
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting
Anchorage | January 13-18, 2026

On-Time Advisory Committee Comments

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025
Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: Kevin at 6:07pm

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
Kevin	Taylor	Present
Christina	Ahlstrom	Present
Ernie	Weiss	Present
Katya	Karankevich	Present
Scott	Crowther	Excused
Tom	Vania	Excused
Lynette	Moreno Hinz	Unexcused
Grace	Kirkey	Excused
Nicole	Schmitt	Present
JR	Gates	Present
Kneeland	Taylor	Present
Michelle	Bittner	Present
Ed	Horton	Present
Matthew	Stone	Present
Bryce	Eckroth	Present
Matt	Moore	Present
Paul	Warta	Present

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Travis Elison, Leila Williams

IV. Guests Present: Edward Lee

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

VI. Reports

- a. Chair's report: None
- b. ADF&G: Travis Elison answered questions during various proposal discussions.
- c. Others: None.

VII. Public Comment: None.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Wood Bison Meeting started today, Nicki will send summary to AC next week
- b. Game Subcommittee meeting is tomorrow, starting at Proposal 144; January AC meeting will start votes on Southcentral proposals.

IX. New Business

- a. Motion to accept all proposals with a unanimous vote in the Fish Subcommittee – approved unanimously.

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<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
44	Limit the number of king salmon retained as home pack in the commercial fishery and in the subsistence fishery and report all king salmon harvested, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	<p>This should have been written as two separate proposals because they address two different fisheries and different issues. Home pack in a commercial fishery does have to be reported on fish tickets. Limiting the amount of kings taken in home pack will not reduce the commercial harvest of kings. Those kings will just be sold if not taken as home pack. For the subsistence salmon fishery, I believe a subsistence salmon permit is already required and all king salmon harvested must be reported. We think if the subsistence king salmon harvest needs to be reduced to meet escapement, it should be done by emergency order and only after other fisheries have been severely restricted or closed.</p>
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Eastside Management</i>			
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or re-register in the Naknek-		

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	Kvichak District, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	<p>July 17 was chosen as the cutoff date for reregistration back in the 80's to align with the historical midpoint of the sockeye run and particularly to protect Togiak District's late and local-dominated fishery. The BOF aimed to maintain the pre-1985 harvest shares between set and gill net fleets by limiting transfers during peak run periods. Togiak's run is the latest and smallest, with the midpoint of escapement typically reached around mid-July, allowing local fishers a priority before others could transfer in. In 2023, the BOF updated access to the Togiak fishery replacing the July 17 date (under 06.370(k)) to an announcement of the midpoint of the escapement goal for better flexibility amid variable run timing. However, July 17 remains the baseline for general transfers, reflecting long-term run patterns and equity for small-boat, local operations in Togiak. The current date of July 17 seems to be working, escapement goals are being met for the most part.</p>
46	Amend the dates described in the <i>Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan</i> , as follows		
TNA			See #45
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
TNA			See #45
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 Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
TNA			The KRSNA was created/adopted out-of-cycle during the March 2024 BOF meeting. The fishery has not been fished and there is no data collected on the fishery. The modification of removing gear from 500' to 30' will cause some work for set netters. The allocation percentage in the NRSNA was met with the 3-1 ratio.
49	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		

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TNA			See #48
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	We think this is unnecessary language. "Guiding principles" language generally is ineffective without associated regulations to require actions. We think industry and users will work to make the most money by providing a quality product. Very subjective.
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
Oppose	2	11	Oppose: If the goal is to harvest surplus sockeye in river the additional gear will allow for increased catch. This proposal is not necessary. Support: River hasn't over escaped in decades and round hauling is a serious issue. Support measures to improve quality.
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	The proposal cites 5 AAC 72.XXX, but 5 AAC 72. is under sport fishing regulations. There is already an Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan in regulation that moves the west line in to prevent interception of Naknek, Kvichak and Ugashik fish. With historical escapement history there doesn't seem to be a need for the SHA.
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity, as follows		
TNA			In the proposal the proposed language under (2) really does not accomplish anything. Proposed language under (4) also has some unnecessary wording and adds confusion to what is being allowed/restricted. It's not the first time a manager closed a fishery because of illegal fishing. Increased enforcement and making the penalties harsher for violations is the answer.
<i>Westside Management</i>			
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Samon Management Plan, as follows		

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Support	13	0	Without collecting escapement information, the plan is unusable. I doubt the data they were collecting was useful due to the limitations of the sonar program. We support the department
55	Repeal the <i>Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan</i> , as follows		
TNA			See #54
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery, as follows		
Support	13	0	The sunset date was incorporated as a deliberate temporary measure to balance immediate conservation and allocation needs and aligned with the regulatory cycle, ensuring the change could be reassessed based on post-implementation data. So this proposal is timely for a discussion on whether or not to permanently keep the offshore boundary. We support whatever comes out of board committee discussion.
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, as follows		
Oppose	4	9	Support: This could potentially reduce conflicts between the drift fleet and set net fishers. High conflict area, offers set nets protection during those openers. Makes it easier to regulate. Oppose: It appears that this proposal is attempting to refine the regulation that was adopted in 2023. It's likely that new information has been collected since the boundary was temporarily adopted in 2023. 100% allocative for the set net fleet, but it keeps drift fleet from fishing the area when set net fleet is not in the water. The proposed language says in part, "...and subject to (v) of this section". We are not sure why they included (v) since that subparagraph is the sunset date that is referred to under Proposal #56.
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish, as follows		
TNA			This proposal addresses regulations that were adopted at the March 2023 meeting to address the Nushagak King Salmon Stock of

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			Concern Action Plan. This allowed for an earlier use of the Wood River SHA when the Wood River sockeye run was projected to be large (over 5 million) in order to harvest this surplus Wood River sockeye, while conserving Nush kings. This potentially conserved kings because the fleet would fish less in the district because they could harvest Wood River sockeye within the Wood River, thus conserving Nush kings. We are not sure how the language within the WRSHAMP interacts with the Nush King stock of concern action plan. This proposal could actually delay opening of the WRSHA. There does seem to be a disconnect between the two plans and maybe some language within the WRSHA plan needs to reference the Nush King action plan or vice versa?
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation, as follows		
TNA			
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
Support	13	0	This makes sense and aligns with the other special harvest areas.
<i>Nushagak District king salmon management (6 commercial, 3 sport)</i>			
61	Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon in-river projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery, as follows		
Oppose	3	9	This proposal, if adopted, would increase restrictions to the commercial fishery in order to increase king salmon escapement, especially early in the season before June 28 where the commercial fishery would have to close. After June 28, likely after the peak of king escapement past the commercial fleet, the fleet could fish, but no more than 12 hour periods per day. In addition, it would allow the sport fishery to remain open but only for catch-and-release fishing. This is important for sport fishery operations to remain viable as well as the fact that if commercial fishing is occurring (although restricted), they are killing kings so why shouldn't the

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			<p>sport continue to kill kings at a much lower level than what is occurring in the commercial fishery? The escapement level will be difficult to reach even with no sockeye fishery. This doesn't account for changing run timing and run levels from year to year. Goal to keep sport fishing businesses viable is important. The Board is going to spend a lot of time on the Nushagak stock of concern plan and will most likely adopt sections of several proposals. The sonar capabilities need to be improved before real decisions can be made. There is a limit as to what you can do to protect the kings without impacting the sockeye fishery. Sonar is missing some king salmon but the harvest numbers are down as well.</p> <p>Support: Want to give kings a break, won't impact escapement 1 abstain.</p>
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, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	<p>Have to decide if the triggers for openings related to Sockeye escapement are more important than the king numbers. June 28 could be too late and could allow for one third of the sockeye run to pass by before fishing is allowed. A hard date of June 28 doesn't allow for management flexibility.</p>
63	Amend the <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows		
oppose	0	13	<p>Proposal is seeking to add window closures to the sport fishery that are consistent with a tidal schedule as well as adding a reporting requirement. There is no clear language on what the tidal schedule would be (during the high tide? Low tide?) Without clarifying language, emergency orders would have to be issued. Daily and weekly EO's in sport fisheries are extremely disruptive to those users as they often make commitments to the fishery months or years in advance. The daily limit for king salmon under 20" (jacks) is consistent with statewide limits for jack king salmon and therefore unnecessary to have within the king plan. Delaying the harvest of king salmon greater than 28" would result is skewing the harvest to</p>

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			<p>the later portion of the run and likely be unavailable to harvest for the vast majority of people participating in the fishery. The commercial fishery is based on projections, while this proposal would require the sport fishery to wait until fish have actually moved upstream of the sonar. In regards to the reporting requirement, that is already in regulation under sport fishing regulations 5 AAC 67.022(g)(7). A harvest report for the total number of king salmon harvested in the Nushagak River drainage is required to be submitted to the department in the manner specified by the department no later than November 30th containing the following information</p> <p>This is an unnecessary and unrealistic proposal.</p>
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, as follows		
Support	13	0	<p>Unsure on the effect of this proposal, but we continue to support restrictions that provide increased king salmon escapement into the Nushagak and sockeye harvest at the same time. Majority of the fish in the Wood River are sockeye and we are in favor of increased harvest opportunities where warranted.</p>
65	Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> to include set gillnet specific provisions, as follows		
TNA			
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows		
Oppose	0	13	<p>The proposed language would be better placed under sport fishing regulations and not under commercial regulations contained within the management plan. The department regularly restricts the use of bait when escapement goals are projected to not be met, especially when the fishery is restricted to catch and release. Restricting the use of bait when goals are expected to be met is unnecessary. Studies have shown that the use of barbless hooks</p>

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			doesn't provide a measurable decrease in release mortality. Barbless hooks do make it more difficult for novice anglers to land a salmon. It should be a personal preference.
67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	It would be interesting to know how much sport fishing effort occurs within the proposed waters. Other than the increased waters in this proposal, I think the department already prohibits the retention of king salmon and the use of bait when the escapement is projected to be below the goal. In all of the proposals that address Nush kings and the escapement goal, keep in mind the sonar project is not very good at estimating king salmon abundance due to the large sockeye runs. The project was never meant to assess kings because it is challenging to apportion and "see" kings due to river topography. This is an allocative issue that puts more responsibility on the sport fisherman. The sport fishing season should not start out closed. This is more restrictive than what exists now.
68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	We don't think an OEG number would be any more precise than the current SEG. They both use the same flawed data set and the OEG as proposed would just add more assumptions to the results. This doesn't change the triggers or really have any impact.
69	Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	Recovery goals are supposed to be included within action plans. The recovery goals proposed are consistent with recovery goals the department has included or added to other action plans around the state. The recovery goals provide clear direction to the department, board, and public as to when stocks have been determined to be recovered and regulations could be relaxed. The criteria is already in the action plan. It is not needed to be placed in regulation.
<i>Fishing Districts</i>			

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70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	This could potentially increase the interception of fish headed for other districts.
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	We are not sure adding language that says the department <u>may</u> do something really would change anything. Department is not done managing for escapement after the minimum escapements are met. Increasing enforcement is a better option.
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
TNA see 71			We think this proposal does not provide specific enough language or direction to make a meaningful comment. This will have to be worked out in committee. We could support discussion of this without supporting a specific outcome? There is definitely a lack of enforcement later in the season and the fishermen that follow the rules are at a disadvantage. Not sure if a general district is the answer, Board will have to decide.
73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
TNA See 71			The proposal presents a perceived problem but doesn't offer a solution for everyone to consider. See #72
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
TNA See 71			We are not sure the proposed language will have the desired effect of stopping illegal commercial fishing. Cheaters are going to cheat unless caught by enforcement. This will eliminate line fishing where most of the cheating occurs.
<i>Gear Specifications</i>			
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
Oppose	1	9	Permit stacking has been allowed in certain areas of the state with other fisheries. A similar proposal has been opposed by the board in previous cycles. Two permits can be fished from one vessel now but they cannot be owned by the same person. This does take gear out of the water as a vessel with 2 permits can only fish 200 fathoms of gear while a boat with one permit can fish 150 fathoms.

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			Residents of region could have less opportunity to purchase permits if individuals can own 2 permits. If King Salmon conservation is to be considered in the argument, permit stacking could potentially lead to less gear in the water. It is difficult to say what will happen to the price of permits and availability if permit stacking is allowed. Currently the boats that want to fish multiple permits find a way to make it happen with a family member holding the second permit, hiring a second permit holder as crew that does not fish his own vessel, putting the second permit in a crewmember's name or with a medical transfer (lease). 3 abstain.
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
TNA			See #75
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
TNA			See #75
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
TNA			See #75
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District, as follows		
TNA			Not familiar with the area or need for change.
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay, as follows		
TNA			Current system works, could open up opportunities for misuse. It could be beneficial for operations that fish 2 permits in one skiff.
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	Non-entanglement nets may need to be defined in regulation. Is this a beach seine? Proposal is not clear on what new gear type would be used. Testing new gear types that may help reduce the harvest of species of concern is a good thing. Might be able to be conducted under a commissioner's permit. If so, we are not sure if the commissioner already has the authority to do this or if the board needs to provide direction? How is this fair to all

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			participants? Could lead to increased catch for a few participants. Tough to change the fishery for only a few fishermen.
<i>Vessel Specifications</i>			
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	The maximum vessel length has always been 32' and boat builders have always tried to find ways to stretch the maximum. Board will have to determine if exceptions are necessary.
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications, as follows		
TNA			See #82
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, as follows		
TNA			See #82
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation, as follows		
TNA			See #82
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs, as follows		
TNA			See #82
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations, as follows		
TNA			See # 82
88	Remove anchor roller specifications, as follows		
TNA			See #82
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller, as follows		
TNA			See #82
90	Add gillnet roller specifications, as follows		
TNA			See #82
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard, as follows		
TNA			See # 82
<i>Fishing Periods, Seasons, and Reporting</i>			
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	The season is currently June 1 – September 30. Closing July 25 would likely impact local residents who typically fish later. Sockeye run timing is shifting later in the summer and this will prevent the

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			catch of later fish. There is not a biological concern for this proposal.
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District, as follows		
TNA			Not familiar with district.
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District, as follows		
TNA			See #93
95	Modify early season registration requirements, as follows		
TNA			Current system works. No need to make it more complicated.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage, as follows		
Oppose	5	8	Oppose: No biological concern. You can use single hooks if you want to in those areas. Support: Want to reduce impact from treble hooks
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, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	Don't feel that barbless hooks are necessary. Already enough regulations to protect fish in the Naknek. No biological concern for rainbows at this time.
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River, as follows		
Support	7	6	Oppose: Once you restrict the fishery it will never go back. It is not a biological concern at this time. Limit has already been reduced from 5 to 3 in the last cycle. There is not a large harvest occurring by sport fishermen at this time. King conservation is already happening with the commercial drift fleet. Support: Kings are in trouble and want to support conservation efforts for kings, only limits catch on larger fish.
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	This marker has been in place since 1972. There is no biological concern for closing this part of the river.
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
TNA			See # 99

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101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hook in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	Decrease efficiency for fishermen. Not a lot of effort in Ugashik, a little more in Egegik. No biological concern.
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage, as follows		
TNA			Changes boundaries and dates for fishing. Bait allowed 5 days sooner. Catch rates have dropped similar to other areas. No biological concern.
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming), as follows		
Oppose	0	12	1 abstain
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	We don't think barbless hooks are necessary
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
Oppose	0	13	No guidelines or recommendations provided, too broad of a proposal. More detail needed.
185	Adopt a Naknek River King Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	1	12	Doesn't include regulatory language or details on plan. Could be a good idea but proposal doesn't have the necessary details to be considered. Proposals can't direct Department funding.

- X. Select representative for next board meeting: Ernie Weiss to testify at Board of Fish.
- XI. Set next meeting date: January 6, 2026 (Board of Game southcentral proposals) at 6pm.
- XII. Other:
 - a. Board of Game met today and the only Agenda Change Request they are taking up is ACR 3 - Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state.
 - b. Fortymile herd meeting should be forthcoming, JR will provide updates.
 - c. Western Arctic meeting is December 11 in Anchorage, Matt will attend.

XIII. Adjourn: Moved

XIV. Adjournment: 7:14pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole Schmitt

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Review of Bristol Bay proposals
On-time comments due December 29, 2025 to Alaska Board of Fish
Monday, December 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm¹

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:08PM by Mark Richards (Vice-Chair)
- II. **Roll Call Members Present: (15)**
 Levi Lewellyn (chair), Mark Richards (vice chair), Krystal Lapp (secretary), Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, Gabriel Davis, Mike Tinker, Chuck Derrick, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, James Paine, Julia Hnilicka, Ricko DeWilde
 Alternates: Eric Angslinger, Jacques Etcheverry

Fisheries Subcommittee Report²: Review Fisheries Subcommittee draft comments on Bristol Bay proposals Fisheries Subcommittee Chair Gale Vick provided a summary of AYK Board of Fisheries outcomes, noting that many proposals supported by the committee were ultimately adopted. Members were encouraged to review posted Board of Fisheries materials and testimony recordings for additional context. The Committee reviewed draft Fisheries Subcommittee comments addressing Bristol Bay proposals, including concerns regarding home pack enumeration and accountability. Members noted that the Fisheries Subcommittee's approach was intended to ensure clear communication to the Board of Fisheries, particularly where complex enforcement or allocation issues required nuance beyond a simple support or oppose position.

Discussion

- The Fisheries Subcommittee summarized Board of Fisheries outcomes and walked through draft comments on Bristol Bay proposals.
- Significant discussion focused on Home Pack (fish ticket PU) salmon enumeration
 - Accountability gaps in commercial fisheries
 - Enforcement challenges
 - Consistency issues across regions (Bristol Bay, Area M, Cook Inlet, Prince William)
- Subcommittee members explained why certain proposals were supported, opposed, or commented on rather than formally supported.
 - One proposal (Proposal 44) received extended discussion due to ambiguous language.
- Members discussed the strategic use of comments rather than formal support or opposition on certain proposals to better address complex accountability and enforcement issues.
- A motion was made to support the Fisheries Subcommittee draft comments on Bristol Bay proposals. Motion passed by unanimous consent

¹ Full minutes attached

² FAC Fisheries SubCommittee met December 8th to review Bristol Bay proposals. ADF&G Staff Comments for Bristol Bay proposals were not available at the time of this meeting.

