

MSB FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
January 16, 2020 – Minutes

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I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM

Present: Mike Wood, Andy Couch, Howard Delo, Larry Engel, Dan Mayfield, Tam Boeve, Amber Allen.

Absent: Robert Chlupach, Bruce Knowles (excused).

Quorum established.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Larry Engel moved to approve the Agenda; Andy Couch seconded.

Discussion: No Discussion

Motion approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 19, 2019

MOTION: Andy Couch moved to approve the Minutes; Howard Delo seconded.

Discussion: Andy Couch had changes on pages 2, 3, and 5

Omit Andy Couch's comment at the end of page 2;

Substitute the word "guides" in place of "they" in Doug Vincent-Lang's second comment;

Change the wording of Howard Delo's comment (1st comment) from "We are proposing a number" to "There are a number...";

Add "Point" before "E" and correct word "wikd" to say "You would" in the 4th David Vincent-Lang's comment;

David Vincent-Lang's 1st comment is not complete [Relistened to Audio: insert "test net" before the word "data"; after the word "data" delete "from the" and insert in its place "to a certain extent."]

Correct Mike Wood's comment at the end of the page by changing "weir" to "wheel".

Motion approved as corrected unanimously.

IV. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS & PARTICIPATION (3 min./person, chair's discretion)

Stephanie Nowers - Assembly

Bill Stoltz

On the Phone:

Mac Minard

Rick Green, ADF&G

Meagan Krupa - presenter

V. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Staff report

Ted Eischeid provided updates on Letter from Mr. Moosey to BOF regarding Kodiak Finfish BOF meeting; Wetland Ordinance update; BOF process overview; and procedures for electing Chair/Vice-Chair.

b. Presentation/Dialogue: Meagan Krupa

Meagan Krupa provided a presentation on Krupa et al published paper: Public Process and the BOF.

Discussion:

Dan Mayfield asked where the paper was sent?

Meagan Krupa stated that it has been sent to some people in sportfish but mostly it has been by word of mouth. If you have any suggestions of who would like to read this paper, she is open for suggestions.

Mike Wood: does the resource benefit from this process or not?

Meagan Krupa:

Howard Delo: The process is night and day different – are you talking about outcome? How would you suggest the board handle differently from Bethel and Cook Inlet.

Meagan Krupa: Most of the proposals in the arctic come from AC's. In the arctic it is a smaller group; in CI you have high complex; CI has a lot of individual proposals and they are failing.

HD: You just itemized the differences but how can the board eliminate the redundancies. Do you have any literal changes or are you looking at people need to get their act together a little better.

MK: Suggestion: If you are going to submit the same proposal – you need to document that something has changed. A little bit more consideration – working with the ACs and utilizing them better.

AC: Definition of winning. There are a lot of proposals that are somewhat similar; the BOF may take up one proposal and then adopt concepts from another; Is the proposal taken up by the board the winner or loser?

MK: It is something that is very difficult to track. The definition of winning – it is very difficult for me to define this. I have spoken with many people regarding the BOF process and no one could give a definitive process.

Mac Minard: Am I to understand the success and failure was for a span of time between 1960 and 2016?

MK: Yes.

AC: A lot of the AC members would say “The Board never hears what we say”; are you talking about the submittal process?

Meagan Krupa: All of the groups are successful – Upper Cook Inlet AC falls last across the board. The entire process is not something we measured but it deserves a review.

Mac Minard: I do not know where you account for the cultural norms. The decision making model is different – it may not be geography but cultural norms. What are your thoughts on that?

Meagan Krupa: Yes.

Mike Wood: Where would you lump UCIDA, KRSA, etc.?

Meagan Krupa: I think they rank, out of the five public categories, they ranked 4th.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Elect chair and vice chair for 2020.

MOTION: Howard Delo moved to nominate Mike Wood for Chair; No other nominations.

Motion approved unanimously that Mike Wood hold the position as Chair of MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission for the upcoming term.

MOTION: Larry Engel moved to nominate Howard Delo for Vice-Chair; No other nominations.

Motion approved unanimously that Howard Delo hold the position as Vice-Chair of MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission for the upcoming term.

