



Advisory Committee Membership

Qualifications

- **A candidate must have knowledge of and experience with the fish and wildlife resources in the area.**
- **A candidate must also have a reputation within the community consistent with the responsibilities of committee membership.**

Membership:

- The members must be representative of fish and game user groups in the area served by the committee. To the extent possible, at least three user groups must be represented on the committee. Uses include, but are not limited to:
 - hunting
 - commercial fishing
 - guiding
 - personal use
 - subsistence
 - sport fishing
 - trapping
 - photography
 - outdoorsperson [one who camps, hunts or fishes]
 - conservationist.
- The maximum length of a term is three years.
- Any member of an advisory committee who are the sole representative from a village or town may also appoint an alternate. An alternate is entitled to the benefits, privileges, and responsibilities of a regular member.

Elections:

- Each member and voting-age resident of the area of jurisdiction who attends an election may make nominations and vote.
- Election meetings shall be noticed to the public at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.
- An advisory committee may not refuse membership to a nominee if the advisory committee membership is less than the number of members authorized by the Joint Board.
- Election results, including new member forms, must be sent to the Boards Support Section regional office within 30 days.

Vacant Seats:

A committee shall give at least 14 days' public notice of the election to fill a vacancy. The member elected to fill a vacant seat serves the remainder of the vacant seat's term. A chairman shall declare a vacancy on a committee when any of the following occurs:

- A member's death, resignation, or refusal to accept election
- A member's absence from three consecutive, regularly advertised meetings without reasonable justification, as determined by a majority vote of the committee.
- A member's removal by the Joint Board for cause