

## Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

**Date:** 1/04/2024

**Location:** ADFG Conference

**Room**

**Call to Order:** 5:01 pm

**Roll Call:**

Name	Seat	Check if present	Interests/Representation
Clay Bezenek		Present/Zoom	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Hunting, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Rudy Franulovich	Vice Chair	Present	Commercial Fishing
Matt Allen	Secretary	Present/Zoom	Salmon Enhancement, hunting, sport fishing, trapping, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Keenan Sanderson		Absent	Subsistence, Comm/Sport Fish, Tlinquit, Haida
Beau Dale	Chair	Present	4 <sup>th</sup> generation Alaskan, hunter, fisherman, local locksmith
Chad Crittenden	Alternate	Absent	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Photography, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist, Alaska Native
Robert Jahnke		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Ben Atwood		Present	Hunting, Sport Fishing, Trapping, Charter fishing, Troller, Salmon Enhancement, Pot Shrimp, Seining, Longlining, Tanner crabbing
Marvin McCloud		Present/Zoom	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Jeremiah Sullivan		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Charlie Ratzat		Absent	Sport Fishing, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Outdoorsperson
Sean Roberts		Present	Hunt, Trap, Sport Fish, Power Troll, Commercial Pot Shrimp
Brian Ringeisen		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Devin Dalin		Present	Hunting, Sport Fish
Annie McTurner	Alternate	Present/Zoom	Trapping, Hunting, Sport Fishing
Andrew Pung		Present	Salmon Enhancement, Commercial/Sportfishing, Personal-Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
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**Introductions:**

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance

**Public Present:**

Kurt Whitehead (HB 201), Martin Smith, Nick Hashagan, Anna Lafferty (KDN)

**Department Present:**

Ross Dorendorf (Wildlife, ADFG), Emily Nelson (ADFG Board Support), Kristy Tibbles (Executive Director, BoG)

**Meeting Agenda:**

Move to adopt meeting agenda

Franulovich move to adopt

Jahnke 2nd

Unanimous to accept meeting agenda

**Old business items:**

- 1.) Elections
- 2.) ADFG Board of Game Proposal 211
- 3.) HB 201

**New business:**

- 1.)

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

12/28/2023 meeting minutes

Jahnke move to approve

Franulovich 2nd

Unanimous approval of previous meeting minutes

**Chairman's Report:**

Brief overview of last meeting, current meeting agenda and volunteer to attend upcoming BOG.

**Committee/Member Reports/Comments:**

None

**Public Comment:**

Kurt Whitehead

**Department Report/Comment:**

Ross Dorendorf: Friendly reminder to submit end of season harvest reports

**Old Business:**

Ketchikan AC member elections

HB 201

Proposal 211

**New Business:**

Statewide Stocking Plan

**HB 201**

Jahnke: has an issue with HB 201

Whitehead: thanks to all in attendance and the process we have to affect fish and game regulations. I am the secretary for the three POW AC's.

We have a real problem with seasonal residents and our fish and game.

People are buying property, living on their boats or living in an RV for a short period of time, parking it and being able to claim Alaska residency. It's easy to get an Alaska driver's license, p.o. box and then claim residency. We have done our research, and found multiple individuals who are doing this. Taking advantage of the benefits that being an Alaska resident provides individuals to pursue more liberal bag limits for species, especially in the area of subsistence.

I have spoken with 23 different legislators and highlighted this issue. This is more of an issue in Southeast Alaska with our abundant resources and access compared to communities up north. We also have a larger seasonal influx of people.

I'm looking for the Ketchikan AC to write a simple letter in support of HB 201.

To address Bob's concern, the requirements to receive an Alaska PFD will be the same for obtaining resident fishing, hunting and trapping licenses.

It would be great to be able to not only sign up to receive your PFD but also simultaneously get your fish and game licenses.

Jahnke: It is my understanding that there are allowances for missing time to address health care and other circumstances. I'm in support of this bill but would like to see the number of days one is allowed to be absent to be less.

Tibbles: The 180 days has to be for allowable reasons.

Atwood: I'm concerned that if this is based on a calendar year that if someone isn't here January 1st then they would have to wait a long time to qualify.

