

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Kenai Soldotna AC1

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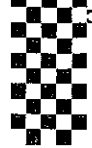
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Kenai Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2008 Kenai Peninsula College, Room 159

In Attendance: Gary Dawkins, Bill Tappan, Dave Atchison, Joe Hardy, Ed Moeglin, George(Bubba) Hunt, Nathan Corr, Dyer Vandevere, Paul Shadura II, Mike Crawford, Dave Horton

Meeting called to order 7:10 PM

Bill Tappan talked about his conversation with Bill Godfried and when he could speak to the advisory board.

Brief Discussion of Lacey Act and other new acts proposed to enforce the illegal taking and selling of personal use fish.

Discussion of getting a gentleman from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We would like to have a meeting with law enforcement to discuss enforcement issues pertaining to fish and game. We need a representative from each of the law enforcement agencies.

Discussion on the one halibut limit in Southeast Charter Boats.

Begin discussion on the Board of Fisheries proposal book, Board of Game book and ACR's.

BOARD OF FISHERIES ACR's.

- Bill: ACR#4 Joe: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed
- Bill: ACR#2 Joe: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed
- Bill: ACR#5 Ed: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed

This is not possible. ADF&G has no data on July 15. They would have to manage the run on the predicted data.

- Bill: ACR#11 Ed: Second Vote: 10/0/1 Support

This motion allows the remaining 50 feet of net to be tarped off instead of being removed from the spool. It is still unusable but easier for the commercial fisherman.

- Bill: ACR#14 Nate: Second Vote: 8/0/3 Support

This is a motion to reconsider proposals affecting the Kasilof terminal fishery. The board was previously against a terminal fishery being used. The terminal fishery is an overused and non-equitable fishery.

Break 9:00 PM Called back to order 9:13 PM

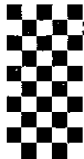
BOARD OF FISHERIES PROPOSALS

Attn: Shannon
BOF - PWS

- Paul: Proposal 1 Bill: Second Vote: 0/10/0 Opposed

We don't want to give some Alaskans priority over other Alaskans.

AC Comment# 1



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 22, 2008, 7 - 10 PM, MTA Building, Palmer
Minutes

- 7:00 PM: Call meeting to order
- Roll Call

Kenny Barber	present
Brian Campbell	present
Mark Chryson (secretary)	present
Andy Couch	present
Stephen Darilek	present
Bennett Durgeloh	present
Gerrit Dykstra	excused
Ken Federico	present
Bill Folsom	excused
Denny Hamann (Chair) --	excused
Patrick O'Connor	present
John Otcheck -	present
Tony Russ	present
Max Sager (alternate)	present
Lonnie Stevens (alternate)	present
Troy Vincent	present
Mark Vingoe	present

left about 8:30

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*Attn: Shannon
BOF - CE/PWS
AC Comments
(and public comments
received @ AC meeting)*

- Approve minutes
approved via email no additions or corrections
- Calendar of events:

1. Board of Game meeting for Southeast Region proposals November 7-11, 2008 in Juneau. The deadline for written comments is October 24, 2008.
2. Board of Fisheries meeting for Prince William Sound proposals December 1-7, 2008 in Cordova. The comment deadline is November 17, 2008.
3. Advisory Committee Meetings are scheduled for October 22 and November 5 to address proposals for this PWS BOF meeting.
4. Board of Fisheries meeting for Southeast and Yakutat Shellfish proposals January 21-27, 2009 in Petersburg. The comment deadline is January 9, 2009.
5. Board of Fisheries meeting for Southeast and Yakutat Finfish proposals February 17-26, 2009 in Sitka. The comment deadline is February 3, 2009.
6. Board of Game meeting for Southcentral/Southwest Region proposals on February 27-March 9, 2009 in Anchorage. The Proposal Deadline for this meeting is December 5, 2008. The comment deadline is February 13, 2009.

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7. Board of Fisheries meeting for Statewide Shellfish proposals March 16-20, 2009 in Anchorage. The comment deadline is March 2, 2009.

▪ Reports and Comments:

1. Recognize guests and/or department staff.

Rep Carl Gato

Dan Elliot

Brenda Rebne, AHTNA

Nick Jackson AHTNA

Mel and Claudia Hoversten

Charlie Center

Ben Mulligan - Rep Stoltze

Howard Delo BOF

Tony Kavelok ADFG

2. Other announcements and/or agenda items?

- How tonight's meeting will be handled.
 - Any amendments must be in written form.
 - Verbal comments must be short and to the point.
3. Public Comment.

Dan Elliot 1 halibut limit in SE now we need to make sure it doesn't happen here
Should be ample personal use and sport fisheries allotment over commercial usages.

Brenda Rebne brought Nick Jackson from AHTNA to address questions she missed last meeting
Nick Jackson prop 1 AHTNA opposes personal use smaller limit then subsistence would be too great of an impact on the escapement
Prop 3 water closure on subsistence years ago was commercial whitefish
Gillnet under the ice, fish traps or set lines.
Was the reintroduction of reds detrimental? Reds used to run there but the run
Disappeared without explanation.
30-40 fish is what is being asked for. Board may be able to set numbers
67 was last time subsistence fishery was utilized, too many non target fish were taken.
Fishery to be done in the winter.
Mel Holvensten never seen anyone sub fish there since 64
Charlie Center Prop 2 is for all fresh water fish and concern is over fishing
Mark Vingoe can you offer anything for the committee in a give/take situation
Nick No idea of how to give anything.
Brenda – what is the reason for over fishing?,
Charlie Center population increase and easier access
How can you limit access? Not on conveyed land AHTNA doesn't recognize RS
2477 row only 17b access.
Target species is whitefish not burbot and lake trout.
Prop 4 no comment

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Tony Kavelok why the dept is not moose surveying – the snow conditions are not ideal for surveying
 No surveys until end of October anyway. 14A and 16B
 14B and 16A done 3 years ago.
 No proposals on BOG that are radical. Toying with any bull limited drawing
 hunts for 14A results would be tabulated soon
 Rams seen this year are larger 7/8 curl or better.

Jim Palin- Crosswind not sure of who would be eligible for this subsistence and how it concern for sport fisheries.

Pat O'Conner Where are fishery biologists and their comments?

Brenda Rebne there will be guide use concession area and asks for comments

Andy Couch We should have biologist present to address some of these concerns

Steve Darilek Biologist needed but proposals are clear enough where we can vote. On them

• Old Business:

All motions for the meeting were made by Bennett Durgeloh and seconded by Lonnie Stevens

1. Choose member to represent MVFGAC at Unit 20 moose management planning group.
 Pat used to live there and still hunts there.
 Motion to designate Pat O'Conner and Bill Folsom as alternate to represent us at the meting
 Designation of representative and alternate passed
 14-0.

• New Business:

1. Howard Delo, Board of Fisheries – New proposal to correct possible error on west side Kalgin Island drift net closure.

Howard Delo history UCI BOF meeting 2005, major overhaul of drift fishery management plan.
 Northern District got the short end of the stick, Kenai sport fishery and drift fisherman
 Proposal C error in regulation, this was noticed 2 days after deadline.
 (Conservation corridor)
 BOF was supposed to close Kalgin Island area and much drift activity was discovered in 2008 summer, no mention of closure in regulations. Law Dept says that there was no error in regulation allowing openings.

Lance Nelson says at the meeting, was there any possibility that KRSA was correct on error, - records are ambiguous enough to go either interpretation. From Sport fish interpretation or the comm. Fleets interpretation

Proposal opens up Central district drift management plan to review at March

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meeting.

UCIDFA will have over 100 people to say this never took place.

Andy Couch Will any records be gotten from public? No only official records.
Howard Dershum wanted to close the Kalgin island area through Aug 10.

Not sure what will come from this.

2. Call for BOG proposals for spring 2009 Southcentral/Southwest Regions – Units 6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,17 – due by December 5, 2008

- 2. Prince William Sound & Upper Copper/Upper Susitna BOF proposals – comments due Nov. 17 (see below)
- 3. next wed 6:30-8:30 Mat Su related, New Public Safety Commissioner Master will be at the Mat-Su LIO
- 4. Pebble Mine meeting Monday 11/10 Mat-Su Resort /and sports fish people. Open forum 5:30 – 10:00

BOF PROPOSALS

All motions for the meeting were made by Bennett Durgeloh and seconded by Lonnie Stevens

Proposal 1

~~Chitna~~ personal use to be subsistence
already have fish wheels in Glennallen district
Ken Federico asking for better classification.
Motion passed 8-4-1

Proposal 2

Fresh water are subsistence fish
Pat O'Connor wants biologist to speak.
Andy Couch limits are low as is and high harvest will wipe out the population. Only for AHTNA people, why is it discriminatory against others?
John Otcheck will sport fishermen be cut off at low populations – yes
Max Sager I don't need a biologist to speak

Written comments from public attached - 3 pages total

Motion failed
0-14-0

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Proposal 3

Crosswind Lake subsistence

Numerous public opinion opposing emails

Andy Couch subsistence regulations should be sport regulations.

Bennet Durgeloh federal and state regulations what will they be?