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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.
NA			(1) This proposal needs language clarification for subsistence issue (2) This proposal needs an either/or for keeping homepack OR subsistence (if applicable) (3) Fishermen need to be held accountable for homepack enumeration on drift boats / with intermittent AWT enforcement
185			Adopt a Naknek River King Salmon Management Plan.
SUPPORT	15		In the absent of data, the Board should follow the SSP for maximum conservation, we can't have enumeration without funding for data
45			Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District.
NA			
46			Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan.
NA			
47			Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District.
NA			
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.
NA			
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.
NA			
50			Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay.
NA			
51			Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area.
NA			
52			Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan.

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NA			
53			Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity
NA			
54			Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan. (ADF&G Comfish proposal)
OPPOSE		15	Stress there is not enough funding to support enumeration in this region but we need to keep plan on the table to ensure conservation of the stock in the event that things change
55			Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan
NA			Motion to TNA based on Prop #54
56			Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery.
NA			
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.
NA			
58			Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish.
NA			
59			Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation.
NA			
60			Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area
NA			
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.
SUPPORT	15		
62			Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon is counted at the Portage Creek sonar.
NA			
63			Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan.
SUPPORT	15		
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.
NA			

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65			Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend and adopt Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan to include set gillnet-specific provisions.
NA			
66			Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan.
SUPPORT	14	1	Supporters of proposal noted that language should say “pinch the barb down”
67			Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in Nushagak River drainage.
OPPOSE		15	
68			Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon.
OPPOSE		15	
69			Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon. KRSA
SUPPORT	15		
70			Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District.
NA			
71			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.
NA			
72			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.
NA			
73			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.
NA			
74			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.
NA			
75			Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.
OPPOSE		15	Permit stacking over-capitalizes the fleet, counter-acts conservation and precautionary management / generally hurts local fishermen
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78			Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery.
OPPOSE		15	Permit stacking over-capitalizes the fleet, counter-acts conservation and precautionary management/ generally hurts local fishermen
79			Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District.
NA			
80			Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay.
NA			
81			Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area.
NA			
82			Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications.
NA			
83			Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay and modify multiple vessel specifications.
NA			
84			Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay.
NA			
85			Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation.
NA			
86			Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs
NA			
87			Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations.
NA			
88			Remove anchor roller specifications.
NA			
89			Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller.
NA			
90			Add gillnet roller specifications.
NA			
91			Amend the definition of an outdrive guard
NA			
92			Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25.
SUPPORT	15		
93			Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District.
NA			
94			Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District.

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NA			
95			Modify early season registration requirements.
NA			
96			Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage.
OPPOSE		15	
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.
OPPOSE		15	
98			Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River.
SUPPORT	15		
99			Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River.
SUPPORT	15		
100			Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River.
NA			motion to take no action based on 99:
101			Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages.
NA			
102			Reduce INCREASE the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage.
OPPOSE		15	
103			Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming).
SUPPORT	15		
104			Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages
NA			
105			Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan.
SUPPORT	15		Only the Nushagak has a king salmon management plan

III.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Gale Vick, Fisheries Subcommittee Chair & Krystal Lapp, Secretary
 Minutes Approved By: Levi Lewellyn, Chair

Date: 12/29/2025

**Homer Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 11th, 2025
Kachemak Research Reserve Building**

I. Call to Order: 18:04 by Dan Miotke (Vice Chair)

II. Roll Call:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Douglas	Malone		Excused
Dan	Miotke	x	
Lauren	Wolford	x	
Dave	Lyon	x	
Wesley	Humbyrd	x	
Cory	DeCook		Excused
Cory	Loos		Excused
Andy	Fetterhoff		Unexcused
George	Matz	x	
Bill	Brock		Excused
Josh	Wickboldt	x	
Dan	Anderson	x	
Tom	Young		Excused
Matt	Hakala		Unexcused
Thomas	Hagberg	x	
Sid	Wolford	x	
Billy	Hayden	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

10 Members Present (1 left before voting began = 9 votes)

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Leila Williams - Board Support
Mike Booz - Lower Cook Inlet Area Management
Travis Elison - Naknek/Kvichak Area Management
Tim Sands - Bristol Bay Commercial Fisheries
Colton Lipka - Upper Cook Inlet Asst. Area Management

IV. Guests Present:

Rep. Sarah Vance
Lynn Whitmore - Kachemak Moose Habitat Inc.
Kyle Lints - Bristol Bay Drift Fisherman
Mike Devaney - Homer Local
Erik Velsko - Bristol Bay Drift Fisherman

Jamie O'Connor - Ekuk Beach Fisherman's Association
 Brian Ritchie - Homer Charter Association
 Jordan Dyer - Bristol Bay Drift
 Dakota Alward - Cook Inlet Drift Fisherman
 Hariton Basargin - Bristol Bay Fisherman
 Dyer VanDevere - Bristol Bay Fisherman
 Noah Swenson - Upper Cook Inlet Drifter
 Kalistrat Basargin - Bristol Bay Fisherman
 Tad Russell - Commercial Fisherman Upper Inlet/Long Liner
 Ben Dubbe - Homer Resident / PWS Drifter
 Steve Brown - Homer Resident/ Cook Inlet Drifter/Long Liner

V. List of User Groups Present:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 Alaska State Representative
 Ekuk Beach Fisherman's Association
 Homer Charter Association
 Kachemak Moose Habitat Inc.

VI. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved from October 14th, 2025

VIII. Report:

a. Chair's report: Dan Miotke (Vice Chair)

There's a long list of Bristol Bay proposals, and since I felt we weren't well-represented in the AC, I reached out to community members. They held a large meeting last Friday to go over all the proposals, and there was consensus on many of them. A few people from those meetings are present tonight and will comment.

b. ADF&G: Mike Booz reported on 2025 Summary of Lower Cook Inlet Management Area (attaching full PDF of report with minutes)

Overview of Last Season

- Pre-season king salmon management restrictions carried into the winter fishery.
- Ninilchik River closed in-season (hatchery-only).
- In-season reduction of the rockfish bag limit due to increasing harvest.
- East Cook Inlet razor clams remained closed.

Outlook for Next Season

- Expect management actions to look very similar to last year.
- King salmon have shown little improvement; pre-season Emergency Orders are anticipated again.

- Fewer broodstock were collected in Ninilchik and Crooked Creek, which means fewer hatchery fish are returning. Additional restrictions are likely.

Razor Clams

- Surveys were successful, but abundance was the lowest ever recorded.
- East Cook Inlet will remain closed.
- Two major changes:
 1. A new razor clam permit requirement.
 2. Updates to the East Cook Inlet Management Plan, including:
 - A smaller, one-month fishery in August
 - Bag limit reduced to 15 clams
- Heavy winter storms had a significant negative impact on clam populations.

Subsistence Dungeness Crab

- Local proposals address the subsistence Dungeness fishery, which requires a permit but has extremely low observed crab abundance.

Tanner Crab

- Currently assessed using a trawl survey, with harvest opportunity based on a 3-year average.
- Proposal to shift to annual survey-based management.
 - This would allow a larger fishery in years when legal males are abundant.
- Harvest has been stable but tends to trend with Kodiak stocks, which may decline this year.

Rockfish

- Harvest continues to increase despite the mid-season restrictions (per logbook data).
- Over 25% of charter anglers now harvest at least one rockfish.
- Guided vs. unguided proportion continues to shift slightly toward guided harvest.
- Restrictions have been less effective because overall effort continues to rise.
- A new management plan is likely needed in the next cycle.
- Despite a June closure for yelloweye, yelloweye harvest reached its highest level ever recorded.

Stocks of Concern / Escapement Highlights

- Additional king salmon stocks (Susitna and Head of the Kenai) are expected to qualify as Stocks of Concern due to chronic underperformance.
- Ninilchik and Anchor River met their king salmon escapement goals.
- Kenai late-run kings met the SEG, OEG, and the recovery goal, allowing a brief setnet opening.

Weir and Run Monitoring

Anchor River

- Coho counted with the weir left in place.

- Second successful year using the Dudas Hole location—fish passed cleanly and counts continued even during fall flooding.

Ninilchik River

- Weir remained in, and coho were counted; numbers were nearly equal to Anchor River.

Steelhead

- The 2024 extended weir collaboration showed <10% of the run passed during October.
- When removed this year, the count was around 400 fish, reflecting a small run.

King Salmon Winter Fishery

- Harvest has been stable for the past six years.
- The fishery remains within the GHL.

Dudiak Lagoon (Homer Lagoon)

- Fewer kings and coho returned than desired—likely poor marine survival.
- Stocking efforts have been successful, providing solid survival assessment data.
- Fish & Game believes the city should be approached about seal predation.
 - Suggested: installing a seal-excluder structure that allows fish entry but keeps seals out.

Additional Notes

- China Poot salmon run was down.

Statewide Proposals (March Meeting)

- Party fishing: 3 proposals.
- Annual king salmon limit: Two proposals for a statewide limit (5 or 10 fish), both much lower than current local norms.
- Rockfish definition change: Department proposal to shift from “non-pelagic” to “demersal shelf and slopes” to align statewide and allow clearer separation of sport fishing opportunities.
- Carcass retention: Department proposal requiring carcass retention for species/size identification (primarily targeting lingcod).

Proposal Deadlines & Meetings

- Upper and Lower Cook Inlet proposals are due early April.
- Tentative dates and locations are posted online.
- Lower Cook Inlet meeting currently scheduled for Seward, the first week of December.

Harvest Survey Modernization

- IX.** Discussion on updating the mailed harvest surveys; changes expected soon.
- X.** A statewide proposal would require a king salmon permit.
- XI. Public Comment:**

Mike Devaney Question: Is there a way to limit proxy fishing? Mike Booz Answer:

- Proxy fishing is tied to state licensing, so changes must come from the legislature.
- Over a decade ago, the department submitted a proposal to restrict proxies by Emergency Order, but it would be very difficult to implement, and that effort ultimately did not move forward.
- If abuse is occurring, Enforcement can be involved.

Lynn Whitmore – Kachemak Moose Habitat Inc.

- Has been involved in Bradley Lake mitigation for 25 years.
- Offered to answer questions about his property and the nonprofit.
- Requested the committee's help in establishing a coho management plan.
- He has a draft plan already written and available for committee review.
- Dan M. would be happy to work with him on this.

Brian Ritchie – Homer Charter Association

- Spoke regarding the party fishing issue.
- The association submitted Proposal 176, which would define bag limits per vessel.
- Under their proposed system, crew-caught fish would not be given to clients.
- They have begun discussions with the Fish & Game legislative liaison.
- They believe this change would reduce waste and improve accountability.

Jamie O'Connor – Ekuk Beach Fisherman Association**Proposals 56 & 57 (Outer Boundary Clarification)**

- Increasing safety issues between setnetters and drifters as drift participation grows.
- Drifters sometimes pass too close when setnet crews are working gear, resulting in tangled lines and missed harvest opportunities. Safety risks to the crew are increasing.
- Seeking a clearly defined, enforceable boundary so all vessels understand where setnet anchors are located and are required to stay outside that area.
- Believes existing law already requires vessels to stay clear and that enforcement should be prioritized.

Proposal 80 (Joint Venture Setnetting)

- Would allow two setnet permit holders to partner and deliver their fish together.
- Modeled after similar long-standing regulations in Kodiak.
- Has been effective there and could benefit local operations.

Kyle Lints – Representing Drift Permit Holders

- Reported on the recent meeting in Homer regarding Bristol Bay proposals.
- Approximately 200 drift permit holders are based in the Homer/Anchor Point/Seldovia area; 23 attended the meeting.

Opposed:

- Proposals 61, 62, 69, 92

- Concerns include late-opening dates that would delay fishing until many permit holders are already halfway through their typical harvest.

Support:

- Proposals 59, 70, 71
- Additional positions will be emailed after further review.

Length Limit Proposals (82–91)

- There have been multiple observations of illegal vessel lengths.
- Proposal 85 clarifies existing law and is supported.
- The drift fleet wants clear rules that stop people from “pushing the limits.”

XII. New Business:

- a. Bristol Bay Proposals
- ~~b. Statewide Finfish Proposals~~
- ~~c. Early Thoughts for 2026 Cook Inlet BOF Proposal Ideas~~
- ~~d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed Properly Brought Forward~~

For **Proposals 82–91**, the Homer AC determined that there is not enough information available to make decisions regarding vessel specifications, and therefore will defer to the user group for guidance. Regarding all Bristol Bay sport fish proposals, Dan A stated that he is generally opposed to catch-and-release fisheries.

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No Action			<p>Dan A: This proposal represents a significant change compared to historical Bristol Bay practices. Acknowledged that reporting is always valuable, and asked how the limit would be set.</p> <p>Tim Sands (ADFG): All king salmon are already required to be reported on fish tickets, so additional reporting under this proposal would not provide useful information.</p> <p>Action: Homer AC moved to take no action on the proposal.</p>
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Eastside Management</i>			
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 Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Dan A: Does not feel it is appropriate to put the pressure on the biologist to make that decision.</p> <p>Travis Elison (ADFG): Proposal 49 is similar and agrees that it complicates management. Fish & Game generally aims for an 84% drift / 16% setnet allocation.</p> <p>Kyle Lints (public): This area has never been opened before; it must be fished to determine the appropriate allocation.</p> <p>1 Abstention (George)</p>
<i>Westside Management</i>			
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
Support	9	0	<p>Tom H: Wants to hear the department's perspective.</p> <p>Tim Sands (ADFG): The department no longer has the resources to count coho salmon. Counts have not been conducted since 2019 and have only occurred a handful of times since 2006. Because the escapement goal in this plan is not being met due to lack of counts, the department thought it was better to remove the goal.</p>
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery, as follows		
Support	8	0	<p>Tim Sands (ADFG): This proposal is based on the high tide line. Generations of people have fished with their anchors in the same</p>

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			locations. GPS coordinates have been submitted to define the areas they have traditionally fished so that anchors do not need to be moved. 1 Abstention (Billy)
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, as follows		
Opposed	1	6	Dan M: A rule meant to enforce what's already on the books. If the state isn't enforcing current rules, then something needs to be done to protect the resource. However, it does take away from the driftnet fishery. Personally torn. Dan A: Likes it because it clarifies what the law really means. 2 Abstentions (Tom H., Lauren)
<i>Nushagak District king salmon management (6 commercial, 3 sport)</i>			
61	Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon in-river projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery, as follows		
Opposed	0	9	Dan A: Finds the proposal concerning and cannot support how it is drafted. Wes agrees. Tim Sands (ADFG): Proposal restricts commercial fishing in the Nushagak until the hard date of June 28th.
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, as follows		
Opposed	0	9	Tim Sands (ADFG): Proposal restricts commercial fishing unless king salmon escapement exceeds 55,000.
65	Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> to include set gillnet specific provisions, as follows		
Opposed	0	6	Dan A: Cannot support the proposal. Billy: This was proposed by a processor and seems more like an economic issue. Tim Sands (ADFG): The target allocation is 74% drift and 26% setnet. The area can be opened once the escapement goal is

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			exceeded, allowing harvest of surplus in the Wood River area. The concern is that this surplus could be added back into the district allocation, and the department is trying to remove that from the allocation. 3 Abstentions (Josh, Tom H, Lauren)
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows		
Opposed	0	9	Tom H: Does not support catch-and-release fishing. Tim Sands (ADFG): Has heard sport fish biologists note that barbless hooks are not required anywhere in the state. Any barbless hook requirement would need to be clearly defined.
<i>Fishing Districts</i>			
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
Support	6	1	Travis Elison (ADFG): 2006 was the last time this approach was used. In general, it goes against many of the management practices currently in use. It would not help setnetters but could potentially benefit drifters. Currently, after the 17th, vessels can move districts immediately; this proposal would allow that movement within state waters. 2 Abstentions (Josh, Billy)
<i>Gear Specifications</i>			
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
Opposed	0	7	Dan A: Supports stacking permits in Cook Inlet as it makes operations more efficient. Acknowledges the risks but still supports it. Wes: 200 fathoms of gear is excessive and creates interference with setnets. Dan M: Concern about whether permit stacking makes it harder for young fishermen to get started. Jamie O'Connor: When a permit is sold out of a community, it is usually under duress due to a tragic circumstance. Permit stacking exacerbates this issue and is very concerning.

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			2 Abstentions (Dan A., George)
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
Opposed	0	9	Dan M: Same concerns about entry into the fishery. Dan A: Concerned that the change is permanent.
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay, as follows		
Support	9	0	Jamie O'Connor: This allows people to continue fishing as they have been while ensuring their delivery process is legal. Does not foresee it changing how people fish. Travis Elison (ADFG): Every permit holder has always been required to deliver their fish and sign every fish ticket. While enforcement hasn't always ensured this, a joint venture would still require each permit holder to be present at delivery. Not a major change for Bristol Bay.
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area, as follows		
Opposed	0	9	Travis Elison (ADFG): The proposal is vague and he doesn't have comment.
<i>Fishing Periods, Seasons, and Reporting</i>			
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25, as follows		
Opposed	0	9	Dan A: Opposes there being a hard date.

