

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks, AK

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I. Call to Order: Chair at 1832

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Ed Horton	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	John Wisniew ski	Warren Giuchici	Richard Doering
Present	X		X	X	X		X	X
Absent								
Abs/Excused		X				X		
	Mike Bryan	Levi Lewellyn	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Mike Quinn	John Siegfried	Vince Holton	Virgil Umphenour (alternate)
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Absent								
Abs/Excused							X	

III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous, added Minto discussion to Old-Business.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: December 12 unanimously Approved.

V. Correspondence: None.

VI. ADFG/AWT Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Klaus Wutting, Reed Morisky (BoF), Caroline Brown, Wildlife Trooper David Bump.

VII. Guests: 18 guests incl. Marv, Kathleen Wright, Becky Hassebroek, Dave Vick, Candace Tucker, Sam Friedman (Fairbanks Daily News Miner), Leonard & Diane Jewkes, Steve Hallenbeck, unnamed Minto landowners.

VIII. Comments:

- Chair Comments: Discussed memo on federal overreach from Doug Vincent-Lang that no one has seen, will try to find and distribute. BoG meeting starts tomorrow, Mark Richards is attending. Heard upper Cook Inlet will have significant king salmon restrictions.

- Subcommittee Chairs:

- o Al Barrette proposed next Game Subcommittee meeting. 28 Jan at the Farmhouse is

agreed upon. Discussed current news article about dog caught in a trap. There is much speculation, but the trap was legal and loose dogs are not.

- Mike Tinker discussed Cook Inlet EO, stated ADFG has followed the statute in detail. Fish Subcommittee meeting is February 7 at the Farmhouse.

- AC Member Comments: None

- Public Comments: In-depth discussion with public during old and new business.

IX. F&G/AWT Staff Reports:

- Game: Tony Hollis. Discussion on 20A antlerless reauthorization will happen next month. Reasons are: good (old) moose counts, consistent harvest, good twinning rates. No current counts were conducted. Possibly reduce draw permits (currently 1200 “any bull” and 450 antlerless) by 25% each. This conservative reduction is due to having no new counts. Brief discussion on potlatch moose.

- Sport Fish: N/A

- AWT: N/A

X. Old Business:

- Minto Pike Proposals: Marv (public guest) discussed BoF proposal 65. Mike Tinker states proposal 69 was recommended by the Fish Subcommittee. Al Barrette believes ANS (amount necessary for subsistence) is needed. Everyone further discussed sizes, tracking, subsistence, and winter sport closure. Klauss (ADFG fish bio) says harvestable surplus of 1500. Minto landowner guests discussed the need for subsistence fish, and want the fish to reproduce. They asked Mike to clarify the Subcommittee’s recommendations. ADFG recommended in their comments to keep first 10 fish regardless of size. Becky wants closed areas for big fish recovery. Further complex discussion with all members, ADFG, and guests took place. Kirk thanked guests for the great discussion and all concerns are noted.

- Mike proposed vote on ADFG’s comments of keeping the first 10 fish as an acceptable alternative to the FAC’s comments. Unanimously approved, 13-0.

- Discussion with Candace Tucker about her prop 78. Multiple testimonies from members and guests about single vs. treble hooks were heard. Candace Tucker was thanked for speaking about her proposal.

- Motion to support prop 76 failed, 4-9.

XI. New Business:

- Discussion of October election improprieties. Kirk hoped this topic would simmer out. He stated nothing has come up to substantiate allegations of election improprieties. He discussed the events with Nissa and others that were in attendance and stated the allegations have no substance. Guests stated they have concerns about user group representation, specifically fish matters. Al proposed possibly designating seats as Hunting/Fishing/Trapping specific. Mike Tinker (Fish chair) said under-representation is a valid concern, but not presently an issue as the Fish Subcommittee is well represented. Virgil stated this has happened 3 times before, and

would like to see nominations, then elections at the next meeting. Election rules discussion will be added at a future meeting.

- Motion to add Joint Board discussion to Fish subcommittee, approved unanimously.
- Al Barrette update on Western Arctic Herd Working Group: Caribou population 260K. Not much new, Red Dog Mine road uncertainties, no surveys on WACH, discussion on hunting techniques, virtual program to estimate activity. Registering north of the Yukon is providing good counts. Ambler Road – no action last year, Dept of Interior says no public use, industry only. WACH maintains 8K-12K annual harvest no matter the herd size.
- Comments on AK Pen BoF Proposals: Virgil extensively discusses the history and the need for proposal 135, stopping chum-chuckers, and reducing the targeting of migrating fish. The fishery should be treated like all wild stock fisheries, not an intercept fishery. We would like to give them a schedule similar to other areas.
 - Motion to adopt proposal 135, approved unanimously, 13-0.
 - Mike Tinker will draft letter of support.
 - Fairbanks AC nominates Virgil to attend and represent FAC at the AK Pen BoF meeting, approved unanimously, 13-0.

XII. Adjourn: 20:52

Minutes Recorded by Ed Horton