Islands in the overall Plan, Proposal 130 was put in place in case the south Unimak wasn't in favor, This Proposal is preferable but the comments from Proposal 130 all apply, the chum going to AYK used to be mostly harvested in the South Unimak, as were 80% of the Fish were caught in South Unimak, since the Expansion of the fishery and gave more fishing time in area the Chum Salmon Harvest has increased in the Shumigan Islands. The Proposal would allow windows to be placed,

Alfredo -the increase of the Fishing fleet in the Shumigan Islands allows more harvest,

Ben will be in support

Rachel will be in support well help chinook salmon coming into Chignik, along with helping build on our Early run.

No further Discussion

Ben calls question and requests unanimous consent,

All in favor to support Proposal 133

Motion carries in favor

Proposal 134

Proposal 134 Read into Record by Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Axel- opposed the proposal, the intent of the Proposal is to go back to the (4) 88 hour openers with 32 hour closure in between that was in place before the 2023 board of fisheries meeting, the board has shorted hours for the seiners, the hours actually need to be shortened more, which applies to the sustainable salmon policy, there is no reason to increase of fishing time,

Chum and Chinook Genetic will be at the Alaska Board of fisheries,

When the Proposal was written before the new report came out the report shows there are less central-western Alaska chum were present in the area, justification is to keep the adaptive management plan in place, Central-western Alaska Chum Norton.

Axel- the state of Alaska the constitution gave the authority to legislature when in return the legislature handed it over to the Board of fisheries, not to the Processors, we almost destroyed our fisheries in the state of Alaska by allowing the processors to do as they please. It's unacceptable for the Board of fisheries to hand the authority of management over to the processors to manage a fishery. Also opposed of the Proposal

Ben- opposed to the proposal.

Alfredo -opposed to the proposal

Henry- nonstarter they ignore the salmon runs they shouldn't be asking for more fishing time they are getting the escapement,

Reachel none of the surround areas has stabilized and should be stabilized for at least 3 -5 years before any fishing time is added, not the right proposal at this time for the state of Alaska.

Axel- with current fishing regulation they still have way more than historically, we are going to be seeing Proposals to Double the length of set Gill nets, it's been promoted over the 20 years to allow more interception all while the terminal areas suffer the consequences,

Alfredo the canneries shouldn't be allowed to make any decisions on the fisherys, allow them to buy nothing more.

Ben calls the question and asks for unanimous consent to oppose

Alfredo 2nds

All in favor to oppose the proposal 134

Motions Carried to oppose 134,

Proposal 135

Proposal Read into Record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Discussion:

Axel agrees with staff comments and opposes the proposal. The commissioner already had the authority to require a nonretention, the concerns for under reporting of King salmon is a major concern in the Alaska fisheries, the proposal would endorse Chinook Chucking. In opposition of Proposal considering the interception fishery on Chinook.

CIC-agrees this proposal encourages Chinook chucking along chum chucking, 64.2% of the Chinook is British Colombia and pacific Northwest bound, It's a violation of the trust and treaty agreements with the state of Alaska and Canada to turn a blind eye,just because its not coming to Chignik, Bristol Bay or the AYK doesn't mean we don't care, considering the possible listing of chinook on the Endangered species act, Bristol Bay fisheries in the Nushagak area, depending on the week in June the fishermen are enduring a 40% to 80 % reduction in fishing time,and Chignik being on a 5 day closure which is 71% reduction in fishing time for sockeye,for those living on the river are taking a stance to allow the fish to pass through, the burden needs to be shared through all areas in state.

Ben- the trollers in southeast were negatively impacted because of the king salmon count in the Puget sound of Washington state, which has state that 64% of there chinook are from west coast and British Columbia,

Axel- proposal is only talking about June but if you look at July and august the total of Chinook in 2025 was 17,000 chinook, years ago when they started seeing all the chinook being caught in Area M the state of Alaska said well most of those are going to the west coast and Canada, this may have had the effect of what's going on in the state of Alaska to date.

Alfredo- opposed the proposal, as alfredo was delivering cod he has seen the fishermen come in from pollock fishing the fishermen were loaded with Chinook and silver.stated there was one who had 300 to 400 salmon on deck, worried about the Chucking of salmon, will be opposed to the Proposal considering what is going on in the AYK.

Henry-the species as a whole, not just the Alaska kings are endangered, it will be the species as a whole that will be on the endangered species list which in result will affect everyone.

Rachel- does this apply to drift gill net and set gillnet as well? Will the chinook be released unharmed

Department responds back that yes it applies to the 28in or greater on chinook is non retention.

Rachel- will not be in support of the proposal because the gill nets have the potential to choke the Chinook and not expect it to live after being released.

Jacob- how are you going to release a gilled king salmon back into the water unharmed, has not seen much success in releasing kings back into the water unharmed after pulling the chinook salmon aboard.

Marty- after having a discussion with the department a few years back when Chignik is on a nonretention for king salmon, the release of king salmon even not being out of the water not more then a couple seconds the king went belly up and sank so the question was to the department isn't this want and waste which is against the law.

Department -Proposal itself applies to the June sein fishery so assumes it wont apply to drift or set netters.

Alfredo asks what is the mortality rate on kings after being released,

Department says there are no studies on long term studies of mortality rates on king salmon, there is a difference on if the fish are going to spawn and scale loss, there are talks about having the recovery boxes put in place in the future,

Tylor speaks on doing studies in Kodiak , there are studies being done in Canada and Pudget sound mostly, the more terminal fisheries the better the survival there is for kings, for the sein fisheries there is a 30 to 50% mortality rate, all depends on the maturity of the salmon and the location of the harvest, the recovery boxes show almost a 100% recovery.

Alfredo-30 to 50 % mortality rate is a large number,

Axel-as the proposal is written will not support.

Ben-calls question and requests for unanimous consent to oppose Proposal 135

All in favor to oppose Proposal 135

Motion carries to oppose.

Proposal 136

Proposal 136 Read into Record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Discussion:

Axel supports the Proposal, Will vote in support as the fishery is a 98% intercept fishery in June month,

Alfredo doesn't like it asking for too much as everyone needs to make money, where the fishermen depend on the stocks going to Bristol Bay, stays neutral

Ben- is full support of proposal, both areas being shut down as Chignik has had years of complete shut-down and years of the early run not accumulating, how is an area 95% intercept fishery not allowed when both sides are shut down not being able to make Escapement, allowed to keep fishing absolutely absurd to not have the area no be on the same restrictions

CIC-recognizes that the 21 day closure is a big ask, but acknowledges that it gives the board some flexibility to move forward on bigger closures. talks about 21 days is tough as stated by alfredo,

Axel -makes a statement to the AC board that Chignik has had years where we sat on the beach and the Area M was out fishing, and in 1974 they shut the fishery down in this area when Bristol Bay didn't make the escapement, the Department or the board of fisheries didn't shut the area down for Chignik when we didn't meet our escapement like in 2018, 2020, would like some language implemented where if Chignik or AYK weren't going to meet Escapement that they would move the fishermen in Area M into the Bays.will be in support of the Proposal.

Rachel will be supporting they have July and August to be fishing doesn't believe asking them to stand down in June is unreasonable

Henery -share the burden of stocks

Marty is in support of the proposal because the effects are still being felt to date from the 2018 disaster even as a crew member at the time.

George talks about history of 1974 shut down of the fisheries, 1964 Chignik Stocks were depleting the closures have extended as far as the Shelikof straight and Kodiak was completely shut down to allow the replenish of stocks into Chignik.

Clinton with this proposal they probably get more fishing time.

Ben calls question

Ben states that with Alfredos comments we cannot do unanimous consent

After discussion alfredo Changes his vote to support,

Ben request for unanimous consent

All in favor

In support motion carries,

Proposal 137

Proposal Read into Record by Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Axel is in opposition they are allowed more fishing time over the years they keep asking for more and more, more time is more interception of fish, expansion of interception where the fish are going, the board is against the expansion of interception fishery

Henry -considering the only set netters that were allowed to move and not lose fishing time. small boats do to weather they can move to different areas

Jacob -wont be supporting it's not like they are running around in small open skiffs they have the opportunity to move and the ability to do so

Axel -adding they have a proposal in place to double the length of their nets from 100 fathom to 200 fathom nets. Along with another 24 hours of fishing time so it's an expansion of a interception fishery.

Alfredo- with the ability of being able to move outside the kelp and the lengthening of the nets will be opposed

Ben calls the question and requests unanimous consent to oppose 137

All in favor to oppose Proposal 137

Motion carries to oppose Proposal 137

Proposal 138

Proposal 138 Read into Record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> Boris

Discussion

Axel-is opposition adds a significant amount of time and interception of the fishery, expansion to interception fisheries, does not fit the sustainable salmon policy, and the management for mixed stock fisheries. Will be opposed

Alfredo opposes the proposal, they have extended from 7 to 10 days

No further Discussion

Ben calls question and requests for unanimous consent to oppose

All in favor to oppose

Motion carries to oppose

Proposal 139

Proposal Read into Record by the Department

Motion to adopt by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Axel opposed the proposal still a lot of Chignik sockeye in area through august 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> reference the wasap study. Increase of fishing doesn't seem to be manageable.

Alfredo more interception for the fish coming to Chignik, will not accept more interception,

Henry if there is an emergency to fish on a stock in the bay allow them to go fish on that stock in the bays. Next proposal talks about more fishing time and area to intercept fish.

No further Discussion

Ben calls question and unanimous consent to oppose

All in favor to oppose

Motion carries to oppose Proposal 139

Proposal 140

Proposal 140 Read into Record by Departments

Motion to adopt: Moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Discussion:

Axel-in the regulation book it talks about opening the Belkovsky Bay section for terminal harvest, and the Belkovsky Bay section goes for miles off shore, same with the Myno Creek the little cold bay section which goes out as far as Unga Cape, there is no need for so much area off shore if targeting terminal harvest area, terminal harvest areas on the main land such as Chignik along with kodiak, the terminal harvest areas are inside the Bays, Terminal harvest areas should reflect that its not extended 15 plus miles into the gulf especially if your targeting local stocks.

Alfredo- is in favor of the Proposal, the proposal states what and where, terminal areas are fishing on the stocks but shouldn't have to go 20 30 miles off shore. States the Department of Fish and game should have done the proposal. It give a good prespective on whats going on in Area M.

Ben in Dorner bay section the department moved the line further inland because the line was to close to the cape to protect the stocks that were not local to the Dorner Bay Section to allow the traveling fish to pass.

Rachel there is no distance to how far the Set netter to anchor off the beach, opposes the possibility of harvesting the stocks of salmon travelling. So will be supporting the Proposal.

Henry support should have been done a while back.

Axel with the harvest of terminal stocks and with the line going offshore don't know where the fish are being harvested so allowing the different stat areas in place it allows the information to be gathered to capture where the salmon are being harvested.

Ben calls the question and request for unanimous consent to support

All in favor to support Proposal 140

Motion carries to support Proposal 140

Proposal 141

Proposal 141 Read into Record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> alfredo

Discussion:

Axel- the announcements made to restricting Chignik in the spring of 2025, this Proposal is basically a King salmon Conservation Plan for the South Peninsula as there is nothing in place, the plan is to have the same restrictions as Chignik. Considering the high interception rates the South Peninsula has a high harvest rate of Chinook Salmon. Idea is to deter the fishermen from targeting the high king Salmon Spots through the South Peninsula. nobody wants to be put out of business if king salmon are put on the endangered species act. In support

Alfredo- In support of Proposal, should be the same in every area, if Chignik don't get the Escapement of King salmon and the Kings are placed on the ESA no one will be allowed to fish, Including Area M.

Rachel- this Proposal is protective in the long run to the Area M Fishery it just shuts down statistical areas rather than broad sweep it puts limitations so that the fishermen can keep fishing and eliminates the areas and focuses of where the greatest Problems are. Considering the area is a mixed stock fishery, Chignik along with AYK having issues.

No further Discussion:

Ben calls question and unanimous consent to support

All in favor to support

Motion carries to support

Motion to Recess: Moved by Marty 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Meeting Called Back to Order at 10:04am

Roll Call: Austin, Boris, Axel, Ben, Rachel, Marty, Jacob, Jeremy, Alfredo, Henry

Quorum Present; 10

Guest: Carl department, Myra department, George Anderson CIC

Proposal 142

Proposal 142 Read into Record by Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Rachel opposes the proposal, the Proposal will make it so there are no windows for the fish to pass through as fishing would be in place and the windows are necessary.

Ben- will be Opposing the Proposal as the Wasap study shows there are Chignik Bound sockeye and East of Wasap including Cook Inlet stocks moving through the area, with no windows in place it would negatively impact the Bordering areas.

CIC-Comments on 142 144 145 and 146-CIC Opposes all for the same reason- an increase in fishing time, which is what all these proposals have in common will likely impact harvest on Chignik Bound sockeye. Expanding an intercept fishery on fully allocated stocks is not consistent with the sustainable salmon policy or mixed stock policy. additionally, using best available science, post just wassip shows not only Chignik Stocks, but an increasingly

higher harvest of east of wassip stocks than in the June fishery in the south Peninsula. Lastly, its unreasonable and inappropriate to ask for more gear, more area or more time considering the extreme king conservation measures being taken on the Nushagak, upper Cook Inlet and Chignik, further the growing concern of Chinook across our state, Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

Axel- opposed to the Proposal, the Comments the department are clear trying to allocate between the gear groups, there aren't any problems with the ability to harvest the pinks and chum.

Henry-opposed if you do not allowed for windows you can relatively kill a run, as where the Chignik Area has reduced fishing time in August to ensure the runs to escape, as the Department has the ability to reduce such time, it has added the diversity of escapement,

Alfredo-this proposal has no concern for conservation, will oppose.

Ben calls question

Motion by Axel to oppose Proposals 142, 144, and 145 and apply all comments to reflect on all 3 Proposals as a block, 2nd by Ben

Ben requests unanimous consent to oppose

All in Favor to Oppose.

Motion carries to oppose

Proposal 143

Proposal Read into record by the Department

Motion to adopt by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben

Discussion:

Ben- it is common that the Department has deemed 28 inches or less are immature, and having a test fishery where it deems that only gilled fish in a sein are Immature,

Department: says that at the size of the king salmon 28 inches or greater is more an enforcement considering you are able to spot a king amongst the other species of salmon. And a lot of the king salmon moving in the Chignik system beyond the weir are less than 28 inches.

Alfredo how many test fishery sets are made, possessors will not take the immature fish

Henry-hundred or more immature kings, if this is the amount of kings caught during a test fishery can you imagine the amount caught through the season,

Rachel in the proposal there is a possible oversight, if a hundred or more immature salmon in the area the commissioner will show close the current regulation doesn't include immature king salmon, over the years there has been an expansion of gear and area, per say the set gill net is allowed to anchor the nets off shore, there is a proposal coming up where they look to expand their nets up to 200 fathom plus the 25 or 30 fathoms of seine web, and in Unimak its allowed the anchor half mile off shore, and is allowable up to 30% in a hook shape, and is its looking to expand the fishery and the effectiveness of the fishery, likes the proposal where its stated that it will close if 100 or more immature salmon are caught.

Ben talks about the idea of the Proposal is to not only the gilled salmon to be counted as immature salmon, if fisherman can size crab the processor can size the fish at the plant

Matt Keys South Peninsula area manager it can be an issue considering the amount of salmon in seiner,

Alfredo question for matt in the department also asks about the possible sizing up the fish, its done with cod tanner and crabbing,

George to matt clarify the definition of immature would it be possible to collect data

2.7 lbs. according to the data of immature fish being caught during a test fishery we don't

Only the fish that are gilled are considered immature dept say 90% of the time they are considered immature,

Axel what is your definition of a immature salmon to the dept even when it clearly shows it's a immature salmon even not gilled? Dept more along the lines of king salmon,

If less then. 28 in in king salmon its considered a immature salmon,

Why can't the fish be analyzed when brought to the plant and analyzed post season,

One of 2 questions on times is there a large presence of immature fish

3 years drift gill net not in Shumigan and kept in in Unimak

23 119 drift 56 sein 26 set

2023 july 14 first period of opener before

Considering the lack of burden of conservation considering the the areas that are suffering from restrictions, 100 gilled fish during a test fishery will result in no opener

With the mesh size and the hand pitching Chignik does why cant the dept have this done during a test fishery to provide more accurate data for accurate numbers and collect data

Ben motion to take 10 min break 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob

Chair says the meeting will be back to order at 11:40

meeting back to order at 11:41

roll call: Austin, Henry, Rachel, Marty, Ben, Axel, Alfredo, Jeremy, Boris

earl Krygier has done nation and internation board , final evaluationis how the gear is pulled in determines how the immature are Gilled.

**(i)Beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing through July 25,** the department shall conduct a seine test fishery in the Shumagin Islands Section prior to any opening to assess the presence of immature salmon. If 100 or more immature (king) salmon, per set, are present, the commissioner shall close , by Emergency Order, the seine and set fishery in an area to be determined by the department,[if the seine fishery is closed in an area under this subsection, the set gillnet fishery shall remain open in that area] for the purposes of this subsection, “immature salmon, per set, are present” means the number of immature [KING] sockeye, coho, and chum salmon observed to be gilled in the seine web **as well as the total number of immature king salmon overserved to be under 28 inches from tip of snout to tip of tail.**

Motion to adopt amendment by alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Amendment strikes out the king out of king salmon and put salmon as a whole

Post June 2000 salmon test fishery 460mm which is 18 and half inches is immature,

Test fishery through July 12 there wouldn't be any test fishery

Question been called by ben to support the new amended language to 143

Axel 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roll call vote:

Austin yes

Henry yes

Rachel yes

Marty yes

Axel yes

Ben yes

Alfredo yes

Jermey yes

Jacob yes

Boris yes

Motion passes unanimously

The AC Board supports the actual Proposal but we prefers the amended language.

Proposal 146

motioned to adopt by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Axel opposed for reasons of intercept more travelling fish, no increase in interception fishery

Alfredo, they want more and more and more with sein, gillnet and setnet

Rachel the Proposal is not showing the results in wasap study

Axel reference 138 the comments to reflect

Ben motions to opposed and asks for unanimous consent

All in favor

Motion carries

Proposal 147

Proposal 147 Read into Record by Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved by axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Ben will be in favor to reduce the depths of the net to allow the chinook and chum

Axel in support to shallow up the nets

Dept doesn't have migrating information

Rachel will be in support north side is already 70 meshes in depth they will have the same depth

Henry support chum for ayk and the west coast

Jacob in support in line with what the state is trying to do

Dept 70 in north side for set and drift excluding nelson lagoon which is 29 going to 39 for the coho season

Mark McNealy ac chair for nelson lagoon any mesh reduction would be nice only knows of one person who is deeper

Austin reference the proposal, sein should be saying for drift gill net

Alfredo mesh size for sand point set gillnet can not exceed 5 in mesh in the max

There is no minimum mesh size

Axel call question ben 2<sup>nd</sup>

In favor to support the prop motion carries

Proposal 148 and 152

motion to Adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> by ben

Discussion:

Axel is in support to reduce 375 to 325 to conserve chinook limited to 250 fathom in length it would eliminate the killing power.

Alfredo in support wants a sunset for a few years until the kings come. Back, wants everyone to be the same length

Ben the killing power they have

Henry state of the fishery state of the kings in full support

Jacob support shows good faith shows we should leads by example,

Alfredo wants to add an amendment to allow Chignik to be same as Area M from 375 to 325 we shouldn't only be allowed to cut our nets.