XIII. Set next meeting date: Currently Tuesday, December 9th, 6pm at KBRR and Zoom

XIV. Other:

Agenda items for next meeting:

- ACR 5
- Statewide finfish
- Board of Game
- 2026 Cook Inlet Proposals

XV. Adjournment: 20:22

Minutes Recorded By: Lauren A. Wolford

Minutes Approved By: Dan Miotke
Date: 11.14.25

**Kodiak Advisory Committee Minutes
December 16, 2025
Kodiak ADF&G Office Chiniak Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1:37 pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair
- II. Roll Call

Members Present (11):

Paul Chervenak	Julie Kavanaugh
Rebecca Skinner	Theresa Peterson
Ron Kavanaugh	Andrew Finke
Alexus Kwatchka	Paddy O'Donnell
Tollef Monson	Oliver Holm
Tyler Schmeil	

Absent (Excused): Kevin Adkins, Brandon Bartleson, Anitra Winkler (Alternate)
Members Absent (Unexcused): Coral Chernoff (Alternate), Ducan Fields, Garman Squartsoff, Rolan Ruoss
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tims Sands, Lee Borden, Stacy Vega and Natalie Romo from ADF&G.
- IV. Guests Present: Sondra West, Luke Brockman, Alaska State Troopers Josh Boyle and Nate Walsh.
- V. Approval of Agenda

Motion and Second to approve Agenda; Discussion to add correspondence to Pacific Spaceport listing annual fish and game season dates (commercial, sport and subsistence) that could be impacted by rocket launch (added to Misc Business). **Motion Passes 11-0**
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes N/A (minutes previously approved by Chair)
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: AC will meet in January prior to AK Peninsula and Statewide BOF and elections will be held in January. AC will also meet in late February prior to BOG comment deadline and BOG will be held in Kodiak in 2026.
 - b. Others: Luke Brockman with Bristol Bay Forever spoke about HB 233 (act banning mining in Bristol Bay).
 - c. Public Comment: None
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals (**see table below**)
 - b. Kodiak AC representation at BOF Bristol Bay Finfish meeting. Motion and Second to appoint Alexis Kwatchka to represent and Kodiak AC at BOF Bristol Bay Finfish meeting. **Motion passes 11-0**
 - c. Preparation and Approval of AC minutes. Motion and Second for R. Skinner, J. Kavanaugh and Alexis Kwatchka to review draft AC minutes, and for Chair Chervenak to approve and submit them to BOF. **Motion passes 11-0**

- d. Correspondence to Pacific Spaceport. Motion and Second to draft letter to Pacific Spaceport outlining hunting and fishing seasons that could be impacted by launches from the spaceport. Letter will be drafted and then reviewed at the next Kodiak AC meeting in January, 2026. Suggestion to invite Spaceport representatives to next AC meeting. **Motion passes 11-0**
- IX. Old Business – None.
- X. Set Date of next meeting (**Doodle poll will be conducted for January 2026 meeting**)
- XI. Committee Comments
 - a. Appreciation voiced for public and ADF&G staff who attended meeting. Request to send current bylaws prior to AC elections.
- XII. Other- None

Meeting adjourned 3:27 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner
Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak
Date: December 28, 2025

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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		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Unclear proposal that combines subsistence and commercial within one proposal; would prohibit crewmembers from keeping fish for household consumption; homepack is widely used in our region; ADF&G notes high mortality for gillnet salmon releases and no retention rules for Bristol Bay chinook.
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Proposal does not provide clear direction for Department; Wood River and Naknek special harvest areas are designed to get fish out of the water and this proposal would tie managers' hands; round-hauling does not necessarily hurt fish quality, and quality requirements should be driven by processors.
75-78	Allow permit stacking in Bristol Bay commercial salmon draft gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	10	Proposals 75-78 were taken up as a group. 1 Abstention: Lack of information (do increasing operational costs justify consolidation in fishery?) Oppose: This would consolidate permits by 50% and decrease access to fishing in small communities; rewards people who overcapitalized and gives them a larger share of the resource; increases cost of buying a permit and makes it harder for young people and residents of small communities to enter the fishery; Permit holders can already run multiple permits owned by different people on one vessel (ADF&G noted 460 vessels ran dual permits in 2025).

81	Allow use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon		
Oppose	0	10	<p>1 Abstention: Support for new gear development, particularly to decrease release mortality of non-target species, but it's not clear how gear would work and why a Commissioner Permit cannot be used here.</p> <p>Oppose: This fishery is already fully allocated; proposal is vague and it is not clear what this gear would look like or how it would work; this gear sounds like a fish trap, which is illegal in Alaska.</p>
82-91	Amend vessel specifications		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Proposals 82-91 were taken up as a group.</p> <p>Oppose: AC opposes increasing length restrictions for Bristol Bay vessels, but does support clarifying regulations to make compliance more straight-forward; AC supports removing numerous exceptions to measuring length and going with simple regulation (such as dropping plumb-bob from each end of a vessel -regardless of whether end is hull, equipment, permanent or removable).</p>

Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee

Friday, December 19th, 2025, at 10:00 AM Online via Zoom and Teleconference
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 | Meeting ID: 830 2513 2468 | Password: SWR

Draft Agenda

- I. Call to Order: 10:-08
- II. Roll Call
 - I. Members Present:
 - II. Members Absent (Excused): Nicholas Mike, Jim Tilly
 - III. Members Absent (Unexcused):
 - IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
 - V. List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Natalie Romo, Lee Boren, Greta Hayden Pless, Travis Elison,
- IV. Guests Present: randy Alvarez, Kyle Aguir, Rachel Donkerslote Late and Pen Borough , Mary Hostetter, Bill Kane, Cody Larson.
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
 - I. Chair:
 - II. Others:
 - III. Public Comment:
- IX. New Business
 - I. Nominate temporary officers: Chair: Jon Salmon, Vice Chair: Bob Tracy, Secretary: Ned Fowler.
 - II. Discussion of BOF Bristol Bay Finfish proposals, and other fisheries proposals at the discretion of the committee. See table below for comments. Tyler Anelon has to step away after voting on proposal 51, vote will go down to 4 total participants.
 - III. Appoint single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of December 29, 2025:
 - IV. Miscellaneous business
- X. Old Business
- XI. Set date of next meeting
- XII. Committee comments
- XIII. Other

ADJOURN 3:09 pm

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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		
Oppose	0	5	Subsistence fishery should not be limited before commercial and sport
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
Support	5	0	This will protect the later runs for Nondalton and farther tributaries
46	Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan		
Support	5	0	
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek Kvichak District		
Support	5	0	
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		
Oppose	0	5	Why change allocation?
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		
Oppose	0	5	Why change allocation and make management more complicated
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	5	This is for the market to determine

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51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area,		
Oppose	0	5	We understand the attempt to prevent round hauling, but this is a market determination
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan		
No Action			<i>*Tyler Anelon stepped away; AC still has Quorum, vote will drop down to 4 total participants.</i>
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity		
Oppose	0	5	<p>Jon: this is an enforcement issue, moving the line won't do anything if we still don't have enforcement to monitor the new line.</p> <p>Are there numbers on the fish intercepted on the Egegik line? Travis: we don't have those numbers and it's variable- it could be somewhere a million, could be up to 3 mill some years, but it's a lot of horse trading between the districts.</p> <p>Ned: if it's illegal it's illegal. We need to enforce the rules we have now. If they're going to fish outside the line now, they're going to fish over the new line too.</p> <p>Bob notes that if they move the line, it might make it easier to keep track of everyone in a smaller area.</p> <p>Randy: in the past they closed the whole district where there was too much illegal fishing.</p> <p>Jon asks for department comments? Travis says the Department is opposed because the department already has the authority to close the district.</p> <p>Reiterates that this is an enforcement issue.</p> <p>Jon: I don't think that moving the line will impact illegal fishing, but I do like the idea of minimizing interception of salmon.</p>

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54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
No Action			
55	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
No Action			
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery		
No Action			
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		
No Action			
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish		
No Action			
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation		
No Action			
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			
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		
Oppose	0	4	Randy: KRSA put this proposal in because the kenai doesn't have any kings left any more, and they want to come fish here. If this proposal would limit the Nushagak fleet, boats are going to transfer to other districts- they have about 40% of the entire Bristol bay fleet so if this passes its going to affect us all,

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			not just the Nushagak fleet. It also sets a precedence of what KRSA can do with their proposals and how much power they have in other areas. Jon asks if the Nush is meeting current escapement goal? Travis: no. not for the past 3 years, if this passes it will likely affect other districts as boats will transfer to other district in the early season.
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		
No Action			
63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose	0	4	Bob we are worried about the king fishery. I don't support this proposal because we don't know where the proposers came up with these numbers.
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		
No Action			
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		
No Action			
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
No Action			
67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage		
No Action			

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68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon		
No Action			
69	Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department's Status and Action Plan report		
No Action No Action			
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District		
Oppose	0	4	
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	4	
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	4	
73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	4	
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	4	
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	4	
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	4	
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	4	
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	8	
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District		

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No Action			
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay		
No Action			
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area		
Oppose	0	4	
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications		
Oppose	0	4	We agree that the vessel needs to be maintained at 32'. We do not have language for the specific lengths of attachments to the vessel.
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications		
Oppose	0	4	
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	4	
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation		
Oppose	0	4	
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs		
Oppose	0	4	
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations		
Support	4	0	
88	Remove anchor roller specifications		
No Action			
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller		
No Action			
90	Add gillnet roller specifications		

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No Action			
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard		
Oppose	0	4	
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25		
Oppose	0	4	
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District		
No Action			
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District		
No Action			
95	Modify early season registration requirements		
No Action			
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage		
Oppose	0	4	Prohibits winter subsistence fishing
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		
Oppose	0	4	
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River,		
No Action			
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
No Action			
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
No Action			
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages		
No Action			
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage,		

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No Action			
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming)		
Support	4	0	
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages		
Oppose	0	4	
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan		
No Action			
	<i>Other fishery proposals at the ACs discretion</i>		

Reviewed and approved by Jonathan Salmon on 12/29/25

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee

December 22, 2025

Zoom online

- I. Call to Order: 1:05pm by Mitch Seybert

- II. Roll Call
Members Present:

Mitch Seybert, Tracey Vrem, Catie Bursch, James Christensen, Mike Enright, John Christensen.

Members Absent (Excused)

Gerald Olsen, Brian Cato, Eddie Clark, Jordan Dyer, Kim Rice

Members Absent (Unexcused):

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

List of User Groups Present: Commercial Fishing, Sports Fishing, Subsistence Fishing,

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Stacey Vega - Com Fish / Lee Borden- Sports Fish / Greta Hayden-Pless- sports fish assistant manager/ Natalie Romo Alaska Board of Fisheries Support / Tim Sands - Nushegak Com Fish.

- IV. Guests Present:
 - a. Tony Zoch- BBEDC

- V. Approval of Agenda - Motion by John Christensen. Second T. Vrem. Approved

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion by John Christensen. Seconded by T. Vrem. Approved

- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report - short introduction concerning how to proceed with proposals to be considered.
 - b. ADF&G - none.

- c. Others - none.

VIII. Public Comment - None.

IX. Old Business - Consider Bristol Bay finish proposals 61-69.

- a. Motion to adopt and oppose Bristol Bay finish proposals 61-69 by John Christensen. Seconded by James Christensen. Unanimous

X. New Business

- a. - Motion to combine the table from Nov 20, 2025 minutes with today's minutes. By Tracey Vrem. Approved.
- b. - Motion to approve today's minutes independently by Chair Mitch Seybert, by Tracey Vrem. Seconded by Catie Bursch. Approved.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting. Mitch Seybert will represent Lower Bristol Bay at Bristol Bay finish meetings in Jan 2026 in Anchorage.

XII. Set next meeting date- Members of Committee will be queried after the holidays for a meeting in January 2026, (outside of the dates of Jan 11-20 when Natalie Romo is busy)

XIII. Adjourn - 1:53 pm motion by James Christensen. Second by John Christenson. Approved.

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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		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Catie Bursch, second by Tracey Vrem. Before going to this plan, work to increase the accuracy of reporting.
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
No Action			
46	Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan		
No Action			
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek Kvichak District		
No Action			
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		
No Action			

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No Action			
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay		
No Action			
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area,		
No Action			
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Catie Bursch, second by Tracy Vrem. This proposal sounds more like a district expansion than a tool for over escapement.
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Brian Cato. Second by Tracy Vrem
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
No Action			
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No Action			
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery		

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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		
No Action			
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish		
No Action			
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation		
No Action			
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			
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		
Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
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		

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63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
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		
Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
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		
Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage		
Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon		

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Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
69	Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department's Status and Action Plan report		
Oppose	0	6	Would like to keep present management plan longer to see how it works.
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Catie Bursch. Second by Mary West Change in district boundaries does not seem necessary.
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Brian Cato. Second by Tracy Vrem We voted on 71-74 as a block. Lack of money for enforcement not a reason to change the terminal fishery model.
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	9	Lack of money for enforcement not a reason to change the terminal fishery model.
73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	9	Lack of money for enforcement not a reason to change the terminal fishery model.
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		

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Oppose	0	9	Lack of money for enforcement not a reason to change the terminal fishery model.
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Brian Cato. Second by Joran Dyer Voted on 75, 76, & 78 as a block. This would create an even larger barrier to entry into the BB fishery. It would take permits from less lucrative boats and increase the harvest of the richer operations .
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	9	This would create an even larger barrier to entry into the BB fishery. It would take permits from less lucrative boats and increase the harvest of the richer operations .
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Jordan Dyer, second by Mike Enright. This probably isn't a legitimate proposal as the BOF is not allowed to limit permit numbers. Also this would create a larger barrier to entry into the fishery.
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		

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Oppose	0	9	This would create an even larger barrier to entry into the BB fishery. It would take permits from less lucrative boats and increase the harvest of the richer operations .
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Catie Bursch, second by Jordan Dyer. Not supported by local set netters at AC meeting.
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay		
Support	9	0	Motion by Brian Cato Second by Jordan Dyer. This will clean up delivery issues that have been ongoing with the setnet fleet. This supports local family operations.
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by Catie Bursch, second by Jordan Dyer.
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85

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84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation		
Support	0	9	Motion by Jordan Dyer, Second by Tracy Vrem. This proposal clarifies the language, details and description of the definition of a 32 foot vessel length for the Bristol Bay fishery. This is a good re-set for the super-sizing of the fleet.
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85
88	Remove anchor roller specifications		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85
90	Add gillnet roller specifications		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard		
No Action			See our support of Proposal #85

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92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25		
No Action			
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District		
No Action			
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District		
No Action			
95	Modify early season registration requirements		
Oppose	0	9	Motion by John Christianson Second by Eddie Clark. Things are working fine the way they are.
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
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		
No Action			
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River,		
No Action			
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
No Action			
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		

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No Action			
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages		
Support	9	0	Motion by Tracy Vrem, second by Brian Cato. We felt it was a good proposal for conservation.
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage,		
No Action			
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming)		
No Action			Motion by Brian Cato Second by Tracy Vrem. Liked the idea but hard to enforce.
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages		
No Action			
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	3	6	Motion made by Brian Cato, second by Tracy Vrem. Data is needed on these systems before a management plan can be created. More money is needed for research to advise how to manage these stocks.
<i>Other fishery proposals at the ACs discretion</i>			

XV. Adjourn - 1:53 pm motion by James Christensen. Second by John Christenson.
Approved.

Minutes Recorded By: Catie Bursch.
Minutes Approved By: Mitch Seybert
Date: 12/29/2025

**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Mat-Su College, 8295 E. College Drive Room FSM202, Palmer and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:09 pm, by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair X
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game (joined 6:52) X
Michelle	Heun	Secretary X
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish (Zoom) X
Dewey	Bitler	X
Dom	Nickles	A/E (left mtg 8:52pm)
Hunter	Hongslo	X
Birch	Yuknis	X
Danny	Lewis	A/E
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	(joined 6:52) X
Ed	Soto	X
Bruce	Privett	X
Steve	Bartelli	X
Neil	DeWitt	(Zoom) X
Pete	Imhof	A/E
Austin	Manelick	Alternate A/NE
Ron	Linder	Alternate A/E

*Present: **X - 12**

*Members Absent (Excused): **A/E - 4**

*Members Absent (Unexcused): **A/UE - 1**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

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

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Gerrit Van Diest, Wildlife Biologist (Palmer-Zoom)
 Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)
 Tim Sands, Fishery Biologist (Dillingham-Zoom)
 Travis Elison, Fishery Biologist (Anchorage -Zoom)
 Lee Borden, Fishery Biologist (Dillingham-Zoom)
 Greta Hayden-Pless, Fishery Biologist (Dillingham-Zoom)
 Heather Scannell, Fishery Biologist (Anchorage-Zoom)

IV. Guests Present:

Randy Talvi
 John O'Connor
 Carri Ann Mueller (Board of Game)
 Christine O'Connor
 Jamie O'Connor
 Kolton Eischens
 Travis Ball (Nushagak AC)
 Tiffany Pester
 Frank Busby

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2025

Minutes approved no objections.

VII. Reports (All staff, committee and public comments can be heard on this link. Minutes can be heard in full at: https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/Xypip2nrm25GM76RF8-buX0HAKkf_eW1zp6ONeiQyY2M8ae5F3MKTvP4o2RpJTVs.smdUUB3UVGaRbbSf?startTime=1766025632000)

a. Chair's report:

Chair Mansavage reported the availability of an online and in-person Google map imagery link to the Mat-Su GIS depicting the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Valley which is a valuable tool to see the habitat changes in the areas discussed (Mat-Su Imagery Through Time: link to Mat-Su Borough GIS maps).

The map shows the boundaries of Mat-Su GIS and an overlay of 2004 satellite imagery and you can drag it across the page to 2025. It is interesting to see the development over 20 years, from a development perspective, talking about moose in the backyard.

Chair Mansavage suggested the committee address Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose (Board of Game Proposal 252) first then fin fish; then discuss a southeast roadmap perspective.

b. ADF&G

Mr. Van Diest provided another moose update for meeting participants. A mild winter is very good for moose survival and this year is starting out the same. Going into the third year in a row of 200 permits issued in the valley spread out with harvest about 100. Survey is still above the upper end of the objective (2000 moose over objective). Success rate on the antlerless hunt has been successful. Cows are producing a lot of calves and the population may be spiking up. I saw a lot of yearlings on harvest hunts. Road kills are about 300 per year. Last year was low, 150 due to low snow year. It seems like it's been a little higher this year. The antlerless hunts provide a great tool to reach harvest objectives. Without these hunts the moose harvest would be cut by 50 percent. We adjust permits to respond with cow tags.

Member Bartelli: Some of the indicators for too many moose on the landscape we would not be seeing twining and maybe see malnourished moose. Seen any of that? (Department) No, not as we had seen five years ago. I don't think we are at an unhealthy level.

Member Couch: I'm concerned about the winter hunts (Nov/Dec) maybe takin 16A and 16B and maybe 14B that have a lower pop than 14A. What percentage are you giving in the Nov/Dec timeframe?

(Department) Giving one quarter 25 in November and 25 in December.

c. Others

- VIII. Public Comment (Public comments can be heard https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/Xypip2nrm25GM76RF8-buX0HAKkf_eW1zp6ONeiQyY2M8ae5F3MKTvP4o2RpJTVs.smdUUB3UVGaRbbSf?startTi me=1766025632000)

(Note: Public comments generated opportunity for committee members to ask additional questions to department staff and get further public input.)

Randy Talvi did a hunt in 2023 for 10 days. We saw four to five cows a day and found one after 10 days. First two days saw nothing. Five bulls with antlers. We covered 10-20 miles a day from Huston to Little Su and didn't see a lot of tracks either. Population in that zone not seeing cows with calves. Was alarming to me.

