



**Petersburg ADF&G Advisory Committee**  
**12/13/2023**  
**OBI Cookhouse**

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Max Worhatch
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Max Worhatch, Bob Martin, Ted Sandhofer, Megan O'Neil, Joel Randrup, Kaleb Baird, Kirt Marsh, Paul Menish, Anthony Taiber, David Benitz, Ben Case  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Jerry Dahl, Don Spigelmyre, Brandon Ware, Frank Neidiffer  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Thomas Kowalski, Jeff Rice
- IV. Guests Present: none
- V. Approval of Agenda: passed unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: passed unanimously
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: Chair reported as of the Homer BOF meeting, Proposal 59 will no longer be taken up at the Kodiak meeting.
  - b. ADF&G: Advised that Jeff Rice is now the sport fish biologist for the Petersburg management area
  - c. Others: none
- VIII. Public Comment: none
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: The Board voted to elect Anthony Taiber, Ben Case, and Jerry Dahl for additional terms. And voted to elect Nyle Thomas to fill the seat vacated by Clyde Curry. Passed unanimously
- XI. New Business: The AC adopted and voted on the following Joint Board Proposals

Proposal 2 Supporting a call-in option is a lot of work for the Secretary and Chairs. At times we make



it happen for meetings that we expect a large portion of the community will want to participate. However, we don't want to make it a requirement since sometimes its too hard to find a meeting space or equipment to use. FAILED 0-12

Proposal 3 Officers have been operating under two year terms and it has been working well for our AC. There is always the ability to step down if someone finds they don't have the time to be an officer. One member felt they may choose to take on an officer role if the terms were shorter. PASSED 11-1

Prop 4 The language in the proposal matches the practices of our AC, but there was opposition to the proposal by members that don't want additional regulations that could lead to mistakes and less compliance by the AC. PASSED 11-1

Prop 5 Members supported the clarification that someone other than the Secretary or an AC member can help take minutes for the meeting as a recorder. PASSED 11-1

Prop 6 Although the Petersburg AC does not have community designated seats, members had no problem with the idea of designating specific alternates to ensure a community is always represented at an AC. PASSED 12-0

Prop 8 Currently our member terms expire in the summer and we don't have time to get a quorum until the fall/winter. Essentially 1/3 of our Committee is expired for six months. This would provide more flexibility and reduce the amount of months seats are expired. PASSED 12-0

Prop 9 At times we struggle to get enough participants to keep our AC at the maximum 15 members. Members don't want to lose community members that want to show up and contribute over term limits. FAILED 0-12

Prop 10 Petersburg AC has a large number of undesignated seats that anyone can join under, members don't see a need to add this new seat designation that fewer of our community members would fall under. FAILED 0-12

Prop 12 Members support clarifying the current provision for nominations to empty undesignated seats. PASSED 12-0

Prop 13 This matches our current practices that expired terms stay on until we hold a meeting at which time we find out if members are interested in being nominated for another term or wish to vacate a seat. PASSED 12-0

Prop 14 In years that are not SEAK Board of Fisheries or Board of Game years, we only hold one or two meetings. This threshold is too high to remove members in these off years. FAILED 0-12

Prop 16 Members support removal of these ACs to reduce the amount of work Board Support has to spend on mailing and outreach to these ACs. PASSED 12-0



Proposal 17 Members are not supportive of the BGP process and felt this proposal may encourage or enable more of them. There was concern there wouldn't be enough transparency for the public at large if select AC's are able to review a BGP that would be voted on in less time than a regular proposal is. FAILED 0-12

Prop 18 Members liked the intent of the proposal, but had concerns it's not a black and white threshold to decide if an amendment is too far from the original. PASSED 10-1 1 Abstention

- XII. Set next meeting date: To be determined in the fall
- XIII. Other: none
- XIV. Adjourn 8:28 p.m.



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_Megan O'Neil\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_Max Worhatch\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_12/21/2023\_\_\_



## SEWARD FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

### SEWARD REAL ESTATE OFFICE

**THE SEWARD LIBRARY, ORIGINALLY THE DESIGNATED MEETING SITE, WAS UNOCCUPIED AND THE MEETING WAS MOVED.**

1. CALL TO ORDER, JIM MCCrackEN, 1925.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: JIM MCCrackEN, WC CASEY, BOB WHITE, MARK CLEMENS. ATTENDING TELEPHONICALLY WERE AC MEMBERS MAILIE BRANSON , DIANNE DUBUC AND STAFF MEMBER FARI FERNADEZ. NUMBER NEEDED FOR A QUORUM 6.
3. STAFF REPORTS, NONE.
4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT, NONE.
5. OLD BUSINESS, NONE.
6. NEW BUSINESS  
JOINT BOARD PROPOSALS ATTACHED.

KID FISH 2024: KID FISHING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 18. A NEW VOLUNTEER, KARI BOULDEN HAS CONSENTED TO SPEARHEAD THE EFFORT WORKING THRU SEWARD PARKS AND REC. THE PREVIOUS HEAD, KEN CARPENTER HAS TURNED OVER ALL EQUIPMENT ON HAND AS WELL AS CONTACTS FOR DONATIONS.

ELECTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 3 YR TERMS: DIANNE DUBUC. MAILIE BRANSON, NATE SMITH WITH DEREK BRANSON ELECTED AS AN ALTERNATE. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2-YEAR TERMS: JIM MCCrackEN, CHAIR. DIANNE DUBUC, VICE CHAIR. ANDY BACON, SECRETARY.

THE SEWARD AC RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE REGIONAL GAME BIOLOGIST, JASON IN HOMER, ASKING US TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 3 GAME PROPOSALS. PROPOSALS 197, 198, & 199 ALL SEEK TO ESTABLISH COW MOOSE HUNTS IN THE PLACER RIVER, KALGIN ISLAND, & HOMER, AREAS. WE VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 2 OPPOSED, TO THE THREE. THE NO VOTES WERE IN SUPPORT OF BILLY MILLER, A GAME GUIDE AND LONG TIME SEWARD AC MEMBER. BILLY MILLER SPOKE CLEARLY: "YOU DON'T KILL COWS IF YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN THE HERD. ANY RANCHER KNOWS THAT."

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2.
8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2115.



## Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
	0	6	Maker of motion, Dubuc. Casey seconded. The status quo is good enough. 1 month & 14 days are excessive. The public's attention span is not that long. We believe this proposal is outside of the Public Meeting Act as adopted by the State.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	6	0	Dubuc, Clemens. All agreed this is a good proposal and should include Zoom also
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	0	6	Dubuc, White. The present cycle works fine. People are not standing in line to be elected to the Seward AC. It's hard enough to get people to serve.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
	6	0	Dubuc, Casey. We viewed this a housekeeping proposal. It is not unreasonable, will get everyone on the same page, and causes no undue burden.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
	0	5 1 abstain	Clemens, Dubuc. While we acknowledged the Dept. for attempting to become politically correct, Robert's Rules governs. Robert's describes this position as Secretary, not Recorder. Cannot be in direct conflict with Robert's Rules of Order. 1 member abstained stating she didn't care one way or another.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
	6	0	White, Casey.

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AC22  
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			We agree that an AC member should be able to put forward a nomination if none is forthcoming from the community.
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
	No action based on prop 6.		
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
	0	6	Dubuc, White. The South-Central ACs all have different election dates. If an AC wants to have a full 3-year term, they could hold elections 6 month earlier.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	0	6	White, Casey. There is little to no interest from the public in Seward to be involved in the AC. Experience counts. Familiarity with local issues, the board process, and personal relationships with other AC members, Board members, and Staff are vitally important.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
	0	6	Dubuc, White. We have no designated seats on the Seward AC. All of our members are citizen sportsmen who have both consumptive and non-consumptive priorities.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	No action bases on Prop 10		
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	No Action		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
	5	1 Abstain	Dubuc, Clemens. Does not apply to ACs with undesignated seats. Establish across the board regulations for all. Housekeeping.

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			The abstention stated this proposal did not apply to us.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
	1	5	Casey, Clemens. Issue is attendance of members. Hard to get people to serve.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
	6	0	Dubuc, Clemens. ACs have long felt not listened to at the Board level. If the Board wants additional information from an AC, it goes thru the chain to the Director of Board support, then to the Regional Board Support person who then brings it to the AC. If passed, ACs would get additional opportunity for input.
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	1	4 1 Abstain	White, Casey. It's difficult to establish again if it goes away. Leave it alone. 3 towns have less than 100 people. Must have 5 members to hold a meeting. The abstention felt conflicted.
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
	6	0	Dubuc, White This proposal passed as amended. The amendment read: <b>The Seward F&amp;G Advisory Committee is not in agreement with BGPs which are contrary to the regulatory proposal process.</b> How is it possible for the Board to be unbiased when voting to approve or disapprove their own proposal?
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	0	6	Dubuc, Casey. Often amendments are for the betterment not the detriment of a proposal. The Board should not have its hands tied. This issue may better be addressed under regulation.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
			No action on 19 & 20. Out of our area of expertise.

Meeting Minutes By: Dianne Dubuc  
Approved by: Jim McCracken 3/11/2024





**Excerpts from draft Minutes Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee March 6, 2024 pertaining to Joint Board Proposals:**

**NSRAA Meeting Room and Zoom Began 6 PM**

**AC members present:**

Schuyler Mace Hand troll

Josh Chevalier Subsistence

Moe Johnson Seine

Karen Johnson At Large

Dick Curran Longline

John Murray Power Troll -vice chair

Tad Fujioka Processor- secretary

Spencer Chute Charter

Steve Ramp Resident Sport Fish

Eric Jordan At Large

Woody Cyr Trapping

Scott Wagner Alternate

Stacey Wayne Shellfish- chair

Aaron Prussian conservation

Joel Martin Alternate

**AC members absent (excused):** Luke Bastian-Guide, Moe Johnson-Seine, and Kent Barkau-Hunting

**ADFG Staff present:**

Annie Bartholemew- Board Support

**Public:** Cody Mosely USFS; Jeff Feldpausch STA; Kyle Rosendale STA; Eric Garner District Ranger USFS; J. Serio USFS; Ashley Bolwerk USFS; Greg Cain- charter operator; Forrest Braden SEAGO

**M/S Proposal 1: Double the length of required public notice for AC meetings**

- This would be excessive. ACs are already held to the same standards as the Sitka Assembly and local government has far more authority than we do.
- One week notice is the longest that we can tolerate. Anything longer would greatly impair our ability to operate since we frequently don't know whether or not we need to reconvene until the end of a meeting. We could only meet every other week if we had to give two-week notice. That would be very inefficient.
- The current system isn't broken. It doesn't need fixing

**Proposal Opposed 0-14**



### **M/S Proposal 2: Require AC meetings be accessible by dial-in**

- This is too much responsibility to expect of a volunteer chair. While Stacy (current chair) and Heather (most recent former chair) have done a very good job allowing for remote participation, we have had a hard enough time getting someone to volunteer. If your only willing candidate didn't want to/didn't feel capable of incorporating remote participants, it would be better to have an in-person only meeting than no chair, and thus no meetings.
- This is addressing something that isn't a problem
- Annie Bartholomew: Some ACs currently don't have the ability to allow call-in participation
- It is more important for the Sitka AC to hear from local Sitkans than to hear from out of towners. We should prioritize listening to the people in front of us.
- Call-in option improves accessibility for members who are temporarily out of town

### **Proposal Opposed 4-10**

#### **M/S Proposal 3: Reduce length of officer terms to 1 year from two**

- One year isn't long enough to get a feel for the responsibilities of chair; if you only serve a year you haven't had the opportunity to provide much service
- Under the current system we have staggered the terms so that the entire officer slate doesn't ever turn over. This provides stability.
- A newly elected officer can always resign if they find out that they decide that they don't want to continue in that role.
- This is a ADFG proposal. Why do they care?
  - Department comments justifying the proposal were read aloud
  - Yeah, I read them too! That's why I asked the question! That paragraph didn't explain why!

### **Proposal Opposed 0-13-1**

#### **M/S Proposal 4: Defining responsibilities of ACs chairs**

- I support this if it helps Board Support
- This is another ADFG proposal. What was the intent? Why was it submitted?
  - Intent is to standardize the AC work
  - If access to technology isn't uniform, it is not appropriate to expect uniform output.