Rachel making the purse seines is going to primarily effect the mix stocks in the bays in the terminal areas

Ben calls question and request unanimous consent to support

All in favor

Motion carries

Proposal 149

Proposal 149 Read into Record by Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved by Axel 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben

Discussion:

Axel opposes the proposal to double their nets will allow more interception of the stocks moving through the area

Ben -They have 30 fathom of lead they lengthen their nets and allowing them to more offshore

Rachel-can have 2 different permits and have 400 fathom of sein and having a hook shape at the end

No further discussion

Ben calls Question and unanimous consent to oppose

All in favor to oppose

Motion carries

Proposal 150 and 153

Dept reads Proposal into Record:

Motion to adopt: Moved by axel and ben 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion

Dept says might have high proficiency to catch pinks and clean

Mark says they were opposed because it'll allow more catch

Impact the catch ratio

Axel will be opposing because the catch ratio because the mono filament is harder to see

Rachel opposed because she doesn't know the effectiveness of the gear type

Ben calls question and unanimous consent to opposed 150 153

All in favor to oppose

Motion carries

Proposal 151

Proposal Read into Record by Department

Motion to adopt: Moved by axel ben 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion:

Cic not the time to increase the gear, set net fleet is shrinking

125 fathom fished rather than 100

Axel In support to repeal

Alfredo in support

Ben set net is fixed to one place will be in support

Rachel gillnets needed to fixed to the shore

Henry just an expansion of the fishery

Marty and austin will be in favor

Ben calls question unanimous consent to support

All in favor to support

Motion carries

Ben motion to have austin to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob

Motion carries

Roll Call: Austin, Henry, Rachel ,Marty, Axel, Ben, Alfredo, Jeremy, Jacob, Boris

Proposal 180

Proposal read into Record by Department

Motion to Adopt: Moved Ben motion 2<sup>nd</sup> Axel

Ben states the limit of 5 chinook statewide

Axel with people moving to different spots that have different bag limits by the end, commercial fisherman are the one being impacted, will be in support of the prop

Alfredo how are you going to regulate

Marty asked about the 5 per person statewide would it increase the bag limits in areas that have less than 5 bag and it was clarified that the 5 bag limit doesn't affect those areas,

Jacob in support says the amount of fisherman in Homer and some show on social media that the fisherman like charter boats are guaranteed that they will limit out,

The people who break the law will continue to break the law

Ben calls question and request for unanimous consent to support

Motion carries

Motion to form a Subcommittee and appoint 4 people, moved by Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boris, subcommittee members include Austin, Marty, Jacob and Axel .

All in favor

Motion carries

In person only but the meeting will be posted

Motion to adjourn by Jacob 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel

All in favor

Motion carries

Meeting minutes approved by Austin Shangin on 2/03/2026

## Coastal-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, January 12, Beginning at 1:00 PM, 2026

**Call to order:** *Chair*, Marilyn Ayunerak-Stanislaus at 1:31

- I. Roll Call – Marilyn Ayunerak-Stanislaus, Cyril Okitkun, Stanley Pete present
  - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3, Quorum established
  - b. Marvin Okitkun appointed as alternate by Cyril Okitkun
- II. Welcome and Introductions:
  - a. ADFG: Deena Jallen, summer Yukon, Mike Parker Deena’s asst., Matt Keyse, S. AK PEN M, James Jackson, Western mgr.,
  - b. Other Agency Staff: Stan Sheppard, Aaron Moses, Janessa Newman, Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission
  - c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves
- III. Approval of Agenda: Stan, Cyril
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: If minutes are available from 12/18/2025 meeting – Not received
- V. Reports
  - a. Chair’s report
  - b. ADF&G
    - i. Fisheries Reports
    - ii. Wildlife Reports – Pat Jones gave a brief report primarily on moose and musk ox numbers and projects. Marilyn requested the counts be made public somehow. Keith Oster gave a brief report on moose and moose collaring. Marilyn expressed concern about the increase of sports hunters in the area and wasted meat and asks for recommendations. Keith said the AC could put in a proposal, possibly limitations around river. Marilyn stated that’s the way we were with fish, people come here for fish, and now...? Doesn’t matter if abundance now, in the future... everything started less and less and then regulations for outsiders not to come. Marvin confirmed that sport hunting is very big concern in the area. There was a 5 year moratorium, now sport hunters come around 60+” antlers, bring meat to airport but spoils because of timing. Something needs to be done. Sport hunters need to limit their own harvest. If they want to give away locally, they need to limit the size of moose they can harvest. Locals go out and hunt for moose sheds and sell them. There is a commercial market that provides income. This past season, super cubs have been landing looking for moose sheds which takes away from locals. Hunting may be their only income for the winter time. Shed hunting has opened up new source of income for locals. Flying in with aircraft is not acceptable and we need to put a stop to that. The person with aircraft doesn’t need the money, look they own a plane.
    - iii. Board Support Section Reports – Savannah stated that she does often give educational sessions at AC meetings to help the ACs learn the Board system. Marilyn asked for a presentation on the main point of AC meetings and how other committees work and what they do.
- VI. Public Comment
  - a. Marvin Okitkun: States that management actions have been going on and limited Yukon fishing for 12 years and it’s now time to look at the ocean.
  - b. Janessa Newman agreed, NPFMC will decide in February.

- c. Marilyn agrees with Marvin and Janessa. Marilyn said if we come together and each of us have a testimony about how we have next to nothing. When it comes to winter, we pike fish everyday. Pike is the only fish there is in abundance and sometime lush fish, shee fish. Continue to speak on behalf of our communities. Sometimes we are only able to take 5 or less. Sometimes we get fish from Bristol Bay area but by the time we get them they are frozen and dry. We need to ask for solutions. We asked for more research, we got some answers but we need some better explanation for our elders. Try to get them some fish and smoke them some salmon. That’s what we live on. All these other animals. I think we work together we can .
- d. Stan Sheppard – muskrat hunting, elders said if we quit using this resource it will disappear. Need to take a little bit so it returns

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business –

- a. Board of Fisheries Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Proposals – see chart  
These proposals are all similar. They are all limiting fishing and we probably will group them together to support, except Proposals 134, 135, 137 – all opposing
- b. Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals – see chart

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127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Stan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marvin, Stan – support, further studies on fecundity needs to be done on spawning grounds, trying to find reason for decline. There is not too much attention to in river habitat. There are numerous ways fecundity could be effected; pollution etc. There is a big demand for gold and less attention to spawning habitats. Currently there are over 100 proposed mines on the Yukon. Mines cause sediment and contaminants in the water. Could be toxic, deformations, water	

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			temperature, could cause smaller body size. Mining reduces egg survival rates. ONC hints at what may be cause, but not what it actually explains. Only proposal that speaks to spawning grounds. We are seeing lots of algal blooms. Everyone wants to point at the ocean but not in our own back yards. Deena Jallen said some work being done, but mostly in Canada. There are some funds to deal with habitat and there is a lot of work being done on salmon health, but it is hard to study and can be tricky.
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Stan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marvin	
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Stan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marvin	
130	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Stan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marvin	
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Stan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marvin	
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Stan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marvin	
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Marvin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stan	
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>	Stan, Marvin Stan pointed out the Fishermans Association is trying to manage on their own without allowing the department to intervene. It seems they want it done their way, without showing an attempt to address the problem. Same as wolves deciding on rules to hunt the sheep. Marilyn and Marvin agree with Stan. On the Yukon we almost have no say on how long or how much we fish. This last year we had some input in the fall season. It's unheard of to fish that long. The	

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			windows we face on the Yukon. If we had that kind of opening on the Yukon we would wipe out all the fish.
135			Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>		<b>Stan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin</b> It seems like they would only be releasing the large ones and only a small portion of those would be AYK. We are weary about keeping even the small fish. The king salmon are decreasing in size. Think they are making it appear that they are trying to address the problem with the public. Even the small kings should be released if that is the concern. We are in favor of letting them go, but should apply to all fish.
136			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area
<b>Support</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>		<b>Stan, Marvin</b>
137			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>		<b>Stan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin</b> With no real info we oppose just because we are not sure what this would lead to or if it would lead to more take of AYK stocks. Every fish is very vital for our own stocks

**Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals**  
 March 17 – 21, 2026 | Anchorage, AK

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175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
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<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>		Emmonak and Kotlik use this method. This is statewide proposal. It would make our dipnets less effective when used for subsistence. The proposal should be specific to their region.

- IX. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting
    - i. February 18-24, 2026; Deadline February 4<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Stan nominates Marilyn to attend; approved
  - b. Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals
    - i. March 17 – 21, 2026
    - ii. Stan nominates Marilyn to attend; approved
- X. Set next meeting date – At the call of the Chair
- XI. Other
- XII. Adjourn – Stan 4:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin

Minutes Recorded By: Stanley Pete  
 Minutes Approved By: Marilyn Ayunerak-Stanislaus  
 Date: 1/12/2026

**Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes from  
Monday, November 3rd, 2025 at 3:30 pm**

**Eagle Community School 168 3rd Ave. Eagle AK.  
and by web/teleconference**

**Call to Order:** 3:31pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Andy Bassich (chair), Don Woodruff (vice chair),  
Denise Becker (secretary), Steve Robbins, Ruby Becker, Chalia Selman  
Absent: Jackie Helmer, Karma Ulvi, Ben Juneby, Lance Kozma (alternate),  
Beth Jeffers (alternate)

**Number needed for Quorum on AC:** 5. (6 present)

**Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell (ADFG), Aiden Hunter (ADFG)

**Introduce Guests Present:** Mike McDougal (20-year Eagle resident), Genevieve Muldoon (Eagle School Student), O'Neil Jones (Eagle Resident), Helen Gilmore (Eagle Resident), Mike Parker, Olivia Henaayee Irwin (BOF), Gale Vick (Fairbanks AC), Venessa Newman (Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC), Craig Cythlook, Jasmine Vent, Amy Spareck

**Approval of Agenda :** Motion: Don W. 2nd Steve R. **unanimously approved**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion: Don W. 2nd Steve R. **unanimously approved**

**Reports & Public Comments:**

- Chair: 1. Recognition of extensive amount of conservation work, and building of coalitions regarding fisheries, in responding to crises in the river and marine environments.  
2. Reminded AC of Resolutions to the BOF on raising stock status for Chinook and Mainstem Fall Chum to STOCK OF CONSERVATION CONCERN due to chronic inability of stocks to meet minimum escapement goals (mainstem Fall Chum 6 years, Mainstem Chinook 5 years)  
3. AC has strong concerns for STOCK OF CONSERVATION CONCERN designation process not set in place for the BOF to implement top protection by the State for threatened Salmon Stocks. No process to establish "SET"  
4. Reminded members to review Draft 40 mile Caribou Harvest Plan for next meeting discussion.

Olivia: Updates from the Board of Fish work session where escapement goals for the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region and Aleutian Peninsula were presented, with no immediate board action taken. The board decided to review two ACRs (5 and 8) at the March statewide meeting, and approved a 5% increase in the guideline harvest limit for western Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod fishery, with a scheduled decrease to 32.5% in 2029. The board also declined to delist the Chignick River Early Run sockeye as a stock of management concern, and several stock of concern memos will be addressed with action plans at the upcoming regional meetings. The

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work session focused on the challenges of elevating Yukon, Chinook, and Fall Chum salmon stocks to a conservation concern status due to the lack of a defined sustainable escapement threshold (SET) and unclear management responsibilities. Olivia highlighted the ambiguity in regulations and the department's inability to set an SET.

Gale : Reminded attendees of the deadline for public comments on the AYK meeting and suggested raising concerns about stock conservation at the Board of Fish meeting. The discussion concluded with a review of Board of Fish proposals to limit mesh size in the Yukon River, with concerns raised about the poor escapement for most Fall Chum stocks.

Mike: Provided updates that escapement goals were not met in the Porcupine or Shinjak rivers, while early season surveys showed promising numbers in the Tanana River.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Review Eagle AC BOF proposals 15&16 with amended language which will close the main stem Yukon River 4-inch mesh gear fishing starting July 16th when fall chum salmon runs are projected to be below escapement goals.

Motion to **support**: Don W. 2nd Ruby B. **unanimously supported**

Discussion: Some concerns regarding not being able to adapt restrictions to future run sizes, overshadowed by the critical need to get fish to spawning grounds to avert extirpation

**Amended language will not change the intent of the proposals and will help to align the proposal with Current management dates and procedures**

- b. Review BOF proposal 17 with amended language which allows 6-inch mesh gear in specific lower Yukon River tributaries between September 1-30.

Motion to **support**: Don W. 2nd Steve, vote **not supported** 2 supported:4 opposed

Discussion: Concerns raised about potential overfishing of large most productive fish in those areas: concern for; Can those fish stocks bear greater harvest pressure as Yukon fishers shift more heavily to local non salmon stocks? Once depleted, it takes a long time to recover. Looking into the future, Eagle AC does not intend to take the opportunity away, but intends to work off of past local experience in regard to current Chinook salmon declines. LOSS of 7&8 year old most productive fish, once lost, productivity declines and fisheries close to subsistence. Rebuilding is a long protracted hardship to subsistence fishers.

Request to amend 300ft parameter to 500 ft.

- c. Review amended language of Area M BOF proposals 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132 & 134-135

#127- aims to align area M fisheries management with the broader Alaska Board Fish cycle

Motion to **support**: Don W. 2nd Chalia S **unanimously supported**

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Discussion: Eagle AC supports better conservation management practise, and oversight in the marine life stage for coastal western alaska stocks i.e Yukon River Stocks

**#128**-addresses bycatch limits in area M fisheries

Motion to **support**: Chalia S. 2nd Don W. **unanimously supported**

Discussion: Eagle AC supports better monitoring of vessel catches and genetic testing for stock of origin of By-Catch in Area M

**#129**-modifies start date for commercial fishing in the June fishery, allowing more salmon through

Motion to **support**: Chalia S. 2nd Don W. **unanimously supported**

Discussion: Eagle AC supports better conservation management practise, and oversight in the Marine life Stage for coastal western Alaskan stocks i.e Yukon River Stocks  
Gale provided clarification on Area M fisheries timing and suggested that the group focus on conservation measures in future discussions with the Board of Fish.

**#130**-deferred for further clarification

**#131**-aims to address chum salmon bycatch issues in the Bering Sea with more stringent measures with annual cycle

Motion to **support**: Don W. 2nd Chalia S. **unanimously supported**

Discussion: Critical conservation measure

**#132**-written by FAC to reduce by-catch of western AK stocks and involves detailed management measures for the Area M region.

Motion to **support**: Steve R. 2nd Chalia **unanimously supported**

Discussion: **Eagle AC Strongly supported**

**#134&135**-presented by the Area M Seiners Association and aimed to increase salmon fishing in the area.

Motion to **support**: Don W. 2nd Steve R. **unanimously opposed**

Discussion: Need for enforcement measures for chum chucking violations.

Self reporting is not reflective of true on board catches. Poor management strategy. Inaccurate catch cards are making **Critical science** difficult to conduct. Lack of prior State funded genetic collection is a poor reflection of ADFG scientific analysis regarding stock of origin identification. Comments from Craig of Yukon River Intertribal Fish Commission and personal experiences as a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay as to the negative impacts to the smaller local fishing fleet downstream of the Salmon migration.

d. 40 Mile Caribou Harvest Plan- discussion deferred to next meeting

**Next Meeting Date**: To be announced, aiming for first week of February.

**Adjourn**: Motion: Steve R. 2nd Chalia **unanimously supported**

Adjournment: 5:45 p.m.

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128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
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<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	Critical conservation measure
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	Eagle AC Strongly supported
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Need for enforcement measures for chum chucking violations. Self reporting is not reflective of true on board catches. Poor management strategy. Inaccurate catch cards are making Critical science difficult to conduct. Lack of prior State funded genetic collection is a poor reflection of ADFG scientific analysis regarding stock of origin identification. Comments from Craig of Yukon River Intertribal Fish Commission and personal experiences as a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay as to the negative impacts to the smaller local fishing fleet downstream of the Salmon migration.

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Minutes Recorded By: Denise Becker  
 Minutes Approved By: Andy Bassich, Chair  
 Date: 11/4/2025

## Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 pm

JP Jones Community Center (2400 Rickert Street)

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Levi at 6:00PM
- II. **Roll Call:**
  - a. **In Attendance:** Levi Lewellyn (chair), Mark Richards (vice chair), Krystal Lapp (secretary), Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, John Wisnieski, Gabriel Davis, Warren Giuchici, Chuck Derrick, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, James Paine, Julia Hnilicka.
  - b. **Seating of Alternates by Chair:** Eric Anslinger and Jaques Echteverry
  - c. **Excused:** Ricko DeWilde, Mike Tinker

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 8, number of members in attendance 15
- III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**
  - a. Andy Gryska, ADF&G Sport Fish Division
  - b. Kyle Campbell – Board Support
  - c. Matt Olson, ADF&G Yukon Fall Season Manager
  - d. Deena Jallen, Yukon Summer Season Manager
  - e. Jeff Wells, Wildlife Area Biologist, Fairbanks
  - f. Lindsey Dreese, Assistant Area Biologist, Fairbanks
  - g. Mark Nelson, Northeast Alaska Area Biologist
  - h. Max Plukta, Wildlife Technician
  - i. Forrest Rosenbauer, Wildlife Biologist
  - j. Garrett Aragon, Wildlife Administration
- IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**
  - a. Brie Van Dam – Member of the public
  - b. Brooke McDavid – Coordinator, Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council (RAC)
  - c. Diloola Erickson – Member of the public
  - d. Janessa Newman – Member of the Public and Chair of Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC
  - e. Karen Gillis – Bering Sea Fisherman’s Association
  - f. Al Barrette, Board of Game and member of the public
  - g. Dave Lorrington, Board of Game and member of the public
  - h. Carlisle Tyrell, Member of the public; lodge owner/operator in the Chandalar region
  - i. Luke Tyrell, Member of the Public
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Mark Richards motioned to add a report from Mark Nelson on the Porcupine and Central Arctic Caribou Herds and a report from Andy Gryska.
  - b. Passed by unanimous consent

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/10/2025**

- a. Levi motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by John Haddix, moved by unanimous consent

VII. **Reports**

- a. Chair's report: None

- b. ADFG Staff:

- i. **Jeff Wells & Lindsey Dreese** –Harvest Update and Antlerless Moose Presentation: Discussed the Fairbanks harvest update for FAC, which included moose, Delta caribou, sheep and grizzly bear.

- Antlerless Moose Hunts: presented a proposed low-level antlerless moose harvest in Units 20A and 20B, with adaptive permit numbers based on winter survival conditions and follow-up information to be provided. Winter conditions (e.g., deep snow or rain-on-snow events) were identified as a key uncertainty, and staff emphasized that permit numbers could be reduced or rescinded if cow or calf survival declines.
- Motion: Support antlerless moose hunt in Unit 20A (Proposal 256)
  - Moved by: Eric
  - Seconded by: John H.
  - Vote Method: Roll call vote
  - Vote: YES: Levi, Mark, Virgil, Gabe, Warren, Chuck, Lance, John H, James. NO: Krystal, Gale, Julia, Eric, Jaque. Not recorded: John W.
  - Result: 9 YES, 5 NO
  - Outcome: Motion passes
- Motion: Support antlerless moose hunt in Unit 20B
  - Moved by: Eric
  - Seconded by: Lance
  - Vote Method: Show of hands
  - Vote:
  - In favor: 10
  - Opposed: 3
  - Outcome: Motion passed

- ii. **Matt Olson** - Gave an update on upcoming Board of Fisheries meetings, reported that action plans are being developed for Chinook and fall chum stocks of concern, noted that public and Advisory Committee input is being accepted, reminded attendees that outstanding pike permits were due.

- iii. **Andy Gryska** - Provided an update on the Statewide Stocking Plan,

noted that public comments are due by January 31, 2026. A committee member asked whether the plan started on September 1 or October 2, seeking clarity on the effective timing, Andy indicated the plan began around September 1. A question was framed around whether the plan would apply to the current or upcoming fishing season, rather than a future cycle, confirmed the plan is relevant to upcoming management considerations. A follow-up clarification question asked whether Interior Alaska has any anadromous stocking releases under the plan, He confirmed that there are no anadromous stocking releases in Interior Alaska. A question was asked if you can bait for burbot, answer: yes.