Chair Mansavage: You are not the first person I have talked with about this. Is that an area with less population any correlation?

(Department) There were 414 (last December) 14A, Willow to Huston area, and the population has come down and there may only be 10 permits issued. Getting to the habit area specifically Miller's Reach area is getting past being productive. Change of the area I do suspect that area doesn't work for moose like it used to. Ten permits won't make population level much of a difference. 14A has some loss due to road kill, winter kill, and some predation.

Chair Mansavage: Have you seen an uptick in black bear harvest in that area?

(Department) No, not anything I have noticed.

Member Yuknis: There has been no survey since 2023. Is the department just going off of the twining rates. How are they confident if they have a good population?
 (Department) Going off the twining surveys. The 200 permits per year is a low number. Twining rate is survey is done in May. Population estimate is Nov/Dec. In 2018-2019 they were 1300 permits.

Member Bartelli: We all want to participate in solid management and resource. The department is doing a good job. The farther we get away from the last assessment the less confidence I have to support this. We need data, more contemporize to support this. The department needs to invest in animal count.

Chair Mansavage: Another mild winter like now, no snow/wind. What are options do we have?

(Department) We can try a winter survey. We didn't have conditions to get this done. We can do a February survey, but we need decent snow coverage. Need good snow cover, six inches and we can do a February survey, but it's not preferred.

Member Bitler: A major road system, railroad tracks, road kill, the area can only support so much. I believe giving them as many tools as they need.

Frank Busby, born and raised in the valley. I generally hunt Chickaloon River to Bald Mountain west. Jonesville and toward moose meadows the moose have been decimated. At the Carney's private homestead I was in there to Government Gulch we didn't see a moose track and the fireweed had grown. We've lost a lot of moose in certain areas of the valley and it is devastating. We have seen a tremendous loss of moose even with those who are trapping. When the first tags came out it was good. I think we have overharvested. See what you don't see. A buddy has a moose tag in Willow and saw nothing. I encourage people to look around. I'd like to see cow tags come to a halt.

Mr. Talvi: We weren't seeing the cows with calves this time around. In 2023, we saw two or three cows with calves. This time only one. Just not seeing them. Lean away from shooting cows with calves or totally shut it down.

Board Support read public comments from Tiffany Pester, resident of Chickaloon.

I have lived in Chickaloon off the Permanent Trail for 5 years now. During that time, I have seen a drastic decrease in the cow moose population. From 8-10 in our yard the first year, a single cow calf pair we saw last year to not even one this year. We have seen an increase in bear sightings every year, brown and black.

Two years ago, the DNR discussed separating this area into sections divided by the rivers. Palmer to Moose Creek 1, Moose creek to Granite Creek 2, Granite creek to King's River 3 and King's River to the Chickaloon River 4.

I would like to highly encourage there not be any antlerless permits issued in this area until we see an increase in the moose population. If permits are to be issued, I would suggest the sections the DNR proposed be used as guidelines for where moose can be hunted. Sections 1 and 3 on odd years and sections 2 and 4 on even years. This gives the

moose a chance at finding safety and sets definitive boundaries for hunters as well. It benefits our trail systems with an off year and still allows bear hunting in those sections that will be highly beneficial for the repopulation of the moose.

John O'Conner (Board of Fishery (BOF) Proposal 56) GPS boundary line; giving definable boundary for enforcement and users; having trouble with enforcement with drift net. This proposal was in regulations and was sunset. Proposal is to remove the sunset clause and continue.

Christine O'Connor (BOF 57) Mat-Su resident and Bristol Bay fisherman, set netter; try to bring back orderly conduct with fishery. The regs have not kept up with more boats and capable boats. Defines set net and closes the gray area. Set net gear and drift buffer. Create a dividing line to drifters.

Jamie O'Connor (BOF 80) Align my comments with Christine O'Connor and John O'Connor. All set netters supporting BOF 56, 57 and 80. Out migration of young people from fisheries making it harder to get equipment. This is already in place in Kodiak and allow two to buddy up to share equipment resources. As local harvesters encourage you being patience with the chinook management plan in the Nushagak was a robust effort to put together. Doesn't make sense to make a bunch of changes and trust the process that put this into place. Everyone is concerned about the kings. Leaving the plan as least for one full cycle.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Antlerless Moose Hunt Reauthorizations

Motion to take up Proposal 252 by Mr. Bartelli, second Mr. Birch

b. Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish Proposals

No department staff comments made.

c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

Motion to take up Board of Fishery (BOF) Proposals 56 and 57 by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 60 by Mr. Hongslo, second Mr. Bartelli.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 68 by Mr. Couch, no second.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 69 by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.

Motion to take up BOF Proposal 80 by Mr. Couch, second Mr. Yuknis.

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Anchorage Area – Unit 14C			
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
			Tabled to next meeting
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
			Tabled to next meeting
Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions			
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region		
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
SUPPORT	11	2	<p>PRO: Question to department; what are you seeing in Sutton? Department: We don't have the population estimate for Sutton/Chickaloon. I did see a downtick the fall 24', not enough for 2025 yet. Sutton has said they aren't seeing a lot of moose may drop to 10 permits. Habitat out there; did mechanical clearing. Can't support as many moose as it used to.</p> <p>PRO: I would invite people to look at the habitat perspective. From an advisory capacity we have this authorization this is a yes or no; can we provide 407 tags go to 5.</p> <p>Department: If you want fewer permits, we can consider that.</p> <p>PRO: I don't dispute what the public is saying. There are certain areas in the Mat-Su Borough we have lost substantial moose population; 407 is a big area that used to support a lot of permits. A lot of things I see of late season permits, those are not little areas specific, those are for the whole area and someone draws and they live up the Matanuska they may know better even if there is not a big moose population. My concern is the winter permits (25 and 25) they could be spread all over the valley or taken in one area.</p> <p>CON: Should stick to yes or no. We could be here for weeks.</p> <p>CON: (from previous statement) I cannot support without hard data from the department.</p>

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			<p>PRO: Intent base for the record is to support this based on department assumptions after two light winters after showing and with that said with public comment, I would advise less permits in 407 area to Andy's comments lower the winter tags or even shifting to the fall time. Up in the Matanuska where it may be more effective.</p> <p>PRO: I am positive there are less moose east of moose creek. Frank Busby was describing what I have noticed as well. Department doesn't have to take moose out there. I will support them using their normal tool and use department discretion.</p> <p>PRO: To what another member said, if this does pass this committee in favor of a very conservative allocation. We take this seriously we are denying a resource from the people we represent. Data is getting old and if this does pass, we may not pass it next year. That's what I'm hearing.</p>

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</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, as follows		

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<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Eastside Management</i>			
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or re-register in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
46	Amend the dates described in the <i>Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan</i> , as follows		
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
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 Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
49	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay, as follows		
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan, as follows		
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity, as follows		
<i>Westside Management</i>			
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan, as follows		

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55	Repeal the <i>Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan</i> , as follows		
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>PRO: I look at department comments to support or neutral, seems very simple idea and I think I could support it. To department, any biological concerns?</p> <p>Department: No biological concerns. This allows people to have a defined line how far out they go.</p> <p>PRO: Seems clear cut. Four public members came to talk about the issues.</p> <p>PRO: It seems like it's been there and working. Also helps with gear conflicts.</p> <p>PRO: The drift net fleet is high octane boat; no limit to the horse power. Set netters are the same and trying to maintain a separation. A lot of enforcement out there. I think it's a good proposal.</p> <p>PRO: I intend to support.</p>
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, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>PRO: Reading this proposal, they are in simple open skiffs and don't want to be in with big, fast boats. Their safety needs defined boundaries.</p> <p>(Public): On Ekuk Beach our lines are in the water and are having conflict with there large boats.</p> <p>PRO: This area does not have the separation of the two gear types.</p> <p>(Public):They had a boundary but only 100 feet;</p> <p>(Public): In Ekuk there is no 100 foot buffer. It is legal for them to have their boat on top of our set net.</p> <p>(Public): If this passes, they could not have their boat on top of our gear.</p> <p>(Public): There is no buffer on the off shore; drift net and bump up against the set net. Yes, there is enforcement, in the middle of the</p>

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			<p>night there is no enforcement and with wind there can be interactions with the two gear types.</p> <p>PRO: Looking at the department response they support it and neutral (on allocative). I see the department supporting and providing responsible harvest opportunity. I support this as well.</p> <p>PRO: If we had a drifter what would their argument be? For or against?</p> <p>PRO: 100 ft buffer. I've never seen a drifter on a set net. If they are asking for a separation, I don't think that is unreasonable.</p> <p>PRO: If currents are pushing me in, not doing it on purpose.</p> <p>PRO: If I don't get up on his net, we are letting those fish go by. Out there that gap matters.</p>
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish, as follows		
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation, as follows		
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
OPPOSE	1	6 5-abstain	<p>PRO: I fished in Wood River special harvest area when they look at too much escapement, they can open this and catch fish efficiently. I think it's a good proposal.</p> <p>CON: The department is in opposition and neutral in allocation. To department; is there a biological issue and cause a problem with king salmon?</p> <p>(Department): Certainly, additional gear in the water will catch more kings.</p> <p>(Department): I had a problem with Wood River for years. The department in their stock of concern plan in the subsistence close it at the lower end you might have a few kings and go back out. I think they need to manage in the district personally. I am terrified if they open the Wood River plan and the BOF open it up. If this is</p>

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			<p>approved drifters will get 100 fathoms. This is happening in the Naknek area because of the fishing time. I am not in favor of this.</p> <p>CON: I understand there may be an abundance of sockeye and may provide harvest opportunity, but I won't be supporting this.</p> <p>PRO: When you aren't sending guys to Wood River they will still be there throughout the whole area and they are catching more kings.</p> <p>CON: The special harvest gets turn on and off like a light switch.</p> <p>(Department): We voted to oppose this proposal on the equity issues. A solid path if not 2/3 can't access the Wood River just logistically travel time and equipment who cannot access the area. Twenty miles in a skiff and a lot of sand bars. We are truck and track fishery.</p> <p>CON: If you could get there, would you be in support of that?</p> <p>(Department): I hesitate because of the practicalities of the folks who cannot access hearing from my set net brethren's.</p> <p>(Department): Ekuk we are land-based operations; not access to that area hypothetical.</p> <p>CON: How does this affect your fishing?</p> <p>CON: There is enough in this I am unfamiliar with this and I will be abstaining.</p> <p>PRO: Author is a local and have been there a long time.</p> <p>CON: How far up can they fish?</p> <p>PRO: A mile and there are sites that stack. The farthest one back is pretty slow.</p> <p>CON: I am going to abstain.</p> <p>CON: I think if unfolded into a set net allocation.</p> <p>CON: The area has King Salmon as stock of concern; last year we had set netting shut down on the Kenai due to concern for King Salmon to the extent that the Board did not adopt a proposal for innovative beach seines that would allow for selectively releasing Kings. This proposal wants to increase set net length where King Salmon are of a concern. Is this a comparable situation of harvesting additional King Salmon of concern?</p>

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			CON: Adding to the special use area I am opposed to this.
<i>Nushagak District king salmon management (6 commercial, 3 sport)</i>			
61			Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon in-river projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery, as follows
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, as follows
63			Amend the <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
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, as follows
65			Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> to include set gillnet specific provisions, as follows
66			Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
67			Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage, as follows
68			Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
			Did not receive a second to deliberate.
69			Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
No Action			CON: The department is neutral; when you have stocks of concerns you have an action plan, you should have some way to know when you are not in stock of concern. I have some issues of how we have managed stock of concerns. They way the department has been

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			<p>doing some things they have just been doing away with everything and not yielding.</p> <p>We need some want to measure stock of concern. I would suggest there also be a size of the king they are measuring. I would like to support this. If there is something in this we would like to amend.</p> <p>(Department): Stock of concern approved in 2023, just not in regulation.</p> <p>CON: What is the trigger is that it is no longer a stock of concern.</p> <p>(Department): In staff comments in the background conditions (reads from department comments).</p> <p>CON: The public has a hard time with it. I still think there is a concern for the harvest opportunity in-river. Make the goal and not have any king salmon harvest. I think it may be a failure of this plan if there was no harvest opportunity or removed. If there is something in place I could be neutral o this proposal, or support either way.</p> <p>CON: What if we took no action.</p> <p>CON: There is criteria in the plan. If you drop below that escapements you would be back into stock of concern. There is sport fish in-river continually even as they are going to escapement goal. Continuous harvest. The plan covers it.</p> <p>CON: When we come back out of stock of concern is there a method to go back in?</p> <p>(Department): The department evaluates these runs every three years.</p> <p>CON: Keep the goal as what it is set at and not lowering it.</p> <p>(Department): We have not had conversations of lowering; only run reconstruction. Prior to 2017, 6.6 mil; our sockeye salmon runs are 2 ½ times bigger than they were. Sonar was designed to count sockeye and not kings. We don't differentiate size.</p> <p>Member to Public: Alternative beach gear types? (Proposal 81)</p> <p>(Response): For us on the beach we don't get too many king salmon, we are inner tidal. For the set net I don't see it as a great</p>

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			<p>advantage. The alternative gear types wouldn't substantially have an effect.</p> <p>CON: To Jamie's testimony earlier with multiple stakeholders this particularly proposal is trying to change that plan. Her testimony was the plan was designed for one life span of the king salmon. Based on that testimony which seemed reasonable to me I am more inclined to not take it up or abstain, or possibly oppose.</p> <p>CON: I thought the department doesn't put this in regulation it is already written as part of the plan.</p> <p>CON: If we take no action our comments will still be included.</p> <p>CON: Normally when someone is bold and underlined is a change or addition. It is suggesting a change to the plan that I don't have in front of me.</p> <p>CON: From a regulatory perspective.</p> <p>CON: A big problem with these action plans is the public can't find them easily and know what they say. The department says there is a way to get out of the stock of concern. I don't think we will work out something good at this meeting. I think the people who proposed it can work it out. I think we should take no action</p> <p>CON: We don't have the management plan in front of us and the goal is to formalize it.</p> <p>(Department): The action plan is very clear and pretty specific for the criteria for taking kings out of the stock of concerns.</p> <p>CON: Something that is difficult for me I think everyone cares about these resources and get involved in areas we don't live.</p> <p>Motion to take no action by Mr. Privett, second by Mr. Hongslo.</p> <p>Unanimous to Take no action.</p>
<i>Fishing Districts</i>			
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District, as follows		
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		

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73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
<i>Gear Specifications</i>			
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District, as follows		
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>PRO: To department part of the testimony there has been a similar with this joint venture for years. Why not allowed in this area until now?</p> <p>(Department): It's unique to Kodiak.</p> <p>PRO: Never been a proposal for it?</p> <p>(Department): No, common practice that doesn't meet regulation and comes to the attention that maybe the common practice isn't legal. Make those practices more acceptable and legal. Talked to biologists in Kodiak there isn't a problem with it. Do both parties have to be present to sign fish tickets.)</p> <p>PRO: Is the department in support? (Department is neutral.)</p> <p>Member to Public: If there were resistance potential for double dipping? From a delivery perspective.</p>

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			<p>(Public): Their reporting requirements need updating and didn't see a problem with incorporating this proposal on the updating. I don't foresee double dipping. Also, the requirement to personally operate your gear would not change. The only thing I would see if someone wasn't actively working their gear and everyone in the community would know and our drift buddies would tell the dept. not foresee that happening.</p> <p>PRO: Sounds pretty good to me. I think Bristol Bay was stacked gear at one time and it was done away with. (Department (Tim): -Gill nets were stacked for three years and were no longer and has not come up again.)</p> <p>PRO: Why was the department neutral and not supportive?</p> <p>(Department): It just doesn't really when we are supportive or opposed it has to do with manage. It's been going on in Kodiak for a long time and we have no problems there. It doesn't seem to be a useful tool to improve our management.</p> <p>PRO: I think I could support it.</p> <p>PRO: Makes the operation more efficient. Win/win all the way around.</p> <p>PRO: Will they be using the same skiff? If doing a joint venture, you can tender either net.</p> <p>PRO: Joint venture permit number?</p> <p>PRO: Based on that assumption they are trying to consolidate equipment use to make it more economical. Which put more money in their pocket and buy more stuff and that's good.</p> <p>(Public): It would allow to use the same skiff which you can now do. You just have to track which fish go in which brawler. For a truck a little different, splitting loads of counting fish.</p> <p>PRO: Seems like a totally common sense. Sharing some gear to save on resources. I will support this.</p>
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area, as follows		

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<i>Vessel Specifications</i>			
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications, as follows		
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications, as follows		
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, as follows		
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation, as follows		
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs, as follows		
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations, as follows		
88	Remove anchor roller specifications, as follows		
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller, as follows		
90	Add gillnet roller specifications, as follows		
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard, as follows		
<i>Fishing Periods, Seasons, and Reporting</i>			
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25, as follows		
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District, as follows		
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District, as follows		
95	Modify early season registration requirements, as follows		

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<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage, as follows		
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, as follows		
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River, as follows		
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows		
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hook sin the Egegik and Ugashik drainages, as follows		
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage, as follows		
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming), as follows		
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages, as follows		
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
185	Adopt a Naknek River King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: BOF Bristol Bay Finfish in Anchorage, Egan Center (01/13-01/17)

XII. Set next meeting date: December 30, 2025, at 6:00pm Zoom only. Mat Valley AC can address Board of Game Proposals 175 and 176 (Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose)

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn: 9:01 pm

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Chairman Mansavage

Date: December 28, 2025

Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 4:00 PM| Dolly's Hall and Online via Zoom Join Online:
[Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 | Meeting ID: 819 1162 9575 | Password: SWR

Draft Agenda

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call
 - I. Members Present: George Wilson, Richard Wilson, Laura Zinmen, Ralph Zinmen, Patricia Edel, Masen King, John Weiss
 - II. Members Absent (Excused):
 - III. Members Absent (Unexcused): Joey Klutsch, Austin King, Marc Watson
 - IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
 - V. List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Travis Ellison, Lee Borden
- IV. Guests Present: Nanci and Heath Lyons, Dan Herrig, Mark McNealy, Walter Reynolds, Joe Ludwig
- V. Approval of Agenda - motion to modify agenda and move sport fish regulations go first on the agenda - motion seconded and approved by committee
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
 - I. Chair
 - II. Others:
 - III. Public Comment
- IX. New Business
 - I. Elections: 4 Undesignated Seats, 1 Undesignated Alternate seats, Officers - Patricia Edel Secretary
 - II. Discussion of BOF Bristol Bay Finfish proposals, and other fisheries proposals at the discretion of the committee
 - III. Appoint AC Member to represent the Naknek/Kvichak AC at the BOF Bristol Bay Finfish meeting IV. Appoint single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of December 29, 2025
 - V. Miscellaneous business
- X. Old Business
- XI. Set date of next meeting ?
- XII. Committee comments
- XIII. Other

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<p>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.</p>			
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		
	0	7	AC opposed this proposal as both subsistence catch and personal use for home pack are already reported through different methods
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
	7	0	<p>Unanimous support for proposal as it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides more time for fish to escape upriver, helping to achieve escapement targets, especially for king salmon during their critical migration windows. ● Reduces fishing pressure during a peak and vulnerable period, contributing to conservation efforts for king salmon and other species.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows run timing and effort to be better aligned with natural cycles and management needs for overall fish population health.
46	Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan		
	7	0	Unanimous support for proposal as it complement prop 45 and 47 making management more effective
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek Kvichak District		
	7	0	Unanimous support for proposal as it complement prop 45 and 47 making management more effective
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		

	5	2	Proposal was adopted to amend (4:3) -prop was amended to remove “beyond 30 feet from the high water mark”
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			Prop was passed as amended 5 in favor and 2 opposed
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		
	0	7	Ac has concerns about the impact on allocation and the need for fairness in management. AC also concerned about the enforcement of the proposal and the need for clear regulations.
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay		
	0	7	There is uncertainty about how the intent of the proposal would be realized in practice, and whether it would actually help improve fish quality or reduce waste beyond what current management already addresses

51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area,		
	2	5	AC opposed this proposal due to it Raises potential fairness issues: set-netters are not able to benefit in the same way as drifters, leading to possible disparities.

