
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues
Anchorage | March 17 - 21

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026
William Jack Hernandez Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Present
2	Matt	Moore	Present
3	Nicole	Schmitt	Present
4	Bryce	Eckroth	Unexcused
5	Paul	Warta	Present
6	Christina	Ahlstrom	Present
7	Ernie	Weiss	Present
8	Katya	Karankevich	Excused
9	Kneeland	Taylor	Present
10	J R	Gates	Unexcused
11	Michelle	Bittner	Present
12	Ed (Harold)	Horton	Present
13	Scott	Crowther	Present
14	Tom	Vania	Excused
15	Lynette	Moreno Hinz	Present
16	Matthew	Stone	Present
17	Grace	Kirkey	Unexcused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present: Neil De'Witt, Richard Person, Ryan Astalos

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

i. Bristol Bay Board of Fish (Kevin): Some changes to king mgmt. plan;

changed number of sockeye that go by to tower before the commercial crew can fish (Nushagak); lowered number of kings in Naknek, permit stacking failed; made it illegal to keep king home that was caught on commercial boat

ii. Southeast Board of Game meeting:

- b. ADF&G: Patrick Fowler (sportfish Cook Inlet manager), Sam Kirby
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Richard Persons: East side setnetter, not east side dipnetter, opposed to proposal 175, would make vast majority of dipnets illegal; Anchorage AC already voted unanimously to oppose it. Most setnetters didn't try, not a very efficient way to fish and hard work, but made something in the season; most of the fish were caught in Salamatof area, but the processing got harder (have to supply own ice)
- b. Ryan: Came to the AC a few years ago concerning trawl proposals in Prince William Sound; Board amended to split PWS into three areas, 2025 season Jan – March closed because hit the 9 million lbs polluck quota; Hinchinbrook district was closed because hit their rockfish bycatch limit allotment, had to move out of Hitch and fish other two districts; three different proposals seek to mitigate trawl bottom contact: 163 - define the fishery as bottom-trawl fleet; 164- institute bottom sensors; 165- salmon excluder requirement to reduce impacts to salmon; Proposal 11: not in favor of trawling

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
 - i. Motion to adopt all unanimous proposals in subcommittee – unanimously approved.
 - ii. Votes on proposals below.
- b. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
 - i. Motion to adopt all unanimous proposals in subcommittee- unanimously approved.
 - ii. Votes on Game proposals attached in full vote tally below.

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	<p>There are no conservation issues presented by this proposal. It would decrease the ability of Alaska residents to obtain food for their family. For many users across the state, it is more cost effective to pay for someone to transport you to a fishing site rather than purchase and maintain your own boat or plane. A similar proposal was submitted by the same organization at the December 2024 PWS/Upper Copper River meeting, and it failed 1-6. Board discussion centered on the difference between transporters and guides. Transporters are merely providing transportation to the fishing site and do not provide any assistance beyond that. Board members did not want to limit subsistence user's ability to access the fishery. Several board members mentioned the proposal may be better suited in a statewide meeting where more definitions are provided. In the upper Copper River, it is illegal to provide guided fishing services in the subsistence fishery, but transportation services are allowed.</p>
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
Support	11	0	<p>Conservation proposal to protect golden King Crab. A discussion on the effects of trawl activity statewide needs to be had. One abstain.</p>

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163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Support	11	1	<p>We support efforts to reduce bycatch in trawl fisheries operating in state waters. We think this proposal would need to refine the definitions presented. Also the board does not have fiscal jurisdiction over the department, so they can't make the department spend money on new programs unless the department agrees to it. Nevertheless, we support most proposals restricting trawl fishing or making them a cleaner fishery. Keep the pressure up on the industry and regulators. Mid water trawling is less invasive. This doesn't address the issue with the big factory trawlers that operate in Federal waters.</p> <p>Opposed: Most state waters are already closed to bottom trawl. Research is currently underway to understand bottom contact, mitigation measures, and how to enforce it. These proposals are putting the cart before the horse. Closing state waters to trawl won't shut down big factory trawlers, it will mostly hurt Alaskans, especially the local small boat fleet, at least in the WGOA.</p>
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
TNA			See comments on 163
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
TNA			<p>See comments on 163</p> <p>Opposed: Majority of the 58 footers do not use excluders as they are ineffective on low horse power vessels. The prevailing</p>

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			knowledge among net manufacturers is that low towing speeds are as effective as net salmon excluders.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
TNA			No action
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
TNA			No action
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
TNA			No action
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	12	0	A definition of slinky pot is needed as use of this gear is increasing statewide. The gear helps to reduce the harvest of non-targeted species and reduce predation of captured fish. We support the department.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Support	11	1	Trying everything to conserve kings, limited amount of food available, if we're limited everything else seems reasonable to limit hatcheries; concern about mixing hatchery and wild fish Noted that AC interest in reviewing the hatchery limit
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
TNA			See comments on proposal 170
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
TNA			See comments on proposal 170
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		

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Support	12	0	Makes sense and we support the Department efforts to define fishing boundaries where needed.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
Support	12	0	If it makes sense, if it makes the vessel more productive we do not see any harm in allowing it.
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	The current definition of mesh size has been in place since it was adopted (probably in the early '80's). 4.5" mesh targets sockeye, not chinook. Use of a line to hold the net into place on a vessel makes it safer for the operator and allows them to fish for a longer period of time because it is difficult to hold the net in the water for any period of time. This also has statewide implications, whereas the proposer is really concerned with making PU fishing more difficult in the Copper River. There are no conservation issues for sockeye salmon on the Copper River, Kenai River, Kasilof River, or Susitna River. Why make it more difficult to obtain food for your family?
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	"Boat limits" proposals have been submitted before and all have failed to pass. In 2012, at the SE meeting it failed. Comments provided stated when conservation is warranted, other regulations, such as requiring anglers to stop fishing once a bag limit is reached would be more effective at reducing C&R mortality than the proposed regulation. The intended legal and definition of bag limit has always been focused on an individual's harvest. In 2016, at both the LCI and UCI meetings the proposal failed to pass 0-7. It

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			would increase the harvest of all fish and may require other management measures if harvest were to exceed sustainable levels. Boat limits, as proposed have been prohibited since statehood.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
TNA			See comments on proposal 176
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	The current definition works fine. The proposal would just create a situation where one person who is more skilled at fishing would increase the ability of everyone to take their limit. It is similar to the boat limit proposal.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
	10	2	Support: King salmon overall declining; no annual limit for king salmon harvest; no limit on winter kings, but there is a limit (5 fish) regionwide Cook Inlet after April 1 Oppose: Don't want a blanket limit across diverse fisheries Dept will try to maximize harvest up to their legal limit
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Oppose	4	7	See comments on proposal 180. One Abstain
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
Support	12	0	Make sense, clarifies regulation. We want to clarify that this does not apply to spear fishing.
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	12	0	Need to clarify language.
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		

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Support	9	2	<p>Support: Needed for enforcement of length requirements. I'm sure some people will talk about increased effort to dispose of additional fish waste but I think ensuring length regulations (that are there for conservation reasons) outweighs the inconvenience this proposal may cause. There are already areas around the state where the department implements this by emergency order. This regulation would likely simplify things for the department and make it easier for the public to be aware of the regulation since EO's are tougher for the public to follow.</p> <p>Oppose: If can't fillet and ice properly then quality will decline; enforcement issue but would be good to ; some confusion about "processed" language in the proposal</p>
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Support	12	0	Support the Department
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
Support	7	5	<p>Dept has consistently maintained that they cannot manage coho; management plan should be for abundance not allocation. There has always been a problem when the Kenai sockeye run is large and you try to make the best use of that resource by harvesting the surplus, yet still balancing the conservation of northern bound stocks. I don't think this proposal makes the situation better. The drifters are really the only tool left to harvest the massive surplus of Kenai and Kasilof sockeye salmon.</p> <p>There are already windows, corridors, and 1% rule being used to move fish north. More focus should be made on actions in the northern district late in the sockeye season that would probably be more beneficial for northern district coho salmon. Argument for supporting is to protect the weaker stocks.</p>
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
TNA			Take no action

- XI. Select representative for board meeting:
Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish meeting (03/17-03/20) – Ernie.
Board of Game Southcentral: Matt Moore
- XII. Set next meeting date: Tuesday, March 3rd at 6pm at the WJH Hatchery
- XIII. Other:
 - a. Letter of Support for HB93: AC vote to write letter of support with request for exemptions for pilots and other profession that take people out of the state for more than 180 days, but who are otherwise residents. Nicki and Ed will draft, Michelle review and Kevin will sign.
 - b. March meeting will have time for potential AC proposals to vet if we'll submit as an AC.
 - c. Elections will be at April meeting. Members up for re-election: Matt, Ernie, Nicole, Kneely, JR
- XIV. Adjourn -Moved.
- XV. Adjournment: 8:12pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole Schmitt
 Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor
 Date: 2/3/2026