- iv. **Mark Nelson** - Presented results from the July 2025 photo-census of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, conducted jointly by Alaska and Canadian partners. The census was completed on July 4, 2025, using radio-collared animals, aerial photography, and population estimation software. Results show a significant decline in the herd since its 2017 peak, when the population was estimated at approximately 218,000 animals. The 2025 estimate indicates a population of approximately 143,000 caribou, with relatively wide confidence intervals due to herd dispersion and survey conditions. Nelson explained that prior to 2010, population estimates were based largely on minimum photographic counts, while more recent estimates incorporate modeling to account for unobserved animals. Nelson emphasized the logistical challenges of surveying such a large, transboundary herd across Alaska, Yukon, and Northwest Territories. Factors contributing to the decline were discussed, including:
- Reduced adult female survival
  - Lower calf recruitment
  - Nutritional stress
  - Weather impacts, including poor conditions affecting calf survival
- v. Nelson also provided an update on the Central Arctic Caribou Herd, based on recent monitoring and harvest data. The Central Arctic herd is currently near its management objective. Nelson discussed ongoing concerns about data quality and timeliness, particularly delays in processing photo-census data.
- A potential shift toward registration permit hunts was discussed as a way to:
    - Improve harvest and effort data

- Better track participation and success
- Support adaptive management decisions
- The group discussed possible adjustments to:
  - Season timing
  - Bag limits
  - Permit structure to better align harvest with population status and management goals.

c. Other Agency Staff: None

### VIII. **Public Comment**

- a. **Karen Gillis:** Provided an update on Area M management teamwork, Described development of a biometrician-led infographic showing day-by-day fish passage timing through Area M in June and Explained how this information will support Board deliberations and public understanding

### IX. **Old Business**

- a. Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay area proposal comments submitted (board meeting happening now)

### X. **New Business**

#### a. **Game/Trapping Subcommittee Report**

##### i. Recommendations on Southeast Region BOG Proposals

- Mark provided a brief overview of the subcommittee discussions and
- Proposal 11 – Use of Wireless Cameras for Trapping (Units 1–5)
  - Motion: Support Proposal 11 moved by Eric, seconded by Mark
  - Vote:
  - In favor: 13
  - Opposed: 2
  - Outcome: Passed
- Proposal 48 – Wolf Population Objectives
  - Motion: Support Proposal 48
  - Moved by: Mark
  - Seconded by: Virgil
  - Vote:
  - In favor: 5

- Opposed: 10
  - Outcome: Motion failed
  - Proposal 53 – Mandatory Online Trapping Education Course
    - Motion: Take no action moved by John H., seconded by Lance
    - Vote:
      - In favor of no action: Unanimous (by consent; no opposing votes stated)
      - Outcome: No action taken
  - Proposal 64 – Spike/Fork Antler Definition
    - Motion: Support Proposal 64
    - Moved by: John H.
    - Seconded by: Eric
    - Vote: Unanimously opposed
    - Outcome: Motion failed
  - **Motion:** Adopt all SE Board of Game proposals as reviewed by the Game & Trapping Subcommittee with the outcomes of Proposal 11, 48, 53, and 64 as voted by the advisory committee
    - Moved by: Eric
    - Seconded by: Warren
    - Discussion: Mark stated that, because the public comment deadline has passed, the adopted SE Board of Game proposals will be submitted as RC (Record Copy) comments.
    - Vote: Unanimous consent
    - Outcome: Motion passed
- ii. Set date for subcommittee meeting ahead of March 6<sup>th</sup> comment deadline for Southcentral proposals (see 12.29.25 subcommittee meeting minutes)
- Game/Trapping Subcommittee will meet at the ADF&G office on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30PM and tentatively February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM
- b. Fisheries Subcommittee Report**
- i. Recommendations on South Peninsula (Area M) proposals due February 3<sup>rd</sup> for full AC approval (see 1.12.26 subcommittee meeting minutes)
- Gale provided a brief overview of all Area M proposals, summarizing the Advisory Committee’s general positions and key areas of concern. Gale noted that Proposal 128

relies on trigger-based management and encourages chum “chucking”, creating incentives to discard chum salmon to avoid meeting harvest caps. Chuck clarified that triggers function as harvest caps, with open/close windows tied to those caps. He noted that approximately seven vessels were cited in previous seasons for chum chucking in order to avoid meeting chum caps and emphasized that industry had already been given an opportunity to comply under cap-based management and failed to do so. John raised concerns about observer coverage, emphasizing the need for independent observers rather than industry-led observer programs. Gale clarified that while drift and seine fleets account for the majority of incidental catch, set net fisheries do not take the majority of incidental salmon.

- Discussion compared Proposals 131 and 132:
  - John stated a preference for Proposal 131 over 132; however, he noted that if the Board does not support 131, the Committee would prefer the Board to revert to Proposal 132 rather than weaker alternatives.
  - Karen Gillis explained that strengthening the case for restricting fishing time through set schedules or open/close periods requires understanding when salmon are passing through Area M. She described a biometrician-developed infographic showing day-by-day fish passage through the area, noting that additional information will be added to each slide. Gale will receive the final version and share it widely once complete.
  - Virgil emphasized that the Advisory Committee’s objective is education of both the Board of Fisheries and the public, and that Area M fisheries should bear the burden of proof in demonstrating that they do not significantly impact AYK salmon stocks. He referenced newly available genetic information indicating that Area M impacts are greater than previously understood and stated that the upcoming

Board of Fisheries meeting would be materially different from 2023 due to improved data and analysis.

- Krystal emphasized that trigger-based management in Area M lacks credibility without independent observer coverage and stronger alignment with federal bycatch management approaches, particularly the use of time and area closures.
  - John discussed Proposal 155, which would allow the use of bait outside the King Salmon fishery, stating support for additional fishing opportunity where it does not impact salmon conservation.
  - Motion: Support Proposal 155 (allowing additional opportunity outside the King Salmon fishery)
    - Moved by: John H.
    - Seconded by: Eric
    - Vote: Unanimous by show of hands; none opposed
    - Outcome: Motion passed
  - Motion: Approve Fisheries Subcommittee recommendations as amended
    - Moved by: Virgil
    - Seconded by: Mark
    - Vote: Unanimous support
    - Outcome: Motion passed
  - Action Items: Gale will revise and circulate Area M Advisory Committee comments for review prior to submission to the Board of Fisheries by February 3, 2026, and will distribute the finalized salmon passage timing infographic once available.
- ii. Notification of Statewide Stocking Plan comment period, ended January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Gale called the question if the subcommittee felt the need to call a meeting on this topic before the comment deadline, the subcommittee declined.
- iii. BOF call for proposals 2026-2027 due April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (includes cook inlet area)
- Gale reminded the Committee of this deadline.
- c. Other fisheries, wildlife, or committee business as needed

- Yukon River Panel meetings announced
  - 2025 Post-Season Meeting: January 26–29, 2026, Whitehorse and Old Crow, YT
  - 2026 Pre-Season Meeting: April 13–16, 2026, Alaska (location TBD)
- North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Meeting in Anchorage Feb. 2-11<sup>th</sup>, they’ll be taking up the Chum Bycatch EIS Final action – comments due Jan 30<sup>th</sup>
- Board of Fish Bristol Bay is currently in progress until the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Alaska Marine Science Symposium in Anchorage Jan. 26-30
- Western Interior Regional Advisory Council meeting Feb. 24-25, Fairbanks
- Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council meeting March 3-6 at Pikes Waterfront Lodge
- Alaska Chapter AFS (American Fisheries Society), Fairbanks March 23-26

- XI. **Set next meeting date:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- XII. **Other:** Member Notice: Krystal informed the Chair that she will be unable to attend the February 11 meeting due to a scheduling conflict and requested to be excused.
- XIII. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:07PM by Levi, seconded by Mark.

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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>			
1	Prohibit the take of big game animals between civil twilight of sunset until civil twilight of sunrise the following day in Units 1-5		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Loss of opportunity
2	Prohibit the take of deer between civil twilight of sunset until civil twilight of sunrise the following day in Units 1-5		

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<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Loss of opportunity
3	Allow the same day airborne take of goats in Units 1-5		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Unfair advantage, may decrease season length
4	Amend the definition of a "taken" mountain goat in Units 1-5 to align with the definition of a "taken" brown bear in Units 1-5		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	If you wound an animal and don't recover it, you should punch your tag
5	Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 1 Remainder, to one bear every regulatory year instead of one bear every four regulatory years		
<b>TNA</b>			
6	Align the wolf hunting seasons in Unit 1 by extending the seasons for Units 1B, 1C and 1D to May 31		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	More opportunity and no conservation concerns
7	Align the wolf hunting seasons in Unit 1 by extending the seasons in Units 1A, 1B & 1C to May 31		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	See comments on proposal 6
8	Establish an open season for hunting cougar in the Southeast Region		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	The AC supports regulations that will allow the take of any mountain lion under a hunting license and the retention of any mountain lion caught in a trap under a trapping license.. However, we are confused about whether mountain lions are considered to be an invasive species by the Department. The Department is neutral on this proposal and states that there is no harvestable surplus of mountain lions in Alaska. Since mountain lions have also been observed coming into Alaska across the Yukon/Alaska border near the Alaska Highway, this should be considered statewide
9	Establish hunting and trapping regulations for taking mountain lion in the Southeast Region		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	See comments on proposal 8
10	Remove the sealing requirement for beaver in Units 1-5		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	Not necessary
11	Allow the use of cameras or other sensory devices that can send messages through wireless communication for trapping furbearers in Units 1-5		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	13	2	Those in support believe it will reduce tampering with traps, allow trappers to see if a live animal is caught in a trap, and will not have any impact on harvests Those in opposition believe it is one more step toward technology influencing hunting and trapping and is unethical
12	Prohibit the use of night vision devices for taking furbearers in Units 1-5		

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<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Night vision devices for taking furbearers is legal statewide under a trapping license. We want to avoid having separate regulations that add complexity. Any methods and means for taking furbearers could be abused for taking big game, and we don't believe Units 1-5 are so different that these devices should be prohibited
13	Prohibit the use of night vision for taking furbearers in Units 1-5, during state and federal deer seasons		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	See comments on proposal 12
14	Change the bag limit for taking fisher from one to three per season in Southeast Region Units		
<b>TNA</b>			
15	Remove the bag limit for trapping fisher in Units 1-5		
<b>TNA</b>			
16	Shift the season dates for hunting migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 1-5 to October 8-January 22		
<b>TNA</b>			
17	Change the bag limit for grouse in the Southeast Region		
<b>TNA</b>			
18	Shift the hunting season for grouse in Units 1-5 to August 10 through May 31		
<b>TNA</b>			
19	Extend the resident hunting season for brown bear in Unit 4 to May 31		
<b>TNA</b>			
20	Extend the season for the RB088 brown bear registration hunt from May 20 to May 31, to align the season for all of Lisianski Inlet in Unit 4		
<b>TNA</b>			
21	Extend the season for the RB088 brown bear hunt in Unit 4, to align the season for all of Northeast Chichagof Island		
<b>TNA</b>			
22	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 4		
<b>TNA</b>			
23	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 4		
<b>TNA</b>			
24	Modify the Northeast Chichogof Controlled Use Area in Unit 4, to exclude drainages near Tenakee Inlet		
<b>TNA</b>			
25	Clarify the northern and southern boundaries of the Sitka Road System Closed Area in Unit 4		
<b>TNA</b>			

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26	Restrict hunters who take nanny goat in Unit 1C from hunting goat in Unit 1C for the following four regulatory years, and require nonresidents to forfeit nanny goats taken		
<b>TNA</b>			
27	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 1C, Douglas Island to four bucks		
<b>TNA</b>			
28	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 1C, Douglas Island to two bucks		
<b>TNA</b>			
29	Require an antler restriction for bucks harvested in Unit 1C, Douglas Island to at least one forked antler on one side		
<b>TNA</b>			
30	Establish a moose hunt for disabled hunters on state lands in Unit 5A, the Yakutat Region		
<b>TNA</b>			
31	Expand the RB063 and RB073 brown bear resident hunt area in Unit 1C to include the Chilkat Range, and change the bag limit to one bear every year		
32	Expand the RB063 and RB073 brown bear hunt area in Unit 1C to include the Chilkat Range, and change the bag limit to one brown bear annually		
<b>TNA</b>			
33	Change the bag limit for hunting brown bear in Unit 5, to one bear every regulatory year instead of one bear every four regulatory years		
<b>TNA</b>			
34	Allow archery only hunting for big game in the Juneau Road System Closed Area in Unit 1C		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			The AC supports archery only hunts in areas where rifle hunting is not allowed due to proximity to roads and dwellings
	15	0	
35	Open the area within 1/4 mile of Thane Road in Unit 1C, to taking big game by archery only		
<b>TNA</b>			TNA based on support of Proposal 34
36	Open the area within 1/4 mile of Thane Road in Unit 1C, to taking big game by archery only		
<b>TNA</b>			TNA based on support of Proposal 34
37	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four to three bucks		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Not necessary, no biological reason
38	Reduce the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to three		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	See comments on Proposal 37
39	Reduce bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to two		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	See comments on Proposal 37

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40	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to one		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	See comments on Proposal 37
41	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to one		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	See comments on Proposal 37
42	Change the nonresident start date for the deer hunting season in Unit 2 to August 15		
<b>TNA</b>			
43	Increase the deer bag limit and extend the season length for residents and nonresidents on the Cleveland Peninsula		
<b>TNA</b>			
44	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG005, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
<b>TNA</b>			
45	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG006, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
<b>TNA</b>			
46	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG008, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
<b>TNA</b>			
47	Eliminate the Unit 2 meat salvage requirement for resident black bear hunting in May		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Spring black bear meat is good, this sets precedent that it’s okay to waste it
48	Increase the Unit 2 wolf population objective		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	5	10	Those in support believe the Department that there may be an inbreeding issues, those in opposition fear it could lead to trapping closures, fewer deer
49	Change the season start date for wolf trapping in Unit 2 to December 15 or January 1		
<b>TNA</b>			
50	Move the start date of the wolf trapping season in Unit 2 to December 15		
<b>TNA</b>			
51	Extend the wolf trapping season to 45 days on Prince of Wales Island, Unit 2		
<b>TNA</b>			
52	Add Unit 2 as an area for intensive manganement of wolves		
<b>TNA</b>			
53	Require an online trapping education course for trapping wolves in Unit 2		
<b>TNA</b>			
54	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares in Unit 2 .		

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<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Burdensome, extra cost to trapper, complicates regulations
55	Prohibit the use of night vision and infrared devices for taking furbearers in Unit 2		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	See comments on Proposal 12
56	Prohibit the use of night vision and infrared devices for taking furbearers in Unit 2, during state and federal deer seasons		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	See comments on Proposal 12
57	Change the season, bag limit, and permit requirement for hunting elk on the Zarembo Island in Unit 3		
<b>TNA</b>			
58	Open a registration hunt for elk on Zarembo Island in Unit 3		
<b>TNA</b>			
59	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3, elk drawing hunt DE318, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
<b>TNA</b>			
60	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE321, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
<b>TNA</b>			
61	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the elk drawing hunt DE323, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
<b>TNA</b>			
62	Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE324, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
<b>TNA</b>			
63	Adjust the season dates for the DE318 elk hunt in Unit 3, and open a new drawing hunt in September		
<b>TNA</b>			
64	Eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers for Units 1B, 1C and 3		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	0	15	Gets away from mgmt. strategy and may increase poaching
65	Remove the antler restriction for the moose hunt in Units 1B and 3 and replace with a shorter, any bull hunt in October		
<b>TNA</b>			
66	Change the bag limit for hunting brown bear in Unit 3 to one bear every regulatory year		
<b>TNA</b>			
67	Repeal the Petersburg Road System Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	See comments on Proposal 34

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68	Repeal the Blind Slough Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15	0	See comments on Proposal 34
69	Extend the grouse hunting season in Unit 3, to close June 15 instead of May 15 end		
<b>TNA</b>			

**Motion: Approve Fisheries Subcommittee recommendations on Alaska Peninsula / Chignik finfish proposals (see following pages for narrative and table actions and comments)**

Moved by: Virgil Umphenhour

Seconded by: Mark Richards

Vote: Unanimous support

Minutes Recorded By: Krystal Lapp, FAC Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Levi Lewellyn, FAC Chair

## **FAIRBANKS AC COMMENT NARRATIVE** **FOR SOUTH PENINSULA / AREA M FEBRUARY 2026**

The primary objective for the Fairbanks AC in comments on Alaska Peninsula/ Chignik June and post-June fisheries is to significantly reduce the incidental catch of transient chum and Chinook stocks and to ensure maximum safe passage time.

In general, Proposal #127, submitted by Orutsararmut Native Council (ONC) , captures the concern of the FAC as well as all of Western Alaska.

Coastal Western Alaska (CWAK) chum and king salmon have been in severe decline to the point of extirpation in some discrete stocks. That situation only worsened in the 2023 and 2024 AYK salmon seasons. This includes the Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, Unalakleet River and the Nushagak River. The predominant AYK chum producing rivers are the Yukon and the Kuskokwim. The relationships between the intercept of chum in Area M and the declines of CWAK chum has never been adequately established to understand the social and ecological impacts of Area M fisheries on AYK salmon and subsistence communities. But in times of severe concern over the sustainability of AYK stocks, it is not a matter of every fish counting but every egg counting for fecundity on the spawning grounds.

The Alaska Sustainable Salmon Policy (SSP/ 5AAC 39.222) requires that “the burden of conservation” of a depleted species be shared. In 2022, Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association, along with several tribal consortiums, wrote a letter to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game noting “If ADF&G does not limit June commercial harvest opportunities within Area M, the ensuing unmitigated interception of AYK-bound chum all but assures the destruction of AYK Region economies and traditional subsistence lifestyles, and places the entire burden of conservation on the shoulders of AYK Region subsistence users. The survival of our communities depends upon ADF&G’s intervention.”<sup>1</sup> Even more significant, it could mean the extirpation of some chum stocks entirely.

Any closure intended to protect migrating non-target species must be long enough for a significant number of fish to completely transit the South Peninsula fishing districts. Further, for a closure to permit a substantial number of fish to transit the entire fishing area, it should be at least 10 days long and focused on the peak of the chum migration.

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Further, language in Proposal #128, submitted by the Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee:

“Salmon play a critical role in nutrient cycling, transferring marine-bound salmon. This bycatch directly reduces salmon returns to the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers, derived nutrients to freshwater ecosystems when they die after spawning, which supports the entire food web. The Area M fishery has been identified as a source of significant bycatch of AYK-impacting subsistence harvests and ecosystem health. This proposal outlines specific, actionable steps to minimize bycatch in Area M and protect these vital salmon populations.