### **Proposal supported 9-4-1**

#### **M/S Proposal 5: Rename the Office of Secretary**

- This proposal doesn't really do anything, but it is inoffensive.

### **Proposal supported 14-0**

#### **M/S Proposal 8: Allow flexibility in date of AC elections**

- The current summer dates don't work for us, and probably not for many ACs in Alaska. Who can get a quorum in the summer?
- We already do this anyway. Let's get this changed so we don't have to hide it.

### **Proposal supported 14-0**



### **M/S Proposal 9: Limit number of consecutive terms allowed**

- Eric: While I have served 46 years on the AC, they haven't *all* been consecutive. I took two years off! Over that time, we have had invaluable committee members that have served for a long time.
- We have a hard enough time filling seats as it is without booting off an experienced willing volunteer.

### **Proposal Opposed 0-14**

#### **M/S Proposal 10: Require a non-consumptive seat on ACs**

- This doesn't define non-consumptive
- We have a Conservation Seat. Would that count?
  - Conservation includes consumptive uses on a regular basis
- Sounds like this was submitted by someone with an anti-trapping agenda
- It would mean kicking someone off or adding another seat. In our case, we are already at the maximum allowable number of members, so it would require getting rid of a current member
- Local ACs should be allowed to designate seats as they see fit. There is a lot of difference between communities throughout the state.
- This could cause particular problems in multi-community ACs since adding a new seat or restricting access to an existing seat would potentially disturb the political balance
- I have a philosophical problem with telling another AC how they should designate their seats
- This seems like the proposer is trying to solve a local problem via a proposal that would affect the whole state

### **Proposal Opposed 0-14**

#### **M/S Proposal 12: Require that anyone who wants one be given a seat on an AC unless already at maximum number of members**

- This would make it too easy to stack a committee. The seats are intentionally staggered so that only about 1/3 of them are up for election in any one year. This proposal would allow a special interest group to take over many seats at once
- There is an existing provision that AC members must meet certain minimum requirements regarding reputation and character. This would override that provision to the detriment of the AC system.

### **Proposal Opposed 3-11**



**Proposal 16: Remove certain inactive ACs**

- Is it a problem that these inactive ACs remain in existence?  
-Annie Bartholomew: Not really. They don't create any additional work for me. If this were to pass, they would need 5 members to restart an AC if they wanted to.
- Per the statutes, it looks like the Boards can already do this if these ACs have been inactive for a while.

No motion was offered;

**M/S Proposal 18: Prohibit BoF/BoG from distorting a proposal to the point of reversing the original intent**

- BoF has a policy against doing this already
- I support the idea of not changing the intent of the proposal, but the Boards routinely amend proposals, usually for the better. They need to continue to retain that ability.

**Proposal supported 14-0**

Minutes Recorded By: Tad Fujioka  
Minutes Approved By: John Murray (by phone)  
Date: 03/11/2024



**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee  
November 3, 2023 , 12:00 noon  
Myles Gononganan Aaron Panek Memorial Hall  
Unalakleet, Alaska  
In-person and via Teleconference  
Call 1-253-215-8782  
Meeting ID: 495 277 1108 passcode: 1**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Jacob Ivanoff called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

**II. Roll Call (7 quorum)**

Jacob Ivanoff – Chair	Present
Renaë Ivanoff- Secretary	Present
Morris Nassuk – Vice Chair	Present
Wes Jones	Excused
Gary Eckenweiler	Present
Kelsi Ivanoff	Present
Matilda Hardy	Unexcused
Randy Takak	Unexcused
JD Richardson	Present
George Flynn	Present
Keasha Steve	Present
Dominic Richardson	Unexcused

**III. Nominations and Officers Elections**

Gary Eckenweiler nominated Clayton Mixsooke to be elected to the vacant Unalakleet seat.

*JD Richardson moved, seconded by George Flynn to approve nominations and the election of Clayton Mixsooke. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

**IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:** Sara Henslee, Alicia Carlson, Kevin Clark, Luke Henslee, Georgie Phillips, Shawna Karpovich

**V. Guests Present:** Clayton Mixsooke, Reese Huhta

**VI. Approval of Agenda**

*Gary Eckenweiler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff. There was no opposition.*



VII. **Review Previous Meeting Minutes: April 26, 2023**

*Gary made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of April 26, 2023, during the next meeting, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. The question was called. The motion passed.*

VIII. **Reports**

a. Chair's report

*Gary Eckenweiler made a motion to approve Chair Jacob Ivanoff's verbal report, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. The question was called. The motion passed.*

Jacob Ivanoff gave reminder updates on Board of Fisheries Summary of Actions that took place in February at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands and Chignik Area Finfish Meeting and action items that are current or have taken place following the failure to adopt proposal 140. He also informed the committee that there are several fishing vessels in Area M that were ticketed for "chum chucking" during the 2023 commercial fisheries season.

b. ADF&G staff reports

Kevin Clark summarized the commercial salmon and crab fisheries for the season. He noted mixed results for salmon, with overall poor escapement in eastern Norton Sound and adequate escapement in the northern subdistricts. He also gave insight to how seasonal weather patterns influenced salmon enumeration projects this season. There was discussion on depressed salmon returns relative to environmental conditions, heat stress, interception, bycatch, and high escapement pink salmon years. Suggestions were made regarding subsistence salmon openers; however, Kevin noted that Unalakleet and Shaktoolik would likely face more fishing restrictions in 2024 in efforts to conserve Chinook salmon. In addition, Kevin addressed regulation stipulations for opportunities to target pink salmon with beach seine gear versus set net openers.

Sara Henslee provided an update on moose surveys in GMU22. Upcoming aerial surveys are scheduled near Shatkoolik and Koyuk and will be dependent on weather. It is anticipated that a browse survey will be completed during the spring of 2024 in the Unalakleet area with an abundance survey scheduled for 2025. There was discussion regarding the winter moose hunt in GMU22. The RM844 winter hunt opens December 1 – January 31 with a quota of 10 antlered bulls.