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			<p>Could create more disputes over what constitutes "fishing" versus "having gear on board," especially if gear is round-hauled or picked on deck</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Confusing to enforce</p> <p>Pro's - Increases operational efficiency for drift gillnet vessels by allowing them to carry additional gear on board, reducing the need to offload nets at tenders and chase them down later</p>
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan		
			No action
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity		

			No action
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
			No action
55	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
			No action
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery		
			No action

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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		
			No action
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish		
			No action
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation		

			No action
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
			No action
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		
	0	7	The committee opposed proposal 61 because it would have been extremely detrimental to both the local set net and drift net fishing fleets. Participants expressed concerns that the proposal—closing the fishery until the Fourth of July—could ruin the season for local fishermen, severely limiting their ability to operate and

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			impacting their livelihoods. They would also like to see the current management plan run its course before altering its course of action.

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		
			No action
63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
			No action
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		
			No action
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		
			No action
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
			No action
67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage		

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			No action
68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon		
			No action
69	Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department's Status and Action Plan report		
			No action
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District		
			No action
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
	1	7	Proposal 71 was not supported because committee members felt it created too many unknowns and could negatively affect the fishery. Discussion highlighted concerns that the proposal would introduce unnecessary risks and not benefit local watershed residents. These uncertainties and the potential for unintended negative consequences led most participants to oppose it.
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			No action
73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			No action

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74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			No action
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
	1	6	<p>Cons discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It could make it harder for Bristol Bay residents and new entrants to participate in the fishery, as permit stacking tends to favor larger, better-funded operations. • Risk of consolidating fishing power among fewer, larger operators, undermining the community-based, independent nature of the fishery. • Potential enforcement challenges, as violations could be attributed to both permits and distinguishing responsibility becomes difficult. • Concerns about fairness and equity for local operators and those with fewer resources. <p>Pros discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could improve efficiency by allowing two permit holders to share operating costs and fish from a single vessel.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Might reduce the total number of boats on the water, potentially decreasing congestion and competition. • Offers permit holders scheduling flexibility and possible economic benefits in some cases. <p>Ultimately, the committee did not support proposal 71 because the potential negative impacts on local access, entry, and the traditional structure of the fishery outweighed any operational benefits.</p>
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
			No action
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
			No action
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
			No action

79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District		
			No action

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80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay		
			No action
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area		
			No action
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications		
	6	0	Proposal 82 was supported because it would clarify and standardize vessel specifications, making enforcement of existing regulations simpler and reducing loopholes that could be exploited. The clarity and consistency it brings were seen as beneficial for management and compliance.

83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications		
			No action
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay		
			No action

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85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation		
	6	0	Proposals 85 works with proposal 82 to provide clear, enforceable, and equitable vessel regulations—making rules and oversight simpler for everyone involved in the fishery.
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs		
			No action
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations		
			No action
88	Remove anchor roller specifications		

			No action
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller		
			No action
90	Add gillnet roller specifications		
			No action
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard		
			No action
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25		

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	2	4	<p>AC did not support this proposal after lengthy discussion</p> <p>Pros of Proposal 92:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Would help protect late-run king and silver salmon by reducing fishing pressure after July 25. ● Aimed to boost escapement and long-term sustainability of targeted salmon populations. ● Was seen by some as a way to support the ecosystem and future fishing opportunities. ● Attempted to balance demand between commercial and sport/recreational fishing. <p>Cons of Proposal 92:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Would cause significant economic hardship for the commercial fleet by ending the season early, reducing their ability to make a living. ● Could negatively impact the broader local economy tied to commercial salmon fishing. ● Raised concerns about fairness and whether commercial fishermen were bearing an unfair portion of the conservation burden compared to sport fishing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some questioned if the early closure would actually provide meaningful improvements, or just shift effort and problems elsewhere.
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93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District		
			No action
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District		
			No action
95	Modify early season registration requirements		
			No action
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage		
	5	1	<p>Proposal passed</p> <p>Pros- the conservation benefits of single hooks, especially for king and silver salmon.</p> <p>Cons- Concern about the impact on smelting and the need for specificity in the regulation.</p> <p>Enforcement clarified smelting falls under subsistence and not sport fishing</p>
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		

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	1	6	<p>Proposal failed</p> <p>Pro - Banning barbed hooks and keeping fish in the water minimizes injury and stress during catch-and-release, improving post-release survival.</p> <p>Cons - Ambiguity - The proposal's language may be too broad or unclear, leading to confusion about where it applies and which species are covered. Enforcement of barbless hooks would be challenging.</p>
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River,		
	7	0	<p>Proposal was amended to reduce the annual limit from one fish over 28 inches or greater to two fish. The amendment was unanimously supported.</p> <p>The regulation now reads "...the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater is 5 fish, only two [three] of which may be 28 inches or greater in length."</p> <p>Pros - help king salmon runs recover by reducing harvest pressure on large fish, especially as the population is perceived to be in decline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consistency with other management:

			Other river systems (e.g., New Shagak) already reduced their limits due to stock concerns,
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			<p>making similar steps on the Naknek more scientifically and regionally consistent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credibility when advocating for broader management: Reducing the angler harvest demonstrates willingness to share the “burden” of conservation, which strengthens the position of recreational fishing interests when requesting commercial or regulatory changes (Speaker 13). • Availability of sockeye: Anglers could still harvest abundant sockeye, ensuring people can take fish home even with stricter king salmon limits. <p>Cons:</p> <p>Economic impact: Reducing the annual limit from three to one large king salmon could reduce the appeal of the king salmon fishery, potentially harming guides and the local sport fishing business.</p>
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
			See below
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		

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	7	0	<p>Motion to group prop 99 and 100 together and support unanimously. The only difference in the proposals is in suggested marker coordinates.</p> <p>Proposal unanimously approved:</p> <p>Pros: Moving the current ADFG marker downstream would create additional protected areas for spawning king salmon and trout, reducing fishing pressure on vulnerable spawning grounds</p>
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages		
			No action
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage,		
			No Action
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming)		
	7	1	
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages		
			No action - ac did express concern of enforcement challenges

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105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan		
	7	0	Unanimous support for the proposal, emphasizing the need for comprehensive management across Bristol Bay.
185	Naknek Management Plan		
	7	0	Unanimous support emphasizes the need for data driven management to guide conservation efforts
	Other Fishery Proposals at the discretion of the AC		

Minutes taken by Patricia Edel (secretary)

Minutes approved by George Wilson Jr (co-chair comm fish)

Nushagak Advisory Committee

Combined Agenda & Approved Minutes from Nov 15th & Dec 13th Meetings including Table of Actions on Proposals for Bristol Bay BOF Finfish January 2026

Call to Order: 10:05 am Saturday, November 15th, 2025, at 10:00 AM| Curyung Tribal Council and Online via Zoom

I. Roll Call

I. Members Present:

Gabe Davis, Gayla, Susie, Dan, Travis Ball, Lindsay Layland, Travis Wren, Mariano, Curt, Moses Kritz (online), Chris Carr (online), Kenneth Nukwok (online)

II. Members Absent (Excused): Todd Fritze

III. Members Absent (Unexcused):

IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8; achieved with 11 members present

V. Agencies present: ADFG, TNWR, BBEDC

Motion to Approve Gayla, Second by Travis B.

II. Approval of Agenda

Move to amend: Travis; Second Dan (motion carries unanimously)

Chair seeking expedited elections in respect for Curyung Tribal Meeting; wants to ensure all voices are included; restructure of agenda proposal: introductions, elections, staff presentations, guest presentations (Jeff), antlerless moose discussion,

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tim, Greta, Lee

IV. Guests Present:

In person: Robert Heyano, Fritz Johnson, Jesse Rogers, Mark Schwantes, Tony Zoch, Stan Culling & Truitt Caufield (USFW/TNWR), Tim and Greta and Lee Borden (ADFG), Misa Webber, Natalie Romo (Baord Support).

Online: Bronson Brito, Christine O'Connor, Cody Larson, Dave Bedinger, Heather Scandel, J.Ludwig, John O'Connor, Jorjana Dray, Nicholas Dowie, Rene O'Conoor, Sonja Rootvik Ewing, Taryn O'Connor, Tom O'Connor, Tom Brookover – BBSRI (Joe Witkop AST joined in the afternoon).

I. Elections: 1 Undesignated Seat, 2 Undesignated Alternate seats, Officers

Nominations for seats: Travis Wren, Lindsay Layland, Jesse Rogers.

Results: Undesignated – 3 year term (Travis Wren); Alternate at Large – 1 year term (Jesse Rogers & Lindsay Layland).

Nominations for officers: Dan nominates Susie for Chair, Travis B for Vice, Lindsay for Secretary.

Nominations supported unanimously.

V. Reports

Gayla Hoseth (Federal Subsistence Board)

Safari Club proposing to change make-up of Fed. Sub. Board. Previously 3 tribally elected board members. 6 public seats, 3 tribal seats. DOI will open scoping period, want to remove 3 Tribal seats from

Fed. Sub. Board. We have a Rural Subsistence Priority - Seeking support for maintaining 3 Tribal members on the Fed. Sub. Board during the 60 day comment(scoping?) period (likely to close sometime in January), when DOI will draft recommendations that opens a public comment period likely to close sometime in June (Tribes can request tribal consultation during this time). September – November final rule will be published and take effect in Dec. '26.

Chair: If wish of committee we can take action on this issue.

ADFG Sport Fish (Lee Borden):

Lee - Overview of projects: King Salmon Creel survey & Coho Salmon Creel survey. Continuing trend of decreasing effort/harvest on Nushagak. Will continue project next year with BBSRI support. EO this year for reduced bag limits (despite Lee's push for catch and release). How collecting effort data? Via surveys. What % of those participating in fishery are actually surveyed? Lee: not voluntary – all anglers approached must respond (173 interviews in 2025, fewer than years past because fewer people are on river. Anglers in 2019: 4,207; Anglers in 2025: 1,490). How to ensure you're surveying fly-in anglers? Physically running the river daily, counting fly-ins. Top end Ekwok land boundary down to Black Point. Probably covers 90-95% of king salmon angler effort. Creel survey covers: rod hours, sample of catch. Frank Woods: How do these connect to escapement and return? Lower Kuskokwim did a 5 year moratorium of all fishing (sport, comm, sub), and they now have healthy returns. At what point do we recommend a moratorium for sub. & sport? If 55k is minimum for return escapement, at what point do we address this option? Recommend that be the charge of this board. Gabe: How many kings are harvested by anglers on the river in 2025: 3,458. Commercial fishermen harvest: 3,625. Anglers: Av. Weekly catch: 2.1 fish/day. Av. Harvest: .6 fish/day. How many fish hooked and released?

Chair to Lee: When did you start lobbying for catch and release only on the Nushagak? July 3 is when the EO was recommended, but not taken up by commissioner. If up to Lee, we would have gone to catch & release.

Subsistence taking of kings? Tim: those are delayed by a year. Definitely down, 3 year average of ~3,500-4,000.

ADFG Comm. Fish (Tim Sands):

2025 Season Summary overview, catch and escapement. Nush sonar @ 34,322 past sonar, likely ~31,000 actual escapement. Started fishing June 22 based on stock of concern Nush & Wood triggers. Total catch 16million. 23 mil total run Nush (4th largest harvest in Nush District history). Met Chum escapement goal of 200k minimum. Togiak not as strong, 522k catch, 314k escapement. Less drift effort in Tog. Tog did open to outside boats on July 28.

1.2's in Igushik and Togiak performed poorly (2021 brood year, worst brood year return since 2009). Did not see this trend in Nush and Wood rivers.

Frank: How does the lacking coho run impact the ecosystem? How would it help if we supported your proposal to drop Coho mgmnt plan? How can we rebuild the silver population? Tim: they're complicated, we don't have the money to count silvers, we rely on anecdotal reports. Possible shift in coho run? Also no market for silvers. FW: why is it not a species of concern? TS: If we're not exploiting them, it's a natural shift in run size.

FORECAST 2026: 44mil inshore BB; 19mil to Nushagak District; 11.4 mil to Nushagak River, we expect 8-10mil 1.3's next year, 2.5mil 1.2's (leery of this). Did not see many jacks in Nush or WR systems. Igushik and Tog are predominately 1.3 systems. Very concerned about Igushik & Tog. Nak/Kvi forecast 11mil (average harvest 11 mil), so expecting fewer fishers in Nak/Kvi.

Nuyakuk tower count higher than Nush sonar in 2024; 2025 Nuyakuk tower count was 92% of Nush sonar. Jordan @ BBSRI – using drones to observe/supplement age sex link sampling with beach seine.

Historically Nuyakuk tower counted 75% of Nush sonar fish. Likely that so many fish going past sonar we can't see them all.

Frank W: Herring? Tim: no herring forecast yet. No herring fishery last several years, no money for surveys in 2025. Forecast will likely be similar to last years but a bit more conservative. FW: What would it take to get a sustainability stamp about this? TS: I don't know on that. Herring pop. for BB used to be fully utilized, Pollack industry wants to move herring bycatch from 1% to 2%. FW: we're missing all the data we used to have on herring. TS: because there is no fishery. If we did have one, we'd likely have big fish (~400+ gram) based on age classes and sizes in previous years.

11:32-11:45 break

USFW: Truitt - Peninsula Caribou Herd: 650 animals July 9 survey. Harvest limit is 200 animals. Once 200 have been harvested, hunt will shut down. Bull to cow ration: 53bulls/100cows. Calf cow ratio: 60calves/100cows. Since Aug. 1, 18 caribou (17 bulls) harvested. Next lichen survey 2027. If good snow, do expect meeting harvest goal. Around 20 harvested winter '24-'25. Stan: significant reduction in staff at TNWR, be patient with our slow responses.

BBSRI, Jordan & Tom: Started with asking 'What can/should we do with Chinook stock of concern management plan since its 2023 adoption? How has the plan worked?' We put together an objective assessment of how the plan is working focusing on 3 elements (OEG, Start trigger, limiting sport fishery), but also want feedback from participants/stakeholders in the fishery of how the plan has worked. 9 questions, sent to AC's for input. Susie: can public, non-AC members complete this survey, too? Tom: not yet, but can talk about that, started with sanctioned committees. To go broad with the public, likely wouldn't have time to summarize this data in time for BOF. Susie: we have an obligation to bring the public in on this topic. BBSRI.org/king-committee website brings to a king salmon management committee webpage with documentation of this process and reports that people can view. Can be helpful in understanding how this plan came to be, this assessment will be posted on that website on Monday Nov. 17. LL: Can we share this assessment and questionnaire with public today and invite folks to bring their feedback to the AC at our next meeting? Questionnaire feedback due to BBSRI by Dec. 15. Travis: Good idea to let others review & provide feedback on it. Tom & Jordan, 30,000 foot level overview: We tailored questionnaire succinctly about how the plan has worked in the past 3 years: OEG, start triggers, sportfish annual limit. Report text is 18-19 pages long plus appendixes of data. Includes intro, key actions in plan, and how conservation actions performed first 3 years, participation and biology of sport fishery, measures of success (list of management objectives by the plan 'what a successful fishery looks like'). JH: a few objectives with SOC: 1) delay opening of fishery while kings are abundant in district (did this work? What measures to determine if it did or not); 2) provide opportunity for kings to make it through the district, ie, breaks in fishing time for comm. fishery. What is the reduction in sockeye harvest from old plan to new plan? Why is BBSRI involved in this: in 2018-19, King Salmon Management Committee was formed and BBSRI was asked to be the scientific/technical team supporting this committee. BBSRI & Committee continues to work with BOF, RAC's to determine best way to manage district for king conservation. Is the structure of the plan working? Need to find out as we look at new BOF proposals addressing the plan's structure.

Public Comment: None

IX. New Business

- I. Antlerless Moose and Bear Tag Exemption Reauthorizations (comment deadline March 6)
Reauthorization of 17A antlerless moose proposal (253)

See table notes.

Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Reauthorization (249)

See table notes.

Recess for lunch, 12:34-1:15

Meeting called back to order 1:20 (11 members present)

Trooper Joe Witkop present 2:30pm (conversation about Prop 56)

II. Bristol Bay Finfish proposals, and other fisheries proposals at the discretion of the committee

Chair: Will review proposals but table action on them until next meeting. See Proposal Table pages 5-36 for discussion.

Proposals 45-53 related to East Side Management, table for now.

