

**Prince William Sound/Valdez Advisory Committee
November 21, 2018
Valdez Native Tribal Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 6:14 p.m. by Hope Upicksoun
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Hope Upicksoun, Nick Crump, Charles Upicksoun, Ashley James, and Marissa Roberts
Members Absent (Excused): Tim Bouchard, Damien James
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previous meeting was held on 02/08/2018 and approved by the chair, Hope Upicksoun, in order to meet comment deadlines.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: Roy Eskilida Sr.
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Elections: Discussed postponing elections until next meeting in a week or two in hopes of a better attendance. Nick motioned to postpone elections until the next meeting. Ashley seconded. Motion carries. Elections are postponed until the next meeting.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals			
March 8-11, 2019 Anchorage, AK			
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161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
			Discussion: This proposal requires reporting of all salmon every week. Do not feel that amount of reporting is necessary at this point. No action taken on Proposal 161. Motion to vote on Proposal 161 by Ashley James. Second by Nick Crump
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch.		
Support	5		Discussion: Feel that sport, personal use and subsistence is not held to as high of a standard as commercial fishers. It would be a good idea to keep an eye on the king salmon by have more timely reporting. Would be a

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			good idea in the Prince William Sound and you hear about king numbers being down all over the state. This would give a better idea of the numbers and amount caught. Support of Proposal 162. Motion to vote on Proposal 162 by Ashley James. Second by Nick Crump
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
			Discussion: We do not have enough information about the waste of subsistence-caught fish in the Northwest to make an informed decision on this proposal. No action taken on this proposal.
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
			Discussion: Refer to proposal 163 No action taken on this proposal.
165	Allow a fishing guide vessel to de-register after registration in a calendar year		
			Discussion: No action taken on Proposal 165 at this time.
166	Require rockfish to be released at depth		
Support	5		Discussion: Learned about the devices and other ways of releasing rockfish last year. It would be a great idea for it to be required so there is less rockfish waste. The only downside would be for the time it takes to get a fish down to depth. Unanimous vote in support of the proposal. Motion to vote on Proposal 166 by Ashley James second by Charles Upicksoun.
167	Allow the use of two artificial flies		
Oppose		4	Discussion: Discussed the regulations for one vs. two artificial flies. There does not seem to be a need to change the regulations as they are. 4 voted opposed and 1 abstained from voting as they were not well enough informed about fly fishing. Motion to vote on Proposal 167 by Nick Crump. Second by Ashley James.
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		
Support	5		Discussion: Discussed the length of a fathom and how commercial fishers can get around the closing time by the length of their line. Feel that having a limit would make sure that seiners used in commercial fishing are closed in a more timely manner. 5 votes in support of this proposal. Motion to vote on Proposal 168 by Nick Crump. Secodn by Charles Upicksoun.

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169	Repeal and readopt the Policy for Statewide Salmon Escapement Goals		
			Discussion: Not enough is known about this proposal and we need more time to make an informed decision. No action taken for the time being. May come back to this proposal at a later time. Motion to vote on Proposal 170 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Charles Upicksoun.
170	Amend the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries to include management targets		
			See proposal 169. Motion to vote on Proposal 170 by Hope Upicksoun Second by Charles Upicksoun.
171	Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
		2	Discussion: Discussed the regulation for allocations as they are. Do not feel this regulation needs to be changed at this time. 2 votes opposed to changing the regulation. 3 abstained from voting. Motion to vote on Proposal 171 by Nick Crump. Secodn by Charles Upicksoun.
172	Define "bow and arrow"		
Support	5		Discussion: Having a more clear definition of "bow and arrow" would be beneficial to those who use these for fishing. 5 vote in support of proposal 172. Motion to vote on Proposal 172 by Ashley James Second by Hope Upicksoun
173	Define "ecotourism"		
			Discussion: Having a clear definition of "ecotourism" can be beneficial but we do not know a lot about ecotourism to decide if this definition is sufficient. No action taken at this time. Motion to vote on Proposal 161, 162 and 173 by Ashley James. Second by Nick Crump

Next meeting scheduled tentatively for December 13th at 6 p.m. On the agenda, elections and discussion of joint board proposals.

Adjournment: Ashley James motioned to adjourn. Nick Crump seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Marissa Roberts
 Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
 Date Approved: December 13, 2018