IX. **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

X. **Old Business**

c. Area M Fishery Review/discussion



Jacob Ivanoff gave an update on the Agenda Change Requests (ACR) 2 and 3 to reduce commercial fishing time, repeal chum salmon harvest triggers, and reduce commercial salmon seine depth in Area M and noted that both ACR's failed during the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game work session that took place in October. In addition, he noted that there is currently one bill in the senate and one bill in the house to close the Area M June fisheries. There was discussion regarding triggers or caps and the political scrutiny this topic arises and ultimately a consensus that the advisory committee shall proceed in any positive way to continue to support this ongoing issue.

**XI. New Business**

d. GMU 22A, RM841 discussion of extension

There was discussion to modify seasonal dates in GMU22A for the RM841 hunt (currently September 1 – September 30) and the RM844 hunt (currently may be announced December 1 – January 31). This discussion outlined pros and cons with extending the RM841 hunt into October and a consensus was made that any remaining quota of antlered bulls after September 30 should roll over into the RM844 hunt.

e. Board of Game Proposals (refer to page 5-9 for further discussion taken on the following proposals)

*Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to support proposal 2. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler to support proposal 3. The question was called. Kelsi Ivanoff, JD Richardson, and Gary Eckenweiler chose to abstain from supporting proposal 3. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

*Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 18. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

*Renae Ivanoff moved, seconded by Gary Eckenweiler to support proposal 19 with amended language "The hunter does not have to submit any of the horn surrounding the eye socket to ADF&G." The question was called. There was no opposition.*

*Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 20. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

*Renae moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 22. The question was called. There was no opposition.*



*Kelsi moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 23. The question was called. Motion failed, 0 – 7.*

*Renaë moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 24 with amended season dates for the GMU22A RM841 hunt (August 1- September 30) and the RM844 hunt (December 1 – February 28). The question was called. There was no opposition.*

*JD Richardson moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 190. The question was called. There was no opposition.*

- f. Joint Board Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals (refer to page 10-11 for further discussion taken on the following proposals)

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by Keasha Steve to support proposal 3. The question was called. Motion failed, 0 – 7.*

*Kelsi Ivanoff moved, seconded by JD Richardson to support proposal 9. The question was called. Motion failed, 0 – 7.*

*Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Kelsi Ivanoff to support proposal 10. The question was called. Motion failed 0 – 7.*

XII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s)**

*Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Renaë Ivanoff for JD Richardson to attend the BOG meeting in Kotzebue occurring January 26 – 29, 2024 with Kelsi Ivanoff as the alternate. The question was called. The motion passed.*

XIII. **Next meeting date**

The next meeting date is set for March 2024.

XIV. **Other**

Jacob Ivanoff gave an update on behalf of committee member Wes Jones to remind AC members that proposals for crab are due April 10. Action items for these proposals will take place during the next meeting scheduled for the spring of 2024.

XV. **Adjournment**

*Gary Eckenweiler moved, seconded by Renaë Ivanoff to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.*





Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals January 26-29, 2024   Kotzebue, AK			
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1	Open an archery-only registration permit hunt in Units 23 and 26 for resident hunters when it is determined sheep hunting can be allowed in those areas.		
<b>No Action</b>			
2	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow.		
<b>Support</b>	7	0	With the Western Arctic caribou herd is continuous decline in recent years, effort to improve caribou survival, especially cow survival, by reducing human harvest is one way that the chances of a population rebound may increase.
3	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A.		
<b>Support</b>	4	0	There was discussion that nonresident hunters are targeting large bulls over cows. With proposal 2 addressing efforts to improve caribou survival, especially cow survival, there was input that nonresident hunters do not play a significant role in the decline of the Western Arctic caribou herd. Following that discussion, the amount necessary for subsistence users for resident hunters was addressed and there was input that subsistence opportunities supersede any other harvest opportunities by nonresident hunters. Sarah Henslee gave some additional information stating that harvest for nonresident hunters was 300 caribou with an overall harvest of 12,000 caribou for both resident and nonresident hunters. She also gave insight that the Department is neutral on this proposal and there is not a biological concern in GMU22.
4	Align caribou seasons in Unit 26A and Unit 23 and reduce the bag limit.		
<b>No Action</b>			
5	Reduce the bag limit for caribou for RC907 resident hunters in Units 23 and 26A and change the nonresident hunt to a registration permit with additional restrictions.		



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<b>No Action</b>			
6			Close the Mulchatna caribou herd to hunting for five to ten years in Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
7			Lengthen the resident only registration moose hunt RM617 in Unit 18 by two weeks to end October 15.
<b>No Action</b>			
8			Extend season dates for moose hunting in hunt RM617 in Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
9			Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
10			Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.
<b>No Action</b>			
11			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
12			Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
13			Increase the bag and possession limits for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
14			Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.
<b>No Action</b>			
15			Allow the subsistence take of muskox in a portion of Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
16			Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.
<b>No Action</b>			
17			Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.
<b>No Action</b>			
18			Open the caribou season in a portion of Unit 22A.
<b>Support</b>	7	0	There was discussion that there is a residency of caribou outside of areas known and that some caribou herd populations have strayed into GMU22A. With small strays of caribou populations in this area, the biological concern conserving the overall Western Arctic herd population is very low as concentrations of the main herd is further north of the



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			Seward Peninsula towards the Brooks Range. This proposal would prevent resident and nonresident hunters from being penalized for targeting caribou in GM22A.
19	Change the trophy destruction requirements for muskox taken in Unit 22 subsistence hunts.		
<b>Support as Amended</b>	7	0	<p>There was continued discussion regarding the important aspect of subsistence hunting by using as much of the animal as possible. This proposal would allow subsistence users to make use of the horn for crafts and other personal significances.</p> <p>The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee passed a motion to support proposal 19 with the following amended language:  <i>“The hunter does not have to submit any of the horn surrounding the eye socket to ADF&amp;G.”</i>            In accordance with the following proposal, the hunter would still have to submit the jaw to ADF&amp;G.</p>
20	Change the bag limit for Tier II muskox hunts in Unit 22 to one muskox every two years.		
<b>Support</b>	7	0	There was discussion on stipulations regarding the Teir II musk ox hunt as it is a weighted drawing based on a scoring system that awards subsistence permits to users that rank higher in the scoring system. This systematic hunt generally allows certain people to obtain subsistence permits year after year as they continue to secure their rank. This proposal would give a chance for other user groups to participate in the hunt that are less likely to obtain a subsistence permit even though applying year after year.
21	Establish season dates for the harvest of cow muskox in the TX095 and TX096 Tier II hunts in Unit 22C, beginning August 1st and ending October 31st.		
<b>No Action</b>			
22	Establish a minimum caliber for moose hunting in Unit 22A and a portion of Unit 22B.		
<b>Support</b>	7	0	
23	Revisit the Amount Reasonably Necessary for subsistence uses for moose in Unit 22.		
<b>Oppose</b>	0	7	There was discussion that the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for moose in GMU22A are being met and that this proposal does not pertain to all game management users in Unit 22. There was a consensus that moose from other areas are continuing to