3:20-3:35 recess

3:47pm - Moses: wants to touch on 93 & 94 before being excused for traditional council meeting

4:26pm - Chair: Skip 61-69 for now. Tony: BBEDC hasn't taken an official position on these proposals, but feels strongly that we don't want to see changes to the stock of concern plan – it took 5 years and a lot of effort and we don't want to see that undone.

Travis: Was BBSRI's assessment requested by the BBEDC board? Tony: I don't think so, but open to it.

Susie: Quotes a few lines from the Stock of Concern Management Plan conclusion – it has had intended consequences.

4:52 – Chair: Thanks to staff members for presentations and comments throughout our discussions.

III. Appoint AC Member to represent the Nushagak AC at the BOF Bristol Bay Finfish meeting (See minutes for Dec. 13 mtg)

IV. Appoint single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of December 29, 2025 (See minutes for Dec. 13 mtg)

V. Miscellaneous business

X. Old Business

XI. Set date of next meeting

Next meeting: December 6, 10am @ Curyung Tribal Hall

XII. Committee comments

XIII. Other

ADJOURN

Adjourned 4:56pm

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Proposals for Bristol Bay BOF Finfish January 2026**

- I. Call to Order: 10:13 Saturday, December 13th, 2025, at 10:00 AM| Curyung Tribal Council and Online via Zoom

II. Roll Call

- VI. Members Present: 14

Gabe Davis, Travis Wren, Moses Kritz, Chris Carr, Wassillie Wonhola, Kenneth Nukwak, Joe Kazimirowicz Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dan Dunaway, Mariano Floresta, Travis Ball, Gusty Wassily Jr, Lindsay Layland, Jesse Rogers.

- VII. Members Absent (Excused): 2

- VIII. Members Absent (Unexcused): 2

- IX. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

- X. Agencies: ADFG; TNWR; BBEDC; BBSRI, ASWT

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tim Sands, Greta Hayden-Pless

IV. Guests Present:

Kathy Albright, Dave Bedinger (Silver Bay SFDS), Nicholas Dowie, Fritz Johnson, Jamie O'Connor, Christine O'Connor, Tom Brookover & Jordan Head & Jeff Regnart (BBSRI), Katherine Carscallen, Tom O'Connor, Mike Davis, Robert Heyano, Pete Andrew, Katherine Carscallen, Truett Caulfield (TNWR), Tony Zoch (BBEDC), Joe Witkop (ASWT); Jannell Trowbridge, Jimmy Hurley; Jon Salmon

V. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve with *friendly amendment (Dan), Travis B. seconds

*friendly amendment is to move BBSRI report up so we can start with their findings on the King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. No objections.

Motion carries unanimously.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Tabling until this meeting is complete as current meeting is a continuation of previous.

VII. Reports

- I. Chair: N/A

- II. Others: BBSRI – see II under New Business.

- III. Public Comment

X. New Business

- I. Review BBSRI's Nushagak King Salmon stock of concern plan assessment and provide feedback

Review BBSRI's Nushagak King Salmon stock of concern plan assessment and provide feedback

Tom Brookover (utilizing slide show published and shared - see BBSRI's presentation for full details):

Overview of King Salmon Management Plan and formation of special committee, including timelines and outcomes. 3 fishing seasons have occurred since 2023 SOC Management Plan. The Study Team worked to publish an assessment of how the new plans have worked to conserve Chinook. Brief summary of Optimum Escapement Goals, com fish start triggers, & sport limits. Resulted in average of -3.3 days of com fishing with passage of ~1.3mil sockeye/yr and ~8,300 kings/yr. Both drift and set gear received less fishing time, though set's proportion of reduced fishing time was greater under the plan. Total of 42%

reduction in fishing time before July 5. Sport fishery has seen reduced effort in recent years (likely due in part to reduced ability to harvest large fish). Creel Survey shows fish sampled in '23 and '24 were significantly smaller than those in 2007. Females declined from 36% to ~20% of harvest between '07 and '24. ~56% more of Chinook escapement happened pre-season and ~44% more of escapement are attributed to in season breaks (average of all 3 years). TB: Do your numbers come from actual ADFG #'s or are they 'error factor'? Tom: Actual sonar counts, does not take into consideration the proportion of kings.

Break 10:57-11:06

Susie: Re: BBSRI Questionnaire – goal is for AC to answer questions as a group and provide feedback in this format? BBSRI: not necessarily – happy with individual responses from each person. Susie: Provides run through of questions and opportunity to seek clarification from BBSRI folks.

Tom O: Of the 8k escapement that you noted, were those fish that passed or fish that would have been caught in years past?

Tom B: 8300 kings in 2023 that were listed as 'additional salmon passage' were fish that passed the district in the time the fishery *could* have opened under old trigger date. There were kings that passed before that hypothetical opening date, too. That doesn't mean they all would have been caught, just been exposed to the possibility of being caught.

Tom O: Discrepancy in lost fishing time between set and drift doesn't show whole picture of fishing opportunity between gear groups. Actual numbers depend a lot on tide time and stage – drift fishing time is more productive on the flood.

Robert H: Important to realize that the final draft was consensus based between all the user groups. The goal is conservation of kings while still providing opportunity for all groups – be sure to examine it from a king conservation perspective instead from your individual user group perspective.

Break for lunch at 12:57, come back at 1:45pm

Call meeting back to order 1:51

- II. Review Bristol Bay Finfish proposals –
- III. Appoint AC Member to represent the Nushagak AC at the BOF Bristol Bay Finfish meeting
Travis & Susie
- IV. Appoint single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of December 29, 2025 (Susie)
- V. Miscellaneous business
Meeting Minutes Review: Lindsay, Susie, Dan
Representation at BOF Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting: Susie & Travis (Susie on her own dime)
Travis to Tony/BBEDC – will there be support from BBEDC to send local people in? Tony, yes – if anyone is interested, give Tony a call.
Travis: thanks to all representatives for being here and providing the information.
Lindsay: Acknowledgement of Wildlife Biologist John Landsiedel and his contributions to our community and board.

XI. Set date of next meeting – will do via email.

XII. ADJOURN 6:22pm

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<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
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		
Oppose	0	14	<p>Tim: overview of proposal. Travis: This author likely doesn't understand what's going on (on commercial side). Oppose. Lindsay: Oppose. Dan: Curious what the limit of subsistence harvest would result in. Lindsay: Challenging to limit a per person subsistence when so many subsistence fishers catch and share with other families. Susie: Important to remember that in AK, subsistence is the priority fishery. Travis: Don't agree with this proposal. Kenneth: Opposed. Mark S: There are/could be options to restrict days of fishing. Gabe: How low does the stock have to get to see a limit on subsistence to be valid? This proposal doesn't make sense but brings up a good point. Moses: We have no scientific reason to shut anything down, I'm opposed. Cody: With current conservation plan in place, this proposal would not take place unless the current conservation plan would be repealed. May be worth liberalizing the types of gear allowed for harvest to reduce mortality rate (ie, dipnet). Dan moves to adopt (Dec. 13), second by Travis. Dan willing to oppose for now, conducted researched on his own. Question.</p>

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45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: instead of waving transfer period on July 17, it would be postponed to be waived on July 22 into the Naknek-Kvichak only. Lindsay: Is the Nak-Kvi not meeting its minimum escapement? Tim: they are. Robert: Oppose this as a Nushagak drifter, don't want to restrict departure from the Nushagak. Curt: Travis has the power to open or close the fishery any time. Tim: Once we hid midpoint of goal, we waive transfer period into the district. Nak-Kvi has a bigger range, not sure what they have to hit before they waive the transfer period. Susie: oppose. Travis B: oppose. Travis B motion to adopt, Dan seconds (Dec. 13). Travis calls question.
46	Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan		
No Action			
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek Kvichak District		
No Action			
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		
No Action			
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		
No Action			

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50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: Adds a new section to the management plan, not sure how it would be implemented or how it works. Travis: not a feasible proposal. Susie: this responsibility falls on the processors to ensure quality. Travis moves to adopt, Dan second (Dec. 13). Dan: doesn't feel like the department's problem – this should be on the processor. Question.
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			
52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan		
No Action			
53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity		
No Action			
54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: Coho management plan relies on sonar count that we no longer do. We don't want to have an escapement goal if we're not assessing the stock. *See minutes for 55 to supplement conversation for 54. Tim : wanting to take this plan off the books so that it doesn't look like we're not meeting the goal (Dec. 13). Travis moves to adopt, Travis W. moves to adopt. Travis: concerns with abolishing the commercial fishery altogether. Susie: refers to notes on 55. Tim: this proposal would not eliminate commercial fishing, we can still manage the fishery, not sure how that language got in there. LL: is it

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			important for this plan to go away? Tim: Someone else thought so, someone in the future could use the data to make a 'SOC' some day. OK to have goals. Travis W & Susie: we don't want to limit the opportunity. Question.
55	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
Support	12	1	<p>Tim: original WRSWA language made to protect coho, this proposal would remove that language, too. Coho management plan is based on triggers (at certain levels of escapement, we take certain action. 'If projecting over xx amount, can have directed commercial openers.' Travis: I have problems with this... we want to eliminate the commercial harvest of coho but keep the sport fishery. The commercial fleet has not put a lot of pressure on coho. Tim: this (prop 54) does not shut down the commercial fishery. I don't know who wrote it, but you could oppose 54 and support 55 and that would eliminate the possibility of language in 54 from going into effect. Susie: We want to keep coho fishing opportunity but understand that the state can't manage a species without data about that species.</p> <p>Travis/LL/Susie/Dan: we <i>do</i> want to maintain commercial opportunity for coho. We oppose Prop. 54's language stating "without escapement data, the department will not provide directed commercial fishing opportunities on Nushagak River coho salmon." Tim: We do have other ways to manage a fishery and allow fishing in the fall/traditional coho season even without specific</p>

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			<p>coho management plan. Travis B. moves to adopt, Dan seconds(Dec. 13). Travis: too bad that we don't have funding, what's the problem with the plan being there? I oppose. Dan: Travis brings up interesting point. Travis B: What happens if this stays in place? Tim: Someone can come at us and say we failed to meet the goal and push to create a Stock of Concern. Coho harvest effort has been so low that it hasn't hurt the coho run – it all depends on the market and effort. Travis & Travis: our concern is getting rid of language that says we have an opportunity for commercial harvest. Robert: After the 3rd week of July the department used to shift to manage coho; we're managed by EO from June til end of September. Susie: in support of 55 as written. Gabe: Who does this benefit? Robert: If you have a plan that has an escapement goal, does that excuse the department from opening it? Question. Roll Call vote.</p>
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery		
Support	14	0	<p>Tim: meant to set a line that is not affected by beach erosion that changes across years and decades. John: this proposal is much easier to enforce per conversations with law enforcement. Lindsay, Susie, Travis B: in favor of this proposal. It may have been interpreted that we were trying to gain fishing area when we weren't, we were just trying to maintain fishing area and opportunity where erosion was eliminating or reducing that. The drift group that wanted to sunset this did so in anticipation of</p>

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			<p>unforeseen consequences, of which we've had none. Travis W: Initially had a lot of questions as a drifter, think it provides a defining line and may open opportunity for future setnet operations to have a tool to fix similar concerns, support. Robert H: I didn't think this was going to be open ended. When a drift boat comes in and tangles a setnet, the fault is the drifters. We have a serious problem of inadequate enforcement. This regulation doesn't address the problem of enforcement. This isn't going to help. As long as there is language that affirms the 600' guideline from mean 18' high tide. Travis: the problem with 600' guideline is having a clear understanding of the starting point when the wind can drastically change the high tide point. As its written, you can drift in between setnets as long as you don't entangle. Robert: still doesn't address the enforcement concern. Trooper Joe: GPS line is fixed, does not change with erosion. Does not limit drifter's shoreward fishing – they can go inside this line (so long as they don't wrap setnet gear). Susie: if I choose to go inside the line as a drifter and entangle with a setnetter, that's on me. Joe: You're right we're low on enforcement – we can't manage it in a way you all need us to do. Robert: its incumbent on us to get together with the law enforcement department to encourage more protection. Travis W: drifters can still fish inside or outside the line. Travis B: It is an effort to make sure people's sites are not illegal as a result of erosion, "the line" was made to make it as simple as possible and as straight as</p>

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			<p>possible – wanted to increase convenience and reduce waypoints to make the lines. Tim: nothing that says in 10 or 20 or 30 years that this can't be revisited. If the beach continues to erode, it can be changed. Travis B. moves to adopt (Dec. 13), Dan seconds. Robert: If looking to remove the sunset clause, its important those distances stay in there because that whole section of beach is eroding. If there wasn't a setnet buoy there, then its ok for the drifter to go inside that line – the drifters have no regard for the setnetters who fish there. If we have a regulation that's not working and the real issue is adequate enforcement, we need to get together and make sure there is major support for adequate enforcement. Strongly recommend you look at these and ask the BOF not to take action, but give us opportunity to address enforcement issue. John (author): We had more specific language but the legal team thought it was conflicting, we do need to clarify the points. Agree with Robert we need some kind of check, willing to amend it to include language to make it a check-in every 5 or 10 years to account for erosion and keep that distance from the beach consistent. Tim: approximate distances from shore are in regulation and would stay there, all this proposal is doing is removing the sunset clause and keeping current regulation in place. Joe Witkop: Agree with previous comments about enforcement, agree this regulation does not fix that problem. It adds clarity to where that line is – a GPS coordinate is very specific and easier to enforce. Current</p>

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			<p>regulation mentions a number of feet offshore – that means nothing if this line is the line. Question. *resurveying discussion/option should be established at BOF level.</p>
57	<p>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</p>		
<p>Support as Amended</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>0</p>	<p><u>Amended Proposal would read:</u></p> <p><u>5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. Prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear in the Nushagak District, as follows:</u></p> <p>Add language and a new section that reads:</p> <p><i><u>(w) In the Nushagak District, no part of a drift vessel, gillnet, line, buoy, or other device used to drift a gillnet may be operated so as to come into contact with a set gillnet, line, anchor, peg, stake, buoy, or other device used to operate the setnet.</u></i></p> <p>The remaining language of the proposal as written in the Proposal book was removed when amended, discussion below:</p> <p>Tim: Same area as 56, but would prohibit operation of drift gillnet gear inside/shoreward that line. Christine (author): Our buoys and gear are routinely pulled away, has gotten expensive and missing</p>

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			<p>harvest opportunity, dangerous, to have drifters within that setnet fishing area. Joe: Regulations determining how far off shore and side to side drifters can be of a setnet always applies to everywhere (drifters can be shoreward of a setnet on combine); these only apply when setnet is out to its legal distance, if beyond that its only illegal if gear is 'touching.' There is not a regulation that a drift boat cannot 'run over' a setnet. Regulation AS 16.10.055 says 'interference with commercial fishing gear' addresses 'willfully' or 'recklessly' disturbing gear resulting in loss of fishing time or incurring cost to property (like running over a net intentionally or not caring that they busted someone's line under tension). Travis: I've lost my outer buoys 4/5 years in a row. Shares personal reflection of frustrations and consequences with drift boats ruining lines (drift behavior and lack of enforcement). Susie: Don't like the notion of limiting shoreward fishing from this line but do think language to prohibit 'any contact' with setnet gear is reasonable. Christine: Purpose of this is to eliminate any gray area that might be present, whether their buoy is under water due to current or not, we need a mechanism to keep them further away. Curt: Shares possible self-regulation and enforcement option. Lindsay/Travis/Curt: support this proposal as written. Joe: If someone calls in to us, we will respond. We can't allow 'hearsay' in court, so if you want to report your experience, you need to be willing to testify. Consider lobbying for more Coast Guard presence? Misa: I know state</p>

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			<p>budget with enforcement is tight, hope that the State would explore more technological/drones approach to enforcement. Joe: prohibited to use drones by AK statute. Via Game: some drifters do think its unreasonable to prohibit shoreward fishing from that line. Susie: burden is on the drift operator to operate appropriately. We should be allowed to fish shoreward, but we should not be allowed come into contact with a set gillnet. Lindsay: If we supported this with an amendment that did not prohibit shoreward fishing but did include language to prohibit any contact with setnet gear, would that be an improvement? Christine: Yes. Travis B. moves to adopt, Dan seconds (Dec. 13).</p> <p>Chrissy O: There are stretches down lower where there are no sites/pegs/lines, could include an amendment that mentions these areas to allow drift fishing. Gabe: If there was no setnetters between two or three of those points, it would still prohibit a drifter from going in there?</p> <p>Christine: I was thinking about pegs/lines/blocks when drafting this language. There are sections where there are no sites – in those areas it wouldn't have to be prohibited. In areas where there is gear (that's not a net, but is marked by a buoy), those areas still need to be protected. Travis: there are specific distances a drifter has to be off setnet gear. Ekuk has its own set of rules. Tim: Ekuk has defined maximum distance from shore. Drift fleet can bump your buoy. Side of net has to be 300' from side of net. If your net is 25' inside that max. distance, they</p>

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			<p>have to stay 25’ away, if 100’ inside they have to stay 100’ away. Travis: for us there is no limit once we’re out at that max distance – drifters can be right on us. Susie: no problem with new language saying drift gear should not become in contact with setnet gear. Do have a problem with language saying nobody can go inside the line. This is an enforcement issue. Lindsay: want to make a motion to amend. Dan: see the conflicts, open to an amendment. Robert: Setnetters came up with these offshore distances, these problems are due to the advent of the the jetboat. Travis/Susie: problem is 900+ boats and a handful of fishermen who do not how to meaningfully or respectfully or legally fish this beach. Witkop: Agree drifters can/should be capable of operating legally, these violations occur when weather is poor or at night. Don’t foresee our patrol effectiveness increasing. Sonja RE: comments about personal experience setnetting on Ekuk. Jamie: Would like to see 100’ buffer at Ekuk that others in the Nushagak enjoy. Lindsay: move to amend proposal language to remove everything except: (w) of the New Section and include the words “in the Nushagak District” to read “In the Nushagak District, no part of a drift vessel, gillnet, line, buoy, or other device used to drift a gillnet may be operated so as to come into contact with a set gillnet, line, anchor, peg, stake, buoy, or other device used to operate the setnet” Gabe Seconds. Question. Amended language: supported unanimously.</p>