Mark Chryson wish it would target specific species, motion too vague.

Tony Russ we are trying to represent everyone, subsistence cuts out all other user groups

Brian Cambell what is AHTNA's give/take, seems like it is all take and no give.

Ben Mulligan been closed since 60's why is it coming up now?

Jon Otcheck all fish are targeted but salmon.

Pat O'Conner they want whitefish but that is the food source for lake trout and Burbot. The proposal doesn't mention specific species

Written comments from public attached - 9 pages total

Motion failed 0-14-0

Proposal 4

Restrict Cordova gill nets for kings

John Otcheck What are the present limits

Andy Couch We need more info before voting

Tabled to time certain

Proposal 5

marking gear

motion passed

13-0

Proposal 6

cutting caudal fins

tips to lobes? Bigger cut?

Pain in the rear? What is defined as fishing site?

Once you pull out of the river

Motion passed

12-1-0

Troy Vincent Please define tip and lobe?

Proposal 8

open subsistence season earlier

river is still iced up

early fish most valuable and will congregate in this area before they are able to make it upstream

fishery is in river as is.

Motion failed

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Proposal 13

Increase distance between fish wheels

Tony Russ not necessary, people wont be able to fish as land access limited.

Bennet Durgeloh doesn't think it is necessary

Motion failed

0-13-0

Proposal 14

Dip netting, too close?

How's is it going to be enforced?

Boats out fish wheels anyway

You couldn't dip on your own wheel

In a boat you can't get too close as is due to safety

Motion failed

0-13

Proposal 19

daily reporting

no way to enforce and no way to get to to reporting.

No cell phone reception in area.

In season numbers can be better, would consider weekly reporting

Wheels are scattered 150 miles on the river, access to reporting would make it a hardship.

Motion failed

0-13

Proposal 20

reporting within 48 hours

dept only in Glennallen

where would they report to?

What happens if you use it over the course of the season?

Not practical

Andy Couch favourable to weekly reporting.

Motion failed

0-13

Proposal 22

make limits like the kenai fishery

10 per person and not weekly bonuses

6

motion passed
12-1

Proposal 23

sonar assessing trip counts
change time periods so it could be in one slug in 7 consecutive days

would like FG info
wonders if this would effect escapement
miles lake 10 days fish travel time
give the BOF an option of 22 and 23
might have too many openings

motion passed
7-2-4

Minority comment

Wants to hear from F& G and their ability to manage the resource

Proposal 24

restrict dipping

doesn't identify who benefits and suffers.
Copper has sonar where this doesn't help manage the fishery
Attempt to share the conservation burden, if commercial is shut down then it clamps down on in river users sooner.
Would be sharing but it is shut down completely.

Would be acceptable if the one statement shutting down the season completely was removed.
Personal use has lowest priority in regulation
If com fish reopens then personal use is still shut down

Motion failed
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Proposal 25

recording personal use king and limits
catch in dip net or sport caught
mortality of kings is concerned as well
commercial doesn't have a limit on kings
is a fair way to catch kings anyway.
It goes against the sports license

Motion passed
13-0

Proposal 26

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sounds like it is just trying to make the taxi operators do more paper work
 is the water taxi a guiding service?
 What's the problem?
 Hems drops you off on the rocks
 Only 2 or 3 people that are involved
 Is this a personal vendetta?

Motion failed
 0-13

Proposal 27

open chitna river to dipping
 utilize an untapped resource
 is it AHTNA land and will there be a trespass fee?
 Below high water mark is ok to walk
 Mostly boats
 Fish wheels an option
 ACCESS???

Motion passed
 13-0

Proposal 41

Skates are not utilized at all.
 How can you target the skates only?
 Allow skates as a by catch
 Halbut by catch is an issue.
 Is this a way to catch halibut only?
 Dungeness crab fishery non existent anymore.
 Need input from ADFG,
 Vague on the area involved.

Tabled time certain.

Meeting adjourned 9:58 pm

Meeting Nov 5th 7:00 PM MTA building Palmer.
 Hope we can have a fisheries biologist present.

(Next one November 19 - tentative)



Public Comment received @ Mat Valley
10-22-08 meeting
3pg total

REC-
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Mark Chryson

From: Vern Schachle [vschachle@mta-felco.com]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 6:52 AM
To: mark@akip.org
Subject: Anthea Subsistence Proposal
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

To whom it may concern,
I strongly oppose the Anthea Subsistence Fishing Proposal. I believe that this proposal will hurt the general public greatly in the future. I hope that the ADF&G Board really looks into the consequences of what this could do for all the residents who enjoy fishing with their families in these areas. Thank you for your time on this important issue.

Vern Schachle.
Po Box 871213
Wasilla, Alaska, 99687

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Mark Chryson

From: Linda Canniff [Linda.Canniff@matsugov.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 8:38 AM
To: mark@akip.org
Subject: Subsistence Fishing in Copper River Basin (Upper Copper River & Upper Susitna River Drainages).
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

I am opposing the Ahtna subsistence fishing proposal 2-5 to be submitted to Alaska Fish & Game Department on the Subsistence Fishing in Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Drainages and local lakes in these areas. Any fishing should be equal for all Alaskan residents.

I want it recorded that this is being appealed by a 31 year resident of Alaska and I should have the same fishing rights as any Native groups.

Thank you,

Linda Canniff
Property owner/Lake Louise area

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Mark Chryson

From: Charly Center [crosswnd@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2008 3:12 PM
To: Mark
Subject: subsidence proposal#2
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

This letter pertains to the Subsidence Proposal #2-5AAC 01.6xx that basically opens all the fresh water lakes and streams to all species of fish for Subsidence fishing.

I have 19 acres on Crosswinds Lake and a cabin. I have been fishing within this area since 1960. My Dad had Crosswinds Fishing Service on Talsona Lake, so I have knowledge in this area. I am against any Subsidence Fishing by anybody for the following reasons. This is not like the "Good Old Days" when the population was very low in Alaska and damn near impossible to get access to most of these waters, unless you had an airplane. Reason #1: Nowadays with modern snow machines and the population explosion since the 70's there is too much pressure on all the wildlife in this area. Especially anywhere near a road system. Reason #2: The fresh water species of fish do not reproduce like salt water salmon and cannot take anymore fishing pressure. Reason #3: Since we no longer live in the day and age of Subsidence living, the Native population is just going to have to realize that Subsidence living is not a reality anymore, especially if they live on the road system and have access to all the benefits of modern living. What was, is no more. This pertains to all of the population of Alaska, not just the Natives. Thank you, Charly Center

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9 pgs for

SUBJECT - PROPOSITION # 3 - TO OPEN
CROSSWIND LAKE TO SUBSISTENCE FISHING.

THE LIMITS FOR FISHING ON THE LAKE
HAVE CONTINUALLY DROPPED. IT IS NOW 1
LAKE TROUT OVER 24 INCHES PER DAY AND IN
POSSESSION. LAKE TROUT AND OTHE FISH GROW
VERY SLOW. I FEEL THIS LAKE CAN NOT TAKE
THAT KIND OF PRESSURE AND WOULD BE
IRREPARABLE AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS.
THE OTHER FISH CANNOT TAKE THAT KIND
OF PRESSURE EITHER, SINCE THEY ARE
ALSO FEED FOR THE OTHER FISH. I HAVE
HAD A PLACE ON THE LAKE FOR ABOUT 30 YRS.
AND THE FISHING IS GETTING SLOWER ALL THE
TIME. MORE PEOPLE CAN NOW GET TO THE LAKE
IN WINTER, SO IT IS FISHED MORE HEAVILY
THAN EVER.

PLEASE CONSIDER TO OPPOSE THIS NEW
PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

SINCERELY
CURTIS R. ANDERSON
[Signature]

(12)

A/C Comment# 2

October 16 2008

Attn: Mark Chryson

Re: Crosswinds lake subsistence netting proposal #3-5AAC 01.625G

Mr. Mark Chryson,

I can not tell you how surprised I was to read a proposal to allow subsistence gillnetting under traditional use in Crosswinds Lake.

I am very concerned with this proposal for several reasons that I will outline below.

First off there has been a recent study done on Burbot stocks in Crosswinds lake (2006 and 2007), in the preliminary data it appears that the Burbot population could possibly be in decline, if that is the case it should be abundantly clear that an gillnet fishery could Delete these stocks. My information is from the comparison study done by Fish & Game. In 2006 there was 3860 fish estimated in the lake and in 2007 the study showed 2130 fish this should speak for itself as far as netting these stock are concerned.

From what I understand about Lake trout is that they are a very slow growing and slow reproducing fish with the larger/older fish being the spawners a gill net fishery would with out a doubt target these breeding stock. As I see the management history at Crosswinds Lake Fish & Game themselves have limited the sport fishery to one fish a day and one in possession to protect this resource and am confident that they are making the right choices, just consider the damage a 100 foot gillnet could do, most likely one such net could catch an entire years sport fishing harvest in very short order.

Another consideration will with out a doubt be conflicts between land owners and subsistence gill-netters at Crosswinds Lake; most land around the lake is in private ownership known for quiet enjoyment should this proposal be considered I believe that there is a possibility of serious discontent between users of this area.

