

# **KODIAK/ALEUTIANS SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Audio Teleconference

Anchorage, Alaska

September 2-3, 2020

### **Invocation**

Mr. Pat Holmes provided the invocation.

### **Call to Order, Roll Call and Quorum Establishment**

The meeting was called to order Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 8:30 am. Council members Sam Rohrer, Christopher Price, Coral Chernoff, Rebecca Skinner, Natasha Hayden, Pat Holmes, and Della Trumble were present in person via teleconference. Melissa Berns was not present and was excused. The Council has two vacant seats. A quorum was established with seven of eight seated Council members participating by phone. Mr. Donald Mike, Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) Council Coordinator, facilitated the Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence RAC public meeting via teleconference.

### **Attendees:**

#### ***Via teleconference***

- OSM, Anchorage: Donald Mike, Thomas Doolittle, Orville Lind, Robbin La Vine
- Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Kodiak: Bill Pyle, Mike Brady, Tevis Underwood, Joy Erlenbach, Kevin Van Hatten
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Anchorage: Jackie Keating, Mark Burch, Mark Witteveen
- ADF&G, Kodiak: Tyler Lawson
- Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, Kodiak: Matt Van Daele
- Qawalangin Tribe, Unalaska: Chandra Poe
- Izembek NWR, Cold Bay: Pat Fitzmorris
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Anchorage: Glenn Chen
- National Park Service (NPS), Anchorage: Joshua Ream, Dave Sarafin
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Anchorage: Frank Harris
- Western Alaska Partnership Network, Anchorage: Danielle Stickman

### **Review and Adopt Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Holmes to adopt the agenda as amended. Amended agenda added the Western Alaska Partnership Network report by Ms. Stickman. Second called by Mr. Rohrer. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Holmes to approve the March 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Second called by Mr. Price. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Council Member and Chair Reports**

Ms. Hayden reported that subsistence salmon harvesters took some effort to meet their needs and attributed the slow harvest to low water levels. Salmon have been schooled up outside river mouths due to low water. Berry harvest was successful in the area but the blueberry crop was reported to be scares. Ms. Hayden also reported an increase in bear activity within the road system. ADF&G cancelled the non-resident spring bear hunt, which may have contributed to more bear activity.

Ms. Chernoff also reported on the poor subsistence harvest of salmon. The last couple years none Sockeye Salmon were harvested but the Silver Salmon run was healthy. Berry crop was healthy but not as plentiful. No bird die offs were reported in the area, but Ms. Chernoff reported that in addition to Arctic and Aleutian Terns she observed a tern on the island that she could not identify. More deer has been observed on the road system indicating a healthy population. Emperor Geese open season on the road system was cancelled due to COVID19 pandemic. The season was the first of a three year trial opening. Ms. Chernoff reported the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council will reapply to get the full three year season for Emperor Geese harvest.

Mr. Rohrer reported the deer population on the Kodiak Island west side was recovering from a hard winter that affected it. Mr. Rohrer heard reports around the community regarding the bear population on the road system in Kodiak; it appears to be a general consensus among residents to open the road system to hunting to expand bear harvest opportunities or extend the bear season. It is an issue of concern and the Council should consider submitting bear proposals to the Alaska Board of Game.

Ms. Skinner reported that salmonberry crop was poor in Kodiak but the outlying areas were productive. Subsistence salmon fishing was successful near the Buskin River. She reported that bear activity in the area have increased on the road system in Kodiak and along the trails used by community members. Ms. Skinner reported that the North Pacific Management Council (NPMC) have held virtual meetings since the pandemic began. The NPMC's April 2020 meeting was cancelled as well as all field surveys. Twenty four million were awarded to the cod fishing disaster, and the State of Alaska developed a spending plan, which was sent out for public comment. The State has plans to distribute the funds in the fall of 2020 and about ten million has been awarded to the Chignik salmon disaster. The State is considering using part of the twenty four million for research.

Ms. Hayden reported on how the school district in Kodiak is prepared to keep the students educated during the pandemic. The district will provide parents the option of keeping their kids enrolled in school, virtual home delivery, or homeschooling. Ms. Hayden reported the School District is well prepared to address education needs for the students.

