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**Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
September 30, 2013---Fish & Game Building  
Paul Chervenak: Chairman**

(Minutes represent a paraphrased summary of the KAC, department staff and public comments and are not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. Tapes of the meeting are available for public review by contacting the committee secretary)

**Call to order: 6:00pm September 30th 2013 at the Fish & Game Building**

**Roll call:** Quorum achieved with 12 members present. Oliver Holm, Paul Chervenak, Don Fox, Duncan Fields(for Rick Berns), Curt Waters, Julie Kavanaugh and Ron Kavanaugh(by teleconference), Patrick Odonnell(for Jason Bunch), Kip Thomet, Pete Hannah, Randy Swain(for Andre Finke), Tuck Bonney, and Herman Squartsoff.(13 in quorum with late arrival of Mr. Fields).

**Unexcused absences:** Rolan Ruoss and Lou Dochtermann.

**Department Staff:** Wayne Donaldson, Mark Stichert, Trent Hartill and Southwest Regional Co-ordinator Susan Jenkins-Bito by teleconference.

**Approve agenda:** Approved unanimously.

**Approve minutes of our previous meeting of February 13<sup>th</sup> 2013:** Approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Chair Announcements:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**1) Statewide Pacific cod proposals:**

**2) Report by Pat Holmes on subsistence:** Mr. Holmes gave a report on the subsistence meetings that had just concluded in Kodiak. He said that the comment deadline for comments on the rural determination process review which would affect Kodiak is October 17<sup>th</sup> 2013. After discussion the KAC voted to have Mr. Holmes and Chairman Chervenak write a letter to the federal board and the Joint Board on keeping Kodiak as a rural subsistence community.

**Action: Motion to write a letter passes 13-0.**

**3) Joint Board proposals:**

**4) KAC member to Joint Board and BOF:** Julie Kavanaugh was selected to represent the committee at the BOF meeting and Don Fox the Joint Board meeting.

**5) Dates for next KAC meetings:** December 16-17 & 18<sup>th</sup> were selected for the committee to discuss and take action on Kodiak finfish and trawl proposals.

**Adjourn: 10:20pm**

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**Joint Board proposals**

**Proposal # 9**

**Action: 0-12 to oppose**

**Description:** The proposal would change the membership term dates for AC's from January 1 through December 31 to July 1 through June 30.

**Staff comments:** Would provide continuity of membership through the board cycle if proposal adopted.

**Committee comments:** Committee members prefer the current dates that are being used what we have in place works well for Kodiak. We usually hold our elections in January or February.

**PROPOSALS #10-11-12-19-21** –are basically a result of the contentious elections held in the Mat-Su and Anchorage committees which could be eliminated through having designated seats such as we have in Kodiak. It would eliminate one user group from holding all committee seats. In the rural areas such as Kodiak our AC's don't have that problem.

**Proposal #10**

**Action: 0-12 to oppose**

**Description:** Requests a change in the election process so that each qualified voter could only vote for one nominee at AC elections.

**Committee comments:** No AC's in the state currently do this. KAC supports the ability for a committee member or the public to vote for all qualified candidates.

**Proposal #11**

**Action: 0-12 to oppose**

**Description:** Modify the nomination process for the Advisory committees as follows:

**(H) Nomination.** A committee member or resident of the area served by the committee who qualifies under this section may submit a nomination for committee membership to the committee orally or in writing, at any regular meeting, regardless of whether a quorum is present. The committee may set a time period during which it will accept nominations. If the committee establishes a time period, it shall give adequate public notice of the time before it accepts nominations. **Once nominations have been collected the members of the committee will interview the nominees to ensure they qualify for membership. Nominees must display knowledge of and experience with the fish and wildlife resources and their uses in the area, the Alaska Constitution, Alaska Statutes, Alaska administrative Code, and must have a reputation within the community consistent with the responsibilities of committee membership as described in © of this section. Once nominees have been interviewed the committee will vote on the eligible nominees. This may be accomplished by asking nominees to submit a curriculum vita which would be**