I have spent considerable time on this lake and in the surrounding area as well as speaking to local residents and I do not believe there has ever been a traditional subsistence fishery allowed in this area for any user group.

Last I am a home owner at Crosswinds Lake and I strongly object to the idea of any gillnet fishery in this lake for obvious reasons.

Thanks you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Anderson

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Mark Chryson

From: Kirk Wilson [kirkakfish@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:37 AM
To: mark@akip.org
Subject: Fw: Subsistence proposal on X-winds
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— On Thu, 10/16/08, Julie Wilson <juliewilsonak@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Julie Wilson <juliewilsonak@yahoo.com>
Subject: Subsistence proposal on X-winds
To: "kirk wilson" <kirkakfish@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, October 16, 2008, 5:23 AM

Dear Boards Members,

My name is Kirk Wilson. I am writing this letter in response to the subsistence proposal on the lake trout in crosswinds lake. This proposal in my opinion would be the end of sport fishing for lake trout in as short as 2 to 3 years. The potential in the first year could exceed the sport caught fish in a 5 year period possibly higher. The state of Alaska has sold 41 new parcels of land in the past 5 years this makes 95% of all lake shore land on the south end of the lake private. The new property owners would be the prime candidates of a new group of subsistence users. My wife and I have been operating a small lodge and sport fishing operation on crosswinds lake as guides for 27 years. I put in a proposal to up the limit from 1 to 3 fish. This proposal was voted down due to fish and game studies that said Crosswinds Lake would not sustain a 3 fish limit. We believe this proposal would close Crosswinds Lake to sport fishing in 3 years and this would be devastating to our business. One thing you need to consider is how long it takes for a lake trout to grow. A 20# lake trout takes somewhere between 20 and 30 years to get that big. There are probably fish over 40 years old in the lake. The subsistence fishing will be devastating to the older fish in the lake. This will be the beginning of the end to what the state is doing in providing a good sport fishing opportunity. To my knowledge there has never been a subsistence fishery of any kind on Crosswinds Lake. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kirk Wilson

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Mark Chryson

From: Anderson, Dan [DAnderson@petro-star.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 10:10 AM
To: mark@akip.org
Subject: Objection to Proposal
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red
Attachments: crosswinds lake f&g proposal.doc

Good morning Mark,

I was given your contact information by Charly Centers; please accept this letter as my objection to the proposal to open Crosswinds Lake to Subsistence fishing.

Thanks you for your consideration in this matter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dan Anderson
 PO Box 1842
 Valdez, AK 99686
 907-835-8850 WK
 907-835-4215 Cell

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RE:

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Mark Chryson

From: Linda Canniff [Linda.Canniff@matsugov.us]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 8:57 AM
To: mark@akip.org
Subject: Proposal 2-5 Subsistence Issue
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

I am opposing the Ahtna subsistence fishing proposal 2-5 to be submitted to Alaska Fish & Game Department on subsistence fishing in Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River drainages and local lakes in these areas. Any fishing should be for all Alaska residents not just certain groups.

I want it recorded that this is being appealed by a 26 year resident of Alaska. I was born and have no plans to leave this great state of Alaska. I feel I'm a native Alaskan. Please do the right thing and make this decision to honor all Alaskans.

Dustin P Canniff
Resident Lake Louise, Alaska

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Wright, Sherry (DFG)

From: Jim Palin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 9:55 AM
To: Perry-Plake, Linda (DFG)
Cc: Wright, Sherry (DFG)
Subject: RE: Brd of Fish, Crosswind Lk proposal

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10:00 AM

Lin -

Thank you for the information. I attended the Advisory Committee meeting in Palmer on the evening of 10/22. I also had a very good discussion with Mark Summerville in the Glennallen office. Mark really cleared up alot of questions that I had.

The vote on the meeting was clearly in opposition to the proposal. However, after talking with Mark and a few people at the meeting, it appears to me that subsistence fishing for white fish is the primary goal. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game would manage the issuance of permits and preserve the targeted population. Maybe this approach would meet the desires of the various parties.

I am copying Sherry White with this e-mail so that she may include it with other comments on the proposal.

Thanks for your assistance.

Jim Palin
 Crosswinds Lake property owner

-----Original Message-----

From: Perry-Plake, Linda (DFG) [mailto:linda.perry-plake@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 1:49 PM
To: Jim Palin
Cc: David S Rutz, (DFG)
Subject: Brd of Fish, Crosswind Lk proposal

Dear Jim,

Dave Rutz, Palmer Area Fisheries Biologist, contacted me and asked if I could assist you regarding the proposal going before the Board of Fisheries which involves Crosswind Lake.

If you are not familiar with accessing Board of Fisheries materials on-line, it is simple to find:

State of Alaska homepage / go to "Dept Fish and Game" / go to "Boards Support" / to find this specific proposal, go to "Prince William Sound Proposals" / "Proposal 3". Or, just click on the following link:

http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/meetinfo/2008-2009/propbook/pws_proposals2.pdf

5 AAC 01.625(b) is where in Regulation it currently addresses whether Crosswind Lake is open to subsistence fishing; Crosswind Lake is specifically identified as "closed to all subsistence fishing".

Ahtna's proposal in part reflects some of what was reported in a Technical Paper produced by the Division of Subsistence, ADFG;

Simeone, William E. and James Kari, Technical Paper 292, The Harvest and Use of Non-Salmon Fish Species in the Copper River Basin, Alaska, pp 57-58.

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Title 16 of Alaska Statutes is the Fish and Game Code. Within this, Section 16.05.258 addresses "subsistence use and allocation of fish and game", describing the process for considering subsistence regulations.

"Methods, means, and general provisions" for Subsistence Finfish Fishing are described in the Alaska Administrative Code, Title 5 [Fish and Game] – 5 AAC 01.010.

Legal types of gear are described and include set and drift gillnets, various types of seines, various trols, various trawls, pots, longline, ring net, cast net,

Fyke net, dipnet, fishwheel, dredge, shovel, digger, jigging gear, and spear.

Opening an area to subsistence fishing does not mean a sweeping "harvest at will" policy. There are many stipulations which may be put in place regarding gear, permits, seasons, and harvest limits. The Department is mandated to preserve the targeted populations.

The Copper Basin Advisory Committee is meeting 27 October – (Chair is Don Horrell, 907-822-5815, he's out for knee surgery; contact Chuck McMahan, 822-3553).

Ahtna Tene Nene Customary & Traditional Use Committee meeting is at 11:00 am, Friday 7 Nov. in the Ahtna, Inc. Conference room, Glennallen.

Hopefully, this is a start.

Sincerely,
Lin Perry-Plake
Ass't Area Fisheries Mgmt Biologist
Glennallen Office
907 / 822 – 3309 voice

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A/C Comment# 2

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Mark Chryson

From: Jim Palin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2008 4:51 PM
To: mark@akip.org
Cc: kirkakfish@yahoo.com; crosswind@mtaonline.net; melbaj@mtaonline.net; DAnderson@petro-star.com; juliewilsonak@yahoo.com; m.fachelt@mtasu.gov.us
Subject: Subsistence Fishing Proposal on Crosswinds Lake - Proposal #3-5AAC 01.625G
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Mark Chryson -

It is my understanding that Alaska Fish and Game is considering a proposal to allow subsistence gillnetting in Crosswinds Lake.

We have been property owners on Crosswinds Lake for over 30 years. Many members of our family and friends from throughout the lower 48 have experienced a great time on a true Alaskan adventure to Crosswinds.

I have read some letters and e-mails from Crosswinds Lake property owners who are opposed to the proposed subsistence gillnetting in the lake. In general, I fully concur with the comments that I have read and assume the comments have been submitted to you and other members of the advisory committee.

Please consider this e-mail as my official opposition to the proposed subsistence gillnetting in Crosswinds Lake.

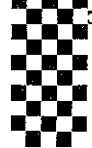
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Mat-Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes For 11/05/08
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- Call to Order
- Roll Call

Kenny Barber	excused
Brian Campbell	present
Mark Chryson (secretary)	present
Andy Couch	present 7:30
Stephen Darilek	excused
Bennett Durgeloh	excused
Gerrit Dykstra	excused
Ken Federico	present left 8:45
Bill Folsom	present
Denny Hamann (Chair)	excused
Patrick O'Connor	present
John Otcheck	present
Tony Russ	excused
Max Sager (alternate)	present
Lonnie Stevens (alternate)	present
Troy Vincent	present
Mark Vingoe	excused

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- Approve Minutes of 10/22/08
Minutes approved with only spelling corrections.

- Recognize staff & guests

Ben Mulligan (Rep Stoltze)
 Tony Kavelok left when after no game issues to be discussed tonight.
 Wade Willis
 Eric Auten (Rep Gato)
 Richard Porter (Knik tribal)
 Keith van der Broek (Eyak villiage)

- Pass sign up sheet to speak

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Calendar of events

- Next meetings 11/19/08 at MTA 12/3 and 12/17 MTA Elections jan 7, 2009
- BOG call for proposals for SC and SW Alaskadue by 12/05/08
- BOF PWS Meeting 12/1 thru 12/7 in Cordova. Can anyone attend? This is our last meeting for comments !!
- The Dept is holding a meeting here at MTA on 11/13/08 from 7-9 pm concerning the SportFish Guide Services Board Draft Language.