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			move into the area. This proposal should focus on specific regional game management unit areas instead of the game management unit as a whole.
24	Modify the winter season for moose in Unit 22A.		
<b>Support as Amended</b>	7	0	Sara Henslee gave background information on this proposal to remove the requirement for the Department to announce the winter moose season in GMU22A and would give the flexibility to administer the registration permit hunt RM844 during the full range of season dates. The Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee passed a motion to support proposal 24 with the following amended season dates: RM841 hunt: August 1 – September 30 RM844 hunt: December 1 – February 28
25	Close the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22C.		
<b>No Action</b>			
26	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22E by two weeks, to open on August 15.		
<b>No Action</b>			
27	Align the resident seasons for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E with those in Unit 22B.		
<b>No Action</b>			
28	Change the Unit 22D and 22E nonresident brown bear drawing permit hunt to a general season hunt.		
<b>No Action</b>			
29	Increase the number of brown bear drawing permits available in Unit 22B for DB685 to 40 permits or change DB685 to a registration permit.		
<b>Support</b>	7	0	There was a consensus that with the abundance of bears in the area, this would be beneficial to all user groups.
30	Extend the trapping season to year-round for muskrat in Unit 26A.		
<b>No Action</b>			
31	Liberalize the moose bag limit in a portion of Unit 26A and expand the hunt area.		
<b>No Action</b>			
32	Change the boundaries of the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area and allow the City of Anaktuvuk Pass, the Nunamiut Corporation, and the Naqsrarmiut tribe to set the dates the CUA is in effect.		
<b>No Action</b>			



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33	Reduce the Unit 26A sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years.		
<b>No Action</b>			
34	Open an archery-only registration permit hunt in portions of Unit 26A for residents only when it is determined sheep hunting can take place in those areas.		
<b>No Action</b>			
35	Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries and expand the state hunt areas.		
<b>No Action</b>			
36	Reduce the caribou bag limit for residents in Unit 23 from five caribou per day to four caribou total, only one of which may be a cow.		
<b>No Action</b>			
37	Reduce the caribou bag limit for residents in Unit 23 from five caribou per day to four caribou total, only one of which may be a cow.		
<b>No Action</b>			
38	Close all nonresident caribou hunting in Unit 23.		
<b>No Action</b>			
39	Lengthen the brown bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to no closed season.		
<b>No Action</b>			
40	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to year-round.		
<b>No Action</b>			
41	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to year.		
<b>No Action</b>			
42	Consolidate the nonresident brown bear registration permits into a single, unit-wide fall registration permit and a single, unit-wide spring registration permit.		
<b>No Action</b>			
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.		
<b>Support</b>	7	0	The Southern Norton Sound Advisory committee supports this proposal submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
No Action			
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
No Action			
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Oppose	0	7	There was a consensus that it is difficult enough to fill election officer seats for rural advisory committees and reducing the terms from two to one years would not be beneficial.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
No Action			
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
No Action			
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
No Action			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
No Action			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
No Action			
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	0	7	There was a consensus that it is difficult enough to fill election office seats for rural advisory committees and limiting the number of consecutive terms members can serve would not be beneficial. This proposal should focus on regional specific locations.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	0	7	There was a consensus that part of the roles of advisory committee members are to be knowledgeable regarding consumptive use that is relative to Board of Game regulations. Designating one season on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation would not be beneficial without such knowledge.


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11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
<b>No Action</b>			
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
<b>No Action</b>			
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
<b>No Action</b>			
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
<b>No Action</b>			
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
<b>No Action</b>			
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
<b>No Action</b>			
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
<b>No Action</b>			
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
<b>No Action</b>			
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
<b>No Action</b>			



Minutes By: Renae Ivanoff

Minutes Approved By: 

:  12/14/23

Date: November 16, 2023





# Minutes

## **Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at 11P.M.**

**Wildlife Safeguard – 800 478-3377** (Chair) If meeting attendees want to report a game violation, they should call this number.

SHAC meets to discuss ways and means, habitat and other biological data for hunters and fishers to harvest wild animals, and meeting time is limited.”

### **The meeting was called to Order by Chair Doug Carney at 11 am**

Chair then called attention to the Wildlife Safeguard info on agenda

### **Roll Call & Quorum**

The roll call was done –

Red Devil – Barb Carson & Ruby Egrass present

Sleetmute – Doug Carney and appointed alternate Susan Hubbard present / Frank Egnaty unavailable

Stony River – David Bobby & Tom Willis absent

Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer & Ursula Graham present

**A Quorum of 6 was reached.**

### **Others Attending**

Boards Support Regional Coordinator Kyle Campbell

ADF&G Area Wildlife Biologist Josh Peirce

Alaska Wildlife Protection Trooper Patrick Simasko

### **SHAC member additions -**

Are there any proposals members want the committee to comment on, other than those listed on this agenda?  
No additions were asked for.

### **Approval of Agenda was given**

#### **Chair –**

- The proposal indexes I sent out to members should help you with are discussions and approvals.
- There are quite a few proposals for us to go over. Most of them won't take a lot of discussion, since they are easy to spot as being for or against the best interests of the residents & prey populations of 19E, 19, and the Interior Region.
- The Joint Board proposals can be viewed similarly in regard to advisory committees' ability to function & their effectiveness.

### **Reading of & Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the Nov.14, 2022 SHAC Meeting by Barb - approved
- Minutes of the Oct. 18, 2023 SHAC ACR Meeting by Doug - approved

### **Vice Chairman Barb – BOF / Fisheries Update**

At the Jan, 2023 BOF Meeting, nothing SHAC proposed passed. The lower Kusko was closed quite a bit – Upriver was not. We still have dual management – a lawsuit is still pending.

