

# On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

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UNALASKA/DUTCH HARBOR FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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September 27, 2019

Reed Morisky, Chairman  
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**Subject:** Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee from a meeting held on September 26 16, 2019 in Unalaska, AK on Board of Fisheries ACRs Work Session scheduled meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, October 23-24 2019.

**ACR 6 Close the Aleutian Islands waters of 174°W long to commercial fishing by certain vessels using non pelagic trawl gear (SAAC 28.650)**

Motion to support: made by Melissa Good, seconded by Tim Mahoney,

Discussion: the committee felt that this proposal wasn't an emergency and from data we received from ADF&G staff in Unalaska; that there was very little trawl fishing activity in state waters by trawl vessels over >100' feet. The majority of the AC committee felt the proposal didn't have merit. We also wondered why the Golden King Crab Association wasn't weighing in with support for this ACR. The motion to support ACR 6 failed 9-0

**ACR 7 Designate the Aleutian Islands Sub district an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod and (5ACC28.606) (SACC 28.647)**

Motion to support Steven Gregory second Tim Mahoney

Discussion: the majority of the Unalaska AC would be beneficial for the community of Adak. Many thought it was felt that if it remained 'open access' that many of the vessels fishing the Dutch Harbor state water fishery (35 vessels last year) would travel out to Adak and harvest the Aleutians quota in record time thus negatively impacting the only shore plant processor in of benefit for the entire community. An exclusive registration area would allow for a more orderly fishery, and a steady supply of Pacific Cod for the shore based plant in Adak. This would allow for better product utilization and increase the value for the benefit of harvesters, processors, and the City of Adak.



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The members of the Unalaska AC felt that this would qualify as an emergency, with the precarious position the local processing plant is in from a pending appeal that could impact their access to federal water Pacific Cod fishery. The Unalaska AC felt that we should support this request to assist with the continued development of Adak as a fishing community. Motion to support ACR 7 passed 9-0

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Kelty', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Frank Kelty

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC Chairman

CC: Glenn Haight, ADFG Board Support

Unalaska AC Committee Members