New Business

- Public testimony

Wade Willis

Chuit Coal mine

Concerned Chuit river will be used as the waste stream for proposed mine

Project won't benefit America/Alaska

Desired to make Chuit river a trophy trout river

Time-line?

Permits already applied for.

Bog where is a drainage will no longer exist. Runoff is toxic on temp hold/slowed down as Beluga whales listed as endangered.

Usibelli is an example of restoration, valdez creek same way.

Heavy metal effluent hazardous to fry.

Not a big river, willow creek size.

Tyonek doesn't want outsiders there.

- BOF Rep? not addressed
- 20A Moose Planning .Pat elected to go, did anyone notify Randy Rogers?

Paperwork needs to be filed for Pat O Connor and Bill Folsom. Meetings are already underway.

- Elections...January 7, 2009 place to be announced.??
- Work on PWS proposals...#4 and #41 tabled till this meeting
- Proposals done to date 1,2,3,5,6,8,13,14,19,20,22,23,24,25,26,and 27
- PWS covers thru Proposal 132. please make note of any you wish to address as we will not be able to do them all!!!

All motions made by Brian Campbell

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Seconded by Ken Federico

Ken Federico left meeting 8:45, Andy Couch seconds after 8:45 pm
Proposals were not taken in order which will explain why some votes
have 10 votes, others have 11.

No ADFG fishery biologist is present to comment for the committee.

Proposal 4

Untabled

Joint board needs to deal with this

We still need ADFG comments

Do we need to take away subsistence; commercial fleet leaves
commercial gear for subsistence fishery. As they overlap.

Subsistence before May 15th before fleet goes out, they have ice where
they can't do it at times.

There is a difference between gill net and dip net.

Numbers, early season desirable fish, caught at mouth then delays fish
upstream. What is fair at each part of river?

Joint boards need to address as written.

Motion Tabled

Proposal 41

Concerns about by catch

We still need ADFG comments

If we try a skate fishery we should start as a limited fishery

Motion failed

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Proposal 42

Yakatut natives don't eat them

No one retains dogfish.

Most of the time they are killed and thrown back.

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Let commercial fishermen keep them and use them.

Motion passed
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Proposal 81

Reduce chum production, over production of chums as promise was not kept.

Wild salmon not competing enough with hatchery fish.
Eggs valuable, harvest area may be larger.
Hatchery is harvesting wild fish, they are over releasing fry.
We need to look at the economics.

Motion passed
10-0-1

Proposal 87

Dept proposal change description of pws / ci / resurrection bay areas.

Motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 88

standardize limits and make sure the areas are consistent
conservation minded

Motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 89

spear gun use

Not that many use spear guns,
Let them have at it. If they want to freeze in the cold water, let them
have fun.

motion passed
11-0-0

proposal 92
rock fish limit, lower limits, growth rate of rock fish
align rock fish limits in adjacent waters

motion passed
11-0-0

proposal 93
see 92

motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 94
Limit lines of charters to 6
Limit size of charter vessels.
No specific numbers are included.

Motion failed
0-9-1

Proposal 95
Eliminate electric downriggers

Motion fails
0-10-0

Proposal 96
use of sport caught fish as bait

hatchery fish can be used for bait. As the carcasses are being dumped as is. Commercial fish carcasses being dumped

Who will differentiate between hatchery and wild?

Motion passed

9-1-0

Minority comment : use of sport caught fish as bait is against law

Proposal 104

king salmon closures in small drainages

is above the ¼ mile open?

Whole river and along the main river.

Upper river runs.

Sport guys have to pay the price to manage early runs / as they cant select the hatchery fish versus wild fish

Before closing a fishery needs other options considered. Seasons and selective days.

There is a bigger problem then just a few fish returning.

NO OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Where are the biologists???

Motion failed

0-11-0

Proposal 105

see above

hardly anyone fished there in past,

limit the fishery before eliminating it.

NO OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Motion failed

0-11-0

Proposal 107

extend copper river king salmon season

benefits guides?

Only a small area, dark fish which moves through the area very quickly

Motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 108

Klutina river king season

not good access, exceptional late fishery
study was not really done before closing season
where are our biologists?
Catch would be high but retention low.

Motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 109

Extend king salmon season on Tonsina

Motion passed 11-0-0

Proposal 112

count daily bag limits on released fish
no catch and release of fish.

Enforcement problems

Do gear restrictions first, single hook versus treble
Need biologist to do mortality study for catch and release.
Consider forced retention.
Consider once you retained your limit you are done
Consider single hooks/ barbless hooks.

Amend the proposal so that it would read "once you kept the daily limit
of salmon no more fishing can be done on that day"

Andy Couch / Bill Folsom
Amendment Passed
9-0-1

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Motion as amended passed
9-0-1

Proposal 113
power boat restrictions

preventative, proactive, don't consider fixing a problem that may or may not exist.

Gulkana rafter yes, klutina too dangerous to not allow motors, maybe too dangerous for power boats as is,
Would like more information especially from ADFG

Motion Failed
0-10-0

Proposal 114
Hatchery restrictions

planting program
Where is ADFG?

Sterile fish for lakes that freeze out
Sterile fish runs in Cordova and works well
Not worried unless it is retained in the tissue.
Can be used for sport caught and not to worry if they are not harvested by sport fisheries
May actually be larger and live longer.
Do they plant hybrids? Yes but not anymore chinks – Chinook /pink
Cross breeding may still be allowed.
Doesn't sound like a wide spread practice.
WE NEED BIOLOGIST INPUT.

Motion failed
0-8-2

Proposal 115
Change lakes to waters

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Motion tabled
10-0

Proposal 117

Motion tabled
10-0

Proposal 119
Home-pack

Fish is being bought by the fisherman/self
Doesn't change allocation issue, goes against the commercial count.
Proposal written poorly

Tabled
10-0

Proposal 121
use of gaffs and dip nets by commercial nets.

Nets are intentionally used to target kings?
Don't begrudge people trying to make a living
Incidental catch is actually being targeted.
Keep items as is

Motion failed
0-9-1

Proposal 122
gear ID

Motion passed
9-0-1

Proposal 127
Repealing language for regulation

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We already voted to reclassify fishery last week.
We want to have fishery stay defined as is.

Motion failed
0-9-1

Proposal 128
Delay commercial fishing

Motion passed
10-0-0

Proposal 129
SEG/OEG king salmon goal

Asking for Optimal goal
WHERE IS ADFG?

Tabled 10-0

Proposal 131
Move statistic weeks

WHERE IS ADFG?

Motion failed
0-8-2

Meeting adjourned 10:02 pm

**Minutes of the Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory
Committee Meeting
October 29, 2008**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Delta Fish & Game Office in Delta by Chairman Don Quarberg. Minutes were taken by Secretary Rick Johnson.

Roll Call

Members present were, Don Quarberg, Tony Williams, Dean Cummings, Mike North, Dennis Midgley, Mike Bender, Carl Taylor, Tim Webb & Rick Johnson

Members absent – Vern Aiton (exc) & Don Bunselmeier

Alternates present were Jack Windsor

Alternates Absent were Ann Rasmussen, Scott Schultz & Russ Pinkelman

ADFG Department Staff Present was Fronty Parker, Steve Dubois, Tom Taube, Mark Somerville, Rita St. Louis, Randy Rogers, Don Young, & Roy Nowlin

ADPS Staff present was Arthur Cummings

Guests present: See Guest list in the Minutes Book at the ADFG Delta Office

October Agenda

Denise Midgely asked to have his sheep proposal added to the agenda for discussion. No opposition.

April Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve as presented was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Board of Fisheries Proposals 2008/2009

Proposal #	Yes	No	Abstain	Comments
2 - Opposed	0	9	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshwater species should not be harvested for subsistence
3 - Opposed	0	9	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshwater species should not be harvested for subsistence

4 – Approve	9	0	0	• King Salmon Should not be subsistence
12 – Approve	8	0	1	• House Keeping
13 – Oppose	0	8	1	• Not based on sound biology
14 – Opposed	0	10	0	• Status-Quo is not a problem
15 – Approve	9	0	1	• House Keeping
16 -17 Approve	3	3	4	• No Biological Reason for Approving
22 – Opposed	0	10	0	• Not Broken limits would be too high
23 - Opposed	0	10	0	• Too Confusing
24 – Opposed	0	10	0	• Removes Management Tool
25 – Opposed	0	9	1	• Over Harvest
26 – Opposed	0	10	0	• Unnecessary Regs
27 – Opposed	1	9	0	• Increased Pressure on Chitna Fishery
104 &105 - Approve	8	1	1	• Protect Resource
107 – 109 - Opposed	4	5	1	• Adversely effect fishery • Board reallocating
110 - Approve	8	0	2	• Lack of Second
111 - Opposed	0	10	0	• Lack of clarity for out of water
112 - Opposed	0	10	0	• Unenforceable
113 - Opposed	0	10	0	• No Biological Reason
114 – Oppose	0	10	0	• No biological reason No Proof of Franken fish
115 – Approve	10	0	0	• House Keeping
116 – Approve	10	0	0	• House Keeping
117 – Approve	9	0	1	• House Keeping
127 – Approve	10	0	0	• House Keeping
128 – Approve	10	0	0	• More Fish for Upper River Fishery
129 - Opposed	0	9	1	• No Biological Reason
130 –Opposed	0	10	0	• Benefits Commercial Fishery at expense of others
131 – Approve	10	0	1	• Possibly More Kings for Non-Commercial Fishery
132 – Oppose	0	10	0	• Prevent Management lobby By Commercial Fishery

Moose Management Proposal – Randy Roger presented the Draft Proposal for an Advisory Committee Based Process to Develop an Intensive Management Plan for Moose in Game Management Unit 20 A. He spoke to the historical issues related to over population management of moose in 20A and the need to get residents in the Interior involved in the development of a new management plan. During his presentation he went through the plan's individual components. Two reps each from the Interior ACs would participate in a workgroup communicating the group's efforts back to their respective

ACs and then the opinions of the AC membership back to the workgroup. Randy's hope is to take formal management recommendations to the BOG in March of 2010.

Mike Bender made a motion nominating Don Quarberg and Dean Cummings to represent the Delta AC in the workgroup. The motion was seconded but tabled until later in the meeting.

20D Report - Steve Dubois

Steve Dubois gave a report on the following local hunts:

- DS203 & 204
- General Season Moose Hunt
- Delta Youth Hunt
- Antlerless Moose Hunt
- Bison Hunt

Steve reported that the Delta planning effort for 20D Delta Bison Management Plan needs redone this winter. The previous 5 year plan is a couple years out of date. The new Delta Bison Working Group Plan will be brought to the advisory group before going to the Board.

He also spoke briefly on the 20D Moose Surveys – 1/3 done in southern 20D 1/3 done in SW 20D – a lot of moose in high density areas – population stabilized last year – possibly came down this year – sampling results down some this year – but still high.

Board of Game Proposal

Proposal 56 concerning disabled veterans and special hunts was discussed and Approved
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Other Business

None

Adjourn –10:42 PM

Note: the following items were established by phone vote on November 4:

- Next meeting will be moved from November 26th to Tuesday November 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jarvis Building
- Don and Dean were approved as Delta AC Reps to the 20A Moose Planning Advisory Workgroup.

Tentative Agenda Items for the November Meeting

- Election of three committee members
- Midgley's proposal regarding access into the Delta Controlled Use Area.
- Update on the GMU 20A Moose Management Plan
- Planning for Moose Management Workshop in Delta.
- Update on local bison and cow moose hunts

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Following are the Comments on PWS/CR proposals for the December Board of Fisheries meeting. The FAC representative to the meeting is authorized to speak for this AC regarding these comments and on any issue before the Board at this meeting or otherwise represent the FAC before the Board or any Board Committee.

November 12, 2008

AC Vote: 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining, 5 Absent

Transmittal to the Board authorized on November 13, 2008 by Chairman Virgil Umpenhaur.

The Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee made the following comments and recommendations on the PWS/CR proposals at its October 8 and November 12, 2008 regular meetings. These comments and recommendations were drafted by the "Fish" sub-committee and presented to the FAC for their discussion and final action. The resulting language for each proposal is shown below. The vote for these proposals was 14 In favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstaining, 1 Absent. One proposal was "tabled" from this discussion (time specific to the November FAC meeting). Our comments on that proposal and others considered will be sent under separate transmittal.

Proposal #1

The Fairbanks AC would like to have the BOF review the classification of the Chitina Subdistrict dipnet fishery and request a project to gather the data needed to apply the Joint Board subsistence criteria policy to the Chitina Subdistrict dipnet fishery. That project would require gathering information from urban subsistence resource users, an activity that has not been accomplished for previous discussions by the Board on the Chitina dipnet classification. When the existing classification was last made by the Board, the dipnetters presented a huge volume of historical record about the fishery and the USES of the resource. They encouraged and got hearing participation by grandfathers of the 2003 dipnet fishermen. The dipnetters offered information that directly fit the "questions" asked by the subsistence criteria.

The Subsistence Division never funded a project to acquire the data needed to provide that same input to the Board. Their written, visual and oral testimony consisted of excerpts of data from a federally funded Glennallen Subdistrict study done to characterize federally qualified rural residents subsistence fishing activities. The input, therefore, related the expected differences in USERS even though the criteria were evaluated against the Glennallen Subdistrict fishery. This fishery is predominantly by use of fishwheels. Because of the federal project, non-local Alaskans who use fishwheels in the Glennallen Subdistrict were excluded from the report.

The Board, meeting in Cordova in 2003, did not want to "believe" the dipnetter's testimony and written input and voted to re-classify the fishery to Personal Use. The impact on the number of fish allocated to the "upriver" fishery was never an issue. (See Department Proposal #127 in this book. This proposal should have accompanied the re-classification in '03 but the Department and the dipnetters knew the Commercial fishermen's paranoia about "subsistence equaling more fish" was false.)

The "input" used in the '03 Board meeting is on file with the Board records. We urge that you revisit that file rather than ask the hundreds of Alaskans who participated to repeat their research and data

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input. The “missing link” was Department input from the non-local participants in the dipnet fishery, which is just about all of the fishermen, some 10,000 Alaskan families.

We ask you to begin this re-classification review by including it in your schedule and asking the Department to prepare the missing data for looking at the criteria before or as part of the next PWS/CR meeting.

ADD For Nov. 12

The Department’s comments on this proposal continue the “we don’t have any new information” excuse to deny consideration. We ask the Board to review with the Dept. of Law representative at this meeting whether or not the ORIGINAL information leading to the Personal Use classification followed the guidelines to support the information needed in the subsistence criteria.

Proposal #2

After consideration, the FAC voted to “take no action” on this proposal.

Proposal #3

After consideration, the FAC voted to “take no action” on this proposal..

Proposal #4

Support. This proposal. At present, Alaskan gillnet fishermen can harvest subsistence resources using their “gear” but upriver fishermen, like the dipnetters, who want to feed their families, can’t.

Proposal #5

After consideration, the FAC voted to “take no action” on this proposal.

Proposal #6

Support. The FAC supports a consistent marking method for all of the subsistence fish.

Proposal #7

After consideration, the FAC voted to “take no action” on this proposal.

Proposal #8

Oppose. This concept is for fishing BEFORE fish are confirmed to be “in the river” beginning the early part of the spawning run. The early run stocks need the most protection and this proposal goes in the wrong direction.

Proposal #9

Oppose. Same problem as in #8. Same comment.

Proposal #10, #11, & #12

After consideration, the FAC voted to “take no action” on this proposal.

Proposal #13

Oppose. There is no need for more spacing because the escapement goals have been met. In the limited areas where public land abuts the river, a 300 foot spacing would restrict subsistence fishing when there is no reason to do so.

Proposal #14

Oppose. Although it is legal to dipnet in the Glennallen subdistrict, there is no problem of dipping near fishwheels. Fishermen using different gear are expected to get along.

Proposal #15

After consideration, the FAC voted to “take no action” on this proposal.

Proposal #16

Oppose. The fishing effort upriver is not increasing. The present limits for subsistence are not a problem for escapement or other classes of fishermen. There is no need for this reduction. Most fishwheel permittees share their fish. A reduced limit per permit would result in more permits for the same fish. The new paperwork and record keeping does not help with management or escapement.

Proposal #17

Oppose. This language is simply not needed. The only “additional” permits are for dipnetters, who in the Glennallen subdistrict are very few. Dipnetters in the Chitina subdistrict are not “subsistence” fishermen. The number of fish used for management purposes is established by the sonar counter.

Proposal #18

Oppose. The management tool for in-season management is the sonar. No fish reports are used. This paperwork would not benefit either the fishermen or the managers.

Proposal #19

Oppose. The premise in this proposal is incorrect. The Department does not use any harvest data from upriver fishermen for in-season management. The number of fish passing the sonar at Miles Lake and the mark and recapture information give the Department the number and type of fish escaping upriver. Both effort and harvest from upriver fishermen are very stable from year to year and have no signs of increasing. This proposal would create a pile of paperwork to no one’s benefit.

Proposal #20

Oppose. See comments for Proposal #19.

Proposal #21

After consideration, the FAC voted to “take no action” on this proposal.

Proposal #22

Support. (FAC proposal.) This "family member" extended limit is used with success in the Kenai.

Proposal #23

Support. (FAC proposal.) Applied to historical escapement, this proposal might generate a few additional opening periods for dipnetting. The issue is when there are more fish, more fishing is allowed. We continue to support that concept.