**SPECIFICALLY, THE FAIRBANKS AC NOTES THE FOLLOWING:**

- (1) **FISHING TIME:** The Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC) **supports any proposal that reduces** time and area closures in the June Alaska Peninsula fishing period in order to maximize the passage of chum and Chinook stocks.
  - a. However, **the FAC most strongly supports Proposal #136** (complete closure)
    - i. or, secondarily, **supports Proposal #131**
    - ii. or **Proposal #132**
  - b. The FAC **strongly opposes any proposal that would increase harvest in the June** fishery as it would increase chum and Chinook incidental catch
  
- (2) **USE OF CAPS (TRIGGERS):** The FAC **opposes the use of caps as** not helpful because data collected from fish tickets may or may not be timely and because caps (triggers) can encourage “chum chucking.” This results in under-reporting. FAC members emphasized that trigger-based management in Area M lack credibility without independent observer coverage and stronger alignment with federal bycatch management approaches, particularly the use of time and area closures.
  - a. “In February of 2023, the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted a South Unimak and Shumigan Islands Management Plan that may have encouraged under-reporting of harvest of Coastal Western Alaska (CWAK) chum, while the chum stocks that the Plan intended to protect clearly remain in increasingly critical condition across Western.”<sup>i</sup>
  - b. “In a very recent Board of Fish meeting, it was stated by several testifying individuals that “Chum Chucking” does not occur in the Area M fishery. This was also stated by a Board of Fish member as fact. In 2023 the Alaska State Troopers gave out 21 citations to the Area M Fishermen and 9 of those citations were for “Chum Chucking”. This practice is to skirt the regulation requiring the fisherman to keep on board all incidental salmon caught in the pursuit of their target species. And by regulation if the amount of incidental take exceeds the amount allocated for the fishery, then the fishery must be closed by emergency order. The real problem with “Chum Chucking” is that the number of salmon thrown overboard is unknown and chum thrown overboard are not observable to be alive or dead. The amount of chum thrown overboard is uncounted and unregulated and there could be 100,000 salmon that should be counted in the incidental limit let alone their lack of population be counted towards escapement goals for their home river systems. This illegal activity is reprehensible and should be met with consequences.”<sup>ii</sup>
  
- (3) **TROOPER PRESENCE:** The FAC expresses extreme concern over the general lack of Alaska Wildlife Trooper presence in the Area M June and post-June fisheries due to budgetary considerations, weather and geography
  - a. In 2025, Area M was the only regional area that had no citations for fishery violations while other regions reported multiple citations
  - b. The FAC is especially concerned about the general self-policing of the seine and drift fleet without sufficient Trooper presence
  - c. The general inability to monitor harvest practice for both seine and drift boats creates concern over the actual reporting of incidental catch of chum and Chinook (see Harvest Reporting)

- d. The FAC encourages increased Alaska Wildlife Trooper presence on the June fishery fishing grounds, as well as checking fish tickets on tenders, and checking fish tickets at the docks and within the processing facilities
  - e. The FAC also encourages the use of observers on tenders and in processing facilities
- (4) **HARVEST REPORTING:** Daily harvest reporting<sup>iii</sup> for all sectors is required of buyers, transporters, and catcher/processors on their harvest purchases by species, statistical area and number and types of deliveries on the day following the deliveries. BUT that reporting is based on the fish tickets OR e-landings data collected from harvesters and delays on that information can vary considerably. Fish tickets must be received in the ADF&G Sand Point or Cold Bay offices within 7 days of the purchase date.
- a. There is general concern on timing of reporting, under-reporting and chum and Chinook chucking.
- (5) **RETENTION OF INCIDENTAL CATCH** the FAC feels “All salmon caught by a CFEC permit holder must be retained, and each CFEC permit holder must report the number of salmon caught, including those taken but not sold, on an ADF&G fish ticket. For the purposes of this subsection, "caught" means brought on board the vessel.”<sup>iv</sup>
- a. This was a big discussion at the Bristol Bay Board of Fish meeting in January 2026 regarding the retention and reporting of any incidental Chinook catch.
  - b. It is a more complicated issue in Area M where Chinook are a mix of terminal (local) and transient stocks but it needs a serious discussion. There is very poor reporting on Chinook which, because they are still juvenile, can be caught as chum. This creates an increased incentive for both chum and Chinook chucking.
- (6) **GENETIC DATA:** Encourages timely release of genetic information for both chum and Chinook from both the June and post-June sockeye fishery. Both collection and release of analyzed data on chum and Chinook in Area M has been spotty and mostly missing. This makes understanding the origins and movement of fish stocks very difficult, especially for Chinook which are still feeding and tend to mill in the rich waters of the South Peninsula, thereby becoming susceptible to recapture.
- (7) **GEAR IMPACTS:** The FAC supports proposals that *reduce* seine and drift net depths or lengths. Area M already has the largest amount of gear for both seine and drift boats than other regions.<sup>v</sup> There is no minimum mesh size for drift boats in the June fishery, unlike other regions. The theory is that larger mesh will allow non-target juvenile fish (Chinook) to pass through. Therefore, the FAC **supports** proposals #147, #148, #151 and #152 but *opposes* proposal #149.
- (8) **IN-RIVER CONSERVATION OF CHINOOK:** Strongly supports conservation measures in-river for Chinook

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106	Amend the current subsistence fishing seasons to increase fishing time		
<b>TNA</b>			
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person's own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
108	Amend the Chignik Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time – this proposal actually reduces fishing time		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
109	Amend the boundaries of the Chignik Bay District to increase area in the Chignik Bay District /		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
110	Amend the seine specifications to decrease the allowable depth and length /		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to create two new statistical areas in the Western District / attempt to conserve Chinook while allowing sockeye harvest		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
112	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to include area closures and king salmon caps for king salmon conservation		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section /		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
114	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language /		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
115	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
116	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to decrease commercial salmon fishing time and area to drift gillnet gear /		

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TNA			NO ACTION
117	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to Require that Northern Alaska Peninsula Coho commercial fishermen report their steelhead bycatch.		
TNA			TNA SEE SUPPORT FOR #118 - stronger proposal
118	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan Require that Northern Alaska Peninsula Coho commercial fishermen report their steelhead bycatch. (stronger than #117)		
SUPPORT	15		SUPPORT
119	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear		
OPPOSE		15	OPPOSE
120	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reduce fishing time and area for seine gear /		
SUPPORT	15		SUPPORT
121	Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan /		
OPPOSE		15	OPPOSE
122	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
OPPOSE		15	OPPOSE
123	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation / some different language but same as #122		
OPPOSE		15	OPPOSE
124	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation / reduce the definition of Chignik bound sockeye to give them more		
OPPOSE		15	OPPOSE
125	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time/ same as other proposals to allow more fishing time		
OPPOSE		15	OPPOSE
126	Amend regulatory language to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area by incorporating the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District, and include the Volcano Bay, East and West Pavlof Bay Sections in the in the and <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i> as follows:		
SUPPORT	15		SUPPORT
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		

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<b>TNA</b>			<b>NO ACTION IN DEFERENCE TO SIMILAR BUT STRONGER PROPOSALS</b>
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b> One member supported this proposal in deference to lining up with North Pacific bycatch options
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b> <b>See notes from #128</b>
130	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time / specific to seine fleet? Just deals with Shumigans		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>NO ACTION IN DEFERENCE TO SIMILAR BUT STRONGER PROPOSALS</b>
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT as second alternative to Proposal #136</b> <b>Very strong supporting language in the narrative</b>
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT as third alternative to Proposal #136</b> <b>Very strong supporting language in the narrative</b>
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time -		
<b>NA</b>			<b>NO ACTION IN DEFERENCE TO PROPOSAL 136</b>
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan <b>to increase</b> commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision / <b>SANCTIONED "CHINOOK CHUCKING"</b> / <b>VIRGIL ON THE BOF CREATED THE NON-RETENTION years ago in regulation</b>		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		

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<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>STRONGLY SUPPORT</b>
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
138	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
139	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
140	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula /		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
141	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula/		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
142	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
143	Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
144	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>147</b>	Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>

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148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
149	Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets		
<b>OPPOSE</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
150	Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>NO ACTION</b>
151	Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear /		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
152	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear /		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b>
153	Amend the gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>NO ACTION</b>
154	Establish a summer herring food and bait fishery		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>NO ACTION</b>
188	Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>This was a Board generated proposal from RC#26 at the AYK Board meeting in Fairbanks, November 2025</b> This new proposal will be heard at both the Bristol Bay and will AK Peninsula/AleutianIslands/Chignik meetings and will be deliberated/voted on it at the AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik meeting.
155	Amend dates that bait is allowed and a single-hook is required in the King Salmon and Bear Rivers		
<b>SUPPORT</b>			
156	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Cinder, Meshik, and Black Hills rivers, and North Creek SPORTS FISHING		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>SUPPORT</b> Concern Over Hooking Mortality
157	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		
158	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	15		<b>SUPPORT</b> but express concern over catch and release mortality
159	Prohibit the use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		

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<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		
160	Prohibit use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		
161	Adopt an Alaska Peninsula king salmon management plan		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>15</b>		

<sup>i</sup> Proposal #127 Orutsararmiut Native Council

<sup>ii</sup> Proposal #129, Karwarek, Inc

<sup>iii</sup> *South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Strategy, 2025*, Regional Information Report No. 4K25-01, Matthew D. Keyse, Geogg Spalinger, Annie Brewster, Alaska Dept of Fish and Game, March 2025

<sup>iv</sup> Proposal #130, Chignik InterTribal Coalition

<sup>v</sup> FAO report

<https://www.fao.org/4/T0502E/T0502E03.htm#:~:text=US%20driftnet%20fisheries%20are%20largely,o r%203%20hours%20or%20less>. US driftnet fisheries are largely directed towards salmon in coastal or estuarine waters during the summer. Douglas (1989) and Barlow et al (1990) provide summaries of US driftnet fisheries. In Alaska, some 550 vessels are licensed to use driftnets for salmon in Prince William Sound and the Copper River delta; these nets are up to 150 fathoms (274m), with meshes sizes of 124– 178mm and a total depth of up to 27m. There are about 160 vessels licensed to use driftnets in the South Unimak region, and a further 158 permits for set or driftnet fishing along the Alaskan Peninsula. In these two areas mesh sizes must exceed 5.25 inches (133mm) and nets may not exceed 200 fathoms (366m). In Southeast Alaska there are 468 driftnet licences (for nets of up to 300 fathoms or 550m), and there are 460 licences for driftnets in Cook Inlet, where nets must be less than 150 fathoms (274m) in length and have meshes of less than 6 inches (152 mm). In Bristol Bay there are 1746 driftnetters permitted to use nets of up to 274 m in length with meshes of 4.5 to 6.75 inches (114–171 mm). Throughout Alaska, salmon nets are attached to vessels while fishing and are generally soaked for 2 or 3 hours or less.

Minutes Recorded By: Gale Vick  
 Minutes Approved By: Levi Lewellyn  
 Date: 1/31/26

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106	Amend the current subsistence fishing seasons to increase fishing time		
<b>No action</b>			
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person's own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
<b>No action</b>			<b>No action taken due to lack of clarity and enforceability concerns. Support uniformity with similar regulations in the state</b>
108	Amend the Chignik Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
109	Amend the boundaries of the Chignik Bay District to increase area in the Chignik Bay District		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
110	Amend the seine specifications to decrease the allowable depth and length		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to create two new statistical areas in the Western District		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
112	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to include area closures and king salmon caps for king salmon conservation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Support the intent of Chinook conservation</b>
113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section		
<b>No action</b>			<b>113, 114, 115 were initially voted to support. Due to lack of user groups present in AC, we supported no action</b>
114	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language		
<b>No action</b>			
115	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section		
<b>No action</b>			
116	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to decrease commercial salmon fishing time and area to drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
117	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan		

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118	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan Require that Northern Alaska Peninsula Coho commercial fishermen report their steelhead bycatch.		
<b>No action</b>			
119	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
120	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reduce fishing time and area for seine gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
121	Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
122	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
123	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
124	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
125	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time		
126	Amend regulatory language to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area by incorporating the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District, and include the Volcano Bay, East and West Pavlof Bay Sections in the and So		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	

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130	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
138	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
139	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
140	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	
141	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula		

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<b>No action</b>			<b>This proposal was tabled pending ADFG staff comments and remained so due no comments being provided at the time of our last meeting before the comment deadline.</b>
142	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
143	Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>No action</b>			<b>This proposal also remained tabled due to lack of ADFG staff comments. General consensus was that the intent of Chinook conservation was supported.</b>
144	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
147	Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes		
<b>No action</b>			
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
149	Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets		
<b>No action</b>			
150	Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>No action</b>			
151	Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear		
<b>No action</b>			
152	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
153	Amend the gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>No action</b>			
154	Establish a summer herring food and bait fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	

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188			Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:   Lena Hoblet    
 Minutes Approved By:   Carlin Hoblet    
 Date:            Feb. 3, 2026           



**Grayling/Anvik/Shageluk/Holy Cross (GASH)  
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 2:00 pm  
by web/teleconference**

**I. Call to Order** at 2:15 by Ken Chase

**II. Roll Call:** Members Present: Ken Chase (Chair), Kathy Chase (Secretary), Shirley Clark, Rich Freireich, Bruce Werba, Chevie Roach, Carolyn Burkett\*  
Members Absent: Jake Yoder, Roger Hamilton Jr.,  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: [5]; members present 7\*

*\*Carolyn's phone dropped out several times*

**IV. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:**

**V. Approval of Agenda**

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (defer til next meeting if unavailable)

**VII. Reports and updates:**

- a. Chairperson's report
- b. ADF&G staff:  
Josh Pierce
- c. Others

**VIII. Comments and Concerns from the public**

**IX. Comments and Concerns from AC members**

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

- a. Committee action on GMU 21E Antlerless Moose Reauthorization ([Proposal 260](#))
- b. Comments on [Board of Fisheries Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik \(Area M\) Proposals](#) - comments due Feb 3rd, 2026
- c. Discuss sending AC representative to Anchorage for BOF Meeting Feb 18-24, 2026
- d. Planning for in-person meeting to discuss game proposals for 2026-2027 BOG cycle
- e. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

**XIII. Adjourned** at 5:00 pm

Automated Summary Provided by Zoom AI Software:

Ken called the meeting to order at 2:15, and Kathy took the roll call, confirming a quorum of six members was present. The minutes from the November 5th meeting were discussed, with Ken approving them for submission to the Board of Fisheries. Interior confirmed that the minutes were available on the online public notice and via email. Joy Hamilton from Shag joined to inform the group that her 7th through 12th-grade class was listening in. Josh inquired about a PDF of data slides for the antlerless moose proposal, which Interior agreed to email and attach to the online notice.

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The GASH Advisory Committee meeting focused on reviewing and voting on several Board of Fisheries proposals for Area M, including discussions about commercial salmon fishing time reductions and bycatch limits. The committee heard presentations from Fish and Game staff about summer chum salmon runs and genetic data collection, while also addressing concerns about the economic impact of fishing closures on local communities. Key proposals discussed included measures to reduce chinook and chum salmon bycatch, with the committee ultimately supporting Proposal 131 which would implement a 12-day fishing closure in June. Gale Vick and Deena Jalllen provided technical insights about fish migration patterns and run timing, though some questions remained about the specific impact of Area M fishing closures on Yukon River stocks.

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The meeting began with a discussion about meeting minutes from November 5th, which were already submitted to the Board of Fisheries and included comments on four proposals. Gale Vick from Fairbanks A/C provided background comments on Area M, and several guests including students, the Canada Chiefs Conference representative, and Fish and Game staff were introduced. Rich suggested adding subunits to the area, which Josh agreed to discuss further after the antlerless proposal, noting that boundary changes would not be considered until the 2027-2028 Board of Game cycle. Ken reported that Thomas Seton would be visiting to take photos and possibly collar bison in the area between Anvik, Grayling, and Shageluk, as well as around Holy Cross, where smaller groups of bison have been observed.

### **Moose Hunting Reauthorization Discussion**

The committee discussed the reauthorization of antlerless moose hunting opportunities and reviewed population survey data, which showed a stable population of approximately 11,000 moose, slightly above the target range. They agreed to hold a face-to-face meeting in the spring, potentially in McGrath or Fairbanks, to discuss Board of Fisheries proposals and other business.

### **Moose Population and Hunting Overview**

Josh presented data on moose population and hunting statistics, noting that the current bull-to-cow ratio is above the target of 25-30, with twinning rates at 30% and harvest averaging 185 moose annually. He explained that the winter hunt offers additional hunting opportunities for those who didn't harvest a moose in the fall, with permits available online and at local vendors for \$10, and clarified that hunters cannot target cows with calves. Ken raised questions about hunting policies, particularly regarding barren cows and federal lands, which Josh addressed by confirming that there are no specific policies for barren cows and that state permits allow hunting on all lands, unlike federal permits which are restricted to federal lands.

### **Moose Management in Unit 21**

The meeting focused on moose management and hunting regulations in Unit 21, particularly subunits 21A and 21E. Josh explained the boundaries and management areas, clarifying that specific regulations can be applied to smaller areas within the larger units. Rich suggested the need for more specific management of smaller areas within 21A, particularly due to varying conditions in different locations. The group discussed the importance of reporting harvests to better document subsistence uses and improve management. The conversation ended with a reminder that proposals for the upcoming Board of Game meeting must be submitted by May 1st.

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### Board of Fisheries Proposal Votes

The meeting focused on discussing several Board of Fisheries proposals, with the group voting to support Proposal 107, which requires marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for personal use in specific Alaska Peninsula areas. Janessa Newman from the Tanana Rampart Manly Advisory Committee joined to share decisions made with the Mintoni Nana A/C regarding Area M proposals, though these were not formally adopted by the group. The meeting also clarified that proxy hunting can be done for multiple people, but only one person at a time, and that proposals from the AYK meeting had already been acted on by the board, while Area M proposals were still under consideration.

The committee discussed Proposal 127 submitted by the Native Council, which proposed a 10-day consecutive closure between June 10th and June 23rd for salmon fishing in Area M. Gale Vick from the Fairbanks A/C explained that while they supported the concept, they preferred stronger proposals like Proposal 136 for a full shutdown of the June fishery in Area M, and Proposal 131 for a 12-day consecutive closure. The committee voted to support Proposal 127, and moved on to discuss Proposal 128 submitted by the Koyuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee, which proposed implementing time closures and fleet movement in Area M when bycatch thresholds are reached.

The committee discussed Proposal 128, which aims to reduce bycatch by moving fishing operations. Gale explained that Area M management is complex and recommended supporting three strong proposals (131, 132, and 136) that reduce fishing time. The committee expressed skepticism about the proposal's details and agreed to vote on Proposal 128, with Bruce making the motion and Chevie seconding. Rich and Gale emphasized the importance of supporting the experts' recommendations, while Bruce and Ken debated the potential consequences of not supporting the proposal. The committee ultimately decided to bring Proposal 128 to a vote.

The board discussed and voted on two proposals regarding salmon management. Proposal 128 failed with a tie vote of 3 yesses and 3 noes. Proposal 129, submitted by Kuwaarrik Incorporated, aimed to amend the South Unimak and Chumigan Islands June Salmon Management Plan by reducing commercial fishing time to allow more salmon to move through the Area M fishery. Gale suggested adopting language from multiple proposals and incorporating it into the board's commentary to convey their intent. The motion to move forward on Proposal 129 was made and seconded, but the board decided to proceed with further discussion before voting.

The council discussed Proposal 131, which aims to amend the South Unimak and Chumigan Islands June Salmon Management Plan by reducing commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gill net gear from June 12-23 to allow more western Alaska chum salmon to migrate. Gale and Dina Jallen explained that while the local set netters are not affected, the drift fleet is mostly non-local, and the economic impact on local communities from landing taxes is unclear. The council also discussed concerns about declining summer chum salmon runs in the Yukon River, with Dina noting that the timing of fish runs is difficult to predict and the genetics of fish stocks are not well understood.

Proposal 131 was supported by a majority of the group. Gale explained the reasoning behind Proposal 132, which aimed to reduce chum salmon interceptions by closing the fishery for specific periods. Rich made a motion to oppose Proposal 132, which was seconded by Chevy and discussed further before being voted down.

The committee reviewed and approved two proposals: Proposal 136 to close salmon fishing in the South Unimak and Shumigan Islands from June 7-28 to protect Yukon River salmon, and Proposal 148 to reduce mesh size and length of purse seines in Area M to align with other regions and reduce bycatch. The committee also discussed plans for an upcoming Area M Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage from February 18-24, with testimony expected on February 19-20, and considered whether to send a representative or allow remote testimony.

### Meeting Scheduling Discussion

The group discussed scheduling a face-to-face meeting with area biologists Josh Pierce and Glenn Stout. They agreed to propose several Fridays in March or April, with the understanding that March 13 would not work for Josh.

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The meeting would likely be held in Fairbanks, with participants arriving on Thursday and departing on Saturday. They also noted upcoming state Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meetings in March that could affect scheduling.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 20 -25, 2026   Kodiak, 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
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	Motion by Rich Freireich, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Chevie Roach

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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
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person’s own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	Motion by Kathy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Rich
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	Motion by Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kathy
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Motion by Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Chevie
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	Motion by Bruce, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kathy

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<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>
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	Motion by Rich, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Chevie
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Motion by Rich, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kathy
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	Motion by Kathy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bruce
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	Motion by Chevie, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Rich

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase, Secretary

*(Zoom AI Summary and comment table formatting with assistance from Boards Support Staff)*

Minutes Approved By: Ken Chase, Chair

Date: 2/3/26

Meeting called to order: 2:15 pm

- 11/5/25 min. minutes  
~~referred to next~~ 4 proposals  
12, 15, 16, 17  
Submitted -

Board Chair report by Ken Chase  
(fill in please)

(Rick French - missed the out  
about a year ago - add sub units  
in 21E - 21A -  
upper ironed area -  
~~on~~)

Bruce has helped Ken alot, he  
thanked Bruce -

Tom Sexton - Bison 2/17/26  
will talk about the small patches  
and look some of them -  
splitting into smaller groups.

Bruce Werba - its a pleasure to  
help you anytime.