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			Prop 57 as amended: question.
58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish		
Oppose	2	11	<p>Tim: This addresses particular trigger of when we open to harvest surplus salmon. Lindsay: Would it make more sense for the trigger for the Wood to be a percentage of the forecast? Tim: Biologically we don't need more than 1.8 million fish up there. We have gotten a lot of flak about 'foregone harvest' up the Wood, and now the author wants to increase the 'foregone harvest' up the wood by setting the trigger later. Travis: Some folks wanted to put the fleet in the WR to protect Nush Kings; Some wanted to completely shut down Wood River because kings go up into the Wood then back out. This proposal is to protect some of those kings who go up and flush back out by waiting until 1.6million reds go up. Susie: When we are functioning under the stock of concern plan, this would be another tool to reduce king harvest (per conversation with proposal author). Tim: Likely the concern is about opening the WRSWA before the Nushagak, which would require a 11mil forecast to the Wood to beat that. On a per sockeye basis, the number of kings caught in the Wood River is far less than it is in the Nushagak District. Travis W: recommend waiting for further discussion until author can be here to explain his perspective on this. Lindsay moves to adopt, Travis B. seconds (Dec. 13).</p>

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			<p>Robert: with the large surplus sockeye going into the wood, either we move it up to the OEG or something else. Travis seeking clarification on Muklung kings. Tim: there is nothing in regulation designed to protect Muklung kings. Susie: this proposal seems to fit better with King Salmon Management Plan. This is a complicated proposal as a small solution to a big problem. Lindsay: this would delay fishing (regardless of gear type) in the wood and lead to foregone harvest? Tim: Yes. Susie: do we think the stock of concern plan is having the intended effect as written? If yes, is it enough? If no, what else needs to be done? Need to consider these before examining proposals like this one. It's difficult to assess where we are when we're not even through the entire life cycle of a king salmon. Would like to see the WR utilized appropriately, delay fishing appropriately, but these small-scale proposals are hard to get behind. Question.</p>
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation		
Oppose	0	14	<p>Tim: This wants to make equitable harvest opportunity for drift and setnet in the Wood. Lindsay: I think it would be chaotic. Travis W: How would this impact allocation? Tim: We wouldn't be managing for allocation, I don't think a lot of drifters would make the trip up there if they're out in district. If doing this, be as specific as possible about when exactly it would open and close. Tim provides additional background about NRSWA and substitute language for fishing time. Travis B: The Board doesn't</p>

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			<p>want to deal with this. If we allow this to be open, we need to be very specific otherwise they'll make it their own language that will be more difficult to manage. I'm opposed. Travis W: Agree need to be careful/specific about language, what we're doing now seems to be working, I'm opposed. Susie: opposed. Travis B moves to adopt Lindsay seconds (Dec. 13) Robert: allocation shouldn't apply when trying to reach escapement. I'm not in favor of 48 and 48, but there should be an opportunity for drifters to go up there and fish. Susie: when concurrently open, what would or could that split look like, Robert? Robert: allocation doesn't supersede escapement, so WRSHA shouldn't be managed on allocation. Tim: be specific about what you want, we have been here before. Travis: RC70 Dec 2018 – provide history on that? Tim provides history on WRSHA, originally opened to protect Nush fish, has evolved into a dual fishery system and became what it is now. Travis: why do we tack it on to the district allocation? Tim: because we had no guide for how to do it, so we just made it an extension of the Nush allocation. Susie: Would it be worth it to go 36 on and 12 off as a setnetter up in there? Lindsay: maybe. Travis: Shares challenges of not being able to access the Wood River as an Ekuk setnetter or prop driftboat. Allocation in the bay should be allocation in the bay. WRSHA should not be a part of Nushagak Bay allocation. Nick Dowie: Hard to approach this stuff piecemeal – want to point to the BBSRI report that shows how much time</p>

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			<p>setnet has lost as a result of the SOC management concern. Robert: Allocation to go into the wood is based on 25/75, Igushik fishers don't really go there. When the allocation was put in place, it was based on 400-600 boats. Now its 900. Allocation shouldn't matter – the only reason you're fishing the Wood River should be to stop extra escapement up there. Travis W: Part of the SOC is to protect kings. Setnetters have a lower rate of catching kings than drifters – opposed to this because drifters theoretically catch more kings up in there. Pete A: live and subsist on Wood River, kings come up to Hansen point. Allocation and special harvest – probably 16 sites take majority of the fish that are caught up there. Robert: If allocation doesn't apply, make it compatible. Question.</p>
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
Oppose	3	10	<p>Tim: Set gillnets from 25 fathoms to 37.5 fathoms. Tony, speaking as a personal fisherman: Agree it would be doable at certain times. Lindsay in support, could be doable at certain tide stages and not doable at certain tide stages, also depends on location. Travis: Be careful in what you ask for – it can open a can of worms. Is the board going to OK prop 59 and prop 60 to give 'both sides' an 'equitable' opportunity? How would you feel about that? Travis B. moves to adopt Lindsay second (Dec. 13). Lindsay: more web in the water means increased capacity to catch 'foregone harvest'. Dan: if the reason to do this is because they do it in</p>

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			<p>Naknek, that's not a strong reason to vote for something.</p> <p>Mike D: Should be an effort to protect Muklung kings, this proposal would lead to increased division between the 'haves' and 'have nots' in the Wood River.</p>
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		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Tim: overview of proposal</p> <p>Lindsay moves to adopt Dan seconds. Lindsay: Need to give the king salmon management plan more time before even considering supporting a proposal like this. Travis B: also opposed, need to be unanimous in our support for the SOC plan. Lots of concern about giving up sockeye now, this would increase that drastically. Tony: BBEDC feels strongly not to see any changes to SOC plan until enough time passes we can see how it comes to fruition. Robert: echo same comments, we can't be nickel and diming this – hope this regions comes out in support of the existing plan. Wonder when the SOC plan will impact average runs when we have them again. Susie: Agreed, opposed to all because we haven't had adequate time to allow SOC plan to be in effect. Hard to know how effective without clear knowledge of how many kings are in the river. Gabe: would challenge that there has been no restriction on sport fishing is inaccurate. Lee: anglers have</p>

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			been limited to how many fish they can harvest. Much less effort from sport fishery. Question.
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		
Oppose	1	9	Susie: important to keep in mind our general themes – don’t want to restrict subsistence fishing, echo Tim’s caution about entertaining any of these proposals that could open up the plan for wayward changes we are extremely opposed to. Harder to enumerate kings with increased sockeye – we don’t actually know how many are there. Tim: crew starts counting by June 5 or 6. Travis moves to adopt and Dan seconds. Pete: There are fewer kings – there are less than there used to be. Dan: inclined to oppose this. Chris: in agreement with keeping the management plan as is. To Tim: did a survey of spawning grounds happen this year? Tim: no. Past several years yes. Question.
63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose	0	10	Nick Dowie: proposal is based on inconsistent dialogue about when to initiate EO’s. We are amenable to an amendment or pulling proposal entirely. John: we agree we need to let SOC plan work for a few more years. Robert: important to follow through on commitment that someone can come fish and bring a fish home. Susie: I know we do have local guides, don’t want to entirely take away their revenue. Chris: we’re going to continue to lose camps, still committed to sticking to

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			management plan. Lee: Creel program is very helpful in collecting data. Travis: It seems like raw data would be so much better than a survey. You mention man hour days on river – do you actually talk to all the lodges on Iliamna and Lake Clark and Naknek/Kvichak? Lee: yes – we make a substantial efforts to meet up with all flyouts every day. Dan: pretty grueling program to develop surveys. Question.
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		
Oppose	0	10	Travis moves to adopt Lindsay seconds. Travis: Seems problematic. Susie: based off earlier discussions about kings cycling up and out of wood, why would we open it early if we are worried about conserving kings? Will oppose. Travis: I see problems with it talking about opening to one gear type. Open to too much interpretation. Question.
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		
Oppose	0	10	Travis moves to adopt Lindsay second. Nick: Jerry Ball of ABS has significant concerns about this and how skewed setnet numbers are with allocation. Wrote it with Andy Wink, wish we knew more before submitting. Seems like something we shouldn't be asking the Board for, its ADFG primarily. Ekuk is down from harvest share. Travis: Where allocation comes from needs to be discussed. In support of part of this plan of decoupling WR from Nush, but don't want to mess with the plan. No way to get fish

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			<p>off Ekuk beach as setnetters, tough with seeing big reductions in our catch share. If we lose our plant we'll lose our fishery. I'm in favor of WR part but don't want to mess with the plan. Susie: Proposal 59 should someone want to submit some language as an amendment might be a good vessel to address this. Robert: Bigger issue here – fish are not running on that side of the bank as much as they used to. Ekuk in the past has caught 40% of total Nushagak harvest. Dan: really interesting to learn how the effects of allocation are affecting folks. I wonder if we could do something that doesn't disrupt the rest of the plan that addresses that issue. Nick: All setnet here – addressing loss of fishing time. Plus increased number of vessels coming to the district. Setnet overall has lost time. Don't want to upset SOC plan but want to do some education on this and share our concerns. Question.</p>
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Travis B moves to adopt Lindsay seconds. Travis W: wants an additional measure to protect kings, still in favor of seeing the SOC plan through for a few more years. Dan: we have struggled with addressing the barbless issue, sounds great and is popular elsewhere but not much gain for energy put into it. Opposed to barbless part. Lee: baitless leads to less catch, barbless does not have a statistically significant difference in mortality. Lindsay: support this except for the fact we're wanting to see the SOC plan come to fruition, oppose for now. Question</p>

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67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage		
Oppose	0	10	Travis moves to adopt, Lindsay seconds. Tom & Susie: think there is a lot of merit here, but at this time and with the assessment and previous comments will withdraw support – may try it again another time. Will put in a comment withdrawing it. Question.
68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon		
Opposed	0	10	Travis moves to adopt, Dan seconds. Dan: tim pointed out major drawbacks so I will oppose. Question.
69	Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department’s Status and Action Plan report		
Opposed	0	10	Travis B moves to adopt, Gabe seconds. Dan: reference other statements about not messing with SOC right now. Travis: agree with Dan. Not their backyard.
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District		
			No Discussion today
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	14	Dan: We have gone cross-eyed over this after moving to a specific river management plan, not reasonable. Travis: We do not need this. Susie: We should be fishing in the districts where the fish are headed, these proposals do not have credence. Lindsay: I oppose all. Lindsay moves to combine 71-74 into one proposal. Travis W: Second.

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			Joel Ludwig: points out that his proposal (71) uses language that the department <i>may</i> adopt a General District. Quality would likely improve. Could address marine mammal problem. Fish will be caught regardless. Travis: Seems like a move to change the rules because illegal fishing is happening – wrong reason to change the rules.
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			See notes for 71
73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			See notes for 71
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
			See notes for 71
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose	0	14	Tim: 466 “Dual” operators now, has been gradually going up over the years. Travis: We deal with this every time, goal of the “D” permit was to help someone participate in the fishery as a permit holder even if they couldn’t afford a boat. We are forcing everyone to compete. This needs to be an economically feasible fishery. “D” permits need to go away, they create an unfair advantage for wealthy fishers. Gabe: What data is there about removing gear from the water and fleet efficiency? Is this an ethical or economic dilemma? Susie/Lindsay/Travis: this can lead to a snowball effect of consolidation, we want to reduce outmigration of permits, we want to promote local owners and fishers and permit stacking diminishes that. Susie: BBEDC was a driver

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			for current dual system as a way to keep permits in the watershed. Yes, it has unforeseen consequences with inactive permits becoming 'D's and some consolidation outside of the watershed. Tony: BBEDC has never supported consolidation/stacking proposals, but do see benefits to dual permits. Misa: See Rachel Donkersloot's publications about this issue. Travis: Presents background history about shift of industry capabilities and local ownership of permits. Jesse: I like the current set up for duals, I wouldn't be participating in the fishery in the way that I am without this opportunity. Curt: Agree with Jesse, when used as intended it's a system that works. Lindsay: Motion to lump proposals 75-78 , second Travis B (Dec. 13) Travis: reiterate how disadvantageous this is for local people and communities and fisheries. Strongly opposed.
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
No Action			See notes on 75
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
No Action			See notes on 75
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
No Action			See notes on 75
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District		
No Action			
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay		

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Support	6	4	<p>Dan moves to adopt, Travis B. seconds (Dec. 13)</p> <p>Jamie O'Connor: Based precedent in Kodiak, hoping to achieve logistical ease in deliveries. Setnet operations would look and operate the same as currently are, but would simply allow one person from joint venture to deliver fish than have both permit holders go. Trying to avoid consolidation concerns by confining it to two permits only. There are ways people do this (transporter license, eg) but require lots of paperwork. Would require both permit #'s to be written on ticket. Joe Witkop: I didn't see anything that alleviates 2nd permit holder from being present at time of delivery to sign – am I missing that? Jamie: Department is willing to add Joint Ventures to delivery requirements, which would allow/require only one person to sign the fish ticket. Robert: To reference similarity with D permit on a drift boat is apples and oranges. It would be the same as two separate drift boats joining their catch and one boat goes to deliver while the other stays and fishes. It sounds like this already happens and it would be making something currently illegal, legal. Sonya: Makes it a simpler transition for people who are still fishing and need to deliver while others are still working the gear with issues in intertidal zones. Travis: using the word 'permit' a lot – can you clarify point 3? Jamie: I couldn't sign my brother up without his permission. Using the word permit is confusing terminology. Travis W: Concerned about adopting language from another fishery into ours, also it may be that you need to invest into your operation. If you</p>

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			<p>need multiple trucks, buy another truck. Sonya: that’s not the issue, it’s more logistically sensible. Susie: how would this impact setnet skiffs not operating on a beach? Lindsay: Similarly – would simplify operations and operate similarly to those on Ekuk/with beach and trucks. Robert: If fish come out of one person’s net, that person needs to deliver the fish. If the fish come out of another person’s net, the other person must deliver the fish. Travis: this does not give anybody an advantage of how they fish, wouldn’t give setnetters an advantage over drifters. Would make logistics simpler. Travis W: This can already be achieved if you fill out the transporter paperwork. Question.</p>
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Tim provides overview – could be utilized as a beach sein to test primary ‘research objectives’? Dan: inclined to oppose – if it’s a research project go do a research project. Gabe: Who would be doing the fishing? Tim: perhaps a setnetter could drain out their fish in a non-entanglement way. Question.</p>
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Tony: BBEDC doesn’t want to see any changes to current regulation, would rather see current regs enforced. Summarizes a report BBEDC has produced – regarding need for enforcement and clarification of what does and doesn’t qualify as ‘vessel length.’ Want to ensure disparity doesn’t increase. Dan: prop. 85 seems most clear and</p>

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83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications		
Oppose	0	10	<p>coherent. Robert: After seeing BBEDC’s report and language might not have submitted this proposal. Discussion about whether you can enforce on water only, while actively fishing only, or in boatyard once the vessel is registered to fish in the BB fishery. Joe: State attorneys don’t think certain regs/definitions are enforceable, we just need to figure out what the hard limit is are that we can defend in court. Travis B: to Robert, can you provide clarification about “trim tabs” in prop. 86? Do you want to withdraw your proposal? Robert: I think there is strong enough language in existing regs to enforce. Best thing to do is come out strong. 32’ is 32’. We will work with enforcement if needed. Existing regulations are a lot more clear than my proposal. This is a slippery slope and will go on and on. Need to stop it here. Travis W: Agree with what Robert is saying. Dan: do we need to add language? Susie: BBEDC’s language is what is already in regulation. As soon as the vessel is registered, they can enforce it. Pete: 32’ is 32’. The platform is built for what you’re supposed to do. Susie: I’d be in favor of taking 82-91 and voting them all down. Tony: Reads analysis memo. BBEDC hasn’t made a decision about whether their packet should be a public comment. Do plan to get our packet in front of board prior to meeting. Travis B. moves to adopt 82-91 second by Travis W. Question.</p>

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84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	10	
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation		
Oppose	0	10	
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs		
Oppose	0	10	
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations		
Oppose	0	10	
88	Remove anchor roller specifications		
Oppose	0	10	
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller		
Oppose	0	10	
90	Add gillnet roller specifications		
Oppose	0	10	
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard		
Oppose	0	10	
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25		
No Action	0	10	
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District		
Support	10	0	Moses: This addresses limited fishing time and opportunity for local fishermen and is highly dependent on weather. We've experienced several deaths of people trying to go home with severe winds after trying to travel after the closure. It used to be open from Monday morning to Saturday morning, with no problem. We'd like to extend the current fishing days.

Alaska Board of Fish: Bristol Bay Finfish

January 13-18, 2026 | Anchorage, Alaska

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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			<p>Tim: Right now only allowed to extend 48hrs. in Tog. Local folks initially requested original schedule but now want it to be extended again. Kulukak limited fishing time was in response to concern for kings and people trying to catch ‘intercept fish’ on their way to Tog. Tim providing additional history of Togiak fishing period decisions. Susie: We’re talking about increase of overall time but there is a general decrease in effort. Travis W: Would this drastically impact these escapement numbers? Tim: We don’t have a lot of data about this. It will likely not be overly exploited, don’t have a lot of biological concerns. Troopers did bust 5(7) boats fishing illegally outside of Kulukak Bay. Travis: if both 93 & 94 were adopted, would it mandate they’re both open or just give the option to be open? Tim: it would become the schedule for Kulukak but that could be reduced by EO. 94 would allow management flexibility. Maybe it shouldn’t be based on a set schedule but be based on weather that requires conversations each week with local fishermen. Joe: Primarily setnet effort there, rare to see drifters there. Susie: This seems like a reasonable ask if issue is to preserve life and safety due to weather concerns. Tony: A big part of these proposals was the transfer time – outside boats would come and reduce local catch. Locals thought if they increased fishing time they could catch more before other boats came over. Susie: Curious to see Togiak AC conversation, inclined to hear their priorities and wishes before making decisions about</p>

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			their area. Lindsay moves to adopt (Dec 13) second by Dan. Susie: safety and weather concerns were addressed. Question.
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District		
Support	10	0	See notes for 93. Natalie: Togiak AC supported unanimously. Travis moves to adopt Dan seconds. Question.
95	Modify early season registration requirements		
Opposed	0	10	Tim provides overview – allows a fisher to unregister after participating in early fishing and prior to having started fishing regular season. Travis moves to adopt, Lindsay second. Dan: I'm not inclined to support. Susie: I like the deadline of only being in effect til June 25. With June 25 I could support it. Tim: no impact for department. Pete: it's a wonderful idea, but what it panders to is speed and wealth. Robert: look closely at the reasoning for this – its to 'test' out your boat and crew. If you need to come up early to prepare, come up early. Travis W: we already have the opportunity to test our crew. Question.
96	Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage		
No Action			
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		
No Action			
98	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River,		
No Action			
99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		

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No Action			
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
No Action			
101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages		
No Action			
102	Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage,		
Oppose	0	10	Lee provides overview: moves boundary upriver about 4-5 miles, introduces bait 4 days sooner and moves close water boundary up in the Togiak. Travis B moves to adopt second by Dan. Travis W: would like to see things stay the same and keep that area closed, there are spawning areas in that proposed extended area. Spent a lot of years fishing here, would oppose this. Lee: at 2022 meeting, Board prohibited all retention of kings over 22". 2024 had zero harvest on Togiak R. Effort has declined to 0. Dan: I've spent time there and heard from folks there, this seems to be a bad idea. Keeping it prohibited would protect other species. Lee: Bait is currently allowed but not during peak king season, this would move that date 4 days earlier. Question.
103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming)		
Support	10	0	Lee: Overview of proposal, chumming is already prohibited by all areas disallowing bait, this would extend the prohibition of chumming to all areas. Travis W. moves to adopt, Gabe seconds. Dan: to Lee, can you clarify chumming with cleaning tables?