Proposal #24

Oppose. The 13 day restriction was used in '08 for the first times ever. Opportunity for dipnetters was reduced. When Commercial fishing is restricted, those fishermen can fish for subsistence. Upriver users in '08 also experienced a later than usual, lower than usual fish run. They had no "advantage" over the commercial users. The "formula" required a late season closure on the dipnetters at a time when there were high numbers of fish present. The Department's preliminary reports are that '08 escapement goals were reached. That shows the present system is working. We oppose the requested change.

Proposal #25

Support. (FAC proposal.) The household subsistence limit for king salmon in Cordova is 5. The combination for upriver users between Personal Use and Sport Fish is 5. We are suggesting a limit of 4 per household in the dipnet fishery will standardize the Alaskan home use limit and reduce sport fishing harvest for those dipnetters who could catch them with that gear.

Proposal #26

Oppose. The Copper River fishery is managed by the number of fish harvested, not how fishermen got to where they used the various gear types. This proposal would not add any information to the harvest records required of individual fishermen.

Proposal #27

Support. The Department reports that approx. 65,000 sockeye and 8,000 king salmon migrate up the Chitina River. Because of access difficulty and river conditions, we suspect few users to "try" this new territory. If the Department wanted to track new users to the Chitina River, they could ask a question on the report. This is worth a try. None of these fish are now caught in the Glennallen subdistrict thus are not subject to fishwheels.

Proposal #28

After consideration, the FAC voted to "take no action" on this proposal.

Proposal #44

Oppose. The sport fishery for shrimp has improved over the last few years but is nowhere near where it was in the commercial fishing days. That "sport fish" improvement does not equate to "time to open a commercial fishery". As a general rule, shrimp "recover" very slowly and we urge monitoring this fishery for several more Board cycles before consideration of opening a new commercial fishery.

Proposal #45

Oppose. See comments on Proposal #44.

Proposal # 46

Oppose. A trawl fishery for shrimp in Prince William Sound should never even be considered. The incidental damage and bycatch alone make it a terrible idea.

Proposal #49

Keeping track of the participants is a necessary part of any commercial fishery. IF shrimp are opened to commercial fishing only commercially licensed fishermen would be able to sell shrimp. It is not legal to sell sport caught shrimp even if there is a commercial fishery. We support the concept of tracking commercial participants. If, for some unknown reason the Board allows sport caught shrimp to be sold, those participants should be tracked also.

Proposal #55

Oppose. IF there is a shrimp management plan guiding the harvest of PWS shrimp, the seasons would be part of that plan. The sport season should not be changed until such a planning effort is complete.

Proposal #81

Support. (FAC proposal) In spite of the Board findings in 2001 that the number of aquaculture corporation released salmon were a negative impact to wild stocks, and in spite of an agreement from the then governor that the number of fish released would be reduced by 24%, the number has since grown by 150%. Apparently nobody pays any attention to the commitments made regarding the protection of wild stocks. We are asking the Board to require a reduction to the pre-2001 release.

Proposal #103

Oppose. This "spawning beds" could include the main stem of the Copper River and many tributaries. The present seasons for sport fishing salmon take the "main stem" issue into consideration. The early spawning areas are protected by gear restrictions, markers and area definitions for closure. This all encompassing "closure" is not necessary. The sport fishing king salmon harvest plan has a step down menu for reducing harvest if necessary. This type of closure is at the bottom of the list. We don't think the proposer intends to substitute this proposal for the existing harvest plan.

Proposal #104, #105, & #106

After consideration, the FAC voted to "take no action" on these proposals.

Proposal #107, #108, & #109

Support. These proposals return the sport fishing season on the Copper River below the Klutina to the historical season ending of August 10. As many as 25% of the total run for the Klutina is after the existing season. That means new, bright fish entering the system are not available to sport anglers even though they are far from the markers restricting harvest on the spawning areas. We do not feel this change would result in additional harvest (now protected by a total per angler limit) rather it would shift effort from early June when fishing is slow to non-existent to early August when fish are present.

Proposal #110

Oppose. Although this proposal has good intentions, the number of released fish who do not make it to the spawning grounds has not been significant enough to cause underescapement. Until there is some problem reaching the escapement goals, the regulation on "snagged" fish should remain as widespread as possible.

Proposal #111

After consideration, the FAC voted to "take no action" on this proposal.

Proposal #112

Oppose. The proposed action is unnecessary. Sport fishing effort on the Copper River fishery is declining. A similar trial on the Aniak River was quickly recinded as unnecessary and un-enforcable. There is no new mortality information that suggests the Copper River system is unusual or high mortality due to catch and release. The "problem" is unfounded as shown by the Chinook escapement goals being reached.

Proposal #113

Oppose. The "problem" is not a conservation concern. The assumption that powerboats cause higher harvest is not supported by the step down plan for reducing sport fishing king harvest now in place. These waters have shown decreased sport fishing effort in the last few years. There is no need for this restriction.

Proposal #114

Neutral. However, support a "policy review" by the Advisory Committees when a "policy" is likely to be controversial or hard to understand by the public. The use of chemical treatment to sterilize fish in the stocking program is an example of such a policy. The Board should ask if "policy" has had public/AC review before "approving the policy or activity based on the policy."

Proposal #115, #116, & #117

Support. We recognize these as "housekeeping" proposals.

Proposal #118

Support. This would remove any confusion over subsistence caught fish being "stored" and sold as commercial fish.

Proposal #119

Support. All commercially caught Chinook salmon in the Copper River district are "bycatch". They can be reported in different ways. We support disclosure of all of the harvest by commercial fishermen so that the Department, Board and the public see how many are "allocated" to the commercial harvest.

Proposal #120

Support. It would be redundant paperwork. With the proposal, more uniform statewide.

Proposal #121

Support. We see the practice of scooping up dead fish as appropriate, however, some of the commercial interests are asking the Board to stop upriver catch and release fishing because of mortality. We suspect a much higher degree of mortality in net trapped fish. The "bycatch" kings could be released in some number rather than all kept.

Proposal #122 & #123

After consideration, the FAC voted to "take no action" on these proposals.

Proposal #124 & #125

Oppose. The proposers need to research why these waters are closed. These are intercept fisheries and it could be a big conservation issue on these stocks.

Proposal #126

Support concept. Mr. Kramer submitted the proposal as a "place holder" hoping the genetic study results would be in "early to mid summer" as promised to the AC's and public. The Board should have results for the meeting and we encourage their use, especially as they concern the early runs.

Proposal #127

Oppose. But only because we believe the Chitina subdistrict dipnet fishery is wrongly classified at present. The "delay" of this showing up in 2008 to support an action taken in 2003 clearly shows that the number of fish allocated to the dipnet fishery is not an issue.

Proposal #128

Support. (FAC proposal) The Department made a commitment to the AC's and the public at the 2001 AYK/Bristol Bay meeting to develop in-river estimates for early escapement to PROTECT EARLY RUN STOCKS. After a few trials with drift nets and sonar in the lower river, the efforts toward confirmation of early escapement in order to safely open the commercial fishery were stopped. In recognizing the failure to keep that commitment, the best way to confirm fish in the river is by the use of the Miles Lake sonar. The early escapement must be protected.

Proposal #129

Support. Every user group wants more king salmon in the Copper River fishery. Returning to 28,000 would make a commitment to that goal.

Proposal #130

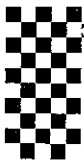
Oppose. This goes against the concept of protecting the early run stock. When we have a method to confirm early escapement, commercial openers can be less restrictive. This discussion was the impetus for the trials for in-river tests for confirmation. This proposal goes against conservation objectives.

Proposal #131

Support. (FAC proposal) The lack of in-river escapement confirmation methods for the early run fish leads us to request further protection to these stocks. The genetic studies may help with this issue but they are not available to us until the Board meeting.

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Members Present: John Schandelmeier, Gary Alcott, Alan Echols

Members Absent Excused: Mark Schlenker, Robert Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. It is noted for the record that Ray Akvik is, (deceased), and that Denny Patnode resigned, (moved), (their terms expired 12/07). Robert Hanson is moving from the area.

John Schandelmeier accepted nomination for membership and to remain Chair.

Tangle Lakes area drilling status update was provided by John Schandelmeier. A motion had been submitted, (to the Joint Board), to request a refuge be created by the Legislature. The board recommended passage and provided a letter to the Legislature (John got a copy of that letter). Anglo American had a three-year open ended lease; the lease has been dropped and returned to Nevada Star. Nevada Star was instrumental in forming a new company called Pure Nickel. Helicopter-supported drill rigs have been testing; results available at their web site have thus far been inconclusive. Anglo American is also involved in the Pebble Mine project.

A new burbot management plan is being written in house, which will spell out current practice and conservation measures that could be taken.

Tom Taube, (ADF&G), presented an update on methods used by ADF&G to gather abundance estimates on Paxson Lake of resident species such as burbot and Lake trout.

Advisory committee suggestions or comments will be incorporated into a letter so they can be considered for the draft plan. Tom said ADF&G will allow for a comment period on the draft plan prior to implementing it.

Board of Fisheries Proposals

Proposal 2

Action: Support as amended

C & T determination for freshwater fish in Upper Copper/Upper Susitna

Amendment: Amended to include only those species that are believed to be customary and traditional. Conservation of those species should be controlled by limiting method and means.