~~Agenda~~ 107 proposals - 148

5/1/26 date to

Bruce likes Fbx -  
remarks on where mtg  
to be held -

Adopt the agenda  
motion to ~~adopt~~ agenda by Rich  
<sup>approve</sup>

second by Bruce -  
roll vote Ken ✓ N

Kathy  
Bruce

Shirley -

Carolyn - 7 yes

Rich

Chery

Jake - was excused

★

Josh Pierce moose 260

motion made by Rich proposal  
2nd by Chery

~~not~~

state permit

Ken Kathy Bruce Shirley  
Carolyn, Rich, Chery

Proxy - 65 yrs old  
for code for application

524-3323

report your  
harvest

under 18, still get the  
permit - can hunt  
if their dad or mom  
got one

Boundaries + Subunits

21 unit divided in 21A + E  
managed out of McClath  
Lyubson to 81

21A Annoko drainage including  
Iditarod

make sure - upcoming deadline  
5/1/26

plan meeting before 5/1/26 deadline

Bruce to Josh -  
we can only do 1 proxy hunt -  
Josh says a person can hunt for 1  
person at a time, not hunt for  
multiple people at a time -

Proposal 107 Area M proposal 107 -

Kathy supports 107 move - 2nd by Rick  
all in favor - motion carries - support

\* proposal 127 Bruce motion to vote - 2nd by Kathy  
no comment

all in favor 136 Complete shutdown  
131 shut area M for 12 days  
132 - shut down for 10 days

\* proposal 128 - adoption - Chevy  
yes Bruce makes a motion, 2nd by Rick  
Ken, Bruce, Shirley  
no Kathy, Rich Chevy motion failed

proposal 129 -

Motion adopted by Bruce, 2nd by Kathy

vote - yes  
~~motion~~ / yes  
Bruce  
Shirley  
Carolyn  
Rich  
Chevy no  
6 yes / 1 no

proposal 131

Rich motion suggest 131 -  
second by Chevy / Bruce 2nd by

(yes) Ken  
Kathy 6 yes  
Bruce  
Shirley  
Rich  
Chevy

(Triggers) 132 proposal - (Carl Nick)

Rich moved to not suggest  
this proposal - 2nd by Chevy

Chevy motions to vote on 132 -  
2nd Kathy

yes Ken Bruce Shirley no Kathy  
136 ~~138~~ proposal motion failed Rich  
Chevy

Kathy makes a motion to  
support 136 2nd by Br  
yes Ken Kathy Bruce no Chevy  
Shirley Rich

148 proposal

Kwe support 148 Pick  
Chevy motion to vote, Kwe nd

<sup>yes</sup>  
Ken, Kathy  
Bruce Shirley 6-0

Rich  
Chevy

Pick, ~~face to face~~ -

~~Feb 04~~

Feb 18-24, 2026 Remote Testimony

17-23 Shirley

5 pm. adjourn

## Minutes

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

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

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

#1 Reduction in depth of gear effecting efficiency

#2 Creating window closures to allow passage of all fish

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

#4 Caps and triggers that halt fishing

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

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

#1 Fleet stand down for 1st day of season

#2 Fleet movement out of areas with high chum catch

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

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

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

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

Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting Proposals February 18-24, 2026  Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
106	Amend the current subsistence fishing seasons to increase fishing time		
N/A			
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person's own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
Oppose	5	0	
108	Amend the Chignik Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	5	0	
109	Amend the boundaries of the Chignik Bay District to increase area in the Chignik Bay District		
N/A			
110	Amend the seine specifications to decrease the allowable depth and length		
N/A			
N/A	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to create two new statistical areas in the Western District		
112	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to include area closures and king salmon caps for king salmon conservation		
N/A			
113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section		
Support	5	0	
114	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language		
Support	5	0	
115	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section		

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

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

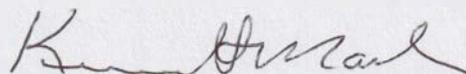
Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting Proposals February 18-24, 2026  Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision		
Support	5	0	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
Oppose	5	0	
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	
138	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	
139	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	
140	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula		
Oppose	5	0	
141	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska		
Oppose	5	0	
142	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula		
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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
143	Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
144	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area		
Support	5	0	
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	
147	Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
149	Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
150	Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
151	Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
152	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
Oppose	5	0	
153	Amend the gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	

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

XIV.  
Adjournment: 11:00 AM

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



**Kodiak Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**January 30, 2026**  
**Kodiak ADF&G Office Chiniak Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1:05 p.m. by Paul Chervenak, Chair
- II. Roll Call  
**Members Present (14):**  
 Paul Chervenak (Kodiak, Big Game Guide/Outfitter)  
 Julie Kavanaugh (Undesignated, Concerned Citizen)  
 Rebecca Skinner (Undesignated, Concerned Citizen)  
 Theresa Peterson (Undesignated, South End Setnet)  
 Ron Kavanaugh (Kodiak, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon)  
 Andrew Finke (Kodiak, Subsistence)  
 Alexis Kwatchka (Kodiak, Processor)  
 Paddy O'Donnell (Kodiak, Trawl)  
 Tollef Monson (Kodiak, West Side Salmon Gillnet)  
 Oliver Holm (Undesignated, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner)  
 Tyler Schmeil (Kodiak, Large Boat Crab)  
 Duncan Fields (Old Harbor Community)  
 Rolan Ruoss (Undesignated, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter)  
 Anitra Winkler (Undesignated, Alternate)
- Members Absent (Excused):** Kevin Adkins (Port Lions Community), Brandon Bartleson (Port Lions Community, Alternate)
- Members Absent (Unexcused):** Garman Squartsoff (Ouzinkie Community), Coral Chernoff (Undesignated, Alternate)
- Number Needed for Quorum** on AC: 8  
 List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tyler Polum, Geoffery Spalinger, Natalie Romo.
- IV. **Guests and Public Present:** Alaska State Trooper Josh Boyle, Abby Haughey, Gerald Buckey, Tina Fairbanks, Iver Holm, Makota Oldin, Gerry Knagin, Ian Harper, Linda Kozak, Tim Botz, Steve O'Brien, Brianna Woolever, Kyle Woolever, Al Cratty II, Jane Petrich, Chris Johnson, Aaron Nevin, Thom Wischer, Kavik Anderson, Clifton Ivanoff, Nickolas Hoffman, Peter Ivanoff, Byron Horn, Arthur Becker, Tim Gossett, Leigh Thomet, Mike Ferris, Brian McWethy, Hailey Thompson Ivanoff, Curis Bollinger, Marko Patituci, Nate Rose
- V. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion 1** to approve agenda.  
**Motion 2** to amend agenda by adding Amend Bylaws as the first item under New Business, and moving Proposal 11 down to New Business immediately following Officer Elections. Motion to amend, and Motion 1 pass 14-0 without opposition.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes N/A (minutes previously approved by Chair)

VII. Public Comment

Tina Fairbanks from Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association (KRAA) asked the AC to oppose Proposals 170, 171, 172 scheduled for Statewide BOF meeting.

Luke Brockman asked the AC to send a letter to legislators supporting HB 233.

**Motion 3** to send a letter support HB 233. Motion passes 14-0 without opposition.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business

- a. Bylaw Revision. On January 26, 2026 ADFG Board Support Natalie Romo notified the AC Officers that the bylaw provision requiring residency within the Kodiak Island Borough for AC membership was invalid.

**Motion 4** to remove Article IV from the bylaws. Motion passed 12-2.

- b. Elections for x7 seats:

- i. Undesignated seats x3 (Concerned citizen, South end Setnet, Transporter/Sport fish charter)
- ii. Kodiak designated seats x2 (Small boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Subsistence)
- iii. Undesignated alternate seats x2

Much discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of continuing with elections today since residency requirements were unclear to AC members and to people who might want to serve on the AC. T. Peterson noted that she told South Side Setnetters that residing within the KIB was required to hold a seat on the AC, which is no longer the case after the vote to remove Article IV.

**Motion 5** to move Elections to the end of the Agenda, and recess the meeting to Monday when AC gets to the Elections section of the Agenda. Much discussion about the pros and cons of delaying elections, particularly since so many members of the public showed up to take part in the election. Motion withdrawn.

**Motion 6** to postpone election for South End Setnet seat to a later date. Motion fails 7-7.

**Motion 7** to move election for all seats to the end of the agenda, and recessing the meeting until Monday or thereabouts. Much discussion ensues about the pros and cons of delaying elections for only a few days, when it sounds like we may not have the clarifications we need in order to conduct elections in a transparent and fair manner, ensuring that everyone understands the process and requirements. Motion withdrawn.

**Motion 8** to remove Elections from tonight's Agenda. The intent is to clarify who can vote, who is eligible for various seats, etc., prior to elections, which will require 14 days notice to the public. Motion passes 12-2.

- c. Officer elections (none held; delayed to next meeting with Elections occur)
- d. AK Pen. Cod Proposal 11 (Actions recorded in Statewide table)

- e. Discuss AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/ Chignik Finfish Proposals at the discretion of the AC (Actions recorded in AK Pen/AI/Chignik Finfish table)

**Motion 11** to make the following statement on **Proposal 107** for AK Pen/AI/Chignik Finfish meeting: Regulations pertaining to fish caught in a commercial fishery and retained for personal household consumption are adequate and no additional regulations are needed.

*Additional comments* from AC members: The proposal is confusing in that it references both personal use permits and commercial fishing activities. It is unclear if this proposal intends to regulate behavior in commercial fisheries, or behavior occurring in personal use fisheries. Residents in Southwest Alaska have a long history of retaining fish for household consumption from commercial harvest; these fish are logged and this activity is legal. This proposal threatens Southwest Alaska residents' access to fish and places unreasonable limitations on their ability to fulfill household needs from fish that have already been caught.

- f. Statewide fisheries proposals at the AC's discretion (Actions recorded in Statewide Finfish table)
- g. Appoint single member to approve Meeting minutes to accommodate on time comment submission

**Motion 32** for Chair Chervenak to approve minutes for both the AK Pen/AI/Chignik Finfish meeting and Statewide Finfish meeting as drafted by Secretary Skinner, and reviewed by J. Kavanaugh. Motion passes 13-0.

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting

**Motion 31** for J. Kavanaugh and P. O'Donnell to represent Kodiak AC at Statewide Finfish meeting. Motion passes 13-0.

- XI. Set next meeting date

- XII. Other

- XIII. Adjourn

**Motion 33** to adjourn. Motion passes 13-0.

**Meeting adjourned 7:26 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner  
 Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak  
 Date: February 3, 2026

Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting Proposals February 18-24, 2026  Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person's own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
NA			<b>Please see Motion 11 on page 3 above</b>
150 & 153	Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>Support</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	Two abstentions. <b>Support:</b> Allowing use of monofilament provides another option for fishing operations, which is beneficial. Monofilament gets less algae and is cheaper, but does have downsides of lower durability, however allowing operations the option to use it is good.
188	Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Support.</b> Allowing more harvest in the food and bait herring fishery would let fishermen get more fish out of the water. Markets for herring roe are essentially non-existent currently, but there is demand for bait. The Togiak herring fishery (sac roe) has not had any harvest or market for the last three years. Recognizing there is demand for food and bait, and moving GHF to that fishery makes sense. Herring biomass is high, and this proposal does not cause conservation concerns.

AK Pen/AI/Chignik Finfish Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca SkinnerMinutes Approved By: Paul ChervenakDate: February 3, 2026

**Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 pm**  
**by web/teleconference**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:05 pm by chair Jack Reakoff

**II. Roll Call:**

Members Present: Jack Reakof (Chair), Michelle Quillin, Ricko DeWilde, Lee DeWilde, Janet Bifelt, Vincent Simon

Members absent: Clinton Bergman, Charles Ned, Raymand McCarty, Darrel Vent, Jack Wholecheese

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

**IV. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Glenn Stout (ADFG), Deena Jallen (ADFG), Matt Olson (ADFG), Kyle Campbell (ADFG), Erin Julianus (BLM), Gale Vick (Fairbanks AC),

**V. Approval of Agenda:** motion by Michell Quillin; second by Janet Bifelt; unanimous

**Meeting Summary:**

The Koyukuk Advisory Committee met to review and discuss various fishing proposals, including management strategies for salmon species and Board of Fish proposals for Area M. The committee supported several key proposals aimed at protecting salmon stocks and reducing fishing impacts, while opposing others that would open new fishing areas or extend fishing time. The group planned future meetings and discussions, including a one-day meeting in Huslia to address game proposals and community engagement concerns.

**Fish Board Proposal Review Meeting**

The meeting began with introductions, and who was present on line, Glenn Stout DFG Galena Area, Deena Jallen DFG Yukon Summer season, Matt Olson Yukon Fall season. Erin Julianus BLM, Gale Vick Fairbank AC Chairwoman confirmation, Establishing a quorum. Michelle Quillin, Ricko Dewilde, Vincent Simon, Janet Bifelt, Lee Dewilde and chairman Jack Reakoff present.

Jack outlined the agenda, which included Area M proposals, statewide proposals, and the need to submit recommendations to the Board of Fish due by the next day. The group approved the agenda. Discussed the misplaced minutes from the previous meeting on April 9,2025 in Hughes, tabled until the next meeting. Jack provided a chair's report, mentioning discussions with Gale about Fairbanks AC, Fish proposals Western Interior Regional Advisory Council and EIRAC joint meeting discussed these fish proposals with TCC.

## Yukon Salmon Management Updates

Deena Jallen Gave an overview of her recent work. Yukon River Panel and management strategies for Chinook and summer chum salmon. Deena reported that 2025 saw poor escapement goals for Chinook and summer chum, but noted improved survival rates for Canadian origin Chinook salmon. Matt Olson shared that the fall chum escapement was slightly better than the previous year, with Coho salmon being a bright spot due to their good condition and high escapement numbers. The group discussed upcoming meetings and the need for an action plan addressing management concerns for Chinook, fall chum, and Coho salmon, which will be presented at the Statewide Board of Fish Meeting in March.

## Fishing Proposals and Fairbanks Advisory Support

The Fairbanks AC chairwoman Gale, discussed the support for several fishing proposals, including the most affective Proposal 131 from the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, which cuts 12 consecutive days of fishing in the June fishery, while opposing proposals that would open new fishing areas or extend fishing time. Gale provided a list of 22 proposals that the committee opposed, including numbers 113, 114, 121-125, 134-139, 142, 144-149. The committee also discussed their upcoming monthly meeting on Monday at 6 PM, where they will review statewide proposals and show a 15-minute film about hatchery impacts.

## Board of Fish Proposal Review

The Koyukuk AC meeting focused on discussing Board of Fish proposals, particularly Proposal 128 the AC's own proposal. Jack emphasized the importance of supporting their submitted proposal, which had aspects that were even liked by the Fairbanks Advisory Committee. The group also discussed a successful joint meeting with the Mentana and Tanana Rampart Manly councils, and considered the impact of Area M proposals on chum salmon returns. Gale highlighted the need to address these proposals due to their significant impact on summer chum populations.

## Fishery Proposal Review and Adoption

The advisory committee motioned and seconded discussed and **adopted unanimously Proposal 128**, which aims to protect Chum and Chinook salmon. Michelle suggested that advisory committees could collaborate more in the future to support proposals and suggest amendments. The committee agreed to move the proposal forward to the Board of Fish for further consideration.

The Advisory Committee discussed our **Proposal 107**, which addresses a loophole allowing commercial fishers to sell fish under home pack permits, by requiring clipping the fins of subsistence caught fish, motion was made and seconded, and **adopted unanimously**. The AC voiced support proposals 127, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 136, 140, 141, and 148 that were supported by the Tanana Chiefs Conference. Gale Fairbanks AC presented Proposal 131, which received strong support due to its scientific basis and extensive collaboration with various stakeholders. The Committee motioned to and seconded to adopt **Proposal 131 unanimously**. The committee discussed Proposal 131, which includes a closure period to minimize impact on chum and Chinook

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salmon, and targets high-efficiency gear during peak migration. Janet, who was new to the advisory committee, expressed surprise at the rapid review of proposals but acknowledged having the necessary information. The committee emphasized the importance of submitting these recommendations and comments to the Board of Fish proposals for Area M comment period ending the next day February 3.

The AC motioned to adopt and seconded Proposal 136, which calls for full closure of the June fishery. The committee agreed to adopt Proposal 136 to send a strong message to the Board of Fish about the seriousness of the situation and need to address the chum salmon stock of concern.

### **Hatchery Reduction Proposals Supported**

The Committee Motioned and second to adopt and discussed **Proposal 170**, motion carried **unanimously carried**. The proposal seeks to reduce hatchery egg take by 25% for chum and pink salmon. After further discussion proposals, **170, 171 and 172** were bundled into another motion and second to support all three **adopted unanimously**. Gale Fairbanks AC explained that previous hatchery reduction proposals had been unsuccessful at board meetings, but were now being considered at the upcoming statewide Fin and Fish meeting. The committee did not have anyone that could attend the Board of Fish meeting scheduled for February 18-24 in Anchorage. Kyle Board support explaining the schedule and public testimony process. Chairman Reakoff has travel and meeting conflicts but will try to comment to the BOF if possible.

### **Board of Game Meeting Planning**

The group agreed to schedule a face-to-face meeting in late March or early April, with Janet suggesting March 24-26, and discussed potential locations but decided on Huslia.

### **Game Proposals and Community Engagement**

The advisory committee discussed plans for a one-day meeting in Huslia on March 24th or 26th to address game proposals and community engagement. Ideas discussed for game proposals. The committee also addressed concerns about non-resident hunters and guides operating in traditional areas, with Michelle suggesting potential restrictions. Ricko proposed new measures for managing grizzly bears and wolves to support moose populations. The conversation ended with plans to further discuss these proposals at the upcoming meeting in Huslia.

Gale Vick and ADFG staff was thanked for their help and input to this meeting. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn unanimous, at about 8:35 PM

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Minutes Approved By: Jack Reakoff, Chair

Date: 2/3/2026

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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
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person’s own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals</b> March 17 – 21, 2026   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	

# Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 2:00 pm

by web/teleconference only

- I. **Call to Order:** 2:15 by Carl Frank
- II. **Elections** for Nenana Designated Seats:  
Eva Burk, Leonardo Wassillie, Kathleen Demientieff\*, Ray Stevens\*, Dillan McManus\*  
elected to serve terms ending 06/2028 (\*not present during election meeting)  
Don Charlie appointed to be Nenana-designated alternate; Charlie Wright appointed to be  
undesigned alternate
- III. **Members Present:** Carl Frank, Eva Burk, Alex Hanna, Andy Jimmie, Leonardo  
Wassillie, Don Charlie (alternate), Charlie Wright (alternate)  
**Members Absent:** Kathleen Demientieff, Ray Stevens, Dillan McManus, Philip Titus  
Number needed for Quorum: 5
- IV. **Officer Elections:**  
Eva Burk elected as Nenana Co-Chair; Alex Hanna elected as Minto Co-Chair
- \*\*\*\*\*  
*Joined by Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC for Joint Discussions and Actions on Board of  
Fisheries Proposals – both ACs maintained quorum for remainder of meeting*
- V. **Guest Introductions (continued)**  
Olivia Henaaye Irwin - BOF Member  
Gale Vick - Fairbanks AC Fisheries subcommittee Chair
- VI. **New Business**
- a. Board of Fisheries Proposals for Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik  
Finfish (aka “Area M”) - comments due February 3rd, 2026  
**SEE TABLE BELOW FOR COMMENTS AND ACTIONS**
- VII. **Set next meeting date:** February 27 11-1 and March 2, 11-1

III. **Adjourned at 6:48 pm**

Minutes Recorded By: Janessa Newman

Minutes Approved By: Eva Burk, Minto/Nenana AC Co-Chair

Date: 2/3/2026

<p align="center"><b>Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting Proposals</b></p> <p align="center">February 18-24, 2026  Anchorage, AK</p>			
<p><b>Proposal Number</b></p>	<p><b>Proposal Description</b></p>		
<p><b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b></p>	<p><b>Number Support</b></p>	<p><b>Number Oppose</b></p>	<p><b>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes</b></p>
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We strongly support the goals of this proposal. For the past five years, the communities represented by our ACs have been unable to harvest salmon for subsistence. While we would not normally advocate for such severe measures, the current condition of the Yukon River salmon stocks makes them necessary. We believe that without significant restrictions on the Area M fishery, the prospect of rebuilding the Yukon River salmon runs is extremely limited, if not impossible. The burden of conservation should not lie squarely on in-river communities. A full closure is our preferred action.
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We strongly endorse this proposal's goals, as a significant decrease in AYK salmon interception is crucial for the recovery of our salmon populations. Coastal Western Alaska chum represent the second-largest non-target intercept in Area M. The current genetics data's limitations and short duration make it unreliable, particularly given the depressed status of the CWAK stocks. Implementing this proposal would eliminate the need for precise interception counts and the resources required for enforcing fishery closures. Furthermore, it would prevent the interception of depressed non-target stocks while still permitting harvest by the set gillnet fishery. This action is our AC's second preferred choice.