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Punitive and asymmetric. As written, could take a nanny in 6,7,14C or 15 and be ineligible to hunt in unit 8.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
TNA			TNA
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
TNA			TNA
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed due to no trail ¼ mile from the road. This would reduce bear baiting opportunities.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
Support	12	0	Support count a wounded bear as a taken bear. Would support the application of this rule for all game.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Support	12	0	Support to reduce the # of dogs being trapped/killed. Should be a statewide proposal. Opposed as educational courses need to be made

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			available before being mandated. Comments were made like: Educate trappers; don't get credit for online education by checking a box.
<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
Support	12	0	Support the 1 buck rule to provide more resources and hunt opportunities for the residents.
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
Support	12	0	Support to limit non resident permits. This allows more opportunity for residents.
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed to billy only due to identification concerns.
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
Support	12	0	Support in order to preserve animals that are at the end of the rut period.
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
Support	12	0	Support limited draw permits. It was well thought out and written to provide more hunting opportunities.
81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
TNA			TNA

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82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
Support	6	5	Support for the concept of a short hunting period, especially from two ACs, June 10 th is fairly late especially given recreation Opposed: No correlation made between population and harvest data. Higher harvest numbers could represent a much larger population. A survey could determine the population. 1 abstain
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
Oppose	4	6	Support as registration hunts can provide data and they can be closed by emergency order as needed. Already a registration hunt and can shut down with conservation concerns. Opposed as it was felt 1 black bear was enough. 2 abstain
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
TNA			TNA see 82 comments
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
Oppose	6	6	Support as it is not fair chase and it is a gross practice. Opposed- It is an ethical way to take animals.
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			

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86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support as it provides caribou hunting opportunities for residents.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support as it provides caribou hunting opportunities for residents.
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support as it provides caribou hunting opportunities for residents.
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
Support	12	0	Abstain 2 Support-More hunting opportunity for residents. Opposed- Allocative.
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
TNA			TNA We appreciate the attempt to improve the brow tine system that is in use. This would be better as a statewide proposal versus a unit proposal

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91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed- It moves the hunting season into the rut season where moose are more vulnerable.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
Support	12	0	Support as it is an AC generated proposal and it aligns the start dates with the dates of the East side of unit 15.
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support as limiting non resident permits will allow for more resident to have a hunting opportunity.
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support as limiting non resident permits will allow for more resident to have a hunting opportunity.
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			TNA
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA

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97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed whole area
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
Support	12	0	Support for platted roads, improved roads and better definition to allow for the development of new roads without additional proposals needed for each new road.
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Support	12	0	Support for platted roads, improved roads and better definition to allow for the development of new roads without additional proposals needed for each new road.
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed as this proposal restricts aircraft and is unenforceable.
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		

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TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			TNA, See proposal 98
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7	3	<p>Support: Need to do something, shouldn't be harassing the declining sheep population when sub-populations are less than 50; Don't know impact of having hunters in the field for malnutrition; hunter have some effect</p> <p>Oppose: In full curl management only 2-4% population is harvested, sheep population takes ~20 years to recover; in a new paradigm with climate where we're seeing consecutive bad winters; closing this adds pressure to other areas</p> <p><i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i></p>
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Oppose	0	10	Proposal asks for a lot of different things, not sure if registration permit can handle once/lifetime and one/4 year qualifications

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107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Under full-curl management; once goes under draw it gets too competitive will have more pressure.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Not limited to users now, would be too exclusive
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support as amended	12	0	Amendment: Reduce to “up to” 10%, passed unanimously
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
TNA			Already is a hunt in the area, but population hasn’t been high enough to sustain
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
Support	12	0	Support: Registration hunt can be turned off and it won’t interfere with drawing hunts. Archery has a very low success percentage. Opposed: need more input from biologist.

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112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Registration hunt is currently in place- sufficient
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: Resident hunters should get the majority of permits. Currently there is no cap on non resident permits. Several members prefer a 10% cap for non resident tags.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose: Asking for too many things at once, though some members don’t like the currently no closed season, this proposal seems to be asking for a lot One abstain. <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Support	12	0	Support: This will align management with correct numbers and data to more accurately measure populations and harvest.

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136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
TNA			TNA See comments for proposal 135
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Quota is important for managing the population.
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Support	12	0	Support: The spring hunting season meets the quota and shuts down fall hunting opportunities. This allows 2 hunts to exist without one dictating the closure of the other. Additionally, moose hunters could potentially take a bear while hunting. This could also prevent a DLP situation from arising.
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
Oppose	0	12	See comments from 135. These comments address the majority of proposal 139 concerns.
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
Oppose	0	12	Support: Taking a dry sow is not a problem. Opposed: The penalty of the 2 year or 4 year restriction.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
Support	12	0	Abstain 1 Support for shortened season. Support season dates shall not change by Emergency Order.

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142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
TNA			TNA See Proposal 141 Comments: Want to see a more stable lynx population. Not in favor of a longer season.
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			TNA See Proposal 141
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
Oppose	1	9	Support: Not concerned about population, want uniformity across neighboring GMUs, should take advantage of increase while we can Oppose: Don't see reason to lengthen season lengths beyond what they already are; season is longer in 14c because there's barely any trapping pressure, compared to 7 and 15 which experiences much more trapping <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from	9	1	Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous.

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<p>100 yards to 50 yards</p>			<p>Support with 50 yard amendment: This is a lynx trapping area which make conflict more damaging, seems reasonable. Area has had trapping conflicts and is high-use recreational area.</p> <p>Oppose with 50 yard amendment: Think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations</p> <p><i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i></p>
<p>146</p>	<p>Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7</p>		
<p>Support with amendment to reduce setback from 100 yards to 50 yards</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous.</p> <p>Support with amendment: Trails affected are clearly listed, support the concept of exceptions for trap set up types. Support with an amendment for a 50 yard setback. Area has had conflict and this is a high use recreational area.</p> <p>Opposed with amendment: Think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations.</p>

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			<i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
Support with amendment to reduce setback from 100 yards to 50 yards	7	3	<p>Amended to reduce setback to 50 yards – unanimous.</p> <p>Support with 50 yard amendment: High-use recreation area with known conflicts; proposal was developed by local community group and trust local knowledge.</p> <p>Oppose with amendment: Concerned about precedent of setbacks along waterways, trails and roads are man-made but water bodies are natural animal movement corridors; think trappers should be responsible for safe/responsible trapping and don't need regulations</p> <p><i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i></p>
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
Support	7	5	<p>Support: prohibit/ limit conibear and snares. Provides separation between trails and traps- not just dogs.</p> <p>Opposed: Hard to determine signs and posts for each access point. Lack of collaboration with trappers. It could be seen as an advertisement for trap</p>

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			sabotage/harassment. Confusion around access points and exemptions for martin traps
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
Support as amended to 50 yard	12	0	Amendment to change to 50 yards Support- lots of outdoor use in this area with dogs. Trapping in recreational areas should not happen.
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
Support	12	0	Support for purposes of trap ID for accountability and responsible trap placement. Some members concerned about ASPIN number being searchable, but vote in favor so long as ASPIN number upholds trapper privacy.
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
Support	12	0	Support- Beaver activity will increase/improve the cold deep water habitat for fish. There are currently no furbearer surveys. Easy to trap out beaver.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
Support	12	0	See 151
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		

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Support	12	0	See 151
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
Oppose	0	12	Support- increased hunter participation due to increased limits. Opposed could be used to promote and attract non resident hunting
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support at 10% as a reasonable/ acceptable limit for non resident tags as 20% is too high.
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 155
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 155
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 155
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		

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Support	6	5	Support: good to use underutilized goats Opposed: one hunting season is enough and there has not been any excess animals. Moot either way because there's never been a late-season permit, doubt it will have a lot of impact either way 1- abstain
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	These are limited entry hunts and should be for residents only. No non resident JBER hunts. Prefer 0% non resident tags versus to up to 10% non resident tags.
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		

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Support	12	0	See proposal 160
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
169	Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagle River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed as this is in an established wildlife viewing area.
170	Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents		
Support	12	0	See proposal 160
171	Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Form Eklutna area		

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Support	12	0	Support- support for less successful archery hunting opportunities and it closes rifle hunting in this area. It also has the effect of decreasing hunter concentration in RM 445
172	Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Management area in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	Support as it is a JBER proposal for restriction on bag limit on JBER.
173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
Oppose	0	12	Support for the quality of the hunt experience. Opposed as it moves cow hunt dates into a period of rut activity that would leave them more vulnerable to harvest.
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
Oppose	1	11	Support: Improves resident hunter odds. Oppose: The proposal is actually multiple proposals in one and should not be supported.
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	1	Support: This is a discretionary tool that ADF&G can use to control the moose population and can be adjusted as needed. Recent survey results 199 animals, bull: cow 31:107; 59 calves, lots of twins which could indicate that population is ready to go up soon; good management tool for ADFG to use as needed

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			Oppose: In recommended level, no reason to have a cow hunt when meeting existing goal <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
Support	9	1	Support-One of the best tools, if needed, to reach population objectives and target gender ratios. Opposed- population objectives have not been met. End 12-29-2025 <i>Note: This proposal was voted on by the full AC on Jan 6th meeting with 10 members present, hence a different vote count than the rest of the minutes</i>
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
Support	12	0	Won't change number of sheep harvested but creates a larger window that would increase hunter safety.
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
Oppose	0	12	Disagree with reducing the number of tags. Support: Have done it in other regions and would relieve pressure to space hunters out, but don't want to change the tags.