Discussion: C & T determinations eventually will include some numbers. There is no reason the board wouldn't find a tradition harvest; the important part of this discussion is what could happen when this finding is made, for example; Paxson Lake probably shouldn't have C&T use for rainbow or steelhead. There have been several more permits issued for Paxson Lake whitefish in recent years in Paxson Lake for whitefish. This raises concern of conservation; should C&T determinations be made.

CT&T determinations (burbot and lake trout specifically) would be best on a lake by lake basis. A harvest of 500 fish with a subsistence priority on Paxson Lake or Summit Lake

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would leave no fish for sport fishers. PAC, (Paxson advisory committee), realizes that CT&T is not currently done lake by lake, but realizes that this could change.

Federal conveyance of Native and State lands is close to completion, which will leave more lands under Federal game, (and fishery) control. Presently, requests for subsistence fish ery permits are low for non-salmon species; 18 permits were issued with 17 returned. Permittees that do not report are not issued a permit the following year.

PAC asks the board to make a finding that is sustainable. A determination of which methods are customary needs be addressed.

PAC list of customarily used species in the Upper Susitna / Upper Copper area.

Customary harvested	Not customary
Grayling in the spring	Steelhead – very small population, may have been taken incidentally
Burbot	Rainbow may have been incidentally harvested, but not a target species
Whitefish in the fall	Arctic char – there are none in Gulkana
Lake trout in winter only for fresh fish	Dolly Varden – none in Gulkana River, Maclaren River area has small fish, may have been incidentally harvested
Suckers	Lake trout – taken primarily from stocked lakes
	Pike – there are none near Paxson

Permits should limit the method of harvest and bag limits. Fishing that occurs in stocked lakes are taken with rod and reel. Traditional methods have included spear, fike trap, weirs, seine or gillnet, and hand line. Fishing poles (rod and reel) were not customarily used. Set lines would freeze in and summer’s focus was salmon.

Vote: 2 -1 Support as amended

Opposed; felt there is a lack of control in subsistence harvest in this area and expressed concern for the different mentality of old timers and people now. Some people will take all they can not be able to care for it, and waste the resource. Ahtna asked for the CT&T determination, but no one from any of the area villages has requested a permit; it appears that they would just like it on the books. All Alaskans have the same subsistence rights; over harvest could be a real issue.

Proposal 3

Action: Support

Open Crosswind Lake to subsistence fishing

Discussion: This is a traditionally used subsistence harvest area. A small mesh can be used to limit salmon harvest. Sport fishing is allowed. Vote 3 - 0

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Stocking comments; 14 Mile Lake could use more rainbow trout. This lake was stocked with rainbows in the early 60's and was a popular local fishery. Lake trout were introduced in the 90's without any public comment or prior knowledge. The only way to keep rainbows there is to increase the rainbow stock and eliminate Lake trout stocking in 14 Mile Lake.

Next meeting will be approximately the third week in November and will include drafting proposals for consideration by the Board of Game and election for the seats whose terms expire 12/08.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.



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HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 11, 2008
Meeting began 6:10

- Members Present: Marv Peters, Trina B. Fellows, Michael Craig, Lee Martin, Cliff Calkins, George Matz, Thomas Hagberg, Skip Avril, Gus Van Dyke, Tom Young, Dave Lyon, Pete Wedin & Jim Meeses.

Members Unexcused: Frank Mullins

Bears: On the Peninsula was discussed. 11 Favor 1 Abstain 1 Oppose
Unit 15 proposal for managing bears sent to Anchorage.

Fish Proposals From October 14, 2008 Meeting

Proposal 3 0 Favor Abstain 10 Oppose
Discussion: No need for subsistence fishing. All state residents can fish now. The lake is not managed for subsistence.

Proposal 6 10 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion: This is a needed amendment. Better for enforcement. Doesn't require much time or tools.

Proposal 17 0 Favor 7 Abstain 6 Oppose
Discussion: This amount is in excess and wasteful. How can F&G manage for this amount of fish?

Proposal 70 10 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion: Change allocation plan. Needs to be more fairly allocated. The Seine fleet should be able to fish in June. Chums at Port Chelmers should be harvested early - while fish are fresh and bright.

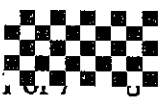
Proposal 71 10 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion: Purse Seine fleets historical shared fishery prior to July 21st in Coghill District Port Wells. Target over escapement of wild fish. This would eliminate crowding of boats at Hatchery area.

Proposal 83 10 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion: This would help eliminate pink salmon escaping through the lead. This could also be use in Kodiak purse seines. This would be an economic help for Seine fishermen.

Proposal 86 0 Favor 1 Abstain 9 Oppose
Why change length now - so many fishermen have spent a lot of money on 58 footers.

*Sherry - on bear proposal would you put 5AAC number -
Thanks Trina*

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Proposal:	Action	Vote: S/O/A	Comment:
1.	O	0/9/0	No new information is available in relation eight C& criteria to warrant reviewing Chitna classification
2.	NA	9/0/0	Committee asked questions regarding details of fishery (season, locations, etc.) & supports further committee discussion
3.	NA	9/0/0	Committee asked questions regarding details of fishery in relation to PWSAC brood stock take; requested more details in committee discussion
4.	O	0/9/0	Proposal appears to confuse gear type
5.	S	9/0/0	Housekeeping
6.	S	9/0/0	Housekeeping for reporting purposes
7.	S	9/0/0	Housekeeping
8.	O	0/9/0	AC was concerned about expanding the fishery while supporting status quo or restriction upriver
9.	O	0/8/1	AC was concerned about expanding the fishery while supporting status quo or restriction upriver
10.	S	8/0/1	Housekeeping; prefer stat week to a hard calendar date
11.	S	9/0/0	Housekeeping
12.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
13.	O	0/10/0	Increasing distance between wheels is a reduction in opportunity since there is limited public access and would have to come out of other fisheries.
14.	NA	10/0/0	Allocative
15.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
16.	S	8/2/0	Need to bring limits more in line with lower river limits; remain concerned with alleged non-subsistence abuse
17.	S	8/2/0	Need to bring limits more in line with lower river limits; remain concerned with alleged non-subsistence abuse

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Proposal:	Action	Vote: S/O/A	Comment:
18.	NA	10/0/0	AC supports weekly/onsite reporting, but felt this proposal was too restrictive
19.	S	10/0/0	AC supports increased, inseason reporting however it can be realized. The Chitna reporting station in the past not only served as a data collection point, but increased enforcement presence in the area. AC asks for new reporting means (such as magnetic plastic cards that can be swiped at Chitna clearing location – vendors could still sell, but reporting would be automated and more timely.) While ADFG feels they are getting adequate harvest data with the current system, enforcement/department presence on the grounds is chronically lacking & subject to budgets.
20.	S	10/0/0	AC supports any idea for more complete reporting, and increasing reporting means at Chitna
21.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
22.	O	0/10/0	Fully allocated fishery
23.	O	0/10/0	Fully allocated fishery
24.	S	9/1/0	General support for the proposal as it is line with all gear groups standing down in times of lower abundance there was some concern about extending it to the entire year if other runs were present in sufficient numbers.
25.	O	0/10/0	Fully allocated fishery
26.	O	0/10/0	Proposal seen as redundant with current regulations
27.	O	0/10/0	Fully allocated fishery
28.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
29.	S	10/0/0	Agreed with proposer
30.	O	0/10/0	Supported Proposal 29
31.	S	9/1/0	Housekeeping
32.	NA	10/0/0	

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Proposal:	Action	Vote: S/O/A	Comment:
33.	S	8/0/2	
34 - 39.	S	10/0/0	AC supports resolving all of the issues addressed in these proposals, and recognize CDFU and others are currently working with the Department to realign boundaries, allow cod harvest with species are on the grounds, etc. This is a much-needed economic opportunity for local winter fishery income.
40.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
41.	O	0/10/0	AC supports current ADFG/CDFU process underway to establish skate fishery
42.	S	10/0/0	AC supports any responsibly managed fishery which would increase local economic opportunity
43.	NA	10/0/0	No comment
44 – 56	NA	10/0/0	AC recognizes recent increases in shrimp stocks and supports review of management plans. Supports review of staff report/data and committee deliberation on these proposals.
57.	O	0/10/0	Without current management plan & data review, this proposal is premature.
58.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
59.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
60.	S	9/0/0	Originally AC was concerned with proposal boundaries as written didn't accurately reflect local area; proposer is open to reworking, and AC recommends committee revision
61.	O	0/9/1	Proposal would allocate gear to a traditional seine-only area
62.	S	8/0/2	ADFG already requires this in AGZ; concern was expressed about burdening deep water sets
63.	S	8/0/2	ADFG already requires this in AGZ; concern was expressed about burdening deep water sets
64.	NA	10/0/0	Proposal would be allocative; would possibly result in abandonment of long-used sites
65.	NA	10/0/0	Proposal would be allocative

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Proposal:	Action	Vote: S/O/A	Comment:
66.	NA	10/0/0	Proposal would be allocative
57.	S	11/0/0	Housekeeping
58.	O	0/11/0	Proposal was confusing given current regulations
59.	O	0/11/0	Subverts current ADFG authority; wording is too broad; ç
70.	NA	11/0/0	Allocation; BOF cannot direct PWSAC or VFDA cost recovery activities
71.	NA	11/0/0	Allocation
72.	NA	11/0/0	Allocation
73.	NA	11/0/0	Allocation
74.	NA	11/0/0	Allocation
75.	NA	11/0/0	Allocation; AC is in favor of letting current PWS allocation policy work; changes to the current policy should not be made piece meal
76.	O	7/2/2	To separate gear types is theoretically desirable, net result would be lost opportunity & hence allocative.
77.	O	0/11/0	Putting a calendar date is too confining; current PWS allocation plan addresses this situation with adjustments made between the gear groups the following year, etc. AC is in favor of letting current PWS allocation policy work; changes to the current policy should not be made piece meal
78.	NA	11/0/0	Allocative
79.	NA	11/0/0	Allocative
80.	NA	11/0/0	Allocative
81.	O	0/11/0	Proposal doesn't accurately reflect historical process for current production levels; production levels are determined through ADFG RPT process and not BOF.