Mr. Holmes reported that probably because of climate warming the last forty-fifty years of observations show that there has been an increase in the size and the amount of alders and brush migrating up into the alpine areas, affecting berry habitat. Subsistence salmon harvest was poor in the Buskin River. Mr. Holmes reported that the tribes in Kodiak reported clam sampling high Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) count and local residents did not harvest any clams. Shellfish, King and Dungeness crab catch was not successful and the sea otter population have thinned out the shellfish population as a food source.

Mr. Price reported the subsistence Sockeye Salmon harvest had the worst year on record and throughout the area the salmon did not show up during the summer run. The halibut fishing in the area was decent. Mr. Price reported low water levels in most of the rivers near Unalaska affecting the returns of salmon to the local rivers and streams. One fatality due to PSP was reported, and the community need to help address the high levels of PSP that are present in the area.

Ms. Trumble reported that the salmon returns from the Shumigans through False Pass were very poor from June till the first part of August. Local fishers have not seen such low returns through their entire lives. The caribou season opened August 1 and False Pass resident were able to harvest caribou. Ms. Trumble reported a whale had been taken by Orcas near King Cove. The remainder of the whale was hauled to the community by local residents and community members were able to process the rest of the whale for local consumption.

### **Chair's Report**

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) held the public meeting via teleconference in April 2020 to take action on Federal Subsistence wildlife proposals. Ms. Trumble participated in the Board's meeting in representing the Council's position on wildlife proposals affecting the region and providing the Council's recommendations.

### **Sea Otter Working Group**

Council Coordinator Mr. Mike provided the results of the first working group meeting to the Council. The working group consisting of Ms. Skinner and Ms. Chernoff and facilitated by the Council Coordinator met on August 26, 2020. Other working group members Mr. Price, Ms. Heyden, and Ms. Berns were not able to participate.

- The Stakeholder Sea otter meeting was held in Juneau last fall 2020; the report has not been finalized. The draft report has not been approved according to staff from the Marine Mammals office.
- The working group discussed that no monies have been available towards sea otter studies, population estimates in the Kodiak Island area.
- The working group will consider attending other sea otter forums (Sea Otter Commission, Indigenous People's Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM)) and seek funding to send a representative from the Council working group at future scheduled meeting. Ms. Chernoff volunteered to attend. The working group also discussed why the Kodiak sea otter population is included to the sea otter population from the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands. The

working group discussed the need to distinguish the Kodiak sea otter from rest of the Southwest area.

- Under the ESA, a 5 year review of sea otters in the Southwest region is conducted. The working group will request recent biological information to assist the working group in future meetings of the working group.
- Seeking contract monies from Sea Otters Commissions, for example, to conduct surveys in the region was discussed and focus funding, to communities, of high use of sea otters to conduct outreach.

Existing Working Group members agreed to continue this group and revisit all the items listed. The complete group will discuss each item to come to a consensus for follow-up.

## **Old Business**

805(c) Report was provided in the meeting materials for the Councils reference. The 805(c) Report is a overview of the actions taken by the Board on wildlife proposals and wildlife closure reviews affecting the Kodiak/Aleutians Region.

## **New Business**

### ***Fisheries Closures Reviews (FCR)***

FCR21-08: Unalaska, Salmon

FCR21-09: Unalaska Bay drainage, Summers & Morris Lakes, Salmon

FCR21-11: McLees Lake drainage, Salmon

FCR21-13: Alaska Peninsula, Russell Creek, and Nurse Lagoon, Salmon

FCR21-16: Kodiak Island, Buskin River, Salmon

FCR21-18: Afognak Bay drainage, Salmon

FCR21-19: Afognak Island drainages, Salmon

The analyses were presented by Ms. Robbin La Vine, Anthropologist, and Mr. Jared Stone, Fishery Biologist. These closures were adopted from the ADF&G regulations 20 years ago. This is the initial review of these closures by the Council. The Council was not able to talk with the local tribes and State Local Advisory Committees regarding these closures and analysis prior to the Council meeting date.

The Council deferred the seven FCRs to the March 9-10, 2021 public meeting. In a unanimous vote, the Council stated the FCRs should have public input because the FCRs directly affects the communities and the Council will consider these comments at its winter 2021 meeting and develop recommendations to the Board. The Council and OSM staff are contacting the State Local Advisory Committees and tribes regarding the seven closure reviews for public input for the Council to consider.