Salmon escapement & health –

- King –Escapement goals were met, but the Kogruluk & Kwethluk Weirs were not running., **due to high water.** Data from other sources confirmed escapement was met.



- Red – Had good escapement / Kogruluk was not running. Telequana weir had double the escapement of last year
- Chum – stronger than last year with better #s, but still poor. Kogruluk still not running.
- Silver – Very strong run w/ good escapement, and fish were larger. Both Weirs were running.

### **Chairman Doug – Introduction**

- ***SHAC's Agenda Change Request was approved by BOG on Nov.16. It has become Proposal 208 for the March meeting. The proposal promotes changes to some conditions of the RM682 hunt in 19E. They are - to allow Proxy hunting, to delete the "one permit per household" condition, & to add 5 days to the hunt, (Sept. 1 -10.)***
- There are 21 sheep proposals & 16 bear proposals – mostly brown bear.. A lot of those are duplicates of each other, so it won't take that long to go through them. There are a couple proposals that stand out, & there will probably be more discussion on those.
- The Joint Boards, (BOF & BOF members), proposals deal mostly with advisory committee makeup and regulations. If approved, these proposals will affect SHAC's ability to meet and continue to be an effective committee – either positively or negatively. An index of these proposals is attached to the same email.

### **ADF&G Area Biologist Josh Peirce Report**

Did GSPE surveys of 19A & C. Described BCFA size

- GSPE Survey & Composition Survey results for 19E and McGrath Area were given, with discussion of herd health indicators. Gave data from both surveys. 40 bulls to 100cows / 28 calves to 100 cows
- 2023 Hunter success for RM682 was given 29 permits – 15 hunted, 7 killed.

### **Chair – SHAC Comments**

I hope you all had time to go over the proposals online, as well as to look over the indexes I sent for both the BOG & the Joint Boards meetings.

### **March 15-22, 2024 BOG Interior proposals**

#### **Regional & Multiple Unit Proposals**

- Josh helped explain & answer questions on 47, 49, 50,
- Discussion- Bad weather is main reason sheep crashed. Slow recovery rate – about 15 years the last time. Eagle predation is 30%.
- 49 – For purposes of this prop. - SHAC decided that the main rivers are the Kusko, Holitna, Hoholitna, Stony, Swift
- 50 – **Strongly Oppose – singed fur.** Doug will make a comment to the RAC, asking what they were thinking when they wrote it.

#### **McGrath Area – Units 19, 21A & 21E**

- BOG proposals 53-57 concern ANS & Intensive Management - Josh led discussion & answered questions on those proposals.
- Josh & Doug will come up with our own IM numbers for SHAC to give BOG for proposal 56 – IM harvest and population objectives for 19A, B, & E.
- 57 is to fix an admin. error. Replace 19A with 19E in codified.
- Support 60 - McGrath AC to establish IM in 19C
- 65 is ADF&G IM Plan.
- 66 McGrath AC proposal was made before comp count was done. SHAC will support if McGrath does.
- 67 - SHAC will support it, if McGrath still wants it
- Doug led discussions on proposals 68-72, & gave info on creation of CUA – 40hp in 19E. GMU18. people trying to udo conditions of RM682 hunt. Doug will send 1992 BOG summaries of Actions & Findings to SHAC members.



- The main reason the sheep population plunged is due to severe weather – they can't feed. There was much discussion on the various sheep proposals, where the committee agreed that 19C sheep should stay closed, and allow the BOG Working Group that is being formed to determine what is to be done besides the recent closure.. So SHAC opposed all sheep proposals – 43-46 & 76-90. SHAC then supported 91 & 92. 91 is a APHA proposal of support for the BOG Working Group. 92 will close non-res. sheep hunting in 19B.
- There was discussion on the brown bear proposals. SHAC supports 93 – 107, with a preference for 97, which includes raising the Brn. bear bag limit to 2 bears. There was agreement that standardizing the regs in the subunits of 19 and 21A & E would be a positive thing for hunters and for prey populations that suffer from the large number of bears in those subunits.
- SHAC agreed that Josh & Doug will work on language for a program to suggest to BOG. Making 19B & C the same, and 19A, D, E & 21 A & E the same seasons & bag limits & conditions will make things better for village safety, hunters, enforcement, & relieve pressure on moose calves.
- SHAC has 4 proposals – **54** is asking for an ANS setting for 19E / **100**- no closed season for Brown bear in 19E / **103** – increase Brn bear bag limit in 19B & C to 5 bears. / **208** – Is from our ACR that will change RM682 hunt conditions to allow proxy hunting, delete the one permit per household condition, & add 5 days to the hunt – Sept 1-10.

### **March 25-28, 2024 Joint Boards Proposals**

The main view & statement by SHAC is that **“One size does NOT fit All ACs”**.

Also, SHAC members are disgusted with what they view as micro-managing through regulation telling us how to run our committee. IF the boards want a bunch of ACs that are hamstrung by regs that severely limit or make an AC's existence or function impossible, then that's exactly what they'll get.

- Term limits & regulations that force members off committees, bleeds them of experience & knowledge.
- ACs in rural Alaska represent small communities that meet once or maybe twice a year.
- These committees exist so these communities can express what they know about fish & game in their areas and what they would like to see regulations say.
- SHAC members don't think more regulation helps a bit with this
- Also, SHAC is **our** committee - we are capable of making decisions about who represents us and how they do it. This includes terms lengths.
- We do not want undesignated seats forced on us.
- We don't need or want “non-consumptive seats” mandated. For SHAC & other rural ACs, that would be bringing an enemy inside the camp.

