

**Cooper Landing Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 27, 2019
Cooper Landing Community Hall**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Jeremy Lewis, Chair
- II. Members Present: Jeremy Lewis, John Pearson, William Coulliette, Jason Lesmeister (via phone), Alex Kime, Carl Coulliette

Members Absent (Excused): Mike Adams

Members Absent (Unexcused): Todd Donahue, Robert Gibson

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Agenda was approved.
- IV. No previous minutes to approve.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright and Jeff Selinger
- VI. Guests Present: Josh Hayes, David Pearson, Tom Lessard Troopers, Ben Endres and Scott Sands
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: Elections were held with the following results:

John Pearson, Billy Coulliette, Josh Hayes were elected for regular seats with term expires 6/21. Tom Lessard was elected to replace Ed Holsten for a regular seat that expires 6/20. Mike Adams and Carl Coulliette were elected as one-year alternates that expire 6/19.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose	0	7	Basically this puts everyone on the same page reporting – wise. This is unreasonable for dipnetters and everyone else on a weekly basis. Concern that it wouldn't be accurate reporting. The state doesn't have the money to support the additional work. In season management is not happening with the information they currently collect.
165	Allow a fishing guide vessel to de-register after registration in a calendar year		
No action			This would allow people to do subsistence fishing with friends and family on their vessel. They believe once they de-register they would be done guiding for the remainder of the year. It may have some trickle-down effect on the Kenai. If it were only subsistence, some could get behind it, but if someone registered five boats, and de-registered only one of them, they will still have the same number of fishing vessels on the river. Believe the target is more for shellfish and halibut. It's kind of a can of worms and unclear. They don't have transformer boats. Could create a bigger problem in refuge area.
167	Allow the use of two artificial flies		
Oppose	0	7	They would like fly fishing only waters to go to two flies. The problem in our area is a mixed stock fishery in the Russian River. Can't differentiate methods and means for what they are fishing for. Single hook is better in a mixed stock fishery. Adding a second hook in the water in fly fishing only would be a mess. You will have salmon fishermen with two flies. Don't see this gaining much traction.
168	Specify that any line used to make the attachment between a skiff and a purse seine used in a commercial salmon fishery may not exceed 10 fathoms in length		
171	Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
Support	8	0	Aligns non-subsistence areas of the state with the same regulations so personal use takes priority over commercial fisheries. This might solidify the personal use fishery windows rather than use of emergency order. Stocks of concern will have a different priority. The question raised – would it affect the amount of sockeye making it up river? Probably. Subsistence and commercial fishing have been getting the better end of the stick - allocative proposals can be a slippery slope. They are for more fish in the river. There's a lot of things attached to getting more fish in the river. Many of the fish are coming in later. Season for dipnetting is in July. The idea behind this is that we are putting more fish in Alaskan

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			freezers. Commercial fishermen already have the ability to take fish home in their home pack. This has the potential for changing fishing on late run king salmon. It says in our constitution that residents are supposed to have priority.
172	Define "bow and arrow"		
Support	8	0	Another housekeeping proposal.
173	Define "ecotourism"		
Support	8	0	Seems like a housekeeping proposal.

Next meeting will be March 20th at noon to prepare proposals for Board of Fisheries (pending confirmation of the facility). DRAFT BOF proposals were handed out for review prior to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carl Coulliette
 Minutes Approved By: Jeremy Lewis, Chair
 Date Approved: 3/1/2019