### ***Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program***

OSM staff presented the 2022 Draft Priority Information needs (PINs) to the Council. The Draft PINs were drafted by a working group comprised of two Councils, the Bristol Bay and Kodiak/Aleutians,

members. The Council reviewed the PINs developed by the working group, provided comments, and approved them. The PINs approved by the Council are as follows:

- (Bristol Bay) Reliable estimates of escapement, quality of escapement, and environmental impacts addressing decline of Chinook and Sockeye salmon for the Chignik River area and associated impacts to subsistence harvest opportunities.
- (Bristol Bay) Reliable estimates of Chinook Salmon escapement and evaluation of quality of escapement measures in Alagnak River, Big Creek, Meshik River, Naknek River, and Togiak River, including elements of potential egg deposition, sex and size composition of spawners, and spawning habitat quality and utilization for determining the reproductive potential of spawning stocks.
- (Southwest) Examine how recent changes in the Gulf of Alaska environment affect Sockeye Salmon within their range and habitats, noting particular concern for the Chignik drainages, using scale analyses of fresh water and saltwater growth patterns ~~to determine the effects of changes in ocean conditions~~ over multiple years ~~and~~ to research the decline in size-at-age of salmon in the Kodiak/Aleutians drainages (Buskin, and McClees drainages) and/or in the Bristol Bay drainages (Chignik, Nushagak, Naknek, and Togiak drainages).
- (Southwest) Reliable estimates of subsistence harvest and uses. Of particular interest are harvest trends in the communities of (Bristol Bay) Manokotak, Nondalton, (Kodiak) Chignik, Ouzinkie, the settlement Aleneva on Afognak Island, Port Lions, (Aleutians/AK Pen), Adak, Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, St. Paul, and St. George.
- (Kodiak/Aleutians) Abundance and assessment of critical subsistence salmon stocks in priority areas such as the Buskin River.

### ***FY2020 annual report***

The Council discussed topics for FY2020 Annual Report to the Board. The following topics were approved as draft and will be finalized at the winter 2021 public meeting.

#### **1. Adak Island Caribou Management Plan**

The Council appreciates the response from the Board and looks forward to beginning the process of forming a management plan for Adak Island. The Council encourages the Board to initiate the management plan soon, and suggests that the group developing the management plan should include a member from the Council and a member from the community of Adak.

The Council looks forward to progress on contacting Federal and State agencies, as well as non-government agencies and other interested parties. The Council requests to be appraised of any development on the Adak caribou management plan.

#### **2. Izembek National Wildlife Refuge**

The Council acknowledges the hiring of Izembek NWR manager. The manager and the staff provide critical resource information to the Council. The reports presented by the Refuge provides the Council with information needed to develop subsistence and resource recommendations.

### **3. Regional Advisory Council Alternate Member**

The Council currently has two vacant seats. The Council depends on members who have knowledge of fish and wildlife resources as well as subsistence uses within their region and communities to develop recommendations to the Board on subsistence resource related issues. It is important for the Council to have all the seats filled in order to represent the cultural and geographic diversity of the region. The situation when in the prior years the incumbents that have reapplied were not reappointed, has handicapped the effectiveness of the Council in developing informed decisions.

Designating alternate members to each of the ten Councils are needed to ensure seats remain filled and communities in the region have adequate representation at Council meetings. The Council recommends that when the nominations package is submitted to the Secretaries office, that the Board “will” recommend that the Secretaries appoint alternates from a pool of qualified applicants identified by the interagency panel.

### **4. Sea Otter – ESA designation**

In prior Council’s public meetings, the Council has requested information on why the Kodiak Archipelago sea otter population is designated as a part of the Southwest Alaska stock. The Southwest Alaska stock is currently considered a population that is threatened. How does the FWS determine stock identification (SW, PWS, and SE stocks), and the criteria/process for determining population stock designation? What criteria, administrative, genetic, population size trends, was used to designate the Kodiak Island sea otter population a part of the SW population?

Council discussions and dialogue with rural residents within the Kodiak Archipelago revealed that the sea otter population in the area is healthy. Rural residents have concerns on how the increased sea otter population has impacted subsistence shellfish resources. The Council wants to know if the Kodiak Archipelago population can be reclassified as a separate stock. Stock assessment and habitat assessment within the Kodiak Archipelago should be conducted to determine if the population is healthy.