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179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	This would (we think) make the archery area bigger and the rifle area smaller; way more archery tags than rifle tags so don't think over crowding is issue for the rifles but is popular area for archery – could help reduce crowding for archery hunters.
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
Oppose	0	12	Proposal asking for too many things, agree with parts but not with exempting the nonresident quota
181	Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed to idea of second-degree kindred for sheep, don't want to open the door to nonresident sheep hunting
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas		
Oppose	0	12	Not enough opportunities for non-residents to hunt in 14c
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Increases overlap of hunting season with recreational users; if was limited to certain valleys or specific hunts then may support, but not a blanket 14c extension, would cause unintended effects
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31		

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Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Feels too close to high-use area in October; not a clear definition of geographic area (confused as to exactly where the hunt would be); Some inclined to support it because think it's a high-conflict area and a good food resource, but felt it was too vague to evaluate
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	Support: Request from JBER and inclined to support, have seen tons of black bears in proposed area
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
Support	12	0	No-brainer, especially coming from JBER; in line with hunting ethics and reducing wounded animals on base
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	12	0	Support: See many bears there, don't think it would be an issue; not an easy place to hunt so believe has low pressure (mostly by plane, limited by boat); boundary with upper Knik is hard to find, having regulatory alignment would be helpful 1 abstain: Already a no-closed season, increasing the bag limit is too liberalized
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to "up to" 20% of the available permits as follows		
Support	12	0	Many would be happy with 0% or 10% but 20% is a step in the right direction.

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189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See 188.
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See 188.
191	Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	12	Most would support if there was a non-resident limit; currently 15 rifle and this would add 25 archery; another opposes over concern of having injured bears in high-use areas
192	Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	12	Like it better than 191, but concerned that if bear injured can’t follow up with rifle and it’s a fairly high-use area
193	Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt		
Support	12	0	Support: Think it will be low harvest, this is not an easy hunt; 20 permits doesn’t seem like too many; don’t anticipate it increase number of hunters because people are already going out for other hunts Oppose: Concern over non-consumptive user-group conflicts
194	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30		

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Oppose	4	8	Oppose: Too late into the summer and recreational season. Other member isn't concerned about user conflict but concerned that length of season would increase harvest (would like to see bear estimates first) Support: Don't anticipate much conflict; would support surrounding units
195	Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder		
	1	11	Support: Don't see difference between driving to bait station vs flying; not spotting and is similar to other regs in the state. Oppose: Concerned that this is nibbling the edges of the same-day airborne law; concern that would open the door to spotting bears and shooting away from bait station
196	Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder		
Oppose	5	6	Support: Don't want to habituate bears to human food Oppose: 5 miles on north side puts setback into 14A; think area is too broad to encompass other drainages (almost to Lake George) 1 abstain Would support if was amended to 1-2 miles, feel bear baiting conflict is a real issue, but don't want to setback to push into other sub-units
197	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C		
Support	12	0	Support: Anchorage ordinance requires ID; proposer tried at statewide meeting and was told to resubmit region-by-region instead of statewide

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			Comment: Some concerned about privacy on ASPN number, want to make sure trapper info is secure
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	12	0	Support: Preference for residents. However, note that there are already restrictions on nonresidents
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	6	4	Support: No biological concern, no need to limit nonresidents to 1 because people are not flying to Kodiak to get 1 deer; unintended consequences for people come up and hunt other species instead of deer; thinks 2 is good compromise, doesn't need to be raised to 3 Oppose: Don't want to increase nonresident opportunity Abstain: 2
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
TNA			See 199
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
TNA			See 199

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202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only though December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
TNA			See 199
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
TNA			See 199
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
TNA			See 199
205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
Oppose	0	12	Unnecessary change.
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
TNA			
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
Oppose	0	12	If this is problem, then reduce the bag limit, don't alter antler regs; if was non-resident only could maybe support it.
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		

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Motion Fails	6	6	Oppose: If there's a conservation concern, should reduce the bag limit before going to sex restrictions; could be hard to ID fawns; smaller deer isn't an efficient way of getting meat so incentive is to get bucks Comments: Appreciate the spirit of the regulation and generally agree not good to take
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
TNA			
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
TNA			
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
TNA			
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	Support: AC has generally supported 10% NR hunt allocation, interested in staying consistent as an AC – especially since this is more of a meat hunt than a trophy hunt
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212

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214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 212
220	Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31		
TNA			

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221	Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: AC reached out to biologist and they recommended keeping them the same.
222	Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed		
Oppose	0	12	Seems like we went from trying to increase the goat population to now having a stable goat population, don't know that this is necessary. There are other ways to get information aside from horn season.
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	There's plenty of goats to go around, is a combo of meat and trophy goats. No sustainability concerns. Population is increasing and stable.
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
226	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to "up to" 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224

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227	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	12	0	See notes for 224
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st		
Oppose	0	12	Want to open the season earlier but the biologist noted that they don’t want to open the season earlier because that’s when they do their goat surveys. Want to keep the dates the same.
231	Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
Support	12	0	Support to stay consistent with AC position of 90:10 resident: nonresident split
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
TNA			See notes in support of proposal 231
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		

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TNA			TNA but support making the boundary clearer; support the idea of improved clarity
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Each tag probably needs 10 days per tag, needs time to have the season; if put it at April 15 th might have more support; bears should be out of the den by April 1 st
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Understand the concern about "double injuring" a bear in the same calendar year; think it's unlikely that someone would get an early season and late season tag; would have likely supported with a 2 year punishment Don't want people to wound/kill 2 bears in the calendar year
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
Oppose	3	8	Support: Current system punishes residents, while guided non-residents likely aren't impacted because they're not coming back; can be hard to tell difference between males and females; this would benefit a frequent resident Kodiak bear hunter Oppose: If it's not broke don't fix it; hunters can wait to see if its male or female; all tags are one bear every four years anyway; in example given only 1 resident shot a bear over the suggested skull size, an over complication

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			1 abstain
237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
Support	12	0	Proposal has come up a few times, essentially guides sell un-used tags to the highest bidder (has to be a non-resident?), seems like this proposal seeks to make the opportunity more available to residents
238	Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amendment to apply to residents <i>and</i> non-resident hunters (passes unanimously)
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
Support	12	0	Support: These proposals keep coming up in 15 and 8, believe we need to address reporting needs for sea ducks amidst increased transporter and guide activity. Know that this proposal doesn't offer specifics into the details of how this could work, but strongly support idea of having a monitoring framework for sea ducks that could allow for adaptive management
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
Support as amended	12	0	Amend for the proposal to only restrict night-vision (the fox limit is already 2 per hunter) – Passed unanimously Unanimous support for amended proposal to only limit night-vision

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241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed: Not in favor of year-round, no-limit seasons; how to keep up on the reporting, don't need season open in the summer
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: 2.5 months is a long extension, can use different gear to reduce incidental take; currently no limit on river otter and adding that much time could be concerning
243	Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
Support	12	0	Support: Want to reduce incidental catch
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Want increased transparency and accountability
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Fair chase, no reason for infrared
246	Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
TNA			See support for proposal 245
247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose: Unnecessary Some members not wholly opposed to artificial light

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248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
Support	12	0	Support: Very clear proposal, support
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region		
Support	10	1	Oppose: Liberalizing hunting regulations to act as predator control; concerned that populations are declining Support: Not a lot of hunts under this exemption, still issuing tags so won't impact number of bears killed; believe shouldn't need a locking tag anyway 1 Abstain: Do they have the authority to pass fee regulations?
250	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	10	1	See notes on 249. 1 abstain.
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	10	1	See notes on 249. 1 abstain.
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	6	4	Opposed: Believe moose populations are down; haven't done a moose survey recently Support: Important tool for ADFG to stabilize population; this area is also managing for vehicle strikes Abstain - 2

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253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
254	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
TNA			
255	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
TNA			
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
TNA			
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
TNA			
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
TNA			
259	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
TNA			
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		

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TNA			

Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Bethel ADF&G Conference Room & Via Web Conference

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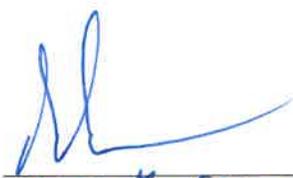
Roll Call **Quorum established with 8 of 10 members**

Michael Gore (chair), Sam Hancock (vice chair), David Humphry (secretary), Alissa Rogers, Lucinda Alexie, Jon LaValle, Seth Madole, Avery Hoffman and Travis Burks
(Completed minutes are not yet available)

Proposal 175, motion made by Avery

This method is only used for subsistence in the Kuskokwim and people are putting back restricted species. The sockeye are very abundant here but mixed and this gear helps us selectively harvest. Avery is in favor of keeping the current regulations as is. Some members point out that this would apply to all dipnet gear, whether commercial or subsistence and it would be statewide. Members are concerned that the current wording of the proposal could make our local practice of tying the net to the boat illegal.

