

**PROPOSAL 6**

**5 AAC 96.060. Uniform rules of operation.**

Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 96.060(g)(7) to read:

Each advisory committee may appoint two undesigned alternates. **In addition, advisory committees with community designated seats may appoint an alternate for each community represented on the committee.** [ANY MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO IS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A COMMUNITY MAY ALSO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE.] Each alternate must meet the qualifications under this chapter. When acting as a member of an advisory committee, an alternate is entitled to the benefits, privileges, and responsibilities of a regular member. If an advisory committee appoints an alternate from the remaining nominees from an election, the alternate may fill a vacancy on the advisory committee throughout the year.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently the Minto/Nenana Advisory Committee and most advisory committees in the state are only allowed to appoint two alternates. It is important for communities to be able involve younger generations in the public decision-making process, and alternates are a good entry point for new members to get involved with advisory committees. If advisory committees that represent multiple communities were allowed to appoint additional alternates for each community with designated seats, it would also improve the committee’s ability to reliably reach a quorum.

**PROPOSED BY:** Minto/Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EJ-F23-678)  
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