The Council is interested in participating in agency sponsored meetings and other public forums and has knowledge regarding sea otters in the Kodiak area. The Council is willing to send a delegate to participate in future meetings, when funding is available, to sponsor a member from the Council to attend and participate.

### **5. Fishery Resource Monitoring Program**

The Council would like to express its appreciation for Ms. La Vine and Mr. Stone for their assistance at August 31, 2020 Working Group meeting to develop PINs. The Council is impressed with the information the staff assembled and their professional facilitation for our "informal" teleconference to review the “2022 Draft Priority Information Needs for the Southwest region” (Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council and Kodiak Aleutian Regional Advisory Council). This was a great assistance in developing our research priorities list and Mr. Keith Ivy, the young intern, who assembled the “backlog information” materials, did a great job as well. This was an exhausting endeavor and was probably

without a doubt, the best prepared and conducted working group planning meeting and review session the Council has participated in.

## **6. Food Security**

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic resulting in food plants shutting down throughout the country, it is important to emphasize the importance of subsistence resources in Alaska. It is uncertain how long the pandemic will continue, along with delays of goods and services delivery caused by the pandemic and associated affects across Alaska. Food security for subsistence users is important. The Board can continue to support subsistence opportunities by providing subsistence resource access through season extensions and special actions to address food security.

## **7. Closure Reviews**

The Boards policy on closure reviews outlines the process to address Federal closures and provides for periodic review of regulatory closures, subject to change during the regulatory year. The Council had seven Federal fisheries closure reviews to consider and develop recommendations to the Board. It is important to the Council that the public has an opportunity to review these closures and the Council seeks their comments affecting subsistence activities. The Council deferred all seven closure reviews until its winter 2021 public meeting. The Council will develop its recommendations to the Board after hearing all public comments on the closures. The Council requested that the OSM staff present the closure review to local advisory committees and tribal entities to gather additional public comments in the fall of 2020 before developing final recommendations to the Board.

## **8. Invasive Species**

The Council recognizes the presence of invasive species in the region and within the State. Invasive species have the potential to invade anadromous streams and lake systems in Alaska affecting the native flora and fauna and disrupting the natural environment. The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak reported they have begun investigations of introduced crayfish in the Buskin Lake drainage. The Buskin River currently has crayfish that may compete for habitat used by juvenile salmon and potentially feed on salmon eggs or fry.

## **Individual Customary and Traditional (C&T) Determination Process/Guideline**

Mr. Dave Sarafin presented the NPS draft guideline to the Council. The Board is considering a delegation of authority to the NPS, which would grant the NPS Alaska Regional Director the authority to make individual C&T use determinations. The NPS developed the standard operating procedures for both the 36 CRF 13.440 subsistence eligibility permits and individual C&T. The draft guideline will be presented to all ten regions of the RAC for comment. The Council endorsed the NPS Individual C&T Determination Process and Guidelines for all National Park lands in Alaska.

## **Agency Reports**

### *Qawalangin Tribe*

Ms. Chandra Poe reported on the fatality from shellfish PSP in the community and reported the PSP levels in the Unalaska area are very high. Current outreach to notify the community on the potential risk of consuming shellfish is ongoing. The Tribe continues its efforts to acquire response funds from NOAA

to continue and conduct sampling and testing in Unalaska. The McLees River weir is successful in partnership with the Tribe and has the support of the community. The Tribe's Cultural Camp was cancelled this summer due to COVID concerns. The Tribe also reported that drone surveys were in progress in the streams of McLees River, Morris Bay, Unalaska Bay, and Summer Bay. The Coastal Communities Forum scheduled for fall 2020 in Unalaska was postponed. The Forum is currently planned for August or September 2021. The Tribe's wellness program was a success providing berries for the elders in the community.

#### *Sun'aq Tribe*

Mr. Matt Van Daele, Sun'aq Tribe, is working with the ADF&G Subsistence Division and OSM to begin survey project on harvest trends of Salmon and non-Salmon finfish around the road system in the Kodiak area. It is important to collect the dataset to analyze the use of the area. The marine dock project, Lash Dock, is being monitored because of a concern that the project may impact the feeding area of Emperor Goose and eel grass beds that the geese use during the winter season. The Tribe is actively pursuing funds from NOAA to remove "ghost" fishing crab pots in Woman's Bay. This is an important project to rehabilitate and rebuild the Dungeness crab population. Field work is in progress to address the crayfish population in the Buskin River drainage.