Oppose - Unanimous

Approved By: 

Date: 03 Mar 2026

**Central Bering Sea Advisory
Committee Meeting 02/20/2026**

The Central Bering Sea AC met on February 19th and 20th.

A quorum was reached with 9 members present out of 10.

Members present: Jacqueline Cleveland (Quinhagak), Janet Bavilla (Platinum), Stan Atchak (Chevak), Tommy Kusaiak (Chefornak), David Carl (Kipnuk), Johnny Friend (Kwigillingok), Stanley Tom (Newtok/Mertarvik), Joe Asuluk Sr. (Toksook Bay), and Susie Walter (Tununak)

**Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and
Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals**

March 17 – 21, 2026 | Anchorage, AK

175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
Oppose Unanimous	Janet Bavilla made a motion, 2 nd by Susie. Our Ancestors were innovative and came up with our own tools that worked for different areas. In some areas, we tie the net to the boat and it prevents loss of our equipment. This method is a way to go after species that are abundant while avoiding those species that are not.

Approved by: Jacqueline Cleveland via telephone

**Central Peninsula Advisory Committee
January 12-13, 2026
Ninilchik School Library**

I. Call to Order: 7:05pm by Dave Martin on 01/12/26, 7:04pm by Dave Martin on 01/13/26

II. Roll Call, 01/12/26:

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	David	Martin	Chair	P
2	John	McCombs	Vice Chair	P
3	Steve	Vanek, Jr	Secretary	P
4	Richard "Greg"	Encelewski		E
5	Sandie "Lowell"	Gilliland		P
6	Drew	Hilterbrand		P
7	Teague	Vanek		P
8	Dave	Blossom		P
9	Madeline	Thompson		P
10	Doug M	Blossom, Jr		E
11	Gary	Deiman		E
12	Arnold	Mason		P
13	Gary	Jackinsky		P
14	Chris	Vanek	ALT	P

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Roll Call, 01/12/26:

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1	David	Martin	Chair	P
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4	Richard "Greg"	Encelewski		E
5	Sandie "Lowell"	Gilliland		P
6	Drew	Hilterbrand		P
7	Teague	Vanek		P
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9	Madeline	Thompson		P
10	Doug M	Blossom, Jr		E
11	Gary	Deiman		E
12	Arnold	Mason		P
13	Gary	Jackinsky		E
14	Chris	Vanek	ALT	P

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: 01/12/26 = Chris Bottom, 01/13/26 = Nick Fowler

V. Guests Present: 01/12/26 = Edward Doyle and Joan Mason, 01/13/26 = None

VI. Approval of Agenda

VII. Reports

a. ADF&G:

i. 01/12/26: Chris Bottom gave a synopsis of the game in our area

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business, 01/12/26:

a. Elections for 3 expiring seats, 2 vacant seats, and 2 alternates

i. Those nominated: Gary Deiman, Madeline Thompson, Ed Doyle, Chris Vanek, Arnold Mason, and Doug Blossom

ii. Since those nominated did not exceed the seats open, no election was necessary

b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals

c. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals

d. Cook Inlet Proposal Submissions for 2026-2027 Board Cycle

e. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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Regionwide & Multiple Units			
70			Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years
			No Action
71			Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use
			No Action
72			Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows
			No Action
73			Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows
	13	0	AMENDED: Amended to say inhabited dwelling instead of permanent dwelling. The vote on the amendment was 13 yes 0 no.
74			Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide
	0	13	Should not be for all units because each unit has its unique issues.
75			Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region
	0	13	This would put a burden on many rural areas with no means to have access to take a class. Most all trappers learn from fellow trappers.
Cordova Area – Unit 6			
76			Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6
77			Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts
78			Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy
79			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A
80			Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25

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81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns on caribou in Unit 7.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
	0	13	We oppose all early special archery only moose hunt. Archery hunters can hunt during the same seasons as other hunters.

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90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
	1	12	The yes voter said that he has seen 10 bumps on one side before and would want to shot one. The No voters said this would result in more illegal moose being shot and increase the harvest on middle age moose. There are too many illegal moose shot now when some hunters can't even count to four brow tines. Counting 10 bumps would be a nightmare for increased illegal moose kills.
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
	1	12	The YES vote was the author of this proposal. The NO votes said to leave the season as it is because it is working. The proposed later season are when the moose are in the rut and this would increase the harvest dramatically on a low moose population. Also the meat is not as good when bulls are in the rut.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 – 25		
	0	13	We unanimously opposed this proposal. Leave the season as it is. The weather, especially the marine weather is always better at the current season dates. The later in the fall the worse the weather. The proposed later dates would decrease hunter participation because of rougher seas eliminating skiff and boat use. There are several members and public that have regularly hunted Kalgan Island for decades and they have not had any issues with meat spoilage. A responsible hunter knows how to take care of the meat. This sounds like a special interest proposal.
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed

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			wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	3	9	One abstained: Those in favor agreed. Those opposed wanted to leave it as is. It was also questioned that if it was even legal to limit nonresidents to up to 10% if there is no conservation concerns
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
	13	0	There are no predators on this island and if there wasn’t an antlerless moose hunt the population would eat themselves out of house and home and starve off. Agree with the Department.
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
	2	11	The YES votes supported the proposal and have participated in it. The NO votes said this covers too big of an area beings they expanded it from Deep Creek South plus it has the Sterling highway area that can be opened that would kill our local moose and increase the chance of structures being hit by bullets. Beings there are fewer moose than there used to be the moose browse seems sufficient. It started out as a fairly good ideal when it was just for the Homer bench area but now it is too big an area and defeats it’s original objective of controlling the moose population on the Homer bench and Homer area from starving on deep snow years.
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	2	11	YES votes agreed with the proposal. The NO votes said there are no biological concerns. The current regulation has been in effect for decades and is working to achieve it’s original objective. It has been modified to allow export of meat and access by the two day window. Leave as it is. The modern 4 wheelers and side by sides are so advanced that they run all over the place creating moose disturbance, habitat degradation

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			and erosion. The current regulation gives moose a break when the rut is starting. Make for a more sporting hunt.
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
	0	10	Proposals 98, 99 and 100 we took up on Jan. 13 th because we were getting additional information: We had 10 AC members present. NO: We opposed this proposal and said to leave the wording in the current regulation and add it to the proposed new language if it should pass. Our members wanted to make sure the current oil well, Brody and Tustumena Lake roads remain open,
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	0	10	NO: We did not see any compelling reason to add their language and the current language is working.
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
	0	10	NO: This is too restrictive. It would eliminate Brown bear hunting by ATV and aircraft to scout for moose on ATV closed days.
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			NO ACTION: See comments on Proposal 97.
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
			NO ACTION: See comments on Proposal 97
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	2	11	The YES votes support. The NO votes said to leave the current regulation. This proposal would restrict more and it is not needed.
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Aera in Unit 15C		
	0	13	This would be an enforcement nightmare. The current regulation is well established and works fine.

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105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
	0	13	The Department should dictate if it should be opened or closed using their data and management expertise.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
	0	13	To many moving parts and too restrictive with only one per lifetime that we strongly oppose. Leave the current regulation.
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
	0	13	Leave as is. The Department is doing a good job managing.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
	0	13	This discriminates against gun hunters. Should not be just archery only. We oppose archery only hunts.
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			NO ACTION: SEE Proposal 86 comments.
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
	3	10	Those in support thought it would be ok to issue one tag and this would give a little opportunity and give the Department some data. Those opposed said the Department can open it if it reaches the target population.
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
	0	13	This discriminates against gun hunters. Should not be just archery only. We oppose archery only hunts.
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
	0	13	This discriminates against gun hunters. Should not be just archery only. We oppose archery only hunts.
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	0	13	We bundled Proposals 113 to 133 and opposed them unanimously for the following reasons. Wanted to leave the current regulations as is. Not necessary. Discriminatory. It was also questioned that if it was even

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			legal to limit nonresidents if there is no conservation concerns
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113

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125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			OPPOSED unanimously: SEE 113
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
	0	13	Leave as is. No biological or conservation concerns. There are plenty of black bears.
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
	10	0	We would like to have a spring and fall hunt. A fall hunt

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			would give the moose hunters a chance to harvest a brown bear. Could possibly have 4 sows in the Spring and 8 sows in the fall as a more guarantee to have a fall hunt. Spring hunts that are over bait are more accurate to tell if it is a sow or boar.
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
			NO ACTION: SEE 135
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
	10	0	No conservation concerns. Agree with the Proposal.
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
			NO ACTION: SEE 135. BUT IF PROP. 135 IS NOT IMPLIMENTED THEN WE SUPPORT PASSING 138
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
	0	10	See our comments on 135.
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
	0	10	Not fair or necessary. No conservation concerns. Discrimination.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
			NO ACTION: SEE 142
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
	10	0	Makes sense. Worth a try. Can always change back if it doesn't work. Current 1½ months seems short. The extra 15 days is not a biological concern.
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
			NO ACTION: SEE 142
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
			NO ACTION: SEE 142
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		