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132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal because it shares the same strong rationale as proposals 136 and 131. Furthermore, we endorse the elimination of caps and triggers, which are ineffectual in the Area M fishery. Since enforcement in Area M is not meaningful, caps and triggers cannot be effectively implemented.
140	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal's intent to reduce non-target intercept in the Post June Fishery.
141	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We believe this proposal is critical and support its goal of reducing the unintentional harvest of king salmon.
143	Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We strongly support this proposal. Given the current status of king salmon throughout the state, we believe it is essential to extend the test fishery to include the post-June fishery. Furthermore, this area is known for immature king salmon presence. Collecting more data will provide crucial intelligence on the issue, significantly increasing the chance of recovery.

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147	Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes		
<b>Support with amendments</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal, provided it includes an amendment. Specifically, we propose restricting the depth of drift gillnets to a maximum of 70 meshes in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern districts. We deem it essential to limit both the length and depth of gear used by the most effective fisheries. This measure is critical for the protection of Chinook and Chum salmon, which inhabit deeper waters, thereby promoting a more sustainable harvest.
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal for the same reasons to those provided in support of 147.
151	Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal for the same reasons to those provided in support of 147.
152	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal for the same reasons to those provided in support of 147.
113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	We oppose the proposals 113, 114, 115, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 142, 144, 145, 146, 149.

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			Our opposition stems from the fact that these proposals all seek to expand fishing opportunities by increasing fishing time, allowing new types of gear, and opening previously closed areas. Given that current fish runs on the Yukon are below established target levels, liberalizing fishing would severely undermine essential rebuilding efforts.
114	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
115	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
119	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
121	Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
122	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.

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123	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
124	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
125	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
138	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		

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139	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
142	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
144	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
149	Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.

## Nelson Lagoon Advisory Committee

Monday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 1:00 PM | Online/Teleconference only

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### Draft Agenda

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- I. Call to Order: Mark McNeley calls the meeting to order at
- II. Roll Call  
 Members Present: Mark McNeley, Angela Johnson, Samantha McNeley, Richard Rysewyk, Sherman McNeley, Trevor Edwards, Shannon Johnson, Tim Heuker  
 Members Absent (Excused): Darren Johnson, Reanna Heuker, Theo Chesley  
 Members Absent (Unexcused):  
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
 List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charles Russell, Natalie Romo, Tyler Polum, Matt Keyse
- IV. Guests Present: Candace Neilsen, Kyle K., Ernie Weiss, Carlin Hoblet, Bob Murphy, Elvis Johnson, Lila Johnson
- V. Approval of Agenda: Angela Johnson makes the motion, Trevor Edwards 2nds
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Angela Johnson makes the motion, Sherman McNeley 2nds.
- VII. Public Comment:
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. Discuss AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/ Chignik Finfish Proposals at the discretion of the AC

Charles from ADFG will read off the proposals to us. He begins with the North Peninsula Area M.

113 Caribou Flats Section: from June 20 to July 31 by emergency order if the season-ending sockeye salmon escapement goal at Nelson River is expected to be exceeded prior to August 1, fishing will be permitted with set and drift gillnet gear.

Mark speaks his opposition. Angela asks, this is the one that states that Nelson Lagoon has been having over escapement? Angela says it states that “the Nelson (Sapsuk) River sockeye salmon escapement in 2024 exceeded the upper escapement goal by almost 4-fold with over 750,000 sockeye salmon escaping.” (read directly from the proposal). Essentially, it’s stating that we’re getting too many fish up the weir and it could affect future runs negatively. One thing Angie

points out is in 2024 we were experiencing very small salmon going up the weir and getting past everybody. The proposal claims that we are “not capable of harvesting a good or strong return of sockeye salmon in the Nelson River.” This was a year that 87% of the fish were 1 and 2-year fish. That was a report from ADF&G. 87% of the fish were predominantly 1 and 2-year fish. These won’t get caught in a regular mesh net that everybody had that summer. Nobody was going to be catching those small salmon. That clearly states why so many got up the weir that summer. You have nets across the river from each end of the bank and the fish were still getting past us. It was because they were so small. We don’t know what the science is about the small fish coming back. It was a record year for escapement, but the fact is that the fish were small. Angie wants that to be on the record for this proposal. She says that she is opposed to proposal 113. We need to look at the whole entire basis of this proposal discussing and saying that we were over escaped when 87% of the salmon were 1 and 2-year salmon. Mark adds that in Same winds from 2024 and 2025, reason why fish were getting past the OPH and north line fisherman. If you look at the numbers, the same numbers that there were anticipating catching at OPH actually got past OPH from the wind. This can be backed up my previous years. Point being is that these fish are always coming back. Small or big or whatever. Nelson Lagoon was always meant to last this long. The guys at OPH missed out on these fish and this is their attempt to not have that happen again and we will be the ones who have to suffer for it. Mark is also greatly opposed.

Tim asks if the fish and game oppose or support, Charles says they’re neutral.

Angela asks how we should go with the voting and Natalie helps us with that.

Angela motioned to adopt proposal 113, Trevor seconds. After our previous discussion on this it was unanimously opposed.

Next proposal 114, would repeal language from the management plan that sun-setted in 2018. Mark says that he opposes this. Basically, it will delete a section in the old regulation from the sequential closures from back when we had rolling closures. Charles says that it causes confusion to the fleet. Mark says again that he’s opposed.

Angela Motions to adopt 114, Trevor 2nds. Angela asks if there’s anymore discussion to have. Hearing none, the AC calls the question and votes. Opposed unanimously.

Proposal 115 This would amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan. Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section. Angela Motions to adopt, Trevor 2nds. No more discussion, we call the question. Opposed Unanimously.

116 is Nelson Lagoon’s proposal. Angela asks Charles who all helped write this proposal. Charles, Mackenzie from BOF at the time. Angela asks if they helped us write this proposal and then got up to oppose it in testimony. Charles says yes, they did. He says they will help us with language and writing a proposal, but won’t necessarily support it. Angela then asks what Charles said again about the department being neutral for the previous proposals like the Caribou Flats proposal. She asks why they would be neutral on that proposal, but oppose NLG’s proposal. Charles says this proposal that we submitted is something for the board of fish to

decide. They are usually neutral on allocation proposals. He says that the department is neutral on the allocative aspects of the proposal.

Angela asks if there are any other discussion on our proposal.

Angela calls the question. Supported unanimously.

Proposals 117 and 118 are the same. Charles groups them together as one. It's asking to require commercial fishermen to report steelhead. The NLG AC says no comment.

Sports fishing

Proposal 155. NLG AC decides not to comment on this one.

156 Specific to the cinder, black hills, Meshik and north creek, the retention of king salmon 20 inches or greater would be prohibited. Bob Murphy proposed. It's to allow no retention for king salmon. Single hook, no retention of jacks or adult kings, catch and release only. After discussion with Bob Murphy and Kyle from Aleutian Adventures the NLG AC decides to adopt the proposal, Angela motions to adopt, Mark seconds. This will be unanimously supported as amended.

**Amendments for proposal 156**  
**“Regulatory Language Suggestions**

**65 AAC 65.020 General Provisions**

**King Salmon:**

- (1) Open to king salmon fishing from January 1 through July 25 as follows:
- (i) No retention of king salmon; All king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;
  - (ii) only single hook artificial lures or flies may be used;

**65 AC 65.022 Special Provisions**

**Chignik River:**

- (1) king salmon may be taken only from January 1 through August 9 as follows:
- (i) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of 2 fish; annual limit of 5 fish; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006;
  - (ii) less than 20 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish; no annual limit;

**Alaska Peninsula freshwaters, except for Chignik:**

1. only single hook artificial lures or flies may be used from January 1 through July 25;”

157- making sandy catch and release only, Angela motions to adopt, Sherman 2nds, call to question, unanimously support

158- Angela motions to adopt, Sherman 2nds. Call to question, unanimous support.

159- Angela motions to adopt, Trevor 2nds. Call to question, unanimous support.

160- Angela motions to adopt, Samantha 2nds. Call to question, unanimous support

161- no comment

Motion to adopt proposal 106, Trevor 2nds, Support unanimously

107- no comment

Ernie Weiss suggests that we not even go thru the south pen proposals.

The NLG AC decided to go neutral with no comment on the rest of the south pen proposals.

- b. Appoint single member to approve Meeting minutes to accommodate on time comment submission
  
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting. We select Mark McNeley.
  
- XI. Set next meeting date February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm.
  
- XII. Other
  
- XIII. Adjourn Angela motions to adjourn at around 3:00 p.m. Samantha 2nds.

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
106	Amend the current subsistence fishing seasons to increase fishing time		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>		
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person’s own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
<b>No Action</b>			
108	Amend the Chignik Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>No Action</b>			
109	Amend the boundaries of the Chignik Bay District to increase area in the Chignik Bay District		
No Action			
110	Amend the seine specifications to decrease the allowable depth and length		
NO Action			
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to create two new statistical areas in the Western District		
No Action			
112	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to include area closures and king salmon caps for king salmon conservation		
<b>No Action</b>			
113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>8</b>	Angela says it states that “the Nelson (Sapsuk) River sockeye salmon escapement in 2024 exceeded the upper escapement goal by almost 4-fold with over 750,000 sockeye salmon escaping.” (read directly from the proposal). Essentially, it’s stating that we’re getting too many fish up the weir and it could affect future runs negatively. One thing Angie points out is in 2024 we were experiencing very small salmon going up the weir and getting past everybody. The proposal claims that we are “not capable of harvesting a good or strong return of sockeye salmon in the Nelson River.” This was a year that 87% of the fish were 1 and 2-year fish. That was reported from ADF&G that 87% of the fish that went up the weir in Nelson Lagoon (Nelson/Sapsuk river) were

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			<p>predominantly 1 and 2-year fish. These won't get caught in a regular mesh net that everybody had that summer. Nobody was going to be catching those small salmon. That clearly states why so many got up the weir that summer. You have nets across the river from each end of the bank and the fish were still getting past us. It was because they were so small. Why are the fish coming back already at 1 and 2 years? We don't know what the science is about the small fish coming back. It was a record year for escapement, but the fact is that the fish were small. A little over 20% of the fish that escaped we regular 4 and 5-year sized fish like they're supposed to be. Angela wants that to be on the record for this proposal. Angela says that if our escapement is reaching our limit that we should open the caribou flats to fishing is just another segway into what we've already been dealing with, with this north line fishery. She says that she is opposed to proposal 113. We need to look at the whole entire basis of this proposal discussing and saying that we were over escaped when 87% of the salmon were 1 and 2-year salmon.</p> <p>Mark adds that we had the same wind conditions in 2024 and 2025, reason why fish were getting past the OPH and north line fisherman. If you look at the numbers, the same numbers that they were anticipating catching at OPH actually got past OPH from the wind. This can be backed up by previous years. What this tells us is that these fish are always trying to come back to Nelson Lagoon. Small or big or whatever. Nelson Lagoon fishery is big enough and was always meant to last this long. If the Nelson Lagoon fishery wasn't as big as it is it wouldn't have lasted this long with so many poor years. The guys at OPH missed out on these fish and this is their attempt to not have that happen again and we will be the ones who have to suffer for it. Mark is also greatly opposed. The rest of the AC agree.</p>
114	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>8</b>	

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115	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>8</b>	
116	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to decrease commercial salmon fishing time and area to drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>		
117	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan		
No Action			
118	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan Require that Northern Alaska Peninsula Coho commercial fishermen report their steelhead bycatch.		
No Action			
119	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear		
<b>No action</b>			
120	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reduce fishing time and area for seine gear		
121	Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan		
122	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
123	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
124	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
125	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time		
126	Amend regulatory language to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area by incorporating the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District, and include the Volcano Bay, East and West Pavlof Bay Sections in the and So		
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		

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128			Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon
129			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time
130			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time
131			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear
132			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear
133			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time
134			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear
135			Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision
136			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area
137			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear
138			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear
139			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear

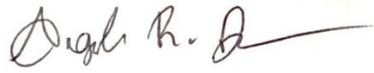
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140			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula
141			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula
142			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula
143			Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula
144			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear
145			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area
146			Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear
147			Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes
148			Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear
149			Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets
150			Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament
151			Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear
152			Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear
153			Amend the gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament
154			Establish a summer herring food and bait fishery

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188			Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery
155			Amend dates that bait is allowed and a single-hook is required in the King Salmon and Bear Rivers
No Comment			
156			Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Cinder, Meshik, and Black Hills rivers, and North Creek
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>		<p>After discussion with Bob Murphy and Kyle from Aleutian Adventures the NLG AC decides to adopt the proposal, Angela motions to adopt, Mark seconds. This will be unanimously supported as amended.</p> <p><b>Amendments for proposal 156</b>  <b>“Regulatory Language Suggestions</b></p> <p><b>65 AAC 65.020 General Provisions</b></p> <p><b><u>King Salmon:</u></b>            (1) Open to king salmon fishing from January 1 through July 25 as follows:                (i) No retention of king salmon; All king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;                (ii) only single hook artificial lures or flies may be used;</p> <p><b>65 AC 65.022 Special Provisions</b></p> <p><b><u>Chignik River:</u></b>            (1) king salmon may be taken only from January 1 through August 9 as follows:                (i) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of 2 fish; annual limit of 5 fish; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006;                (ii) less than 20 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish; no annual limit;</p>

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			<b><u>Alaska Peninsula freshwaters, except for Chignik:</u></b> 1. only single hook artificial lures or flies may be used from January 1 through July 25;"
Support 157			Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River
Support 158			Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River
Support 159			Prohibit the use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River
Support 160			Prohibit use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River
No Comment 161			Adopt an Alaska Peninsula king salmon management plan

XIV.  
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Angela R. Johnson

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 1-26-2026

NNSAC  
1/13/26

**Call to Order: 1:07 pm**

**Roll Call**

Charlie Lean- Present  
Brandon Ahmasuk- Present- Phone  
Jacob Mannix- Present  
Andrew McCann- Present  
Patrick Knodel- Present  
Davis Lincoln- Present- phone  
Nicole Braem- Present

Louis Stang- Excused  
Alfred Weyiounna- Absent  
Paul Nagruk- Absent  
Penny Olanna- Absent

**Quorum Established: 7**

**Fish and Game Staff Present**

Alicia Carson- wildlife  
Sara Henslee- Wildlife  
Ethan Kelso- Comm Fish  
Kevin Clark- Comm Fish Manager  
Helen Cold- Subsistence  
Brendan Scanlon- sport fish  
Luke Henslee- Comm Fish, phone

**Guests Present**

Dan Reed  
Roy Ashenfelter  
Gabe Smith  
Chuck Menadelook  
Karen Gillis- Bering Sea Fisherman's Association

**Moment of Silence for Tom Gray**

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to discuss wildlife issues first  
Motion approved, wildlife to be discussed first.

Game Proposals

**Proposal 251: Reauthorize current brown bear tag fee exemption.**

Motion to support Andrew McCann, Pat Knodel 2nd.

Discussion: The tag fee can be a tool to measure hunt participation. It may also dissuade people from taking a bear opportunistically.

**Vote Count: Unanimous Approval, 7 in favor. Motion carries**

**Proposal 250 and 261, take no action.**

**Proposal 266: Proposal to require ADFG to use plastic tags as opposed to metallic locking tags, plastic tags are more friendly during the tanning process.**

Motion to approve by Jacob Mannix, seconded by Andrew McCann.

Discussion: Are there any metal tags currently used? Wolverine is currently sealed using metal tags and there are some metal beaver tags which are not required in Unit 22.

**Vote Count: Unanimous Approval, 7 in favor. Motion carries.**

**Proposal 271: Proxy tags would need to be notarized by both parties before the proxy tag is issued.**

Motion to support by Andrew McCann, second by Pat Knodel.

Discussion: The current process is sufficient enough and notaries can be difficult to find.

Additionally, proxy hunting is for subsistence use and by adding additional regulations to it you are complicating the process further. Current proxy authorization process is: two parties need to come into the office, all information is recorded from the beneficiary and the hunter. In order to qualify for a proxy you need to be over the age of 65, 70% disabled, blind... If the hunters are remote and not near an office we work with those people through email.

**Vote Count: Unanimously opposed, 7 opposed. Motion fails.**

**Moose Subcommittee Recap:**

Jacob Mannix- The moose subcommittee met on 1/12/26 and reintroduced primary topics of concern that were brought up by members of the AC and the public including, short seasons, predation, and habitat. We discussed upcoming habitat studies and the potential increase of the 22C brown bear quota. There were also three draft proposals discussed as follows:

1. Divide the RM840 permit hunt area into four different subunits, each managed under it's own permit
2. Change the season in the 22B West portion of the hunt to be September 6- 20. This was then suggested to be changed by Davis Lincoln to include the entirety of the RM840 hunt area.
3. Change the number of permits per household to 1 permit and require that the household receiving the permit is only eligible to hunt moose in the subunit for which they receive the permit.

The proposals were received with mixed support and opposition with members of the AC and the public unsure if the proposed changes would meet the goals of the AC. The goals being a lengthening of the season. Additional discussion occurred on at least breaking up the unit into subunits to open the door for more specific management changes to smaller areas, including taking additional steps to divide subunits even further. There was also discussion on how changes may impact subsistence opportunity. There was additional discussion on limitations to methods and means as a way to lengthen the season, or maintain the status quo and focus on habitat studies and predation.

**Additional Moose Discussion:** 22E Moose harvest numbers from ADFG- total harvest averages about 34 moose since 2012. 2023 and 2024 resident harvest increased significantly. 20 in 2023, and 14 in 2024 compared to around 5 per year from 2012. Nonresident harvest was reduced in 2023, the number of permits issued is now 5 bull tags for nonresidents.

Anecdotal reports from Shishmaref would suggest that recent moose harvest in 22E from Shishmaref residents is likely higher than the estimated unreported harvest or around 14 moose per year.

ADF&G gets very poor reporting from the harvest ticket hunt in 22E compared to the RM840 hunt.

Jacob Mannix- maybe we look at turning the harvest ticket hunt into a registration hunt to help improve reporting.

Methods and means- ADF&G gave report on transportation methods used in 22C. Brandon Ahmasuk brought up the use of airplanes in the RM840 hunt and commented that airplanes are often used several days before the season to spot moose and mark them with a GPS. Brandon also made comments that airplanes were not fair chase and should be reduced.

### **Western Arctic Caribou Working Group Recap:**

The abundance estimate shows the herd down to approximately 121,000 animals from about 495,000 animals in the early 2000's. The current status of the herd according to the WACH working group matrix is critical declining. The recommendations from the working group suggest reducing cow harvest as much as possible and eliminating calf harvest. The bull cow ratio is at a desirable level. Calf survival is about 80% in the 1st year. Adult cow population continues to decline. There was concern in the working group that if there is no allowable cow harvest that it would set people up for making honest mistakes and getting into legal trouble. Proposed bag limit was 4 caribou, no more than 1 cow. Additionally, the working group proposed shutting down all hunting if the herd reaches 75,000 animals. Snowmachines these days are much more advanced with higher speeds, longer ranges, etc and more people are using snow machines and running down animals. It stresses animals during the winter months.

### **Discussion:**

Andrew McCann- when there is enough snow it's usually February and I've found calves inside caribou carcasses. If caribou are being taken away from people in the region as a food source I hope that it's taken into consideration about what other opportunities for meat harvest could be presented.

Roy Ashenfelter- Is there any consideration of closing the caribou hunt in March? The efficiency of snow machines have outpaced the abilities of the animals. Closing the hunt early may help save cows.

Andrew McCann- We likely have a lot less opportunity than people in Unit 23, if it isn't a unified proposal between Unit 22 and 23 it likely won't have much impact.

Charlie Lean- The proposals that were recommended were to be for the range of the WAH. It would affect Unit 23 as well. There were only 2 members opposed to our recommended proposals.

Nicole Braem- There have been different regulations in place in Unit 22 than there have been further north in the past. There might be room for a proposal specific to Unit 22.

Pat Knodel- would Feds take over if the population hit a certain number?

Charlie Lean- Unlikely that there would be federal management takeover.

Andrew McCann- Are there any herds that are doing well right now?

Charlie Lean- Yes, CAH and Teshekpuk are stable if not increasing.

