

MINUTES
Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Teleconference Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2015

RC 005

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Jacob Shangin called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm, September 23, 2015

- II. Roll Call:

Full Member List by member groups:

Chignik Lake: Mitchell Lind; Ronald Lind; Vacant

Chignik Lagoon: Don Bumpus; Alfredo Aboueid; Gary Anderson

Perryville: Patrick Kosbruk; Marvin Yagie; Vacant

Ivanof Bay: Jacob Shangin; Stephan Shangin; Noah Shangin;

Chignik Bay: Ben Allen; Vacant; Vacant

Alternates at large: Rodney Anderson; Vacant

Members Present: Mitchell Lind; Don Bumpus; Alfredo Aboueid, Gary Anderson; Jacob Shangin; Ben Allen; and, Rodney Anderson.

Members Absent: Ronald Lind; Patrick Kosbruk; Marvin Yagie; Stephan Shangin; Noah Shangin

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Chignik Lake; Chignik Lagoon; Chignik Bay; Ivanof Bay

List of User Groups Absent: Perryville

- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to defer finfish to future meeting Rodney & Alfredo approved by unanimous consent. Amended Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

- IV. Introductions:

- a. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn Oconnor-Brito, Board Support; Nathaniel Nichols, Westward Region Groundfish; Mark Stichert; Westward Region Groundfish

- b. Guests Present: Chuck McCallum, Lake and Peninsula Borough; Tony G, Chignik Lagoon; Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon; Ramé Abou-eid, Chignik Lagoon; George Anderson, Chignik Lagoon; Dean Anderson, Chignik Lagoon; Aaron Anderson, Chignik Lagoon; Dave Crowley, ADF&G King Salmon; Chris Peterson, ADF&G King Salmon; Lisa Scarbrough, ADF&G Subsistence; Courtney Cartny, BBNA; Liza Mack, Aleutians East Borough; and, Bruce Barrett, United Chignik Salmon Fishermen.

- V. New Business: Comments on cod proposals

**ALASKA PENINSULA / CHIGNIK / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS-
BERING SEA PACIFIC COD
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1, 2015
Alaska Board of Fisheries**

