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Mayor Clay Koplín

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Tommy Sheridan

John Whissel

ADF&G Invitees

Janet Rumble

Elisa Russ

Wyatt Rhea-Fournier

The City of Cordova
Fisheries Development Committee Meeting

January 3, 2020 @ 12:00 pm

Cordova Center Mayor's Conference Room

AGENDA

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the 12-13-19 Meeting
2. Minutes of the 12-16-19 Meeting

C. Discussion Items

3. Prince William Sound Tanner Crab test fishery update with ADF&G invitees
4. Other Developing PWS Fisheries (Pacific Cod, Skate, Octopus, Black Rock Fish)
5. Committee membership
6. Next meeting date & place/agenda items

D. Adjournment

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The City of Cordova
Fisheries Development Committee Meeting
December 13, 2019 @ 12:00 pm
Cordova Electric Cooperative Conference Room
Minutes

A. Call to order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 12:06 pm on December 13, 2019 in the Cordova Electric Cooperative Conference Room. Present were *Chairman Bob Smith* and Committee members *Mayor Clay Koplín(ex officio), Ron Blake, Warren Chappell, Andy Craig* and *John Whissel*. *Gus Linville* was present via teleconference. Committee members *Bobby Linville* and *Tommy Sheridan* were absent. ADF&G Invitees present via teleconference were *Janet Rumble, Elisa Russ, Chris Russ, Wyatt Rhea-Fournier* and *Mike Byerly* Public present were *Makena O'Toole, Jeff Chappell, Chelsea Haisman* and Deputy Clerk *Tina Hammer*

B. Approval of Minutes

- *Elisa Russ* clarified that in the 12-6-19 minutes the 2019 abundance estimates of the magnitude of crab discussed are preliminary.
- Minutes of 12-6-19 were approved.

C. Discussion Items

1. Prince William Sound Tanner/King Crab Fishery

- *Janet Rumble, ADF&G* gave committee members an update on whether Fish & Game had the authority to open the entire PWS with a commissioner's permit. The department of law has looked into the regulations and decided it is not legal. They are allowed to operate the commissioner's permit in the Eastern and Western districts like they have past two seasons. In discussions with leadership she is interested in conducting a test fishery in the Northern and Hinchinbrook districts.
- *Wyatt Rhea-Fournier* discussed the potential of a test fishery for PWS tanner crab similar to the one conducted in 2016. Due to budget cuts, he feels the test fishery option will provide additional information to develop a comprehensive plan.
- Committee members were not in favor of a test fishery conducted similar to 2016. *Bob Smith* discussed regulation changes to allow for a PWS area wide fishery, *Makena O'Toole* discussed the possibility of including a stop gap in the proposed regulation. *Janet Rumble* questioned whether there was any precedent around the state for that kind of regulation, but she was willing to investigate.
- *Janet Rumble* and *Wyatt Rhea-Fournier* discussed how a test fishery conducted with pots might be structured to get a broader spread of observation with committee members. *Wyatt Rhea-Fournier* stated that surveys of this magnitude will need to be run through leadership and biometrician review to build a comprehensive harvest strategy. He suggested the committee write a letter to F&G leadership asking that any test fishery assessment be applied back to the fishery. He also stated that a new discussion with upper management will need to take place since a pot survey test fishery was not discussed prior, once something is ironed out then the structuring of that test fishery can take place. *Janet Rumble* stated that she will run these idea's through leadership and update the committee at the January 3, 2020 noon meeting.

2. Other Developing PWS Fisheries

- Octopus - *Mayor Koplín* said that timing for surveys in PWS and Southern Cook Inlet greatly increased in October where 80 to 90% of the pots had octopus versus surveys conducted in June that had very few.
- ADF&G attendees left the meeting at 1:06 pm.
- Committee members discussed strategy to draft a letter with parameters for a tanner crab pot test fishery.

3. Next meeting date/agenda items

- Meeting next Monday, December 16th at 4pm, Cordova Center Mayor's conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm

Attest: _____
Tina Hammer, Deputy Clerk

The City of Cordova
Fisheries Development Committee Meeting
December 16, 2019 @ 4:00 pm
Cordova Center Mayor's Conference Room
Minutes

A. Call to order & Roll Call

Chairman Bob Smith called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm on December 16, 2019 in the Cordova Center Mayor's Conference Room. Present were *Chairman Bob Smith* and Committee members *Mayor Clay Koplun(ex officio), Ron Blake, Andy Craig* and *Bobby Linville*. Committee members *Warren Chappell, Gus Linville, Tommy Sheridan* and *John Whissel* were absent. Public present were *Makena O'Toole, Zek Brown, Dennis Zadra, Chelsea Haisman* and Deputy Clerk *Tina Hammer*. No quorum was present, but meeting continued as a work session.

B. Discussion Items

1. Prince William Sound Crab Fishery test fishery strategy
 - *Makena O'Toole* handed out a rough draft with parameters for a pot test fishery in PWS. Committee members discussed pot limits and lifts, timing of test fishery and assessment of participants to ensure a comprehensive stock assessment. The committee composed a letter to ADF&G with their recommendations.
2. Next meeting date/agenda items
 - Next meeting on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 12:00 pm, Cordova Center Mayor's conference room to discuss update of Tanner Crab test fishery with ADF&G.

C. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Attest: _____
Tina Hammer, Deputy Clerk