**There was discussion on most of these proposals, which is reported in the comment forms.**

### **Adjourn**

SHAC adjourned at 1:22 pm



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
Oppose	0	5	This is far too long a time in advance. Weather dictates if/ when we meet more than anything else. 2nd to that is seasonal subsistence activities.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Oppose	0	5	The phones & internet often do not work in rural areas – both are on satellites. Some of the buildings SHAC meets in, don't have teleconference hookups.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Oppose	0	5	This would be a disaster & not work or serve SHAC's ability to function. There are not that many people to choose from for members. The learning curve to be a contributing member would lose longtime members' experience & knowledge. Assuming the communities have the right to, they can select their members as they see fit. People don't like or want to be herded around, especially when an AC is there to represent a certain community.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
Support	5	0	Clarification is fine. Don't add any more regulatory wording to it.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	5	0	The ability to use a recorder that may not be an AC member is a good one. Call the position whatever you want. Clarification is a good thing. But you must be kidding – since when does the word "secretary" confuse people as to gender? It's silly.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
Support	5	0	Of course, this should be up to each committee! Appointing an alternate for these small, remote ACs must be done fairly often, and right before a meeting as well.
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		



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Oppose	0	5	One-year terms loses the knowledge and experience of those who are interested and committed to the process. Let each AC decide this for itself
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
Support	5	0	Why not? This is another example of a reg that works in one place won't in another. Let the community that is represented decide this for their own committee.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	0	5	Again – one size does not fit all. This loses knowledge & experience of longtime members.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	0	5	<b>Absolutely NOT! A mandate</b> that is counter-productive. Why would SHAC want someone with a totally different worldview to be part of our committee? This amounts to bringing an enemy inside the camp. <b>(see # 11 &amp; 12 comments)</b>
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
Oppose	0	5	<b>This would be another mandate.</b> Why force committees to have an unwanted member cause dissension at every single meeting? If approved, this would be saddling those ACs with someone adverse to most members' views and needs. <b>(see #10 &amp; 12 comments)</b>
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
Oppose	0	5	<b>Another mandate!</b> SHAC does not want people from outside our area serving as members - causing division and dissension on our committee.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
Oppose	0	5	While this might be a necessity for larger, urban committees, with a waiting list of people who want to be committee members, this is not the case in rural areas like ours.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Oppose	0	5	<b>Mandate!</b> This would create another dictatorial regulation.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Oppose	0	5	The committee didn't understand what this proposal was trying to say.



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16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
NA			SHAC knows nothing about this issue. Let ADF&G handle it
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
NA			SHAC has seen the boards generate proposals that have worked well. That ability has cut through a lot of red tape in the past <b>(see #18 comment)</b>
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Oppose	0	4 1abstain	This is similar to Proposal 17, and is an attempt to limit the board. We attended meetings where the board “saw through” attempted manipulations or misrepresentation of issues, and was able to clean things up very quickly once it became aware of the truth of a matter. <b>(see #17 comment)</b>
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Non-subsistence Area.		
NA			SHAC is not familiar with these issues. This is better left to the FBX AC, area residents & ADF&G

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Meeting Minutes

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**Susitna Valley Advisory Committee  
February 27, 2024  
Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School**

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 by Bryan Kirby
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Todd B., Todd K., Steve H., Robert. Mark, Bryan  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Eli  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Dave  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
List of User Groups Present: NONE
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
  - a. Fari via zoom
- IV. Guests Present: none
- V. Approval of Agenda Steve 2nd by Robert
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Amending of 12.14.23 Mark, 2nd by Todd B
  - b. 1.23.24 Mark, 2nd by Robert
- VII. Public Comment None
- VIII. New Business
  - Joint Board Proposals See attached
  - Discuss Submitting AC Generated Proposals for the BOG Central/Southwest Meeting Cycle- Due May 1
    - o Send email to Fish and game asking for Moose numbers in 13E, 14B, 16B, 16A.
- IX. Set next meeting date
  - a. TBA
- X. Other NA

Adjourn: Robert 2nd Todd B.



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<b>1</b>	<b>Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.</b>		
	0	6	
<b>2</b>	<b>Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.</b>		
	0	6	This would require Fish & Game to provide a meeting place and infrastructure for every AC meeting. Not all of the meeting locations have an infrastructure to support this. Example sometimes the Susitna AC will meet in a large room at a local eating establishment.
<b>3</b>	<b>Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.</b>		
	6	0	This is what we do already as an advisory committee.
<b>4</b>	<b>Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.</b>		
	6	0	This is what we do already as an advisory committee.
<b>5</b>	<b>Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder</b>		
			NO COMMENT
<b>6</b>	<b>Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.</b>		
			NO COMMENT
<b>7</b>	<b>Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.</b>		
			NO COMMENT
<b>8</b>	<b>Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.</b>		
	6	0	We agree with this
<b>9</b>	<b>Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.</b>		
	0	6	This would kill the Susitna AC. This AC was brought back to life by a group and we are always looking to get more people but if we are limited by terms then this AC in 3 years would not exist.
<b>10</b>	<b>Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.</b>		
	0	6	We already have a hard time finding people to be on the AC. With having one seat designated this has the ability to keep us from making a quorum





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<b>11</b>	<b>Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.</b>		
			NO COMMENT
<b>12</b>	<b>Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.</b>		
	6	0	We agree that everyone has the opportunity to be part of the AC and a vote should be the reason someone does or does not make it on the board
<b>13</b>	<b>Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.</b>		
	6	0	This allows stronger wording for board members to be removed for not taking part in the AC business.
<b>14</b>	<b>Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.</b>		
			This is address by proposal 13
<b>15</b>	<b>Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.</b>		
			NO COMMENT
<b>16</b>	<b>Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.</b>		
	0	6	By removing these AC's you are not allowing those areas to have a voice in the process. Susitna AC was dormant for a number of years until a group got together and wanted this area to have a voice once again. This would not have been possible if the AC was dissolved.
<b>17</b>	<b>Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.</b>		
	6	0	This helps to provide checks and balances. This AC could see where it could be hard to get an AC meeting together within the 24 hour suggested time but also realize that the board needs to act on the action during their meeting
<b>18</b>	<b>Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.</b>		
	6	0	We agree that the board should not have the authority to make amendments to a proposal that contradicts the intent.