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

| BOG or BOF | Proposal Number | Proposal Description | |
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| Supports or Opposes? | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal |
| BOF | 1 | | Add purse seine gear as an additional gear type to share the 10 percent mechanical jigging machine and hand troll (jig) gear allocation in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended | 7 | 0 | Nathaniel Nichols notes that the Department has little data so that it is difficult to comment on what bycatch might be and how allocations might be affected. With that in mind he noted that the sunset provision was helpful. Motion to adopt by Alfredo and Seconded by Don Bumpus. Rodney expresses concern that after such a lean salmon season that some won't be able to afford safety decals. Al Anderson says that in order to fish next year that you have to have the decal, that we have not had it in Chignik before because we are too far away and that we need to call the Coast Guard about it. Alfredo expresses concern about observer costs and Mark Stichert (who had just dialed into the meeting) comments that the State does not have an observer program, that observers will not be mandatory, and the language was included to allow the department an opportunity to learn. Alfredo challenges the requirement for five years' experience as not being good for the community and if you were new to the fishery it wasn't fair. Mark Stichert comments that he wasn't sure how ADF&G would monitor experience. Alfredo makes motion to amend by dropping #7 to require 5 years' experience. Motion to amend passes by unanimous consent. Don Bumpus calls for the question. Motion to support Proposal #1 passes as amended with none opposed. |
| BOF | 2 | | Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. (This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.) |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <p>7</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>Mark Stichert comments that there might be some catch accounting issues. The fish ticket data base for salmon is separate from groundfish and management will need information in season to react. The data base folks are being asked about how this issue can be addressed. Motion to adopt by Rodney and seconded by Alfredo. Rodney asks what permit cards are needed to qualify and Mark Stichert lays out some options. Don asks if salmon season could be closed if cod bycatch is too high and Mark says no, and they would manage to the cod GHL and if cod bycatch was high they would close cod and stop the retention of cod but not close salmon. Tony asks if you have to have a pot or jig license to deliver cod on salmon fish ticket and how it effects the exclusivity of the fishery. Mark says that you don't have to be in the cod fishery so the super exclusive would not apply because you are not in the fishery. Rodney states that there is a problem with cod going and he would like to see this solution even if it has to come off the jig quota. Mark Stichert notes that seine mortality for cod is high but technically the dead cod is supposed to be reported on the fish ticket and accounted for. Mark Stichert asks what level, in the fishermen's experience, should the bycatch level be set at? Tony notes that right now the Chignik jig fishery is not a viable fishery but if, in the future, the jig fishery becomes viable we may have to deal with that. Tony asks if anyone has approached the canneries and if the companies will buy? Al Anderson says that he wrote the proposal and hates to see the waste and that last year everyone was swamped. George asks if the department would be more favorable if there was a sunset clause. Mark said that he wasn't sure he had a good answer. Mark noted that this is less complicated and that waste might be of interest to the BOF. Catch acct is the crux of the issue. Sunset probably won't make a difference on how the department comments. George asks if there will be additional costs for the department. Mark says there will be some additional costs to mesh the two systems, groundfish and salmon, together. The cost could be a problem in this fiscal environment. Rodney calls for question. Motion passes with all in favor.</p> |
| <p>BOF</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Apportion the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length.</p> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <p>0</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>Rodney moves to adopt Alfredo seconds. Don Bumpus states that he has a problem with this one. Forty seven foot to fifty seven foot boats have the same problem and would lose about 100,000 lbs. Tony, the proposer, says that he put the proposal in just make sure the AC had the option of changing it to best fix the problem because the small boats can't compete. Nathaniel notes that 96% of the harvest is made by boats 47 feet or longer and the average number of boats less than 47 feet is two. Rodney notes that not all 58 foot boats are deep and wide: "I get my ass kicked along with the 50 footers." Alfredo says that making this change for two boats doesn't make sense. Rodney calls for the question – Alfredo seconds: Motion fails with all against.</p> |
| <p>BOF</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>Establish daily pot gear fishing periods for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.</p> | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose | 2 | 5 | Rodney moves, and Ben seconds, to adopt the proposal. Don comments that he submitted this proposal and that he wrote it as a fail-safe if someone put in a proposal for the Chignik quota to be increased because if more boats get drawn to Chignik we might need to slow down the fishery and safety is an issue too. Alfredo says that he is against it and points out: (1) Proposal calls for 'daylight' opening from 6 am to 6 pm but it is still dark at 6 am so is 9 – 3 what you want? (2) The good weather is in the evening and not during the day so it doesn't work. Al agrees that the wind during daylight and points out that this would raise the cost of catching the fish – more fuel and the longer it takes the more market issues with spawned and soft fish. Rodney says that unless you are baiting your pots every six hours they aren't fishing. Don calls the question. The motion fails with two in favor and five against. |
| BOF | 5 | Change date that gear limits may be removed in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose | 3 | 4 | Don moves to adopt and Gary seconds. Alfredo Abou-eid likes this proposal and notes that last year the pot limit was too low and wasn't enough to make it worth fishing. We had to quit because it wasn't worth it. Chignik has been leaving quota on the table and this might help us get it and could get other people involved after salmon season. Ben Allen comments that when we moved the date to this date the idea was to give opportunity to access the cod when tenders were still available - If you want to remove the limit later in the season when you normally hit the rollover date that would be ok but if you want to get more people involved in the fishery then it would be better to leave the pot limit lower. Don Bumpus says that some people, fishing the state water fishery, will be at a disadvantage because they don't have the extra pots. Alfredo says we should try it. If it stays like it is I don't think anyone will try to fish it. I will not do it again with 60 pots. Don calls for the question. Roll Call Vote: Alfredo Alou-eid – Yes; Don Bumpus – No; Mitchell Lind – Yes; Gary Anderson – Yes; Rodney Anderson – No; Jacob Shangin – No; Ben Allen – No. N; Jacob N; ben No. Proposal fails 4 in favor and 3 against. |
| BOF | 6 | Include a change in designation of Chignik Area from a superexclusive registration area to a nonexclusive registration area after October 30 in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose | 0 | 7 | Rodney moves to adopt, seconded by Gary. Rodney opposes and points out that there is a reason why Chignik became super-exclusive in the first place. Ben notes that this opens up Chignik for abuse. Chuck notes that Chignik communities are fishery dependent and vulnerable and super-exclusivity is an important community protection. Rodney calls for question. Motion fails unanimously. |
| BOF | 7 | Change pot storage regulations for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery. | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | 7 | 0 | Rodney moves to adopt and Alfredo seconds. Alfredo likes the proposal and points out that sometimes you don't have time to move all the gear and this would help a lot. Alfredo calls for the question and Gary seconds. Motion passes 7 in favor and none against. |
| BOF | 8 | Limit the number of pots in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area to 60 per vessel. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose | 0 | 7 | Motion to adopt by Alfredo and seconded by Rodney. Don says he could like the proposal but with the Seal Lion restrictions there is no place to fish so he won't be able to support this. Alfredo says he has been fishing for twenty years and he would have to quit fishing if he had this limit. Why should we be different from other areas? Rodney says this would mean that a fishermen fishing the federal season in state water would be at a disadvantage compared to fishermen fishing outside three miles - you should be able to fish the same number of pots as the federal guys otherwise you are at a disadvantage. Rodney calls for the question. The proposal fails with no support. |
| BOF | 9 | Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | 7 | 0 | Don moves to adopt proposal #9 and Gary seconds. Alfredo agrees with the proposal and states that Chignik is the only place in the State that has 20 mile closures around haulouts. It was always wrong and this will give us chance. ADF&G staff comments the he has no feel for the issue of whether this change would trigger a problem with the Steller Sea Lions status or what the States extended jurisdiction staff is thinking about the issue. Ben Allen and Geoge Anderson ask staff about the status of Steller Sea Lions. Aaron Anderson comments that the proposal is only pot and jig and by excluding trawl should not affect Steller Sea Lions. Proposal passes with all in favor. |
| BOF | 10 | Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 35 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch. | |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended | 7 | 0 | <p>Motion to adopt Proposal #10 by Alfredo.</p> <p>Afredo asks if we amend to also ask for a quota increase for Chignik. Discussion supports that the Board could take action is there was a will to do so. General discussion around the fact that the new area O fishery didn't seem to stop more big boats from coming into Chignik. Some doubt that doing nothing while area M gets a bigger quota would necessarily help either. It is inevitable that there will be more boats fishing. Dean Anderson points out that a lot of big boats were being built and that the Area O fishery actually did help because some of those new boats went out there.</p> <p>Ben Allen makes motion to amend, and Alfredo seconds, to increase the Chignik State Water cod quota proportional to the increase Area M is asking for (i.e. 12.25%)(including last cycles increase in the South Pen from 25% that Chignik also did not participate in that would be a 40% increase (35/25) from 8.75% to 12.25%.) Motion to amend passes with all in favor.</p> <p>Main motion passes with all in favor as amended.</p> |
| BOF | 11 | Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 40 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended | | | <p>Motion to adopt by Rodney with second by Alfredo. Discussion is that proposal 11 is very similar to 10 and we should take the same approach as we did on proposal 10. Alfredo makes motion to amend and Rodney seconds, to mirror amendment on proposal 10 to increase Chignik's cod quota by the same proportion as called for in the South Pen proposal. (i.e. 12.25%)(including last cycles increase in the South Pen from 25% that Chignik also did not participate in that would be a 60% increase (40/25) from 8.75% to 14%.) Motion to amend passes with all in favor. Main motion passes with all in favor.</p> |
| BOF | 12 | Apportion the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose | 0 | 7 | <p>Ben moves to adopt and Gary seconds. Ben says that if South pen adopts this then we should follow because South Pen boats might move to Chignik. Rodney notes that we voted against this for our area so I can't. Rodney calls for the question seconded by Alfredo call for question. Motion fails with no support.</p> |
| BOF | 13 | Resolve conflict in pot storage regulations for the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 4 | 3 | <p>Rodney moves, Ben seconds, a motion for no action. Alfredo would like to take action noting it is the same as proposal 7 that we supported and he would like to support the department's efforts to fix the problem. Motion passes 4 to 3.</p> |
| BOF | 14 | Calculate guideline harvest levels for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod fisheries based on federal acceptable biological catch for subareas of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | <p>Rodney moves and Gary seconds to take no action on proposals 14 – 21 because they do not pertain to Chignik.</p> |

