

Board of Fish,

Please accept the attached meeting minutes from the Klawock AC Jan 18, 2023 meeting as an RC.

In our previously submitted meeting minutes, I mistakenly recorded our vote as being opposed to prop 156.

After reviewing the recorded meeting, it has been corrected to show **we support Proposal 156 by vote of 8-0.**

We are fully supportive of prohibiting felt soled waders in personal use fisheries.

Thank you very much,

Kurt Whitehead

Klawock AC Secretary

Klawock AC Meeting January 18, 2023

Call to Order: 6: 11pm

Roll Call:

Total Members: 13

Number needed for a quorum: 7

Klawock AC Members	Officer	Present	Absent	Expiration
Dennis Nickerson	Chair	x		June 2024
Nick Nickerson	Vice Chair	x		June 2024
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	x		June 2025
Tylo Kennedy		x		June 2023
Mike Kennedy			x	June 2023
Irving Langmaid			x	June 2025
Tom George		x		June 2025
Al Edsall		x		June 2023
Mark Tollfedt		x		June 2024
John Priddy		x		June 2024
Katie Rooks			x	June 2025
Roby Medina			x	June 2025
Madison Stumpf			x	June 2024

*Tom & Brenda Leask have missed 3 consecutive meetings and were removed as members. We don't want quorum issues at future meetings. They were properly noticed of all prior meetings. They were also emailed about being dropped from the committee. They were invited to rejoin in future meetings whenever they choose.

ADFG Staff present:

Craig Schwanke sport fish biologist, Boards Support Henry Leasia (online).

Guests present: Tom George, Mike George, Luke Dillard, Anna Laffrey (KTN reporter)

Approval of Agenda:

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 1.18.2023.

Vote:

Unanimous approval

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Approve the meeting minutes from 12.13.2022.

Approve the meeting minutes from 12.27.2022.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Vote:

Unanimous approval**Reports:****Chair:**

ADFG: Craig Schwanke (Sportfish biologist). Craig gave a presentation about 2023 guided sport fish angler Lingcod reductions. There will be a size reduction in the reverse slot limit of 30"-40" instead of 30"-45".

Other: Kurt Whitehead gave an update on PoW's Seasonal Resident issue. He will be going to Juneau to find sponsors for our seasonal resident issue on Feb. 1 & 2. SE Board of Game meetings are Jan. 20-24, 2023 in KTN and there will be representatives from each of the POW AC's at that meeting. He will be in attendance.

The group discussed the Seasonal Resident issues on POW and who will be affected.

Tom George discussed local herring issues, its history, how our herring biomass as been reduced every year, how our king salmon are dependent on the herring and how the lawsuit against our trollers is also related to herring reductions. We discussed the commercial harvest of herring and how it needs to be eliminated. We agreed to address that issue in future meetings.

Public Comments: None**Elections:****Moved and seconded to hold elections.**

Kurt Whitehead nominated Tom George as a member.

Vote:

7-0 Unanimous approval.

Officer elections:**Moved and seconded to elect officers.**

Kurt volunteered to be the secretary.

Unanimous consent.

Kurt nominated Dennis Nickerson as Chair and Nick Nickerson as Vice Chair.
Unanimous consent for both.

Old Business: Lawsuit against trollers and longliners.

The group discussed the lawsuit and how we can help join the fight.

Moved and seconded to draft a letter to oppose the lawsuit.

Vote:

8-0 Unanimous approval.

New Business:

Discussion about future herring proposals for the next board of fish meeting.

Comments for statewide finfish proposals.**Fish Proposals:**

Prop 154: Allow the use of purse seine drums

No Action

Prop 155: Use of underwater spear and speargun
Craig Schwanke gave background info.

Moved and seconded to support.

Discussion:

We did not like the idea of harassing fish after they have made it all the way to their natal stream.

Vote:

1-7

Oppose

John Priddy voted in support.

Prop 156: Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear for personal use fishing.

Moved and seconded to support.

Discussion:

This prop is just for personal use. None of us like felt soled waders due to invasive species.

Vote:

8-0

Support

Prop 159: Close commercial fishing for a given species within .25 mile of any area closed to sport fishing

Craig Schwanke gave background info and the group discussed if there are any waters in SE that would apply to this proposal. We agreed there are none on POW and very few if any in SE.

No Action

Prop 160: Require surrender of proceeds gained from the sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas

Moved and seconded to support.

Discussion:

Vote:

0-8

Oppose

Prop 161: Create and establish AK BOF policy regarding mgt of groundfish fisheries.

Discussion:

Tom George discussed the population reduction in yelloweye on inside waters due to commercial longliners and how much bycatch there is in the commercial halibut fishery.

No Action

Prop 163: Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries

Currently it is not illegal to guide in personal use fisheries.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion:

Extensive discussion. None of us liked the idea of guiding in any of the subsistence or personal use fisheries.

Vote:

8-0

Support

Prop 164: Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters

Moved and seconded to support

Discussion:**Vote:**

8-0

Support

Prop 165: Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries

Moved and seconded to support

Discussion: None of us like the idea of guiding in subsistence fisheries.

Vote:

8-0

Support

Prop 166: Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use personal use (dipnet) fisheries

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: Karta river has a dipnet fishery. ADFG is opposed to this as well.

Vote:

0-8

Oppose

Prop 167: Require in season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest

Moved and seconded to approve

Discussion: ADFG feels this prop will not help manage this fishery.

Vote:

0-8

Oppose

Prop 168: Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters

Moved and seconded to support.

Discussion: This is largely a housekeeping issue. We all agree with this prop.

Vote:

8-0

Support

Prop 169: Amend the list of banned invasive species.

Moved and seconded to support.

Discussion: This is largely a housekeeping issue. We all agree with this prop and none of us want invasive species.

Vote:

8-0

Support

Next meeting date tentatively scheduled for Feb. 6 @ 6pm @ VoTech

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by: Kurt Whitehead/Dennis Nickerson

Date: 1.18.23

Off the record we discussed fundraising for trollers, quorum issues and the future game plan with the Klawock AC wolf letter and ESA strategy.