Jacob Mannix- With a reduction in animals there is a loss of traditional opportunity for selective bull harvest and more pressure may get put on the winter hunt which very well may have a higher rate of cow harvest. Hunting by snow machine also burns more calories in the animals when they need energy. I think one of the areas that has been overlooked by these proposals is limiting the season to close when harvest of caribou can occur.

Recess for 5 Minutes: 2:25

Back to Order at 2:30

### **Arctic/ Yukon/ Kuskokwim BOF Recap**

**Kevin Clark:** Two proposals approved for our region, one proposal restricts the length, depth, and mesh size when a gill net fishery is closed and immediately reopened for beach seine. There was also a proposal to close the sport fishery for King Salmon in the Pilgrim River and that proposal passed as well.

Charlie Lean- On the restrictions proposed for King fishing on the Pilgrim River, the proposal to limit subsistence harvest on the Pilgrim river failed because the harvest on the Pilgrim is so comparatively small to the harvest in Tuksuk channel. The other proposal that failed was the 25 fish limit on the Sinuk River. The Board was concerned with limiting subsistence and Fish and Game stated that there was not a conservation concern for that river. The AC has consistently said we believe that there is a conservation concern.

Andrew McCann- The department says there isn't a conservation concern, the primary method for surveys has been aerial? Are we confident in aerial surveys?

Kevin Clark- Yes, it's been primarily aerial, there have been some years where we weren't able to do it. Aerial surveys are an index, not a weir count.

Luke Henslee- The escapement goal for Glacial Lake is an aerial survey goal. While the aerial survey might not be a great abundance estimate, that escapement goal is defined for aerial surveys. The last year that the weir was operated was 2010, there is some effort building for getting a census survey for sockeye entering the lake.

### **Fish Proposals**

Charlie Lean- On the June Area M fishery this AC has historically been very concerned about chum salmon catch, somewhat concerned about king salmon catch and largely ambivalent about sockeye catch. This fishery is a directed salmon fishery, designed to catch salmon, it is a legal fishery managed by the state. This fishery does catch approximately 8x as many chum bound for western Alaska as the pollock fishery, but it is a legal fishery.

### **Proposals Dealing With Fishing Schedules and Fishing Times in Area M**

Charlie Lean- These schedules are set by the Board of Fish and are not based on escapement, they are based on a calendar. There have been several genetic studies on this fishery, the WASSIP study found that roughly 50% of the chum passing through the Area M fishery was bound for western Alaska and has recently reduced to 25% in about 10 years time. Hatchery and Asian fish have now started showing up more, this is partly because the western Alaska chum run is decreasing.

There are at least ten proposals on this topic but suggest focusing on three that I believe are best geared towards changing the fishing schedule, one submitted by the Fairbanks AC, one by Chignik and one by Kawerak. Kawerak's proposal was to start the fishery late, beginning June 16th.

Chuck Menadelook (Kawerak) Discussing Kawerak's proposal- My primary motivation for writing this proposal is the conservation of salmon, I want to make sure that my children can catch salmon. This proposal was informed by information from these fisheries meetings and I wrote the proposal to delay the fishery by 5-10 days. I also wrote it because commercial fisherman and board of fish members have stated that there is no chum chucking occurring, then the state troopers write 9 citations for that exact thing. The intercept fishery numbers only report the ones caught, not the ones that are chucked.

We tried to emphasize in this proposal that we don't want to close the Area M fishery, we just want a delayed start. I do the beach monitoring in Nome here and there was no salmon at the mouths of our rivers.

Andrew McCann- Let the salmon go through. We need a continuation of the runs.

Jacob Mannix- Just to build on the record, it's my view that these discussions are not allocative and not about money. While I appreciate that this is a large revenue generating fishery, it may not be in another 15 years. These conversations should be strictly about the conservation of salmon and not about finances and allocation. Historically, we have seen the decline of salmon across the entirety of the west coast and now we're seeing it in Alaska. We're following a pattern of decline and not taking any action.

Charlie Lean- The state's constitution discusses sustained yield which is discussing Alaska run wild fish, not hatchery fish and not asian fish. The state is supposed to be maintaining these wild stock runs that we are seeing in decline.

Brandon Ahmasuk- We've been in this chum salmon fight for 40 or 50 years. In the Nome area we had a chum closure that lasted a substantial amount of time and when it reopened it reopened under Tier II. We're past money issues, this is a conservation issue. I've said before plenty of times, on the Sinuk River, there are no more chum salmon. I'm of the opinion that the Nome area should be a Tier II fishery for chum salmon again.

Andrew McCann and Charlie discussed chums caught off the coast of Nome, especially when Pilgrim closes and more people set nets in the ocean. Intercept fisheries are not limited to Area M, Nome catches fish bound for Teller.

Charlie Lean- The bottom line is do we go along with the status quo for Area M, do we support an increase in fishing, do we support restrictions in Area M?

Roy Ashenfelter- chum salmon are significantly reduced, the Yukon is no longer fishing for chum. A proposal needs to be picked that the board will support. I believe that a proposal that has some reasonable days of closure is the most likely to be supported.

Additional discussion from Roy Ashenfelter on the Board of Fish process.

The AC discussed additional factors that might effect the Board of Fish decision and that we are supportive of schedule restrictions for Area M.

Karen Gillis, Bering Sea Fishermen's Association- there has been a small group of people that consist of a diverse group of stakeholders, Fairbanks AC, people from Chignik, etc... we put together an analysis of the 11 proposals that address the June management plan. In times of conservation concern and crisis, an intercept fishery that is targeting stocks that are bound for other areas is a real problem. There are very few pros to intercept fisheries and a dozen cons. Proposal 127 proposes a decrease of 43% in seine and 56% in drift harvest  
Proposal 128 sets thresholds for time and area closures. The Area M fishery should not rely on thresholds when the pattern of chum chucking is so prevalent. Thresholds can be avoided by chum chucking.

Proposal 129 we kind of thought that Proposal 129 was similar to 128.

Proposal 130 it's a 48% decrease in the seine fishery, couldn't evaluate the driftnet fishery, 131 decrease in the seine of 58%, drift 68%, no change in setnet. Designed to protect chum and chinook salmon.

132- 32% decrease in the seine, 29% decrease in drift, 6% for set netters.

133- 23% decrease in seine, 32% decrease in drift, no change in set.

134 and 135 are increases  
136 is a complete closure from June 7 to June 28.

The AC is generally supportive of all of the proposals that restrict the Area M fishery.

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support Proposal 131, seconded by Pat Knodel.  
**Discussion: The AC is generally supportive of all proposals that restrict the Area M fishery. We view this proposal as the most reasonable solution that makes meaningful reductions in chum and chinook harvest while still allowing for commercial fishing opportunity for sockeye.**

Roll Call: Charlie Lean- yes

Brandon- Yes

Jacob Mannix- yes

Andrew- yes

Pat- yes

Davis- Yes

Nicole- yes

**Unanimous support for Proposal 131, 7 in favor.**

#### **Additional Discussion on Proposals**

Threshold triggers are highly susceptible to being played and there are ample opportunities for these thresholds to be avoided. Even processors can get rid of fish to avoid them being enumerated.

**Nicole Braem makes a motion to support proposals 128 and 129. Seconded by Andrew McCann**

Discussion: With regards to these proposals we are supportive of time and area closures but do not believe that threshold triggers for these closures are effective. Thresholds can be avoided and there is a history of avoidance of recording chum and chinook catch.

**Unanimous opposition, motion fails. 7 oppose.**

**Andrew McCann makes a motion to support Proposals 134, 135, and 137, Pat Knodel seconds.**

**Discussion:** This is an increase in fishing opportunity at the expense of subsistence opportunity throughout western Alaska, additionally this is an increase in commercial fishing opportunity during a salmon conservation crisis.

**Unanimous opposition, motion fails. 7 opposed**

**Jacob Mannix makes a motion to support Proposal 110, seconded Nicole Braem. Proposal to reduce the length and depth of seines in Chignik.**

**Discussion:** This proposal was designed protect deeper running fish like chinook and chum salmon. Sockeye salmon tend to run in shallower water, this proposal would still allow for successful sockeye fishing.

**Unanimous Support, 7 in favor. Motion Carries.**

#### **Proposal 143, initiate a test fishery**

Motion to support by Andrew McCann, seconded by Nicole Braem.

Discussion: king salmon are in decline statewide, this proposal raises the issue of the need for monitoring king salmon in general.

**Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries. Kevin Knowlton joined meeting.**

**Proposal 147, reduces gill net depth**

Motion to support, Pat Knodel, Seconded by Nicole Braem.

Discussion: the intent of this proposal is to protect chum and chinook. Sockeye salmon run in shallower water and closer to shore. Sockeye would still be targeted while protecting chum and chinook.

**Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries.**

**Proposal 148 to limit seines by reducing the lead**

**Discussion:** This is very similar to proposal 152. This issue will be addressed by proposal 152.

**Take no Action**

**Proposal 149 increase the length of setnets**

Discussion: Would result in increased chum and king harvests

**1 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion fails. 1 in favor thought that the proposal was a mesh size increase.**

**Proposal 150 allow the use of monofilament**

**Motion to support Andrew, Nicole seconded**

**Discussion:** We view this as a conservation proposal and allowing the use of monofilament is a conservation concern.

**Unanimous opposition, 8 opposed, motion fails.**

**Proposal 151 reduce the length of gill net gear by eliminating the lead**

Jacob Mannix makes motion to support, Andrew McCann seconds

Discussion: This proposal is a conservation proposal for chinook and chum salmon while still allowing gill netters to harvest sockeye by placing the net closer to shore and in shallower waters where sockeye run.

**Unanimous Support, 8 in favor. Motion carries.**

**Proposal 152 reduces the length and depth of seine gear**

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support, Nicole Braem seconds.

Discussion: This proposal builds on our support of implementing conservation measures for deeper running fish and reducing gear size over conservation concerns. Sockeye salmon could still be targeted using this gear.

**Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries**

**Proposal 153 to allow the use of monofilament gear.**

**Take no action due to our action on proposal 150.**

**Proposal 161 to create a management plan for chinook salmon for streams located on the Alaska Peninsula and are part of the Bering Sea drainage...**

**Take no Action**

Recess at 4:34

Call to Order at 4:41

Penny Olanna joined meeting at 4:39

Pat Knodel left meeting at 4:48. Still Maintain quorum of 7.

**Additional Proposals**

Charlie Lean- There are three proposals that have to do with hatcheries that would place limitations on hatcheries. Alaska has gone from no hatchery production to the largest hatchery producer in the world, Russia will surpass us soon. There is a significant amount of research that would support that hatcheries and over production of pink salmon over browses the ocean and reduces the carrying capacity for wild fish. The majority body of research supports that idea.

**Proposal 170, a proposal to reduce the hatchery egg take permit level for pink and chum salmon by 25%**

Motion to support by Nicole Braem, seconded by Andrew McCann

Discussion: The research overwhelmingly supports that hatchery production is causing over abundance and reducing the carry capacity of the North Pacific ocean and negatively impacting wild stocks. Russian hatcheries will be increasing their hatchery stocks. Historically, hatcheries along the west coast were designed to rebuild wild stocks and quickly transformed into a supplement for commercial fisheries. They have been unsuccessful in rebuilding wild stocks and have ultimately been detrimental to rebuilding wild stocks. This reduction is viewed as a measure for the conservation and rehabilitation of wild stocks.

**Unanimous support, 7 in favor. Motion carries.**

**Take no action on proposals 171 and 172.**

**Proposal 162 to prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries.**

Jacob Mannix makes a motion to support, seconded by Andrew McCann.

**Discussion:** This may have additional effects on other outfits like culture camps. Additionally, people may not be able to afford boats, gear, etc, but can afford to pay for a transporter to participate in subsistence fisheries.

**Unanimous Opposition, motion fails 8 oppose.**

**Proposal 175 to modify dip net mesh-size and configuration.**

Discussion: This is a statewide regulation despite that it is likely an area specific issue. Dip-net gear is legal in our unit and this proposal addresses a specific issue that is not a problem here, this proposal should be taken up during the specific board cycle for the author's unit.

**Unanimous opposition, 8 oppose, motion fails.**

**Proposal 176, 177, 178**

**Take No Action**

Jacob Mannix- I support taking no action however, it's worth noting that pooling bag limits is not consistent with the intent behind sport fishing bag limits. Bag limits are not an entitlement to retain and do not guarantee retention.

**Proposal 179 establishes a statewide annual limit of king salmon of 10 fish.**

**Take No Action**

**Proposal 180 establishes a statewide annual limit of king salmon of five fish.**

**Jacob Mannix motions to support, Nicole Braem seconds.**

Discussion: This is a common sense reduction in the annual bag limit for king salmon while king salmon numbers are in decline everywhere. This is a conservation proposal. It would not effect our districts as the limits for king salmon are lower or none.

**Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion carries.**

**ADF&G Closing Comments**

Fisheries- Kevin Clark, at the last Board Meeting the Board declared Kwiniuk as a stock of concern for kings. There will be a plan forthcoming.

**Public Comments**

Karen Gillis- We need to be very cognizant of hatchery release into the oceans. in 2024 hatcheries released some 5 billion salmon. Russia plans on increasing their hatchery release five-fold by 2030, their 2024 release was 1.9 billion.

**Select Representatives for board meeting**

Andrew McCann makes a motion to send Charlie Lean to the upcoming Board of Fish meeting, Kevin Knowlton seconds.

**Motion carries, unanimous support.**

**Next Meeting date**

- Moose subcommittee meeting tentatively planned for early March.

**Other**

Carl Seetok from Brevig Mission- wants to join the AC and will follow-up with Sam Kirby.

Adjourn at 5:19 pm



## Sand Point Advisory Committee

Thursday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 3:00 PM | Sand Point City Council Chambers and Online/Teleconference  
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 | Meeting ID: 849 2547 0783 | Password: SWR

### Draft Agenda

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I. Call to Order: [3:04 PM] by Patrick Brown

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Emil, Benjamin, George, Kylie, John, Patrick

Members Absent (Excused): Benjamin, Day 2, traveling

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

Commercial, Subsistence fishermen

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Matt Keyse, Natalie Romo

IV. Guests Present: Brenda Wilson, Angela Johnson, Bill Dushkin Jr., Colten Mack, Tony Foster, Stanley Mack, Brian Marine, Kurt Hastings, Jack Foster Jr., Charlotte Levy

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - N/A

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Discuss AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/ Chignik Finfish Proposals at the discretion of the AC
- b. Appoint single member to approve Meeting minutes to accommodate on time comment submission

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Patrick Brown, Chair
- XI. Set next meeting date
  - a. Set Meeting dates for each of the days at Board of Fish: Feb 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 at 5 PM in the AEB room at Captain Cook
- XII. Other
- XIII.** Adjourn: Saturday January 31, at 12:44 PM

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
106	Amend the current subsistence fishing seasons to increase fishing time		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Support subsistence opportunities for Unalaska residents.</b>
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person’s own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Personal use fish is not necessarily illegal to sell, as it is commercially caught. Regulations already exist to address this. Proposal addresses a non issue. Non reporting is illegal.</b>
108	Amend the Chignik Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	
109	Amend the boundaries of the Chignik Bay District to increase area in the Chignik Bay District		
Oppose	0	6	
110	Amend the seine specifications to decrease the allowable depth and length		
Oppose	0	6	
111	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to create two new statistical areas in the Western District		
Oppose	0	6	
112	Amend the Chignik Area Management Plan to include area closures and king salmon caps for king salmon conservation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	
113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section		

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No Action			No community member input.
114			Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language
No Action			
115			Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section
No Action			
116			Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to decrease commercial salmon fishing time and area to drift gillnet gear
No Action			
117			Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan
No Action			Already in regulation
118			Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan Require that Northern Alaska Peninsula Coho commercial fishermen report their steelhead bycatch.
No Action			Already in regulation.
119			Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear
Support	6	0	
120			Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reduce fishing time and area for seine gear
Oppose	0	6	Even the Department is opposed to removing the Northwest Stepovak section from its own management plan. Misguided proposal.
121			Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan
Support	6	0	We have lost many years of fishing due to later harvest on SEDM. We aren't even permitted to catch our allocation even if the 600,000 fish catch is reached.

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122	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Allocation is low, and not indicative of a shared resource.</b>
123	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Allocation should reflect representation.</b>
124	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
Support	6	0	Assumed percentage of fish is too high at 80%. Does not reflect reality.
125	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time		
No Action			Support for Proposal 119, which has better, more inclusive language.
126	Amend regulatory language to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area by incorporating the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District, and include the Volcano Bay, East and West Pavlof Bay Sections in the and So		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>This area already does not allow seining. Has a comprehensive management plan. SEDM management plan is too burdensome. Many SEDM fishermen who were kicked out of their historical sites have been forced to relocate to areas such as the Dolgoi island section. Theres barely anywhere for fishermen to fish anymore as we lose more and more area and time.</b>
	<b>Sand Point AC recessed at 5:33 PM and reconvened at 10:05 AM on 1/31/26, with one less member.</b>		
127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		

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Oppose	0	5	<b>Adaptive management is working. Fishermen have foregone a lot of fishing time in order to harvest salmon while the ratio of sockeyes to chums is higher. Time and area lost last meeting. Results are over correcting. Catch and time at an all time low as a result of Board actions in 2023. Current schedule is already very restrictive.</b>
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
Oppose	0	5	<b>“Koyukuk salmon chum stocks cannot be distinguished from Yukon River summer chum or other CWAK chum salmon. As such, the effects of this proposal are unknown.” ADFG</b>
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	0	5	<b>Norton Sound chum decline from 2018 to 2023 likely caused by warmer than normal water temperatures in the Bering Sea, and lack of available food. ADFG report supports this presumption.</b>
130	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	0	5	<b>See 127</b>
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Oppose	0	5	<b>See 127</b>
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Oppose	0-5. <b>See 127</b>		
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Oppose	0	5	<b>See 127</b>
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		

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Support	5	0	<p><b>Adaptive strategy is working, but we've lost so much time voluntarily standing down. This would give us more opportunities to harvest when sockeye stocks are more present.</b></p> <p><b>Chum triggers in place to stop fishing by regulation. Ability to catch sockeyes is the historical pastoral nature of the fishery.</b></p>
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision		
Support	5	0	<b>Larger Chinook have shown a high survival rate when released immediately as in tagging studies.</b>
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
Oppose	0	5	<b>See 127</b>
137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	<b>Support with amendment to include the entire South Peninsula.</b>
138	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	Set netters need more time in July. A lot of lost time due to weather conditions. This would add 7 days, or 168 hours.
139	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	Similar to proposals 144 and 145. Echo support to all 3 proposals. Aerial surveys can be hard to conduct that time of year. It keeps the processors busy. Gives the Department a snapshot of fish moving in to spawn, build up, timing. Allocation needs to be more defined. Allows the Department freedom to make opening announcements to distinguish between gear groups.
140	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula		

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Oppose	0	5	<b>E/O Authority does opposite of Department management.</b>
141	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula		
Oppose	0	5	<b>Department has enough authority. Leave them with the flexibility they have now. Regulations are hard to over turn. E/O authority exists. We've had a slightly higher showing in the past year or 2. E/O authority was used in areas where Chinook catches were high, loss of time and area. Department is doing a good job of curtailing chinook catches already.</b>
142	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula		
No Action	5	0	<b>Proposer will pull support in favor of proposals 144 and 145.</b>
143	Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
Oppose	0	5	<b>The immature test fishery that occurs on the east side of Popof island is the only one of its kind in the state. The regulations that currently exist for this fishery are time tested and satisfactory as a means to an end. Even the Department is opposed to this proposal.</b>
144	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
Support	5	0	<b>This proposal is favorable to the fishery in many ways. It gives a snapshot of fish that are in the water in a low impact way. It can be supplemental to aerial surveys if there is indication of fish moving in. Set net fishermen are limited in production capacity and couldn't affect gathered up fish near terminal areas. It allows the processors salmon during what might otherwise be lax production.</b>
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area		
Support	5	0	See 139, 144

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146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
No Action	5-0. Refer to Proposal 138. Same proposal intention but with better wording.		
147	Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes		
Oppose	0	5	<b>Not only is there an associated gear cost that factors into this proposal, but it assumes that web is just available to outfit an entire fleet of set netters and drifters. This is not the case. Nor is there reliable scientific evidence to support the claim of the proposer that shallower nets would catch less chums and kings. Certainly, less salmon would be caught in general, irrespective of their species. Claims are speculative.</b>
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
Oppose	0	5	<b>Not only is there an associated gear cost that factors into this proposal, but it assumes that web is just available to outfit an entire fleet of seiners to replace entire lengths of net from 100 mesh to 50 mesh body web. It is estimated it will cost the fleet nearly \$400,000 in web, not including labor, shipping, etc. Scientific data does not support the proposers intention.</b>  <b>We don't fish lagoons, and the nets that lagoon fishermen use would not be effective in a deep water fishery. Different areas use different nets. In the Southeast Seine fishery, the standard depth is 475 meshes, 100 meshes deeper than Area M.</b>  <b>The likelihood of the entire fleet being able to acquire web and have their nets changed is not realistic.</b>
149	Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets		
Oppose	0	5	<b>This proposal undermines the historical nature of the fishery. It would allow new fishermen to out perform fishermen with historical sites by being able to set 900 feet in front and effectively cut of a historical site.</b>
150	Amend gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		

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<b>Support</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Many other areas are already able to use this type of gear, including Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and North AK Peninsula set netters. Being able to use single filament web would be beneficial for algae and silt build up that occurs. Still allows fishermen to use multi strand web.</b>
151	Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Set netters in this area have always been able to use leads. This proposal would reduce the effectiveness of the fishery. There is no quantifiable reason to pass this proposal other than to weaken an already weak fishery.</b>
152	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
Oppose	0	5	See Proposal 148
153	Amend the gillnet specifications to allow the use of monofilament		
<b>Support</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>See Proposal 150</b>
154	Establish a summer herring food and bait fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Locally caught herring is fresher and seems to have a better value than Dutch Harbor herring, which is more commonly available.</b>
188	Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
<b>No Action</b>	<b>5</b>		
155	Amend dates that bait is allowed and a single-hook is required in the King Salmon and Bear Rivers		
N/A			
156	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Cinder, Meshik, and Black Hills rivers, and North Creek		
N/A			
157	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
N/A			
158	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
N/A			
159	Prohibit the use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
N/A			
160	Prohibit use of bait and retention of king salmon in the Sandy River		
N/A			
161	Adopt an Alaska Peninsula king salmon management plan		
N/A			<b>Tabled for lack of information. To be delegated at a later date.</b>

**XIV.**

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Patrick Brown \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 7th at 11:00am**  
**Zoom**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 11:24 am.