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| BOF | 15 | Expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery boundaries and increase the state-waters fishery guideline harvest level from three percent to nine percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | See justification for action for Proposal #14 |
| BOF | 16 | Increase guideline harvest level for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery from three percent to seven percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | See justification for action for Proposal #14 |
| BOF | 17 | Increase the vessel size limit from 58 to 125 feet overall length for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | See justification for action for Proposal #14 |
| BOF | 18 | Align Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod season opening and closing dates with recent changes to federal Pacific cod management. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | See justification for action for Proposal #14 |
| BOF | 19 | Modify vessel size limit for longline vessels in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod B season based on remaining guideline harvest level. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | See justification for action for Proposal #14 |
| BOF | 20 | Define waters between 175° W long to 178° W long as the Adak District in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod fishery. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | See justification for action for Proposal #14 |
| BOF | 21 | Update state-waters Pacific cod management plans of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands with current federal references for Steller sea lion protection. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 | 0 | See justification for action for Proposal #14 |

b) Election of Officers: Don Bumpus states that he is stepping down as vice-chair. The floor was opened to nominations for secretary. No names were forwarded. Ben makes a motion, and Don seconds, to close the nomination for secretary. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Jacob Shangin states that he wants to step down as chairman but will serve until a replacement is found. Rodney makes a motion, seconded by Alfredo, to table the elections until the next meeting. Motion to table approved by unanimous consent.

c) The date of the next teleconference meeting was tentatively set for November 4 at 1:30 pm.

d) Miscellaneous:

A discussion is held regarding who from the AC will represent the AC and who else might attend the BOF to represent Chignik cod interests.

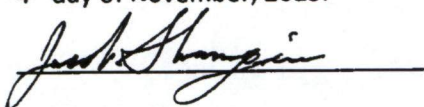
Board support staff, Taryn Oconnor-Brito, gives a short presentation on AC alternates. AC alternates are selected by the AC and not the communities or member groups, and are effectively at large seats. Absence of an alternate at a meeting does not negatively impact quorum but the presence of an

alternate can help establish quorum. The Chignik AC has two alternate positions, one vacant and one expired which remains filled by Rodney Anderson until election. The AC instructs Support Staff to add the selection of alternates to the agenda of the next meeting and see that the issue is properly noticed. Further instruction is given on how to conduct community voting to fill vacant seats for member communities.

Adjournment: 5:24 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Charles McCallum

The Chignik Advisory Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes of September 23, 2015 on this 4th day of November, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob Shangin", is written over a horizontal line.

Jacob Shangin

Chairman