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<b>19</b>	<b>Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.</b>		
			NO COMMENT

Meeting minutes approved by Bryan Kirby  
2.27.24



## **Tanana/Rampart/Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting** **Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 10:00 am**

**The Tanana Rampart Manley Advisory Committee discussed and voted on Joint Board proposals on February 15-16, and again on February 26, 2024. All of our votes on proposals are included in the comments below.**

- I. **Call to Order:** 10:04 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**  
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Ray Woods, Robert Erhart, Curtis Sommer, Cliff Wiehl
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Olivia Irwin, Serena Fitka, Brooke Woods, Diloolo Erickson
- V. **Adjourn**  
February 16, 2014 11:25

### **Monday, February 26, 2024 at 1:00pm**

- I. **Call to Order:** 13:20 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**  
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Robert Erhart, Millena Jordan
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Allen Barrette
- VI. **Adjourn:** 14:10



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
<b>Oppose</b>		7	Our committee acknowledges the value of more advanced public notice regarding AC business, but ultimately opposes this proposal. The passage of this proposal would inevitably hinders ACs ability to quickly identify and take action on local issues of conservation, unforeseen regulatory effects, and unexpected events that effect or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
<b>Support</b>	7		Our committee supports this proposal as the call-in/Zoom option allows us to conduct our business. Additionally, the call-in/Zoom option provides the public with greater access to engage in the public forum for local fish and wildlife conservation and use.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
<b>Oppose</b>		7	Our committee unanimously opposes this proposal because the adoption of this proposal would reduce our committee’s ability to participate efficiently and bureaucratically. Our committee believes it takes at least one year for officers to learn the AC system effectively enough to accurately represent and advocate on behalf of multiple communities and users.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
<b>Support</b>	7		Our committee supports the proposal to formally incorporate the chair’s roles and responsibilities outlined in the ADFG AC Manual into regulation.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
<b>Support</b>	7		Our committee supports the proposal to formally incorporate the secretary/recorder’s roles and responsibilities outlined in the ADFG AC Manual into regulation.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		



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<b>Support</b>	7		A majority of our committee members serve multiple essential roles that keep our communities operating smoothly (road, runway, electricity, broadband, water and sewer maintenance, public safety, receiving gas and heating fuel, and postal services to name a few examples). The passage of this proposal would be a significant step to improve our committee's ability to conduct business and take fish and wildlife action on behalf of our communities.
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
<b>Support</b>	7		Additionally, the adoption of proposals six and seven would make space for youth and Elders participation, the transfer of local and generational knowledge, as well as provide an opportunity for interested peoples to learn the regulatory system. The incorporation of youth and Elder perspectives to the AC system by way of this proposal promotes ACs ability to perform their functions under 5 AAC 96.050.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
<b>Oppose</b>		7	Similarly to the comment for proposal 3, our committee unanimously opposes this proposal because the adoption of this proposal would reduce our committee's ability to participate efficiently and bureaucratically. Our committee believes it takes a great deal of time and investment to learn the AC system effectively and accurately, and as stated in the prior two comments, our community members fill multiple essential roles making it challenging to conduct committee business
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
<b>Oppose</b>		7	Our committee values the intention of this proposal and recognizes the equity it seeks to implement. However, our committee strongly believes that our communities are heavily dependent on subsistence. Not only do our communities abide by State and Federal wildlife regulations, but the people in our communities are further governed by Indigenous and Traditional knowledge that has been developed over thousands of years and has been transmitted for hundreds of generations. The values and practices baked into our cultures are rooted in ecosystem management and sustainability, making space for humans and animals to live together in balance. The passage of this proposal would create additional challenges, hindering our committee's ability to operate efficiently and effectively.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
<b>Support</b>	7		Our committee unanimously supports this proposal to clarify the process to fill expired AC seats.



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14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
<b>Support</b>	7		As stated multiple times in prior comments, our committee members fill multiple essential roles in our communities. However, we also believe our committee members need to be invested in order to conduct committee business effectively.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
<b>Oppose</b>		7	Without timely access to relevant socioeconomic characteristics and resource data, our committee must rely upon our observed understanding of socioeconomic characteristic changes since the last time the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area was brought before the Joint Board in 2013. Whether or not areas of the FNSA have road access or not, the current area is highly accessible, therefore our committee fears reducing the nonsubsistence area would pose biological concerns for all those resources in the area. Because of the high accessibility, our committee believes urban land use characteristics are fairly reflected onto the rural undeveloped areas because it is largely those domiciled in the greater Fairbanks area using the resources.

Minutes Recorded By: Janessa Newman  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_



**Upper Lynn Canal AC  
February 15, 2024  
Meeting held via Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 17:45 by Mark Sogge
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: 8 - Mark Sogge, Derek Poinsette, Rafe McGuire, Ryan Cook, Teresa Katzeek, Kip Kermoian, Jessica Plachta, Kathleen Menke  
  
Members Absent (Excused): 8  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nicole Zeiser
- IV. Guests Present: Chilkat Valley News
- V. Approval of Agenda - approved, unanimous
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - approved, unanimous
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report – Mark Sogge reported on testifying at state legislative hearing on the governor's executive order to abolish Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council. Everyone who spoke at the hearing opposed the executive order. Only one in support was the governor's own appointee.
  - b. ADF&G - none
  - c. Others - none
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business - Joint Board Proposals (below)
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting - none
- XII. Set next meeting date - none



XIII. Other - none

Adjourn at 19:05

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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
			No action
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
			No action
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	0	8	Two years is a reasonable term for officers. It takes time to learn the job and one year isn't enough.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
			No action
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
			No action
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
			No action
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
			No action
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
	8	0	This will make it more flexible for some committees to work around fishing seasons and other timing limitations.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	0	8	Experience is good for AC members and the AC process. Elections can replace seats as needed without relying on specific term limits.





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10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
			No action
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	5	3	This would promote diversity on AC boards, and provide a definition of non-consumptive users. OPPOSITION: This proposal is not necessary.
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	8	0	This would promote inclusivity and clarification of process rules.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
			No action
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
			No action
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
			No action
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	0	8	We support maintaining Klukwan AC and all others in SE AK, even if they are not currently active. The cost of maintaining these committees on the books is nothing for the state. Local input on natural resource management is very important and should not be put just in the hands of State managers.
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
	8	0	More public review will help the board process be more effective and provide for more public scrutiny and opportunity for input.
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	8	0	Makes very clear that the intent of a proposal should not be changed by the board in its final amendment process.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
			No action
20	Assign seats on the East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee		
			No action

Adjournment:



Minutes Recorded By: Poinsette  
Minutes Approved By: Sogge  
Date: February 15, 2024