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			<p>Lee: its limited to guides and guided anglers. Authors don't see a lot of this, but it does happen and they want to get out ahead of it – proposal ensures 'fair chase' aspect. Dan: have seen overactive coppers giving kids a hard time on certain rivers. Gabe: I suspect one or two bad actors dumping lots of guts in one or two areas consistently. Am in support. Travis W: know some guides who do it, not a fan. Travis B: Same page, not in favor of this. Intent is to not make it a commercially viable practice. Inclined to support. Pete: I've fished above upper Nushagak, haven't seen bait but when in those areas with kings spawning, they can be very aggressive. You don't need bait. Question.</p>
104	Modify gear to barbless hooks in Moraine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages		
No Action			
105	Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Lee: Board could go about this different ways, we don't have any enumeration for rivers other than Nushagak. BOF can't direct department on how to spend money. But Board could adopt a management plan in absence of SEG's. Author wants to alert board to fact that there is no data for these rivers and they do want data. Travis moves to adopt, Dan seconds. Lee: would have to take into consideration commercial, sport, subsistence with this plan. Dan: we struggled on the Naknek to do this, became very heated between sport and</p>

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			commercial fisheries. To make a plan would be very difficult. More attention is needed but can't support this now. Gabe: How would this impact/change anything? Lee: essentially it would be supporting Nancy in her quest. Gabe: It doesn't have any teeth? Travis B: understand what she's trying to do, seems too broad. Susie: agree – can't do the job we want here, would be too big a task for now. Opposed. Question.
<i>Other fishery proposals at the ACs discretion</i>			

Minutes taken by: Lindsay Layland (secretary)

Approved by: Susie Jenkins-Brito (Chairman)

Petersburg Advisory Committee**12/10/25 5:00-7:00pm****Meetings Minutes****Future business**

- Tried to vote for a secretary for the committee but public notice is required
- Planned vote for next meeting

Potential new members

- Caleb Latumpski showed interest in becoming an alternate
- Seth McCallum showed interest in becoming an alternate
- Public notice is required to vote them in, vote scheduled for next meeting

General public comments

Steve Burell (Petersburg resident) Moose proposals

- Changing this hunt makes no sense with how harvest success has been over the last 20 years. A record number of moose were taken last year showing the current management plan is a huge success.

Lad Norhiem (Petersburg resident) Moose and grouse proposals

- Fantastic harvest opportunities with current management plan. Current plan allows incredible opportunities for the greatest number of hunters. Don't change a good thing.
- Grouse proposals: Concerned about hens being overharvested by road hunters in the fall. Does not want the season extended.

Proposal 61 (Fisheries, Bristol Bay) Opposed Unanimously

- Public comments Casey Knight, Nels Evens, Ross Hofacre, Venessa Bartman (opposed)
- Pointed out, the proposal was poorly thought out and written with typos and no backing from other stakeholders
- Concerned there will be unnecessary impacts to the economics of the fishery
- Believe the current management is working and that this plan is ill conceived
- Would restrict other fisheries, e.g. sockeye fisheries would be closed
- Let the current plan play out
- Support vote:0

- Oppose Vote:12

Board of Game Proposals

Proposal 26 Opposed Unanimously

- Kaleb Baird (AC): four years is too long of a punishment, needs to make it billy only restriction. Residents are impacted more by this proposal than nonresidents.
- Poorly written
- ADF&G believes anecdotally that negative sentiment towards nannies' harvested is reducing the harvesting of nannies
- Unreasonable punishment
- Support vote:0
- Opposed vote:12

Proposal 40 Opposed

- Don Spigelmyre (AC): One deer is plenty for nonresidents
- Keep more opportunities for residents
- Residents harvest deer to feed themselves nonresidents hunt to cover their walls
- Opposed Vote: 1
- Support Vote: 11

Proposal 41 Opposed

- Same comments
- Opposed vote:1
- Support Vote:11

Proposal 43 Opposed

- Clean up the boundary lines, continuity of current season dates
- Poor winter could have impacts if this proposal is adopted
- Opposed vote: 12
- Support vote: 0
- Abstention: 1

Proposal 44 Opposed unanimously

- Difficult to make a determination without understanding the process
- What are the draw success rates of resident vs nonresidents
- Against if it makes process similar to up north draw hunts
- Opposed: 12

- Support: 0

Proposals 45 & 46 Opposed

- Kaleb Baird (AC): opposed but, would support 46 if amended to a resident only tag
- Opposed vote: 10
- Support vote: 0
- Abstention: 2

Proposal 57 Opposed unanimously

- ADF&G voiced concern of low population numbers to support this hunt
- Kaleb Baird (AC): wants to see how the recently adopted draw hunt proposal plays out. Over pressure would wipe out the population. Not a sustainable hunt.
- Steve Burell (member of the public): feels residents should have more opportunity to hunt elk on the island.
- Cody Lister (State Trooper) Believes there is significant poaching of elk on that island
- Petersburg AC would like to see more tags issued for this hunt
- Opposed vote: 12
- Support vote: 0

Proposal 64 Opposed unanimously

- ADF&G and state troopers are against this for determining legality
- The committee shares the same concerns as the state
- Opposed vote: 12
- Support vote: 0

Proposal 65 Opposed unanimously

- Same comments as proposal 64
- Record moose harvest over the past years
- Committee feels the current management plan is working well and should not be changed.
- Robin Leatherman (member of public) opposed, believes it would hurt the population
- Steve Berell (member of public) This hunt is the best way to sustainably harvest moose in the region
- Opposed vote: 12
- Support vote: 0

Comments on BoF Proposal 61

My name is Casey Knight and I am a 40-year-old second generation Bristol Bay drift gillnet fisherman. I have a young family. This fishery has been my primary source of income for 25 years (not counting early childhood, before I began crewing).

I **strongly oppose** Proposal 61. My reasons are as follows:

1. The proposal is poorly written. Under the section “What is the issue you would like the Board to address and why?”, the proponents of the proposal included a single two-sentence paragraph. In these two sentences, there are three typos. In addition, under the section “Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others?”, the proponents wrote ‘Not applicable’. This is clearly false. It is a Yes-or-No question; the answer to the question must be either ‘yes’ or ‘no’ — ‘not applicable’ is not an option. So which is it? Presumably, if the answer is ‘Yes’, it would be incumbent to say with whom you coordinated and what reasons for and against the proposal were considered. And if the answer is ‘No’, it seems important to give a brief explanation of why not.
2. The proponents of the proposal failed to address obvious relevant questions, such as: (i) Why do you think the current king salmon management plan is inadequate to handle your concerns? (ii) What would be the likely economic impact to various user groups, and how might they be alleviated? (iii) Have you considered other alternatives that might address your worries? (iv) Can you estimate the likely increase in king salmon escapement as a result of the adoption of your proposal? Until answers to questions such as these are *at least addressed*, the Board should not take this proposal seriously.
3. In 2023, the current king salmon management plan was adopted, after *extensive review* by stakeholders and ADF&G representatives. To change the management plan once again as the result of a *two-sentence, typo-ridden spiel* seems unwarranted.
4. As I understand it, king salmon are on a roughly 5-year cycle (feel free to correct me; but even if some kings are only 3- or 4-years-old when they return, this point still stands). Since the current management plan is only two years old, this means that there is no basis to claim that the current management plan is somehow “not working”. Consider an analogy. Suppose the coach of your basketball team, after extensive study of the opponent’s offense (and even after conferring with the players), decides that you should play a 2-3 zone against them. But then one member of the team objects in the locker room, just prior to the game, before you have even given the 2-3 zone a chance. Imagine that the objector would rather go man-to-man; he says that the 2-3 zone is “just not working”. Should the coach take the objector seriously? Clearly not.

I urge the Board not to pass this ill-conceived, hastily-written proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Seldovia Advisory Committee
Friday, December 19th, 2025
Seldovia Multipurpose Room**

I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Michael Opheim (MVO)

II. Roll Call

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Leila Williams, Jason Herreman, Chris Bottom

IV. Guests Present:

none

V. Approval of Agenda

MVO

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MVO

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

none

b. ADF&G:

i. Jason Herreman – Deer planting, goat hunts, Kalgin hunts

c. Others

none

VIII. Public Comment

none

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Elections: 4 seats expiring, 4 vacant seats, 2 alternates
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals
- c. Board of Fish Bristol Bay Region Proposals
- d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting March 20-March 25, 2026 Kodiak, AK Comment Deadline March 6, 2026			
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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC agrees with restricting hunters that take nannies in any unit should be restricted.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Na			
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
Na			
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
Na			
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
Na			
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Na			

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87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
Na			
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Na			
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
oppose	0	9	
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
support	9	0	
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
support	9	0	
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC supports the Homer ACs proposal on this topic as it covers the same concerns as ours, proposal 99.
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC supports this proposal we developed

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100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
Na			
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
na			
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Na			
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Na			
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Na			
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Na			
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			

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127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Na			
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Na			
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
Na			
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
Na			
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Na			
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		

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Na			
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
na			
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
na			
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
na			
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
na			
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
na			
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
na			

Alaska Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Region Meeting
 January 13-January 18, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline December 29, 2025

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
61	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. 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		

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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
oppose	0	9	The provisions suggested in this proposal are unreachable and unreasonable given current king salmon numbers. This would hinder the commercial fishery from operating more then it already does.
62	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. 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		
oppose	0	9	The provisions suggested in this proposal are unreachable and unreasonable given current king salmon numbers. This would hinder the commercial fishery from operating more then it already does.
69	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon		

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Meeting March 17-March 20, 2026 Anchorage, AK			
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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
167	5 AAC 28.050. Lawful gear for groundfish. Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
support	9	0	The AC agrees that a vessel should only be allowed to carry one gear type as described in this proposal. This would align with other fisheries and ensure good practices.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Meeting March 17-March 20, 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
186	5 AAC 21.353 Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
oppose	0	9	The AC feels restricting these fisheries further would not help the problem stated in this proposal.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn
7:47 pm

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton_____

Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim_____

Date: 12/29/2025_____

Togiak Advisory Committee

Monday, November 24th, 2025, at 11:00 AM| Togiak Traditional Council and Online via Zoom
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 | Meeting ID: 833 6176 9380 | Password: SWR

Agenda

- I. Call to Order: 11:10am

- II. Roll Call
 - I. Members Present: Jimmy Coopchiak, Joe Alexie, Walter Kanulie, Kenneth Nukwak, Gayle Andrew, Roger C Wassillie, Sidney Pavian, Mickey Sharp, Moses Kritz Sr., Richard Echuck, Peter Lockuk Sr., Thomas Dock
 - II. Members Absent (Excused):0
 - III. Members Absent (Unexcused):4
 - IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7
 - V. List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Sands, Natalie Romo,

- IV. Guests Present: Clara Martin, James Active, Koby Pauk

- V. Approval of Agenda Moses K made motion to approve, 2nd by Peter L. Discussion-amend agenda to have additions made by N Romo and was approved.

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
No previous meeting minutes were needed.

- VII. Reports
 - I. Chair No reports
 - II. Others: Tim Sands reported on 2025 fishing season for Togiak. He will make it a point to let people (outside fishermen) of the fishing section lines of Togiak Bay(like the line from Rocky Point to Aelius Mountain) He mentioned the prediction for returning salmon for Togiak 2026 for their size and what might be the escapement for the lake. There were questions on counting tower for Togiak and he said it would be funded. There was a question on whether drones can be used for counting but it still needs to be researched. Trawling for yellowfin sole was brought up and how it disturbs Round Island walrus and the bycatch of halibut. T Sands responded that ADF&G has no jurisdiction but to contact NPFMC (North Pacific Fishery Management Council) or attend their meetings and present concerns. King Salmon line in Togiak (June1 to July 16 closed section to drifters), there was a question to see if it makes any difference, and response was it does. There was a question on how kings were caught, Cathy Albright from Togiak Fisheries how many were delivered to cannery. Todd Rinaldi report from ADF&G wildlife section reported on moose populations for unit 17(A, B,C) what the harvest numbers were from the unit sections. He reported on surveys and planned surveys for the moose population in unit. He reported on predator control and mention how many bears and wolvers were killed. He reported on the Mulchatna caribou herd from west area to east area as far as numbers, calf survival and predations. Also, the numbers count for Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd. The dates set by ADF&G and the TNWR hunting for bears and wolves were told by each entity.

III. Public Comment

- IX. New Business
 - I. Elections: 4 Undesignated Seats, 1 Undesignated Alternate Seat, Officers There was a motion by Richard E to keep the people as was presented for election, seconded Peter Lockuk and motion was carried.
 - II. Discussion of BOF Bristol Bay Finfish proposals, and other fisheries proposals at the discretion of the committee. Togiak AC wanted to discuss proposals after getting minutes from Nushagak AC. Members were encouraged to listen in by telephone.
 - III. Appoint AC Member to represent the Togiak AC at the BOF Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, Togiak AC will decided in next meeting who to send.
 - IV. Appoint single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of December 29, 2025 Walter Kanulie appointed to do minutes of this meeting.
 - V. Miscellaneous business
- X. Old Business
- XI. Set date of next meeting – after Nushagak AC meeting.
- XII. Committee comments
- XIII. Other

ADJOURN**See table AC Actions**

Togiak Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 11th, 2025, at 11:00 AM Online via Zoom

Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 87821 Meeting ID: 846 1129 7780 | Password: SWR

Draft Agenda

- 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, Lester 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, 2nd- Joe Alexie
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion- Moses, 2nd Joe Alexie
- VII. Reports
 - I. Chair: N/A IL
 - 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, 2nd by Peter. **Motion Falls unanimously.** Motion to support **44, 45** by Moses, Second by Joe. **Motion Failed Unanimously.** Motion to Adopt Proposal **50** by Moses, 2nd by Joe. **Unanimously Failed.** Motion to Adopt Proposal **54** Moses Kritz, 2nd Peter Lockuk. **Unanimously Failed.** Motion to Adopt Proposal **55** by Moses Kritz, 2nd 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. 2nd 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 2nd by Jimmy. **Failed Unanimously.** Move to adopt proposal **81** by Richard, 2nd by Joe. **Failed Unanimously.** Motion to adopt **82,87-91** by Peter Lockuk, 2nd by Joe. **Failed Unanimously.** Motion to Adopt Proposal 95 by Peter, 2nd by Richard. **Failed Unanimously.** Motion to Adopt Proposal **188** by Moses, 2nd 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. XIII.Other: N/A

ADJOURN: 3:40pm

<p style="text-align: center;">Alaska Board of Fish: Bristol Bay Finfish January 13-18, 2026 Anchorage, Alaska</p>			
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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		
Opposed		Unanimous	
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or reregister in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
Opposed		Unanimous	
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		

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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		
Opposed		Unanimous	
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		
Opposed		Unanimous	
55	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan		
Support	Unanimous		
56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery		
Support	Unanimous		

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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		
Support as Amended	Unanimous		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		
Oppose		Unanimous	
59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation		
Oppose		Unanimous	
60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
Oppose		Unanimous	
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		
Oppose		Unanimous	
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		
Oppose		Unanimous	
63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose		Unanimous	
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		
Oppose		Unanimous	

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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		
Oppose		Unanimous	
66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan		
Oppose		Unanimous	
67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage		
Oppose		Unanimous	
68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon		
Oppose		Unanimous	
69	Adopt recovery goal for Nushagak River King Salmon as recommended in the Department's Status and Action Plan report		
Oppose		Unanimous	
70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District		
71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose		Unanimous	AC discussed how opening a general district will catch salmon going to their rivers and may effect run for a bay with low forecast and escapement goals not being met. Motion was for 71 to 74
72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose		Unanimous	
73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
Oppose		Unanimous	
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan		
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75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose		Unanimous	AC opposed 75 to 78, discussion Togiak having small boats can't compete in Togiak section. One discussion is percent share for one permit holder might not be fair.
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose		Unanimous	
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose		Unanimous	
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery		
Oppose		Unanimous	
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District		
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay		
			Its been done in families to get the high end mark on deliveries to families.?
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area		
Oppose		Unanimous	
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications		
Oppose		Unanimous	
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications		

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Oppose		Unanimous	AC discuss to oppose 83, 84, 86 to not change vessel lengths
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay		
Oppose		Unanimous	
85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation		
Support	Unanimous		AC discussed to approve because vessel length is still 32' and to keep regulation as is on length.
86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs		
Oppose		Unanimous	
87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations		
Oppose		Unanimous	
88	Remove anchor roller specifications		
Oppose		Unanimous	
89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller		
Oppose		Unanimous	
90	Add gillnet roller specifications		
Oppose		Unanimous	
91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard		
Oppose		Unanimous	
92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25		
93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District		
Support	Unanimous		AC discussed safety for skiffs used by setnetters in travelling to Kulukak, also to decrease foregone escapement goals
94	Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District		
Support	Unanimous		

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95	Modify early season registration requirements		
Oppose		Unanimous	
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		
100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River		
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,		
Oppose		Unanimous	
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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188	Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
Opposed		Unanimous	

Minutes taken by: Walter Kanulie

Approved by: Jimmy Coopchiak
12/18/2025