II. Roll Call (7 quorum)

First Name	Community	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
Jacob Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
Renae Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
Kelsi Ivanoff	Unalakleet	Present
Wes Jones	Unalakleet	Present
Gary Eckenweller	Unalakleet	Present
Perry Burress	Unalakleet	Unexcused
Morris Nassuk	Koyuk	Present
Randy Takak	Shaktoolik	Excused
Matilda Hardy	Shaktoolik	Unexcused
George Flynn	Stebbins	Unexcused
Dominic Richardson	St. Michael	Present
Johnny Richardson	Undesignated, St. Michael	Present
Shyler Johnson	Alternate, Unalakleet	Excused
Vacant	Stebbins	
Vacant	St. Michael	
Vacant	Koyuk	

III. Fish and Game Staff Present

Sara Henslee, Sam Kirby, Kevin Clark, Luke Henslee, Patrick Landback, Jenefer Bell, Cody Watkins

IV. Guests Present

Elliot Nassuk, Mitchell Wisniewski

V. Approval of Agenda

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

VI. Elections:

- a. 2 seats from Koyuk – Morris Nassuk, Elliot Nassuk
- b. 1 seat from Unalakleet – Wes Jones

- c. 1 seat from Shaktoolik – open
- d. 1 seat from St. Michael – Johnny Richardson
- e. 1 seat from Stebbins – Morris Nashoanak
- f. 1 Undesignated seat – Shyler Johnson
- g. 1 Alternate seat – Gage Ivanoff

Jacob Ivanoff nominated Morris Nassuk and Wes Jones to retain their Koyuk and Unalakleet seats, respectively. Renae nominated Johnny Richardson to be resealed in the St Michael seat. Wes Jones nominated Shyler Johnson to the undesignated seat. Morris Nashoanak was recommended and nominated by the tri-organizations for the Stebbins seat. Kelsi Ivanoff nominated Gage Ivanoff for the alternate seat.

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to approve nominations as a block and the election of members. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

*Johnny Richardson moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to approve the nomination of Gage Ivanoff to the alternate seat. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

VII. Elections: Chair, Vice chair, Secretary

*Morris Nassuk moved, seconded by Wes Jones for Jacob Ivanoff, Morris Nassuk, and Renae Ivanoff to retain their seats as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

VIII. New Business

- a. Alaska Board of Fisheries – Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish  
Refer to Table below for discussions on the following proposals – 28, 33, 34, 36, 37, and 38.

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Wes Jones to support proposal 28. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Johnny Richardson to support proposal 33, 34, and 37 as a block. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 36. The question was called. Motion failed 3 – 2 – 3.*

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to take no action on proposal 29, 30, 31, 32, 35 and 38. The question was called. Motion passed 8 -0.*

- b. Alaska Board of Fisheries – Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish  
Refer to Table below for the following discussions on the following proposals – 132, 147, and 152.

*Wes Jones moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 132, 147, and 152 as a block. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

- c. Alaska Board of Game – Southcentral Region  
Refer to Table below for the following discussions on proposal 251.

*Rena Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 251. The question was called. Motion passed 8 – 0.*

## IX. Reports

- a. Chair’s report: Overview of the Statewide BOF meeting in March  
On behalf of Chair Jacob Ivanoff, Wes Jones gave an update on the Norton Sound crab related proposals submitted before the Board of Fisheries and noted that all proposals failed.
- b. ADF&G
  - i. Fisheries Report  
Kevin Clark summarized the Norton Sound-Port Clarence salmon season and commercial crab fisheries. There were questions and discussion on sustainable escapement goals for Shaktoolik River and the sport fishery related project on egg collecting activities occurring in the Unalakleet River drainage.
  - ii. Wildlife Report  
Sara Henslee provided an update on the RM841 hunt, reporting 63 moose being harvested in game management unit 22A. She also gave a recap on the moose survey that took place along the Unalakleet River drainage during the spring of 2024, reporting a moose population estimate of 972 noting an average recruitment. This estimate is an increase from the 2021 survey of 767 moose. It was brought to the Department’s attention that there was a possibility that local hunters were hunting unknowingly or knowingly hunting in the adjacent game management unit with potential reporting issues.
- c. Jen Bell’s Sonar Project on the Unalakleet River  
Jennefer Bell gave a summary of ADF&G’s objective to continue a long-term salmon monitoring program on the Unalakleet River drainage to establish the necessary information for drainage wide salmon escapement. ADF&G is seeking funds to purchase the necessary equipment to operate a sonar project in supplement of the Unalakleet River Weir as it is no longer operational. She has requested support from the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee to provide a letter of support for outside entity funding.

*Renae Ivanoff made a motion, seconded by Wes Jones for the Southern Norton Sound Advisory committee to provide a letter of support for the purchase of necessary equipment to operate a sonar project on the Unalakleet River. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

- d. Comments for upcoming meetings
  - i. Work Session – comment deadline Oct 13, 2025
  - ii. AYK – comment deadline Nov 3, 2025
  - iii. Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish – comment deadline Feb 3, 2026
  
- X. Public Comment
 

There was no public comment.
  
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk for Jacob Ivanoff to attend the Board of Fisheries meeting occurring in November 18 – 22, 2025. The question was called. There was no opposition.*
  
- XII. Set next meeting date
 

The next meeting date is anticipated April 2026.
  
- XIII. Adjournment
 

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.*

Minutes Recorded By: Renae Ivanoff

Minutes Approved By: Jacob Ivanoff

Date: 10/22/2025



Renae Ivanoff

Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish November 18-22, 2025,   Fairbanks, AK Deadline for comment Nov 3rd			
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>			
28	Lawful gear and gear specifications. Define beach seine gear specifications in effect when Norton Sound Port Clarence subsistence fisheries are closed and immediately reopened with the non-retention of specific salmon species...		
	8	0	There was some concern from a couple committee members that these lawful gear and gear specifications for defining beach seine gear will affect subsistence users that have limited access to gear type resources if this regulation were to pass.
29	Subsistence fishing permit; annual limits for salmon. Establish a seasonal harvest limit of 25 sockeye salmon for the Sinuk River subsistence fishery...		
No Action			
30	Waters closed to subsistence fishing. Increase water closed to subsistence fishing in the Sinuk River...		
No action			
31	Waters closed to subsistence fishing. Expand water closed to subsistence fishing for salmon in the Sinuk River...		
No Action			
32	Fishing season and periods. Repeal the subsistence fishing schedule in the marine water of west of Cape Nome in Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District...		
No action			
33	Limitation of subsistence fishing gear. Prohibit the retention of king salmon when subsistence fishing with beach seine in the Pilgrim River....		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee has endorsed to support the long-term sustainability of such a resource.

Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish November 18-22, 2025,   Fairbanks, AK Deadline for comment Nov 3rd			
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
34	Subsistence fishing permit; annual limits for salmon. Reduce the subsistence fishing annual limit for the Pilgrim River king salmon...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee has endorsed to support the long-term sustainability of such a resource.
35	Limitations on subsistence fishing gear. Repeal the requirement for hook and line subsistence fishermen to follow sport fishing bag and possession limits in the northern Norton Sound area....		
No action			
36	Subdistricts 5 and 6 of Norton Sound District and the Unalakleet River King Salmon Management Plan. Allow catch and release sport fishing for king salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage when the subsistence fishery is closed to the retention of kings...		
3 Abstained	2	3	There were two committee members that were in support of allowing catch and release sport fishing for king salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage, three committee members that abstained, and three committee members that were opposed to protect the long-term sustainability of such a vital resource that is an already depressed state not only in Norton Sound, but the Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim as a whole.  There was discussion on the King salmon management plan, effective regulatory date of actions, and clarifying regulatory language.
37	Seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the Northern Area. Close sport fishing for kings salmon in the Pilgrim River....		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee has endorsed to support the long-term sustainability of such a resource.
38	Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish. Modify hook size specifications when sport fishing for salmon in the Northwestern Management Area....		
No action			

Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Islands / Bering Sea and Chignik Pacific Cod February 18-24, 2026,   Anchorage, AK Deadline for comment Feb 3rd			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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132	South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan. Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that have the highest chance of success with a focused approach, clear and compelling language, and a well-defined plan with proof of feasibility and the SNSAC believes that this proposal exemplifies that.
147	Gillnet specifications and operations. Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that have the highest chance of success with a focused approach, clear and compelling language, and a well-defined plan with proof of feasibility and the SNSAC believes that this proposal exemplifies that.
152	Seine specifications and operations. Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear...		
	8	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee would like to support proposals that have the highest chance of success with a focused approach, clear and compelling language, and a well-defined plan with proof of feasibility and the SNSAC believes that this proposal exemplifies that.

Southcentral Region: Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15 March 20-25, 2026,   Kodiak, AK Deadline for comment March 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
	8	0	Beneficial for resident bear hunters in Unit 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 over 20 years.

**Tanana/Rampart/Manley  
Fish & Game Advisory Committees Meeting  
Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 3:00 pm  
by web/teleconference only**

**I. Call to Order:** 3:09 pm by Janessa Newman

**II. Roll Call (Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC)**

Present: Janessa Newman (Chair), Charlie Wright (Vice Chair), Janet Woods, Millena Jordan, Curtis Sommer, Brooke Woods (alternate)

Absent: Samantha Zuray, Stan Zuray, Ray Woods, Thomas Hyslop,

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5**

**III. Guest Introductions (continued)**

Olivia Henaaye Irwin - BOF Member

Gale Vick - Fairbanks AC Fisheries subcommittee Chair

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*Joined by Minto/Nenana AC for Joint Discussions and Actions on Board of Fisheries Proposals – both ACs maintained quorum for remainder of meeting*

**IV. Approval of Agenda:**

Janet Woods motions to adopt the agenda with Area M proposals at the beginning. Millena Jordan seconded. **Motion carries unanimously.**

**V. New Business**

- a. Board of Fisheries Proposals for Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish (aka “Area M”) - comments due February 3rd, 2026
- b. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

**VI. Select representative(s) for board meeting:** February 18-25 in Anchorage  
Janessa Newman declares Millena Jordan as our rep

**VII. Set next meeting date:** February 27 11-1 and March 2, 11-1

**VIII. Adjourned at 6:48 pm**

Minutes Recorded By: Janessa Newman (Chair)

Minutes Approved By: Charlie Wright (Vice Chair)

Date: 2/3/2026

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<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>
<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>			
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We strongly support the goals of this proposal. For the past five years, the communities represented by our ACs have been unable to harvest salmon for subsistence. While we would not normally advocate for such severe measures, the current condition of the Yukon River salmon stocks makes them necessary. We believe that without significant restrictions on the Area M fishery, the prospect of rebuilding the Yukon River salmon runs is extremely limited, if not impossible. The burden of conservation should not lie squarely on in-river communities. A full closure is our preferred action.
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We strongly endorse this proposal's goals, as a significant decrease in AYK salmon interception is crucial for the recovery of our salmon populations. Coastal Western Alaska chum represent the second-largest non-target intercept in Area M. The current genetics data's limitations and short duration make it unreliable, particularly given the depressed status of the CWAK stocks. Implementing this proposal would eliminate the need for precise interception counts and the resources required for enforcing fishery closures. Furthermore, it would prevent the interception of depressed non-target stocks while still permitting harvest by the set gillnet fishery. This action is our AC's second preferred choice.
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal because it shares the same strong rationale as proposals 136 and 131. Furthermore, we endorse the elimination of caps and triggers, which are ineffectual in the Area M fishery. Since enforcement in Area M is not meaningful, caps and triggers cannot be effectively implemented.

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140	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing area and modify existing Districts and Sections in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal's intent to reduce non-target intercept in the Post June Fishery.
141	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We believe this proposal is critical and support its goal of reducing the unintentional harvest of king salmon.
143	Modify the department's test fishery protocol found in the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We strongly support this proposal. Given the current status of king salmon throughout the state, we believe it is essential to extend the test fishery to include the post-June fishery. Furthermore, this area is known for immature king salmon presence. Collecting more data will provide crucial intelligence on the issue, significantly increasing the chance of recovery.
147	Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes		
<b>Support with amendments</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal, provided it includes an amendment. Specifically, we propose restricting the depth of drift gillnets to a maximum of 70 meshes in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern districts. We deem it essential to limit both the length and depth of gear used by the most effective fisheries. This measure is critical for the protection of Chinook and Chum salmon, which inhabit deeper waters, thereby promoting a more sustainable harvest.
148	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal for the same reasons to those provided in support of 147.
151	Amend gillnet specification to reduce the allowable gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal for the same reasons to those provided in support of 147.
152	Amend the seine specification to reduce the allowable size gear		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	We support this proposal for the same reasons to those provided in support of 147.

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113	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set and drift net gear in the Caribou Flats Section		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	We oppose the proposals 113, 114, 115, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 142, 144, 145, 146, 149.  Our opposition stems from the fact that these proposals all seek to expand fishing opportunities by increasing fishing time, allowing new types of gear, and opening previously closed areas. Given that current fish runs on the Yukon are below established target levels, liberalizing fishing would severely undermine essential rebuilding efforts.
114	Amend the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to delete sunset language		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
115	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Ilnik Section		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
119	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet and seine gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
121	Remove 600,000 fish sockeye salmon allocation from the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
122	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to make changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
123	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
124	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon allocation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
125	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow more fishing time		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
135	Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.

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137	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
138	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
139	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
142	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the South Alaska Peninsula		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
144	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
145	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
146	Amend the Post-June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.
149	Amend the gillnet specification to increase the size of set gillnets		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Refer to comments provided for 113.

## Togiak Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 AM Online via Zoom

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### Draft Agenda

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- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call
  - I. Members Present: 10 total members present- Joe Alexie, Peter Lockuk sr. Sidney Pavian, Kenneth Nukwak, Jimmy Coopchiak, Richard Echuk, Gayle Andrew, Thomas Dock, Mickey Sharp, Moses Kritz
  - II. Members Absent (Excused):
  - III. Members Absent (Unexcused): Jonah Lomack, Lesther Moore, Roger Wassilie, Walter Kanulie, David Cleveland.
  - IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
  - V. List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Sands, Lee Borden, Gretta Hayden-Pless, Natalie Romo
- IV. Guests Present: Tony Zoch BBEDC, Joe Wittkop AWT, Bob Dubey Togiak Fisheries, Cody Larson BBNA, Tav Ammu UAF- Bristol Bay Campus
- V. Approval of Agenda: Motion- Peter Lockuk, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Joe Alexie
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion- Moses, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Alexie
- VII. Reports
  - I. Chair: N/A
  - II. Others: N/A
  - III. Public Comment: N/A
- IX. New Business
  - I. Discussion of BOF Bristol Bay Finfish proposals, and other fisheries proposals at the discretion of the committee: Motion to support proposals **61-69** Moses Kritz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter. **Motion Fails unanimously**. Motion to support **44, 45** by Moses, Second by Joe. **Motion Failed Unanimously**. Motion to Adopt Proposal **50** by Moses, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. **Unanimously Failed**. Motion to Adopt Proposal **54** Moses Kritz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Lockuk. **Unanimously Failed**. Motion to Adopt Proposal **55** by Moses Kritz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Lockuk. **Unanimous Support**. Motion to Adopt Proposal **56** by Moses, Second by Peter. **Unanimous Support**. Motion to adopt Proposal **57** by Moses, Second by Peter, Motion to Support as amended by the Nushagak AC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Lockuk. **Supported Unanimously**. Motion to Adopt Proposal **58-59** by Peter, Second by Joe. **Unanimously Failed**. Motion to adopt Proposal **60** by Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jimmy. **Failed Unanimously**. Move to adopt proposal **81** by Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. **Failed Unanimously**. Motion to adopt **82,87-91** by Peter Lockuk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. **Failed Unanimously**. Motion to Adopt Proposal 95 by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard. **Failed Unanimously**. Motion to Adopt Proposal **188** by Moses, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. Refer to table for discussion on this proposal. **Unanimously Failed**
  - II. Motion to appoint single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of December 29, 2025: **Unanimously Supported**
  - III. Miscellaneous business: motion to combine November minutes with this set of minutes so the BoF may review action taken on proposals all in one document: **Unanimously Supported**

X. Old Business: N/A

XI. Set date of next meeting: at the call of the chair

XII. Committee comments: Jimmy thanks all ADFG staff and Guests for attending.

XIII. Other: N/A

**ADJOURN: 3:40pm**

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<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>			
44	Limit the number of king salmon retained as homepack in the commercial fishery and in the subsistence fishery, and report all king salmon harvested		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
46	Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan		
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek Kvichak District		
48	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, and change the distance in which gear associated with set gillnet		

	fishing must be removed in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area		
49	Modify the ratio of fishing periods between set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area		
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area,		
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan		
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity		
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	
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<b>Support</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery		
<b>Support</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	
57	Adopt offshore locations used in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery for the drift gillnet fishery, and prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear		
<b>Support as Amended</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	Support as amended by the Nushagak AC.
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	

61	Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon inriver projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
62	Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
64	Open the Wood River Special Harvest Area to drift and set gillnet gear until one of the king salmon stock of concern triggers is met		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
65	Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan to include set gillnet specific provisions		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
69	Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department's Status and Action Plan report		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District		
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
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75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
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79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District		
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay		
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimous</b>	
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications		
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay		
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation		
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs		
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
88	Remove anchor roller specifications		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller		

<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
90	Add gillnet roller specifications		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>unanimous</b>	
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25		
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District		
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District		
95	Modify early season registration requirements		
<b>Oppose</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage		
97	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks while sport fishing for rainbow trout and char and prohibit fish from being removed from the water prior to release in the Naknek River drainage		
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River,		
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
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101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages		
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage,		
<b>Opposed</b>		<b>Unanimou s</b>	
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming)		
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages		
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan		
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Oppose		Unanimous	Moses notes the if this Proposal is accepted this allocation will likely continue to change in the future and it would be better to hold firm on this line, so all Togiak's allocation doesn't end up being slowly chipped away and given to Dutch Harbor

  
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 Chair, Jimmy Coopchiak 12/18/2025