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**reviewed by the committee members to determine suitability for committee membership. Those nominees that are recommended for membership will go before the community and each nomination shall be voted on under (e) of this section at the next regular meeting after it selects nominations.**

**Staff comments:** State regulations currently in effect are: To qualify for membership on a committee a candidate must have a knowledge of and experience with fish and wildlife resources and their uses in the area, and have a reputation within the community consistent with the responsibilities of committee membership

**Committee comments:** KAC members support the current regulations as out lined by the staff. The AC is the public link to the Boards process so the public has to decide who represents them not the AC's.

**Proposal #12**

**Action: 0-12 to oppose**

**Description:** Proposal seeks to change the advisory committee process to an appointment process by the commissioner of F & G and provides for designated seats for different interest groups. Elections would be held for the purpose of providing nominations to the commissioner.

**Committee comments:** Committee members agree with member Fields that this proposal gives a completely different orientation of game management by the state by the people who adopted our constitution. It would be a top down model instead of a the bottom up one envisioned by the makers of our constitution . It could make the process a political one as the selection of state board members is now.

**Proposal # 19**

**Action: 0-12 to oppose**

**Description:** Proposal seeks to expand the list of qualifications for AC chair and vice chair. Would require both to have served two full terms or 4 years on a AC.

**Committee comments:** KAC feels that the committee members should be the ones to determine who is qualified or not. Its extremely hard to get someone to serve at times.

**Proposal # 21**

**Action: 0-12 to oppose**

**Description:** Would expand the list of qualifications for AC membership by including in the current regulations : new members should demonstrate a knowledge of the Alaska Constitution, Alaska Statutes, Administrative Code, and familiarity with Board of Fish and Game procedures.

**Committee comments:** Any additional requirement not currently in the regulations is not needed. Would be extremely hard on rural village representatives. During meetings there is staff and usually someone from enforcement to answer any questions. At state board meetings the department and board members have legal staff and enforcement to aid them.

**Proposals #28 & 29(taken together)**

**Action: 12-0 to support**

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**Description:** Proposals would provide the option of allowing designated AC representatives to participate in board deliberations.

**Committee comments:** The KAC agrees it could be cumbersome and unwieldy for statewide issues deciding which AC's should sit in. **But for area specific meetings it would work quite well.** Its important for AC's to feel they have an impact on the process sitting in on deliberations would keep them engaged. At our AC meeting we had several former members who remembered when AC member did sit in. Our current chair Paul Chervenak has sat in on deliberations at BOG meetings by request of staff (Dr.Larry van Daele). Ten minutes for the BOF and 15 for the BOG is not sufficient interaction with the board process.

**Proposal #40**

**Action: 0-12 to oppose**

**Description:** Create a Kodiak non-subsistence area.

**Staff comments:** The proposal provides no justification for classifying Kodiak as a non-subsistence area. It does not address any of the 12 factors listed above nor identify any changes to the area since the Joint Board established the current non-subsistence areas in 1992 that might warrant a new classification as a non-subsistence area.

**Committee comments:** KAC members agree with the staff comments. We feel that unless there is a drastic change in the factors listed such as a dramatic jump in population i.e 25,000 or so there should be no change in classification the primary criteria should be proximity to and use of the resource and our geographic remoteness, we live on an island accessible only by ferry or expensive airfare. Kodiak has a long history of subsistence use of fish and game and sharing of fish and game, there is a high level of use of fish and game on our island. There is an appropriate saying we use here and in the villages when the tide is out the table is set. All of our villages on Kodiak Island strongly oppose this proposal.

**Letter to the Joint Board and the Federal subsistence board:** The committee voted to have the chair and RAC representative Mr. Holmes write a letter to further explain our reasons for having Kodiak continue as a rural subsistence community.