2. BOF Proposals to Support/Oppose

MOTION: Andy Couch made a motion to support all the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission Committee: BOF Proposals highlighted with “green” in the handout of their committee work that showed a unanimous committee vote to support that proposal; Howard Delo seconded.

Discussion: Discussion ensued to the process the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission should take on the BOF Proposals to support/oppose.

Motion to amend: Amber Allen made a motion to amend Proposal 215; Andy Couch seconded.

Discussion: Discussion ensued to determine the benefit to amend Proposal 215 to include the comment attached to it, ""barbless hooks should be consideration a conservation option"; Andy Couch seconded.

HD: will have to RC this into the management plan.

AC: can't support the amendment, to avoid jumbling it up.

MW: No problem submitting this as a RC, as a selection the FWC proposal committee;

Amber Allen withdrew her amendment.

Discussion ensued on the main motion.

AC: Amendment by adding a comment that much information was left out of proposal 205/ HD seconded.

Amendment Approved unanimously

Main Motion as amended passed Unanimously.

AC: Moved we support 195 / HD seconded.

AC spoke to his motion; ADFG wanted to know where FWC falls on this issue, so this does that.

HD: This concept has been around, how do we get a smooth closure – the 1% rule was designed to address this. He supports 195.

AC: 195 is specifically for the set net fishery;, it could force drifters to move if the set net fishery shut down.

MM: This is the set net proposal and we want to consider to look hard at this, going to 2% and going to July 31 rather than Aug. 7. The August date is pretty important. If you want an effective trigger it needs to be 2%.

MW: To MM, what's the importance of us taking a position on this? Some would say this messes up their set net fishery. Won't this shut down east side set netters for a few fish for us?

AC: the only value I see in the set net % is it could move the drift fleet; maybe could affect some coho.

HD: might want to support 194 and 195, that we support the concept of changing the dates.

AC: withdraw motion – Motion pulled.

AC: Approve support for green divided proposals, 234-238; HD second.

Motion passed unanimously.

[stike comment at end, "51 hours for 234}

Andy Couch: Support the proposals with divided majority opposition (yellow/red)/ Second HD

Withdrawn by AC without objection;

Dan Mayfield: MOTION to support remaining recommendations to opposed items of the committee and submit as a RC/ Andy Couch second.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. BOF Booklet Update

Howard Delo made a motion to approve the booklet with minor corrections to get to printer; Dan Mayfield seconded

Motion passed unanimously.

4. MSB Wetland Legislation/Mitigation Update

Update briefly discussed

5. Final preparation discussion for BOF UCI Finfish Meeting in ANC Feb. 7-19

Discussion ensued on how the MSB FWC will work with KRSA.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS

DM:

Ted: talked about the importance of telling a story.

Howard Delo: When on BOF an Alaskan native testifier shared a poem, and it had a big impact.

When final booklet is done I can autograph p. 8. For BOF meetings we need to know everyone's cell phone number.

Larry Engel: Agrees with putting the personal message in, and the new booklet reflects the personal message strategy; would like us to use this booklet in a variety of venues, like to legislators, CoC, ACs, --- considering doing in house printing.

Andy Couch: BOF is looking better now for us than he has ever seen in a long time; like the Kodiak decision to pass fish to UCI; the minutes that DVL where he asked for our opinions on certain issues; many BOF members are good... New process where you can sign up to testify on certain days rather than "pot luck" process from the past.

Mike Wood: Thank you for voting me as chair for another year; very excited to be here now, and several things have aligned in our favor, especially good BOF members; our FWC has done a good job basing decisions of science and not politics; our word has finally gotten out because we have stuck to our storyline; and a lot of people are working better together now to get fish up here; the booklet is a great tool that I intend to share it; Su-Hydro still a threat down the road; appreciates the FWC.

Tam Boeve: Presenting to several CCs, and the BOF message really resonated with a lot of people; would like copies of booklets.

KR:

VIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 27, 2020 – AGENDA AND PRESENTATION IDEAS

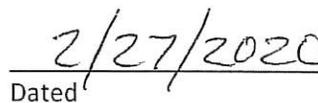
1. BOF Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting review.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:48PM.



Mike Wood, Chair

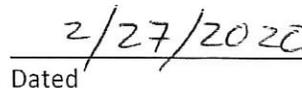


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ATTEST:



Ted Eischeid, Planner II Staff



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