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	0	10	Not needed: Refer to trapper Code of ethics. This is another avenue to unduly restrict or close trapping in this area. It is too restrictive. Leave as the current regulations dictate.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS : This will also alert some anti-trapping people to a trap line area for them to steal or vandalize traps. This has happened in the past.
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
	0	10	SEE 145 COMMENTS
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
	0	10	An impractical and unnecessary regulation. Keep the current regulation as is.
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
	0	10	Extremely low harvest and participation. The lack of data and the low harvest doesn't justify a drastic reduction of a 5 year unscientific closure. Beaver dams can and do block salmon and steelhead migration from reaching their spawning beds.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
	0	10	SEE 151 COMMENTS
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
	0	10	SEE 151 COMMENTS
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
			NO ACTION BUT LEAVE AS IS!
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to”		

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			20% of the available permits
156			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
157			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
158			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
159			Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C
160			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
161			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
162			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
163			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
164			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
165			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
166			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
167			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

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168			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
169			Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagler River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions
170			Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents
171			Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Form Eklutna area
172			Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Management area in Unit 14C
173			Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt
174			Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
	7	3	The YES votes support the Department’s justifications. The NO votes are against antlerless moose hunts, except on Kalgin Islands
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)
177			Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days
178			Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods
179			Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C
180			Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters.

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			Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season
181			Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative’s permit for sheep in Unit 14C
182			Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas
183			Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15
184			Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31
185			Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C
186			Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt
187			Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder
188			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits as follows
189			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
190			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
191			Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C
192			Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C
193			Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt

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194			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30
195			Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder
196			Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder
197			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
199			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
200			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks
201			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
202			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1
203			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three
204			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
205			Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek
206			Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek
207			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side
208			Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8

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209			Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8
210			Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household
211			Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31
212			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
213			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
214			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
215			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
216			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
217			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be

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			sealed
223			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
224			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
225			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
228			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
229			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
230			Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st
231			Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479
232			Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8
233			Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236
234			Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20
235			Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit in Unit 8

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236			Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters
237			Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents
238			Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear
239			Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting
240			Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting
241			Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8
242			Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15
243			Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms
244			Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8
245			Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
246			Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
247			Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license
248			Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region
250			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and

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	Northeast Alaska		
251			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B
253			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
254			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18
255			Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
256			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
257			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
258			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
259			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
260			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
261			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26
272			Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state

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<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>			
<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
	10	0	We agree with the proposers that increasing commercial transportation services in state subsistence fisheries is inconsistent with customary and traditional patterns of harvest and use of salmon. It needs to be stopped now or will only increase.
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
	10	0	We agree. The trawler's by-catch is large and negatively affect the fisheries that depend upon those by-catch species like salmon, halibut, black cod and other bottom fish.
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
	10	0	We agree with the proposer's justification and solution.
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
	10	0	We agree with the proposer's justification and solution.
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
	10	0	This sounds reasonable. Excluders work and they are continually being modified to be even more efficient which will even further reduce the by-catch problem and issue.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		

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	10	0	Agree with the proposer. Sounds reasonable. This would close a loophole to not allow long line gear for jig fishing.
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
	10	0	This sounds reasonable. It will help prevent illegal gear from being used in the jig fishery.
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
			NO ACTION: SEE 167 COMMENTS
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
	10	0	Housekeeping. Support the definition clarification.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
	0	11	This proposal's subject has been submitted 4 years ago and 2 years ago by anti-hatchery proponents and was rejected both times. It is not based on science or facts. No hatchery has asked for or received an increase in their permitted egg take for decades. Aquaculture Associations are in the best position to know what a facility can produce and what is needed to be viable. They have to go through multiple State agencies, genetics, Regional Planning Team etc. every year to approve their plans that are approved by being scientifically, genetically and biologically sound. Mother Nature fortunately has straying to naturally populate streams and the straying studies have shown overall hatchery straying to be minimal. History shows that Natural straying brought salmon from Asia to North America otherwise we wouldn't have salmon. Science must dictate these fishing decisions not politic agendas.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
	0	11	Those sample sizes were small, mostly only 50 salmon, in small

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			streams and were a higher percentage than typical in most all other years. An unreliable straying rate conclusion.
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
	0	11	SEE COMMENTS IN 170 AND 172
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
	11	0	Housekeeping
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
	11	0	This makes common sense. We agree with the proposer's justifications that were reasoned by his seining experience. It is important to implement fishing regulations that increase efficiency and that save fuel.
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
	1	10	The YES vote agreed. The NO votes said that it should not apply to the commercial set net dip net fishery. This would be another expensive and unnecessary burden and hardship on the east side setnet fishery that has already been closed for three years.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	1	10	Most people want to catch their own fish. They should have the opportunity to catch a fish not the guarantee they will. On some charters some of the clients don't even catch a fish even though they paid and wanted to because the boat limit for the number of clients has been met by others that were lucky enough to catch the fish and the boat was in a hurry to get the boat limit.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
			NO ACTION SEE 176

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178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
			NO ACTION SEE 176
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
	0	11	Should not be a Statewide regulation. Each area and systems have their own unique Chinook size and carrying capacity
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
	0	11	Should not be a Statewide regulation. Each area and systems have their own unique Chinook size and carrying capacity
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
	11	0	Housekeeping
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
	11	0	We agree. This would be a method to help harvest invasive species.
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
	0	11	No. This would be an unnecessary burden on the fishermen by preventing them from heading and gutting or filleting and skinning a fish on board a boat on the way to shore. This would be a gray area if this on board processing activity could not be a form of legal processing. This proposal should be specific on the fish species that require determination of length. This proposal is too vague and would create confusion resulting in unwarranted violations.
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
	11	0	Housekeeping
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		

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	0	11	<p>ACR 5, that generated this proposal, was strictly allocative and did not meet the criteria for an out of cycle ACR. It should have been rejected and the author should have been told to submit it in the regular Cook Inlet cycle, which is next year. ACR 5 was submitted by an anti-commercial fishing advocate and was not based on any science or on an accurate or reliable coho salmon escapement count. We suspect that this action of approving an allocative ACR, that doesn't meet the criteria and is not an emergency, will set a precedence of an overwhelming number of other allocative ACRs being submitted to the Board . The Department opposed ACR 5 and has said there is not an emergency and are not conservations concerns on coho. Susitna drainage streams got or exceeded their salmon escapement goals. The Little Susitna River in 2025, during the peak of the return, had 12 days of no coho counts at the weir because of high water. Yet the Department did not extrapolate any coho passage numbers for those 12 days. The final escapement goal is arbitrary, incomplete and unreliable with n extremely high margin of error. The Deshka River coho escapement counts has the same issues as the Little Su coho counts, These arbitrary escapement goals should not be used as an indicator of run size or for implementing management plans. Most all respondents were opposed to ACR 5. This sets a bad precedence by approving the unqualified ACR 5 and then developing this proposal 186 that opens up the drift plan out of cycle. People lose faith in the system and BOF process when this happens. It also puts an unnecessary burden, both financially and emotionally, on the fishermen and others to testify that the Board NOT pass this proposal in an out of cycle meeting, Current regulations and management already has most of the drift area closed or highly restricted. The EEZ has a very low TAC of less than 16,700 coho. If this proposal passes it will have very little affect on Northern bound salmon but it will have a catastrophic effect on the Department's management ability and goal to harvest the surplus salmon and will result in, once again, a huge waste of salmon and commerce from gross over escapements.</p>
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		

PROPOSAL XXX

5 AAC 56.xxx. New language.

Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River coho salmon sport fisheries.

- (a) **The purpose of this plan is to direct the department in the management of the sport fisheries for the coho salmon stocks in the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River. At times of low abundance, ADFG would implement restrictions to harvest and gear types to ensure escapement goals are met.**
- (b) **The department shall manage the sport fisheries in these streams in unison and based on coho salmon escapement in the Anchor River.**
 - (1) **The area, seasons, bag and possession limits, and methods and means are described in 5 AAC 56.122 & 5 AAC 56.120;**
 - (2) **If the anticipated Anchor River coho salmon escapement goal is less than 4,000 the commissioner will, by emergency order, restrict the coho salmon bag and possession limits to one coho salmon 16” or greater in length and gear will be single-hook artificial lure.**
- (c) **If the anticipated Anchor River coho salmon escapement goal is less than 4,000, the commissioner will, by emergency order, restrict the coho salmon bag and possession limits in Cook Inlet salt waters, north of the latitude of Cape Douglas and west of the longitude of Gore Point, to two fish any size.**

Commented [1]: This could be more prescriptive with preseason and inseason but forecasting coho isnt something that's really possible.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

(I/We) would like to address the management of our Coho runs on the streams of the Lower Kenai Peninsula. At times of low run strength this would give ADFG tools to manage runs to ensure escapement goals based on the 10 year average. With the current data collected at the Anchor River weir ADFG has the ability to project run strength real time. Historical data shows that all the rivers in the area typically follow similar run timing and relative run strengths. Coho salmon returns over the last 10 year period have been showing progressively smaller returns on these streams. At times of low abundance, a more conservative bag and possession limits with gear restrictions would still provide angler opportunity while helping to ensure escapement goals are met.