#### *Kodiak NWR*

Mr. Bill Pyle reported most of the field work in the Refuge were cancelled or curtailed due to COVID. Mr. Pyle provided an update on the fisheries in the Refuge. The escapement goals for early and late runs of Sockeye Salmon were met in the Ayakulik and Karluk river systems. Chinook Salmon on the west side of Kodiak Island exceeded the escapement goal. , The Sockeye Salmon escapement goals in the northern area of Kodiak Island were met.

Ms. Joy Erlenbach, reported the Refuge was unable to conduct the annual brown bear surveys due to flight restrictions as a result of COVID concerns. Instead during the restrictions, the Refuge summarized its previously collected data from 2018 and 2019 on brown bear. Mr. Pyle reported on recent surveys of the goat population in the western and southern Kodiak Island. Estimate total is 1,703 goat. The refuge in cooperation with Oregon State University conducted a survey and monitoring of Arctic and Aleutian Terns, specifically monitoring nesting colonies on the Kodiak road system.

#### *Alaska Department of Fish and Game*

Ms. Lisa Fox provided a briefing on the commercial fishery for the Southern Alaska Peninsula and Aleutians area. She reported low returns of Sockeye Salmon for the Chignik River system, and the commercial fleet was restricted in the South Peninsula fishery in June due to the low returns. Overall, the Sockeye and Silver salmon harvest was poor. Pink Salmon harvest was higher than forecasted, but it was not as strong of a harvest during odd numbered years. No commercial fishery occurred in the Unalaska district this year.

Mr. Mark Witteveen reported on the 2020 season of the Buskin River Sockeye Stock Assessment Project. The projects entails two fish counting weirs in Buskin Lake and Lake Louise tributary to count Sockeye

Salmon. The project enumerated, to date, 7,703 Sockeye Salmon. Escapement goal is 5-8,000 for the Buskin Lake and the Lake Louise escapement has been low the last several years. Mr. Witterveen also informed the Council about its intern program.

Ms. Jackie Keating, Division of Subsistence, reported on the completed FRMP18-451 comprehensive subsistence survey conducted in three Kodiak Island south villages of Larsen Bay, Akhiok, and Old Harbor completed in 2018. The Department planned on holding meetings with these communities to review the data with these communities but postponed them due to COVID travel restrictions. The Unalaska community comprehensive survey planned for April 2020 was postponed. The survey has been redesigned to gather survey data through the mail rather than in person survey. The Kodiak road system comprehensive survey was planned to begin in the fall of 2020 and winter/spring 2021 but the project has been moved back an entire year. The ADF&G has plans to submit a proposal, as a Priority Information Need, to conduct comprehensive surveys in Port Lions and Ouzinkie. Subsistence comprehensive surveys were conducted in Port Heiden and Cold Bay and the ADF&G received funding from the NPS to conduct a subsistence comprehensive survey in Port Alsworth.

Ms. Kris Peterson, ADF&G in King Salmon, provide the report on the Southern Caribou Herd. Currently, the population estimate is at 2,700 to 3,000 animals. The recent ratio is at 42 calves/100 cows and 62 bulls/100 cows. On Unimak Island, the estimated Unimak Caribou population is 460-500 animals. The current ratio for the herd is 80 bulls/100 cows, and 44 calves/100 cows.

In 2019, the ADF&G observed 1,110 moose in 2,400 mi<sup>2</sup> in Unit 9, which is a density of .4 moose per square mile. Composition count was reported to be 65 bulls/100 cows, and 38 calves/100 cows. In Unit 9B, very low moose density was reported at 0.06 moose per square mile, in Unit 9C 0.36 moose per square mile, and 0.6 moose per square mile in Unit 9E.

The population estimate for wolves in subunits 9C and E is 350-550 wolves. Wolf harvest for these areas are estimated at 23 wolves.

#### Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge

Mr. Steve Delehanty, Refuge Manager, reported that the Alaska Maritime Refuge research vessel did not sail to visit any Refuge sites to conduct seabird monitoring and other science projects. The visitor center in Homer has been closed to the public since the onset of the pandemic. The Refuge started a feasibility assessment to eradicate rats on islands within the Alaska Maritime Refuge. The Refuge is in discussion with the community of St. Paul and Alaska State Parks for a commemorative site plaque in Funter Bay for the people of St. Paul and St. George that were located there during World War II. Mr. Delehanty also reported cleanup projects led by the Army Corps of Engineers, to clean up contaminated sites on Adak and Unalaska.

