

ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME
Fish and Game Advisory Committee System,
Subsistence Procedures and Nonsubsistence Areas
October 12 - 16, 2013
Anchorage, Alaska

Final Actions Taken

Action No. Subject

Advisory Committee Membership and Areas of Jurisdiction

- C** 1. Re-designate the seats for the Seward AC to all undesignated seats instead of solely Seward representatives.
- CA** 2. Re-designate the seats for the Susitna Valley AC. (*Amended to restructure the advisory committee to consist of seven undesignated seats instead of 11 designated and undesignated seats.*)
- NA** 3. Re-designate the Susitna Valley Advisory Committee. (*Due to action on proposal #2.*)
- C** 4. Remove designated seats for Selawik from the Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee and add three designated seats for Selawik to the Lower Kobuk AC. (*The Joint Board approved RC 48 which reduces the number of undesignated seats for each to maintain 15 members for each AC.*)
- CA** 5. Establish an advisory committee for Mountain Village. (*Amended with substitute language, RC 42, which creates the Mid-Lower Yukon AC with seven members; renames the Lower Yukon AC as the Coastal Lower Yukon AC, restructuring it with six members, and assigns areas of jurisdiction for both ACs. The Joint Board appointed the original five members for the Mid-Lower Yukon AC. (see RC 52)*)
- CA** 6. Establish an advisory committee for the community of Bethel. (*Amended with substitute language, RC 45 as amended, which establishes the Bethel AC with 11 undesignated seats; assigns GMUs 18 and 19, and Kuskokwim area finfish for the areas of jurisdiction; and eliminates the representative for Bethel from the Lower Kuskokwim AC. The Joint Board appointed the original five members; see RC 21.*)
- F** 7. Restructure the Icy Straits AC.
- CA** 8. Update the regulation for areas of jurisdiction with the current Advisory Committees. (*Amended to assign game management units for the following ACs:*
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| <i>St. Lawrence Island</i> | <i>GMU 22</i> |
| <i>Lower Bristol Bay</i> | <i>GMU 9</i> |
| <i>Togiak</i> | <i>GMU 17</i> |
| <i>Port Alexander</i> | <i>GMU 4)</i> |

Advisory Committee Uniform Rules of Operation

- C** 9. Change the membership term dates for ACs to July 1 through June 30. (*Intent expressed for current AC members to serve out their terms.*)
- F** 10. Clarify the election process for AC membership.
- F** 11. Modify the nomination process AC membership.
- F** 12. Modify the AC membership nomination and election process.
- F** 13. Clarify the procedures for declaring vacancies, and reduce the length of the public notice requirement announcing the vacancy to ten days.
- CA** 14. Modify the *Uniform Rules of Operation* to incorporate use of bylaws and provide other clarifications. (*Amended to retain the following components:*
- 1.) *Extension for submitting new membership forms to Boards Support Section from 15 days to 30 days;*
 - 2.) *Clarification for newly elected members to be seated at the next regular meeting; and*
 - 3.) *Clarification for appointing alternates from the remaining nominees.*
- C** 15. Clarify the *Uniform Rules of Operation* to accurately reflect the current procedures followed by the advisory committees and Boards Support Section.
- F** 16. Establish a standard for advisory committee minutes.
- CA** 17. Clarify the procedures for removal for cause of advisory committee members, implementing disciplinary measures under *Roberts Rules of Order*, and submission of minutes. (*Amended with substitute language, RC 46, which makes the following changes:*
- 1.) *Replaces “minutes” with “recommendations for the required record of AC meetings, and the amount of time ACs can submit recommendations to the boards is increased from three weeks to 30 days.*
 - 2.) *Clarifies AC meetings are to be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order “to the extent practicable”; and*
 - 3.) *Allows ADF&G Boards Support Section to address situations if ACs fail to observe procedures under the Uniform Rules of Operation.*
- NA** 18. Expand upon the causes for removal of AC members. (*Due to action on proposal 17.*)

Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

- F** 19. Expand the qualifications for AC officers, shorten the notification period for replacement of officers, and clarify nonvoting privileges for secretaries.
- F** 20. Change the qualifications for chairman and the removal for cause of AC members

- F** 21. Expand the list of qualifications for AC members

Advisory Committee Active Status, Function, & Staff Assistance

- F** 22. Reduce the number of required meetings for ACs to remain in active status to one meeting per year, and clarify the process for merging inactive ACs.
- F** 24. Direct the commissioner to assign staff to aid the ACs and encourage utilization of ACs when developing management strategies.

Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations

- C** 25. Clarify the procedure for accepting proposals for each board.
- F** 26. Establish a Joint Board standing committee for reviewing election results, ratifying AC disciplinary proceedings, and providing guidance to ACs.
- CA** 27. Change the Joint Board meeting schedule from once each year to as needed. *(Amended to remove the references to councils.)*

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

- F** 28. Provide the option to allow designated AC representatives to participate in board deliberations.
- F** 29. Allow AC chairs to participate during board deliberations.

Regional Councils

- C** 31. Repeal the regulations concerning regional fish and game councils.
- F** 23. Clarify the functions of local fish and game advisory committees and add the applicable regional council functions.
- NA** 32. Repeal the regulations concerning regional fish and game councils and incorporate the functions into the AC regulations. *(Due to action on proposals 31 and 23.)*
- NA** 30. Remove the definition for “council” from regulations. *(Due to action on proposals 31 and 23.)*

Subsistence Uses & Procedures

- F** 33. Establish a new reporting requirement for all subsistence finfish and shellfish fisheries and all big game subsistence harvests.
- NA** 34. Modify the subsistence procedures for determining the amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses. *(Due to action on proposal 33.)*

- F** 35. Create a definition for “nonsubsistence harvests” of fish stocks and game populations as any harvest by nonresidents and aliens.
- CA** 36. Repeal the second of three factors listed in 5 AAC 99.010(c) for distinguishing among subsistence users in Tier II hunts and fisheries. (*Amended with substitute language, RC 49 as amended, which repeals the pertinent language and adopts subsistence hunting and fishing definitions which are consistent with statutory definitions.*)
- F** 37. Add a statewide definition of “noncommercial” as it applies to barter of fish and game taken in subsistence fisheries, hunts, and trapping.

Nonsubsistence Areas

- F** 38. Repeal the state nonsubsistence areas.
- F** 39. Reduce the size of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.
- F** 40. Create a Kodiak Nonsubsistence Area.
- F** 41. Create a Bethel Nonsubsistence Area

Miscellaneous Actions

The department held a leadership work session at the beginning of the board meeting to provide an opportunity for board and AC members to discuss effective AC meetings, minutes, and testimony. A summary of the work session will be developed.

Following the work session, 19 AC chairs and representatives met and relayed to the Joint Board and the Department of Fish and Game the need for training opportunities, an annual event for AC representatives to meet, having additional AC meetings for those in remote Alaska, and support for AC participation during board meeting deliberations. (See RCs 37 and 51.) The AC representatives expressed a desire to work with legislators to promote additional funding

The Joint Board requested the department to review and analyze the advisory committee structure, with emphasis on inactive ACs in Southeast serving single communities. The department will provide a report to the boards following the 2013/2014 meeting cycle.

The Joint Board approved a policy (#2013-34-JB) which establishes criteria for development of board generated proposals.

The Joint Board approved modifications to the proposal form, RC 29 as amended, to be utilized by both boards and the Joint Board.

The Joint Board approved a format for AC recommendations, RC 56 as amended, to be utilized by advisory committees for submission to the boards.