

Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, December 12th, 6:00PM, 2022

In Person at the Yuut Elitnaurviat, 602 Akiachak Dr., Bethel, AK

Draft Agenda

By Phone: 1(888)475-4499 Meeting ID: 495 277 1108

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4952771108>

- I. **Call to order:** *Chair, Jaimie Kassman. Time:*
- II. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- III. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Jaimie Kassman*

I. Roll Call:

	<u>Jaimie Kassman</u>	<u>Alissa Rogers</u>	<u>Mike Riley</u>	<u>Robert Lakander</u>	<u>Jerry White</u>	<u>Lucinda Alexie</u>	<u>Jon Lavalle</u>
Present	X		X	X	X	X	X
By Teleconference		X					
Absent							
Abs/Excused							
	<u>Rafe Johnson (alternate)</u>	<u>Robert Hoffman (alternate)</u>					
Present							
By Teleconference							
Absent							
Abs/Excused							

- I. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 Only 4 needed for quorum due to low membership. (only 7 full seated members.)

6 Members present

ADF&G

John Chythlook
Nick Smith
Sean Larson
Pat Jones
Keith Oster

USFWS

Christian Alexie Jr.
Emmit Nicori
Boyd Blihovde
Aaron Moses

Other:

Mary Mathias – ONC
Dylan Brooks - AWT

- II. Approval of Agenda: There is a motion by Mike Riley, 2nd by Jerry White to move all wildlife related items to the top of the agenda, immediately after wildlife reports. Approved by unanimous vote.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 28th, 2021

- a. Mike Riley makes a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, 2nd by Alissa. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. Membership Elections for 4 vacant undesignated seats:
 - a. Mike Gore was nominated for one of the 4 vacant undesignated seats and confirmed by unanimous vote.
 - b. No other nominations were made.
- V. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports – Sean Larson gave a brief report of the 2022 Kuskokwim salmon. King and sockeye salmon escapement goals were met, but there were poor returns of the chum and coho salmon.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports – Pat Jones gave a report on many game species in the area including moose and caribou and talks a little on predator control.
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports
 - 1. Participation – low participation in the area and are looking for ideas to increase. Jaimie said that he will pass on information to Ducks Unlimited state group. Savannah asks that members like and share posts on Facebook.
 - 2. Advisory Committee Manuals – brief introduction to new AC manual. Also, briefly mentions an upcoming drug and alcohol policy.
 - c. Others
 - i. USFWS staff gives the AC information about the Federal Zone 2 moose hunt that will start. They instruct people who would like to participate to call 543-1008 and leave their name, phone number, and where they are from, and someone will call them back.
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business – See charts below for voting results and justification.
 - a. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Proposals
 - b. Board of Fisheries: South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan proposals
 - c. Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals
 - d. Board of Game upcoming call for proposals in January
- IX. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. The AC decided to send Alissa Rogers to testify at the Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim meeting. Confirmed by unanimous vote.
- X. Set next meeting date: April 10th, 2023

- XI. Other
XII. Adjourn

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 17-21, 2023 Soldotna, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<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>			
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 Motion made by Jon Lavalle, 2 nd by Lucinda Alexie		
S	6	1	The dissenting vote was because the member misunderstood and felt that it was too early to hunt for cows around Bethel.
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Motion made by Jon Lavalle, 2 nd by Robert Lekander		
S	7	0	Unanimous
Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: Dec. 30, 2022			
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<u>87</u>	Define eel stick. -Motion made by Jon LaValle, 2 nd by Robert Lekander		
S	7	0	People use them on the Kuskokwim
<u>90</u>	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.		
O	0	7	Feel this would not be effective during federal special actions and we worry about the longevity of the tier II
<u>91</u>	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.		
S	7	0	This would allow for greater harvest during times of conservation
<u>92</u>	Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.		
S	7	0	This would allow greater flexibility and would help to align regulations with the rest of the area.
<u>93</u>	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing. Motion made by Mike Glore, 2 nd by Robert Lekander		
O	0	7	Opposed because it's anti jet-boating restrictions, and we do not want to further limit subsistence.
<u>94</u>	Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15.		
O	0	7	It is already mostly catch and release on the Kanektok. There is minimal harvest and do not feel the need to add extra regulation.
<u>95</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
NA			
<u>96</u>	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.		
NA			
<u>97</u>	Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation. Motion made by Jon Lavalle, 2 nd by Mike Glore		
S	7	0	To align regulations with Yukon

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Jan. 30, 2022

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133-142	<p>A motion was made to support any of these proposals that will help salmon get past the intercept fishery.</p> <p>Motion was made by Alissa Rogers, 2nd by Lucinda Alexie</p>		
S	7	0	We want to help the chum salmon return to the area but don't know enough about the area or the fishery to comment on any one proposal.
	<p>Mike Riley asked if any of the dates that had been proposed account for the fur seal gestation period.</p> <p>The did not feel that there was much of an impact on King salmon, but the worry is for chum salmon.</p> <p>Robert Lekander talked about Proposals 133-142 as a whole and how some adjust fishing times, some address how much fish caught. He believes that there is technology and ways to track and document the fish. He wonders why they are saving all the fish and not fishing here, when fishermen down there are just going to catch them. It is supposed to be subsistence first.</p>		

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Feb. 23, 2022

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<u>165</u>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion made by Alissa, 2 nd by		
O	0	7	This would be a good opportunity for an enterprising person to take out subsistence. This would be adding more regulations that are not needed
<u>167</u>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. Motion made by Alissa, 2 nd by Jon		
O	0	7	Too much during the busy season.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: January 2023