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Proposal:	Action	Vote: S/O/A	Comment:
82.	O	0/9/2	In general, AC felt proposal would be unenforceable & does not support absent harvesters
83.	O	1/10/0	In general, felt gear modification would be an undue cost burden for net gain of fish
84.	O	1/10/0	In general, felt gear modification would be an undue cost burden for net gain of fish
85.	S	10/0/0	Upon clarification from proposer, specify application to last five fathom of seine modification would be acceptable/preferred option
86.	O	0/11/0	Vessel length is not preview of BOF; legislative only
87.	S	7/0/4	Agree in general with aligning boundaries, but several questioned effects on bag limits, ling cod & rock fish limits esp. out of Seward; request ADFG staff input and explanation
88.	S	7/0/4	Same comments as Proposal 87
89.	S	9/0/1	Questioned current definitions, but generally in support
90.	O	0/10/0	Unenforceable; would increase mortality
91.	O	0/6/4	General concern with potential conservation issues; ADFG currently has EO authority
92.	S	10/0/0	Agree with ADFG conservation concern
93.	S	10/0/0	Agree with ADFG conservation concern
94.	S	10/0/0	Agree with proposer
95.	S	10/0/0	Agree with proposer
96.	O	0/8/2	Not in favor of creating additional class of users; hatchery vs. wild stock is not an issue
97.	O	0/8/2	Same comment as Proposal 96
98.	S	10/0/0	Support conservation

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Proposal:	Action	Vote: S/O/A	Comment:
99.	S	10/0/0	Agree with proposer
100.	S	10/0/0	Proposer
101.	S	10/0/0	Proposer
102.	O	0/10/0	Too restrictive; AC supports comprehensive management
103.	O	0/10/0	Too vague
104.	S	10/0/0	Support king protection
105.	S	10/0/0	Support king protection
106.	NA	10/0/0	Support Proposal 105
107.	O	0/9/1	Fully allocated resource
108.	O	0/9/1	Fully allocated resource
109.	O	0/9/1	Fully allocated resource
110.	O	1/9/0	Legalizes unintended snagging; unenforceable
111.	S	10/0/0	Agree with proposer
112.	O	2/4/2	AC agrees with intent, but proposal is difficult to enforce; AC encourages all efforts to further educate public on sound catch and release practices; concerned about enforceability
113.	O	3/6/1	AC remains very supportive of good guiding practices on these important tributaries; currently didn't feel there was a conservation issue requiring such severe restrictions; recognized substantial impact to guide income under proposal
114.	O	0/10	No comment
115.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping

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116.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
117.	S	10/0/0	Housekeeping
118.	O	0/9/0	Acknowledge concern with illegal selling but proposal is excessive
119.	O	0/9/0	No comment
120.	S	9/0/0	Housekeeping
121.	O	0/9/0	No comment
122.	S	7/2/0	AC noted requiring a specific color is economically impractical; otherwise supports increasing enforceability
123.	S	9/1/0	Supported mostly as a housekeeping; dissent would prefer lat/longitude description
124.	S	5/3/0	AC supported regaining traditional fishing area; dissent questioned non-local interception potential
125.	O	4/4/1	Similar to Proposal 124; possible typo
126.	O	0/9/0	Confusing; ADFG doesn't have necessary tools to meet intention
127.	S	9/0/0	Housekeeping
128.	O	0/9/0	Fully allocated fishery; unduly restrict's Dept.'s authority
129.	O	0/9/0	SEG is not set by BOF
130.	NA	9/0/0	support Proposal 132
131.	O	0/9/0	No comment
132.	S	10/0/0	Proposer

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Land Status and Human Use Areas - Eyak River to Airport

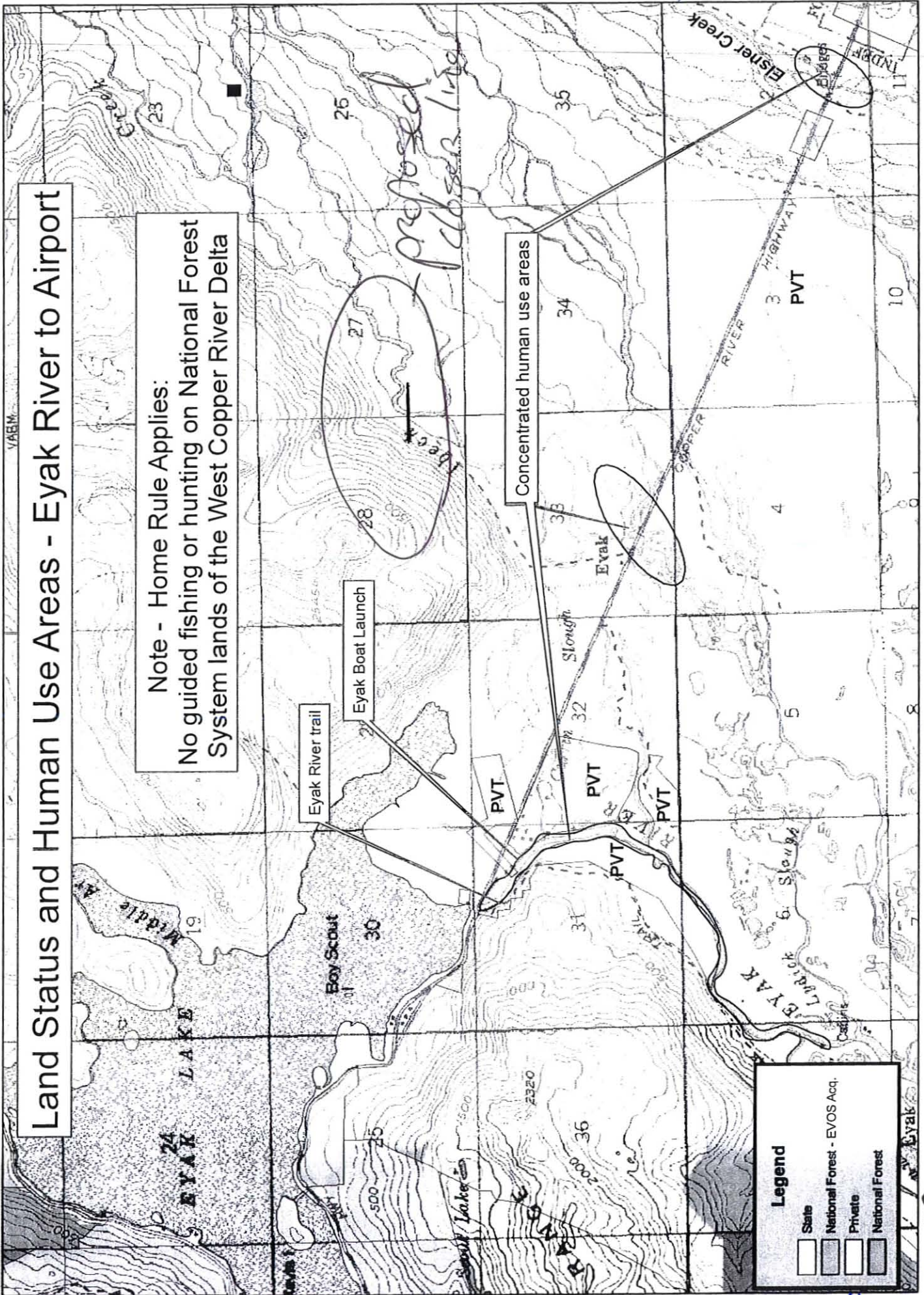
Note - Home Rule Applies:
No guided fishing or hunting on National Forest System lands of the West Copper River Delta

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Concentrated human use areas

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- State
- National Forest - EVOS Acq.
- Private
- National Forest



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Land Status and Human Use Areas - Alaganik Vicinity

Note - Home Rule Applies:
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18 Mile Creek

27 Mile Creek

Pipeline Lake

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22 Mile Boat Launch

Alaganik Slough
Recreation Site

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 - Concentrated Human Use Area

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