Whitehead: We're just trying to ratchet up the requirements and make them easier to enforce.

Bezenek: Moved to AK in 93'. We waited until December of 94' before we qualified as residents. I waited and was willing to wait for the benefits of our resources. I will support HB 201.

I bought a non-resident license my first year and I was willing to do that for the benefit of hunting and fishing, also appreciating I would continue to benefit from our resources as a resident.

Jahnke: I'm concerned how this would affect trapping licenses since they have different season start and end dates.

Dorendorf: When purchasing a combination hunting/trapping license, the hunting license terminates at the end of the calendar year and the trapping license later in the next calendar year. The Bill wouldn't affect this.

Dale: Is this group looking to work up a letter of support? Kurt, is there a deadline we are looking at.

Whitehead: We're looking to get as many letters as possible in support of this HB 201.

Franulovich: We need to decide if we want to support a letter

Franulovich: Move to support

Jahnke: 2nd

McTurner: Call the question

Support: 10, Oppose 1

Jahnke: I'd like to change the wording a bit from the Petersburg letter. Instead of a privilege, I would like to see priority.

Atwood: Or right.

Franulovich: I'd like to keep a letter as simple as possible.

Bezenek: How about for simplicity sake we say the Ketchikan AC supports HB201 and that using the requirements to attain the permanent fund makes good sense for obtaining resident hunting, fishing and trapping license.

Jahnke: I believe that residents deserve to have priority in pursuing our fish and game resources.

Smith: Does this Bill tie a hunting and fishing license to qualifying for a PFD or maintaining your ability to receive a PFD?

Multiple members of the AC make the point that this will be discussed in the legislature and changes may very well be made.

Dale: What jumped out at me is that the Department would stand to get a little bit more money from non-resident licenses. A loophole is closed and maybe if you're new to the State you shouldn't pursue some of the opportunities residents have until you have the experience necessary to do so.

Smith: 12 months seems fair to me but if it turns to 24 months to obtain residency it's a burden.

McTurner: Compared to other states the cost of our licenses is less expensive and we have more opportunity.

Dale: Are we okay firing this off tomorrow? I'll write to Rebecca and would like to thank her for punctuality. The letter will say that we support HB 201 as written.

Thanks for attending Kurt.

### **Proposal 211**

Dale: Do we support Proposal 211? Looking to clean up the boundary for RG002. My only concern would be if the Department had a concern about the resource and they didn't indicate there was one. In my mind this is house cleaning.

This is a mess we created due to an oversight. I appreciate the Departments efforts to clean it up

Allen: Move to adopt

Jahnke: 2nd

Jahnke: I agree that it's a good idea we combine 1a and 1b. I'm also concerned that the Department made changes to the deer limit on the Cleveland to better align it with 1b, going from 4 bucks to 2.

Call the Question: McTurner

2nd: Jahnke

Supported Unanimously

### **New Business**

Statewide Stocking Plan

Dale: I just wanted to comment that we support the Department and Hatchery efforts to put more fish in the water.

Jahnke: Is Whitman Lake still a SSRAA hatchery? Is it still commercial fishermen that are primarily supporting Whitman Lake. Commercial fishermen pay 3%.

Allen: Yes. Commercial fishermen are still the primary user group that supports our programs through a self-assess tax. However, the Department does provide financial support to some of our programs and they currently own the Crystal Lake Hatchery. We also have a co-operative agreement to rear and release triploid Rainbow Trout into Harriet Hunt and Carlanna Lake.

I would encourage anyone who takes advantage of these resources to support the Department and our non-profit hatcheries so we can continue doing what we do for as long as we can do it.

### **Next Meeting**

AC Elections

BOF Proposals

Franulovich: Move to set a meeting on

**02/22/2024 @ 5:00pm ADFG Conference**

Jahnke: 2nd

McTurner: Call the question

Franulovich: 2nd

Supported Unanimously

Move to Adjourn: Franulovich

Second: Jahnke

Call the Question: McTurner

Second: Jahnke

Supported Unanimously

**Adjourn: 7:20pm**

**Minutes recorded by:** Matt Allen, Secretary

**Minutes approved by:** Beau Dale, Chair