PROPOSED BY: (Dan Miotke/ Homer AC)

- XI. Select representatives for board meeting (same as the comment deadlines):
 - a. It was moved and seconded that the Chairman or his designee be our representative at the BoG and BoF.
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBD
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn: 10:00 pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: __Steve Vanek_____
Minutes Approved By: __David Martin_____
Date: __February 16, 2026_____

Coastal-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, January 12, Beginning at 1:00 PM, 2026

Call to order: *Chair*, Marilyn Ayunerak-Stanislaus at 1:31

- I. Roll Call – Marilyn Ayunerak-Stanislaus, Cyril Okitkun, Stanley Pete present
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3, Quorum established
 - b. Marvin Okitkun appointed as alternate by Cyril Okitkun
- II. Welcome and Introductions:
 - a. ADFG: Deena Jallen, summer Yukon, Mike Parker Deena’s asst., Matt Keyse, S. AK PEN M, James Jackson, Western mgr.,
 - b. Other Agency Staff: Stan Sheppard, Aaron Moses, Janessa Newman, Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission
 - c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves
- III. Approval of Agenda: Stan, Cyril
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: If minutes are available from 12/18/2025 meeting – Not received
- V. Reports
 - a. Chair’s report
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports
 - ii. Wildlife Reports – Pat Jones gave a brief report primarily on moose and musk ox numbers and projects. Marilyn requested the counts be made public somehow. Keith Oster gave a brief report on moose and moose collaring. Marilyn expressed concern about the increase of sports hunters in the area and wasted meat and asks for recommendations. Keith said the AC could put in a proposal, possibly limitations around river. Marilyn stated that’s the way we were with fish, people come here for fish, and now...? Doesn’t matter if abundance now, in the future... everything started less and less and then regulations for outsiders not to come. Marvin confirmed that sport hunting is very big concern in the area. There was a 5 year moratorium, now sport hunters come around 60+” antlers, bring meat to airport but spoils because of timing. Something needs to be done. Sport hunters need to limit their own harvest. If they want to give away locally, they need to limit the size of moose they can harvest. Locals go out and hunt for moose sheds and sell them. There is a commercial market that provides income. This past season, super cubs have been landing looking for moose sheds which takes away from locals. Hunting may be their only income for the winter time. Shed hunting has opened up new source of income for locals. Flying in with aircraft is not acceptable and we need to put a stop to that. The person with aircraft doesn’t need the money, look they own a plane.
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports – Savannah stated that she does often give educational sessions at AC meetings to help the ACs learn the Board system. Marilyn asked for a presentation on the main point of AC meetings and how other committees work and what they do.
- VI. Public Comment
 - a. Marvin Okitkun: States that management actions have been going on and limited Yukon fishing for 12 years and it’s now time to look at the ocean.
 - b. Janessa Newman agreed, NPFMC will decide in February.

- c. Marilyn agrees with Marvin and Janessa. Marilyn said if we come together and each of us have a testimony about how we have next to nothing. When it comes to winter, we pike fish everyday. Pike is the only fish there is in abundance and sometime lush fish, shee fish. Continue to speak on behalf of our communities. Sometimes we are only able to take 5 or less. Sometimes we get fish from Bristol Bay area but by the time we get them they are frozen and dry. We need to ask for solutions. We asked for more research, we got some answers but we need some better explanation for our elders. Try to get them some fish and smoke them some salmon. That’s what we live on. All these other animals. I think we work together we can .
- d. Stan Sheppard – muskrat hunting, elders said if we quit using this resource it will disappear. Need to take a little bit so it returns

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business –

- a. Board of Fisheries Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Proposals – see chart
 These proposals are all similar. They are all limiting fishing and we probably will group them together to support, except Proposals 134, 135, 137 – all opposing
- b. Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals – see chart

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127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear		
Support	Unanimous	Stan, 2 nd Marvin, Stan – support, further studies on fecundity needs to be done on spawning grounds, trying to find reason for decline. There is not too much attention to in river habitat. There are numerous ways fecundity could be effected; pollution etc. There is a big demand for gold and less attention to spawning habitats. Currently there are over 100 proposed mines on the Yukon. Mines cause sediment and contaminants in the water. Could be toxic, deformations, water	

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			temperature, could cause smaller body size. Mining reduces egg survival rates. ONC hints at what may be cause, but not what it actually explains. Only proposal that speaks to spawning grounds. We are seeing lots of algal blooms. Everyone wants to point at the ocean but not in our own back yards. Deena Jallen said some work being done, but mostly in Canada. There are some funds to deal with habitat and there is a lot of work being done on salmon health, but it is hard to study and can be tricky.
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
Support	Unanimous	Stan, 2 nd Marvin	
129	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Support	Unanimous	Stan, 2 nd Marvin	
130	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Support	Unanimous	Stan, 2 nd Marvin	
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Support	Unanimous	Stan, 2 nd Marvin	
132	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Support	Unanimous	Stan, 2 nd Marvin	
133	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time		
Support	Unanimous	Marvin, 2 nd Stan	
134	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
Oppose	Unanimous	Stan, Marvin Stan pointed out the Fishermans Association is trying to manage on their own without allowing the department to intervene. It seems they want it done their way, without showing an attempt to address the problem. Same as wolves deciding on rules to hunt the sheep. Marilyn and Marvin agree with Stan. On the Yukon we almost have no say on how long or how much we fish. This last year we had some input in the fall season. It's unheard of to fish that long. The	

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			windows we face on the Yukon. If we had that kind of opening on the Yukon we would wipe out all the fish.
135			Create a new regulation to provide the department emergency order authority to require nonretention of king salmon and to amend the retention provision
Oppose	Unanimous		Stan, 2nd Marvin It seems like they would only be releasing the large ones and only a small portion of those would be AYK. We are weary about keeping even the small fish. The king salmon are decreasing in size. Think they are making it appear that they are trying to address the problem with the public. Even the small kings should be released if that is the concern. We are in favor of letting them go, but should apply to all fish.
136			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area
Support	Unanimous		Stan, Marvin
137			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to increase commercial salmon fishing time for set gillnet gear
Oppose	Unanimous		Stan, 2nd Marvin With no real info we oppose just because we are not sure what this would lead to or if it would lead to more take of AYK stocks. Every fish is very vital for our own stocks
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175			Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration

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Oppose	Unanimous		Emmonak and Kotlik use this method. This is statewide proposal. It would make our dipnets less effective when used for subsistence. The proposal should be specific to their region.

- IX. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting
 - i. February 18-24, 2026; Deadline February 4th
 - ii. Stan nominates Marilyn to attend; approved
 - b. Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals
 - i. March 17 – 21, 2026
 - ii. Stan nominates Marilyn to attend; approved
- X. Set next meeting date – At the call of the Chair
- XI. Other
- XII. Adjourn – Stan 4:00 pm, 2nd Marvin

Minutes Recorded By: Stanley Pete
 Minutes Approved By: Marilyn Ayunerak-Stanislaus
 Date: 1/12/2026

**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 10:00am
Cooper Landing Community Club and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 10:15 February 23 by Josh Hayes

II. Roll Call

No.	First name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Joshua	Hayes	Chair	P
2	Mike	Adams	Vice Chair	P
3	Jason	Lesmeister	Secretary	P
4	Lorraine	Temple		P
5	John	Pearson		P
6	Jason	Aigeldinger		P
7	Jeffrey	Bryden		P
8	Adam	Swain		P
9	Vince	Beltrami		E
10	Josiah (JJ)	Brown		E
11	Tim	Donahue		P
12	Billy	Coulliette		P
13	Tom	Lessard		P
14	Mike	Hawley		E
15	Ryan	Holt		P
16	Ed	Holsten	Alternate	P
17	Karen	Button	Alternate	P