#### Izembek National Wildlife Refuge

Ms. Maria Fosado, Refuge Manager, reported to the Council that most of the field work was postponed until the next year. Subsistence caribou hunt in Unit 9D was split into two seasons, Aug 1 – Sept 30, and

Nov 15 – Mar 31. Harvest limit is 3 caribou. In Unit 10, Unimak caribou hunt, the season opened Aug 15 to Oct 15. Brown bear stream surveys were completed in Izembek, 168 bears were observed and 132 bears were observed on Unimak Island during the 2020 survey year. The surveys showed a 14% decrease in population compared with the 2019 surveys. Eel grass abundance and productivity monitoring was also conducted in the refuge.

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Ms. Ellen Yasumiishi, Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Juneau, provided a detailed report to the Council. The topics presented to the Council included 2020 sea temperatures, 2020 NOAA Surveys, many were cancelled due to COVID travel restrictions, 2020 Sablefish Stock Assessment, 2019 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Stock Assessments, and 2020 Pacific Cod Studies. Details of the report can be reviewed in Ms. Yasumiishi PowerPoint presentation titled 2020 NOAA Survey and Updates. The sea temperature in 2020 was cooler than 2019. Most of the surveys planned for 2020 were cancelled due to COVID.

#### Western Alaska Partnership

Ms. Danielle Stickman, Network Coordinator for the Western Alaska Partnership, provided a briefing to the Council on what the Western Alaska Partnership is currently working on. The Partnership is currently expanding its community based monitoring system to address environmental change, co-developing coordinated monitoring networks across Alaska and Western Canada, and Implementing community based programs to enhance stewardship of traditional foods and critical habitat in Alaska. The partnership is pursuing projects the next year that include stream temperature monitoring, wild berry monitoring, installing tidal gauges to assist Coastal Mapping, and expanding the partnership to support community based monitoring on subsistence resources.

#### Office of Subsistence Management

Mr. Tom Kron, OSM, briefed the Council that all ten Regional Advisory Councils are meeting via teleconference due to COVID19 and travel restriction to rural communities due to health concerns. Mr. Kron informed the Council that acting Deputy Assistant Regional Director for Subsistence, Tom Doolittle, will be retiring at the end of 2020.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

Winter meeting: Kodiak, March 9-10, 2021

Fall meeting: Unalaska, September 27-28, 2021; Alternate location – Cold Bay

### **Closing Comments**

Ms. Hayden acknowledged the challenging times to hold public meeting via teleconference and was impressed with the agency reports provided at the meeting. Ms. Hayden is grateful for the opportunity to work with the Council and being engaged addressing subsistence issues for all the communities in the region and listening to Council perspective on issues.

Mr. Rohrer thanked all Council members for participating in the meeting with many participants online. Mr. Rohrer expressed appreciation for Council members input on the FRMP discussions and reaching consensus.

Mr. Price extended his invitation to the Council to travel to Unalaska during the Coastal Communities Forum if it takes place in the fall 2021. Mr. Price thanked all staff for participating in the meeting.

Ms. Skinner thanked OSM staff for the preparation of the Council meeting as well as preparation for the FRMP Council discussions and action to reach consensus. Ms. Skinner reminded agency staff the importance of receiving agency reports. The reports are important for Council members to have to prepare any questions, comments, or clarification on resource issues.

Ms. Chernoff acknowledged previous members closing remarks and thanked the Council and appreciated the views and perspectives provided on the various issues discussed.

Mr. Holmes acknowledged the FWS for filling the Izembek NWR Manager position. Mr. Holmes appreciated the efforts to work with the Bristol Bay Council to develop the FRMP PINs list.

Ms. Trumble thanked all the Council members participating in a good meeting, thanked agency staff for arranging the public meeting, and appreciate the amount of work that went into preparing for the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.



Donald Mike, Designated Federal Officer  
USFWS Office of Subsistence Management



Della Trumble, Chair  
Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

These minutes were formally considered and approved by the Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council at its winter 2021 meeting.

A more detailed report of this meeting, copies of the transcript, and meeting handouts are available upon request. Call Donald Mike at 1-800-478-1456 or 907-786-3629, email donald\_mike@fws.gov.