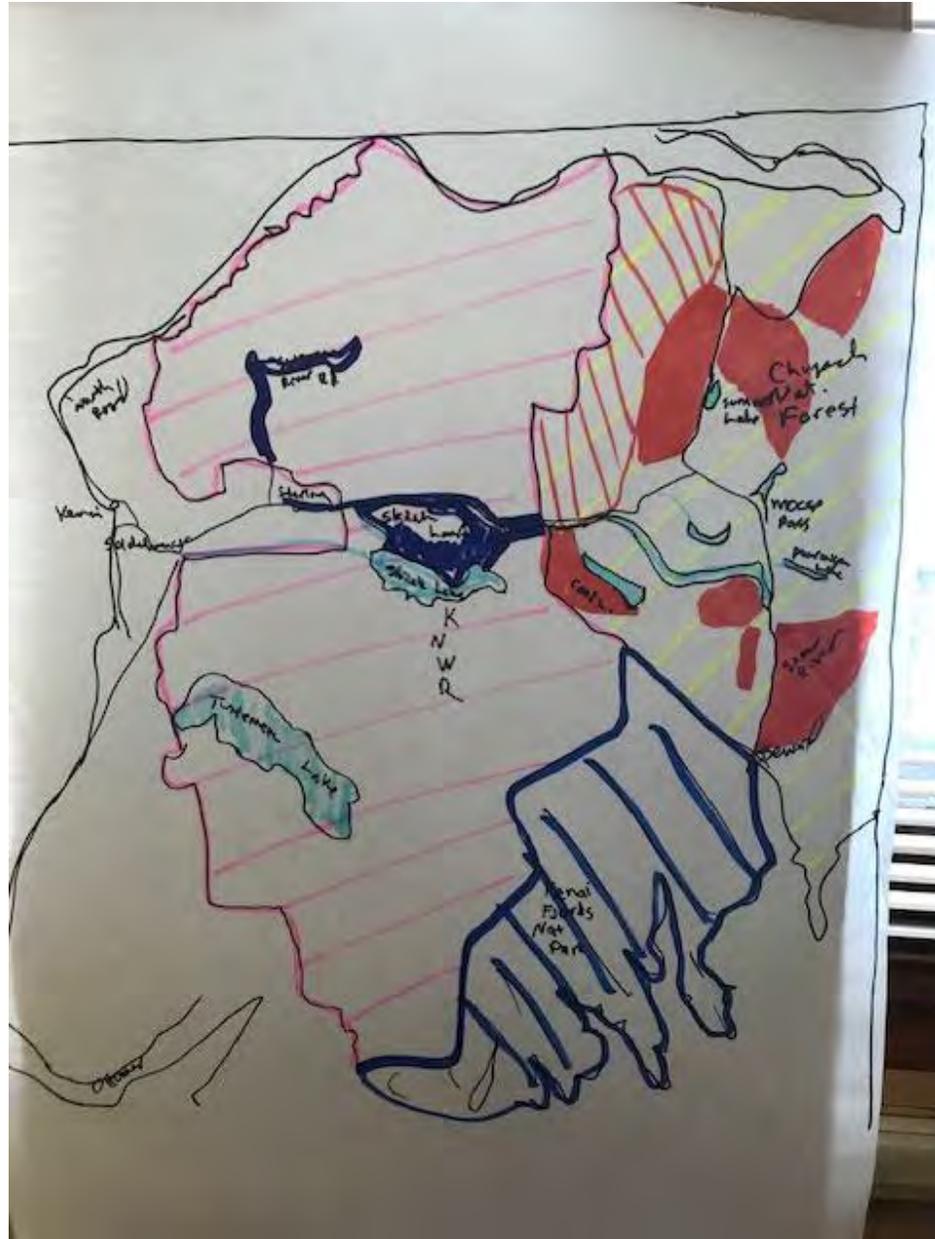
III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams, Sam Kirby, Jason Herreman, Chris Bottom (Online), Colton Lipka (Online)
- IV. Guests Present: Amy Brodereson, Chris Perry (Online), David Nees (Online), Kathryn Lessard (Online), Sean Norris (Online), Carl Coulliette (Online), Shayla (Online)
- V. Approval of Agenda: approved unanimously
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's report- Area M is being discussed at BOF presently.
 - b. ADF&G- None
 - c. Others-None
- VII. Public Comment:
 - a. In person:
 - i. Karen Button-Supports proposals by Safe Trails cabin has been in family for 60 years. Appalled with AC or some people on AC's behavior, thinks the AC should pass along survey results.
 - ii. Chris Perry from Homer. Knows a trapper that has trapped 6-8 dogs in the last 8 years down by Homer. Has a friend that traps that has people use his trails and worries about people messing with his gear. Supports trappers putting up signage. Isn't opposed to trapping, supports trap set backs.
 - 1. Tom Lessard- Commenting on Mr Perrys - Doesn't believe his comments are accurate.
 - b. Online via Zoom:
 - i. David Nees: Has safe trails submitted their 3 surveys to FG board?
 - 1. Leila: The results of the survey are included in the F&G proposals. <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/gameboard/pdfs/2025-2026/proposals/sc-kenai.pdf>. The proposals are Proposals 147-149.
 - 2. Leila: And I was mistaken earlier. The 3 surveys from the Cooper Landing safe trails proposals are not included in the proposals. The organization will submit the surveys through public comment due to public interest.

- ii. Leila: We do compile comments later on, so please do feel free to do so. All of it will be added to the meeting minutes when they are approved and posted online.
 - 1. Karen Button: Thank you, Leila. One thing I would like to add is that I have heard from locals who are uncomfortable making public comment because of the bullying by some members. That's very unfortunate and seems to undermine the purpose of the AC. Also, I'm unable to tell if there is quorum and whether or not I have the right – as an alternate – to vote today.
 - 2. Leila: Since there are more than two members that are absent, so you are able to vote! I apologize for not checking the attendance at the moment!
- iii. Karen Button: Leila, when non-resident are mentioned in these proposals, do you know if they are non residents of Alaska or non residents of the game unit being addressed?
 - 1. Leila: Generally, the non-residents that are being spoken about are non-residents of Alaska under current regulations.
- iv. David Nees: Please read the members name before they vote. Or read roll call if it is not unanimous.
 - 1. David Nees: Speaker should identify themselves, or chair should recognize.
- v. David Nees: Is that map part of record?
 - 1. Leila: That map is part of Tom Lessard's comment. It is currently on record as part of this recording. Tom brought that map without notification to the rest of the members and to board support.
 - 2. David Nees: Could chair bring it onto record?
 - 3. Leila: I can ask. Tom Lessard's Map is now available online on the AC webpage under today's meeting date (02.23.26): [Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting - Alaska Online Public Notices](#)
- vi.



VIII. New Business

- a. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals
- b. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
		14	Too broad of a scale
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
	13		Mike A- Abstain No clarity on how predator control will be applied
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
	14		Habitat is critical for good conservation
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
	5	9	Opposed due to B. ¼ mile is still a trail. 5- support wanting better defined definitions.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
	12	2	Karen thinks the brown bear population is precarious
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
	9	5	Opposed as written. Needs to be statewide and guaranteed online course 24-7-365. Supported because education is a good thing
<i>Cordova Area- Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
	0	14	No conservation concerns.
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
	0	13	1 abstention (Lorraine) due to lack of knowledge.
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
	3	11	(Ed, Lorraine, Karen) support because people can get a permit.
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			

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86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	Allocative in nature. Non-resident have a huge economic impact for local communities and state.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
	8	6	Oppose- warm weather and preferential treatment – align seasons
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
	0	14	
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
	0	14	
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 – 25		
	7	7	ADF&G does not want season to get shorter
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
	14	0	House Keeping. CL AC always supports Fish and Game Proposals.
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		

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	14	0	See comments on proposal 95.
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
	3	5	6 Abstain- Lack of knowledge
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
			TNA
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			TNA
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
			TNA
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
			TNA
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			TNA
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
			TNA
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
	3	11	Ed, Karen, Lorraine feel it's good conservation.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
	2	11	1-abstain, Lorraine. No knowledge.

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107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
	2	12	2- Karen, Lorraine supported for conservation reasons.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
	0	14	Allocative
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	0	14	Allocative
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
	0	14	ADFG wants to see at least 50 goats in area before they open season.
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
	0	14	Allocative
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
	0	13	Only 13 voting members due to Mike A’s wife dropping.
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.

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118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
	2	12	See comments on proposal 86.
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
	1	11	2-Abstain
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
			TNA
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
	14	0	
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
	0	13	One absent- In bathroom
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
	13	1	Jason L opposed it since it’s still a newer reg and would like to see it play out a few more years for more data and to see if a pattern establishes.

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139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
			TNA
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
	1	13	Karen supports for personal conservation concerns
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
	0	14	
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
	0	14	
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
	0	14	
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
	13	1	
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
	3	11	145-146-147-149 taken as a suite of proposals
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
	3	11	Lorraine supported says 80 percent of survey responses want set backs. That 60% of people change their regular habits during trapping season. Karen supported asked who on AC has a dog and if they recreate with dogs, Everyone has a dog that's on AC. She asked if AC members recreate with their dogs Karen also stated that she believes in trap set backs and we should support them. Tom Showed map of where you can and can't trap on KP and said it would concentrate pressure. Tom also stated that ATA did a presentation and public awareness clinic in Cooper Landing since then there hasn't been a dog trapped, he feels like ST is looking for a problem to a solution that has already been made. Ryan said if they ask for a 100 yards now they will keep trying to get more set backs or set backs set farther apart. Jason A had documentation and history of all the set back proposals that have been brought before the subsistence board,

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			all were rejected except camp ground set backs. Jason L commented on the research and due diligence he did on leash laws and what was happening on the trails. After talking to State Parks, KNWR, Chugach National Forest, and Borough personal and Law enforcement said that there isn't a trap problem, there is a unleashed dog problem with dogs not under voice control. Jason L also questioned the validity off the survey put out by ST since it was written and distributed by ST. Jason L also stated that dogs under voice command should be farther that 30 yards away from owner if well trained.
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
	3	11	See comments on proposal 146
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
	2	12	Ryan said he had signs up in the past and people messed with his traps
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
	3	11	See comments on proposal 146
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
	3	11	
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		
	4	7	3- Abstain no knowledge. Jeff- opposed as written due to lack of population dynamics.
152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
	0	14	
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
	0	14	
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
	0	14	ADF&G is happy with current limits.
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14</i>			

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173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
	2	11	Ed supported because it was very busy when he did the hunt.
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
	2	11	Karen supported for conservation.
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
	14	0	See comments on proposal 95.

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		

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	1	12	Karen supported out of respect for the author.
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
	14	0	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
	14	0	
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
	13	1	Josh says a moratorium isn't enough.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
	14	0	House Keeping
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
	0	11	3 abstain- No Knowledge (Karen, Lorraine, Mike)
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	8	5	Jason L believes harvesting and sharing meat is a family affair and subsistence lifestyle.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	8	5	See comments on proposal 176.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
	5	8	
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
	0	12	John P also had to leave the meeting.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
	1	11	Karen supported due to conservation concerns

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<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
	13	0	Mike A came back online
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
	13	0	
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
	12	1	
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
	13	0	House keeping
<i>Supplemental Issues</i>			
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
	0	11	3 abstain lack of knowledge; others opposed as written

- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Board of Fisheries AC representative needs to be submitted by Monday, March 2nd (same as the comment deadline): Josh Hayes
 - b. Board of Game AC representative needs to be submitted by Friday, March 6th (same as comment deadline): Jason Lesmeister
- X. Set next meeting & election date: Friday, March 27th at 10am
 - a. Leila to check if Community Center is available
- XI. Adjournment: 5:07pm by Josh Hayes

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Lesmeister
 Minutes Approved By: Josh Hayes
 Date: 02/24/26

**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 27th, 2025
Glennallen High School Library**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair] @ 5:40

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Designated Seat	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Chuck	McMahan	Chair	Gakona/Gulkana	X
2	Wade	Sampson	Vice Chair	Copper Center	X
3	Mercedes Starr	Knighten	Secretary	Glennallen	X
4	Mike	Willard		Chitina	E
5	Vacant			Copper Center	
6	Nicholas	Jackson		Gakona/Gulkana	X
7	Karen	Linnell		Glennallen	X
8	Sarah	Gallt		Kenny Lake	X
9	Jim	Odden		Lake Louise	E
10	Dave	Sarafin		Tazlina	X
11	Robert	Cyr		Tazlina	X
12	James	Horrell		Tazlina	A
13	Kirk	Wilson		Undesignated	A
14	Vacant			Undesignated	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7, 8 members present, Quorum is established. One member left after joining online.

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: none

IV. Guests Present: Kathryn Martin, AI, Deana Kosbruck AITRC, Sterling Splinek AITRC, Mark Sommerville, Amber Cohen

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda, to table voting until the next meeting, Karen Linnell, Wade Sampson seconded, motion carried 8 Yes's to 0 No's

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

Motion made to waive reports made by Karen Linnell, Seconded by Wade Smapson, motion

carried 8 Yes's to 0 No's

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

No public comments were given by the public

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Annual Elections for:
 - i. 3 expiring seats:
 - 1. Nicholas Jackson, Gakona/Gulkana Seat
 - 2. Jim Odden, Lake Louise Seat
 - 3. Dave Sarafin, Tazlina Seat
 - ii. 3 vacant seats:
 - 1. Undesignated Seat
 - 2. Copper Center Seat
 - 3. Gakona/Gulkana Seat
 - iii. 5 alternate seats:
 - 1. Chitina Alternate Seat
 - 2. Kenny Lake Alternate Seat
 - 3. Lake Louise Alternate Seat
 - 4. 2 Undesignated Alternate Seats
- b. Current Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals-see below
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
- d. HB 93-
 - i. Discussion-send a letter to Cronk, Some people don't live here, will they be eligible for a PFD too or is it the same as that criteria, we decided not to take action at this time as aboard.

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
	Motion made to support 162 Karen Linnell Seconded Wade Sampson, discussion: lots of information shared about transportation and what it means. All members talked about how they felt it was and what this would help with. That a		
Vote	6	1	Motion carried
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
No action taken			
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
	Motion made to support Proposal 163-165 made by Dave Sarafin and seconded by Karen Linnell, discussion: felt this could be like want and waste, there has to be better ways to run this fishery without decimating the ground where the younger smaller fish are. Need more regulation. They catch too much but there are not any repercussions to the limit.		

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Vote	7	0	
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
No action taken			
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
No action taken			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
No action taken			
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Vote	7	0	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
No action taken			
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
No action taken			
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
	Motion made to support proposal 173 made by Karen Linnell and seconded by Wade Sampson. Discussion over all was that is sounded acceptable to do.		
Vote	7	0	

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174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
No action taken			
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
	Motion made to support proposal 175 by Dave Sarafin and seconded by Karen Linnell discussion; not to exceed width of the ring could be added, have at least one hand holding the dip net rod/handle, we recommend amending it to remove boat.		
Vote	7	0	Motion Carries
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
No action taken			
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
No action taken			
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
No action taken			
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
No action taken			
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
No action taken			
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			

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181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
	Wording could be better to reflect what fishery this is for and that it wont affect ice fishing.		
Vote	0	7	Motion fails
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
No action taken			
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
No action taken			
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
No action taken			
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
No action taken			

- XI. Select representative for board meeting: Any representative to the Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Meeting? Deadline to nominate someone is Monday, March 2nd, the same date as the comment deadline-M. Starr Knighten can attend with Karen Linnell.
- XII. Set next meeting date? March 31, 2026
- XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn @ 7:35

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mercedes Starr Knighten

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 03/02/2026

Copper River/PWS Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 10th, 2026
CDFU Building & Zoom

I. Call to Order: 6:04pm by AC Chair Trae Lohse

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Trae	Lohse	X X	
Dennis	Zadra	X X	
Kyle	King	X X	
Garrett	Collins	X X	
Jamie	Foode		X X (Excused)
Ardy	Hanson	X X	
Chelsea	Haisman	X X	
Makena	O'Toole		X X (Excused)
Brett	Bradford		X X (Excused)
Mike	Collins	X X	
Dave	Glasen		X X (Excused)
Chris	Hottinger	X X	
Jake	West	X X	
John	Renner	X X	
Marc	Cloward	X X	
Milo	Burcham	X X	
Brad	Sapp	X X	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: 2/10/26 Samantha Renner, Charlotte Westing, Tom Carpenter (BOF), Jery Botz, Todd Johnson, Peter Heed (law enforcement), Leila Williams
 2/12/26 Heather Scannell, Leila Williams, Peter Heed, Todd Johnson.

IV. Guests Present: 2/10/26 Public (Ezekiel Brown, Jason Davis, Ryan Schuetze, Melissa Schuetze, Ernest Sanders, Travis McWilliams, Kenny Renner, Kiley Burton, Raymond Renner, Mckyer Trumblee, Aaron Hansen, Nathan Widmann) Andrew Sanders - FS regional biologist, Andy Morse – FS Law enforcement

2/12/26 Public- Darin Gilman, Jason Davis, Kinsey Brown, Jens Saxum

Note: There was a large presence of online participants which was hard to record for the

record. Some that were recorded as follows (Raven Cunningham, Dianna Riedel, Kenny Jones, Shannon Jones, Steven Olsen, Kade Butler, John Derrick Wiese, Matt Richardson)

- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment: Public comments consisted highly of topics on Proposal WP26-15 along with Nominations for Committee seats up for election.
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - a. Elections for 4 Expiring Seats and 2 Alternates
 - i. Kyle King
 - ii. Makena O'Toole
 - iii. Garrett Collins
 - iv. Michael Collins
 - v. Alternate: Brad Sapp
 - vi. Alternate: Milo Burcham
 - b. Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulation AC Comment Vote
 - i. WP26-15: Close Deer Hunting on Hawkins and Hinchinbrook Islands except to federally qualified subsistence users
 - c. Board of Fish Statewide Finfish Proposals
 - d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
 - e. **Note: A recess was agreed upon after the review of the first Fin Fish Proposal, to be continued on a set date of Feb 12th at 7:00pm.**

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Support	12	0	AC members noted the difference between subsistence and sport fishing, emphasizing that subsistence is inherently non-commercial, and that allowing commercial transport services for subsistence is contradictory to that.
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
TNA			
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Support	12	0	Members voiced support for Proposal 163-165 in the spirit of good conservation. Member spoke with fishermen who indicated that they avoid bottom contact in Prince William Sound due to jagged bottom that damages expensive nets. One of the proposers stated that this proposal wasn't intending to shut down fisheries but to work toward regulatory compliance. Another member noted that this is a politically sensitive topic being used in gubernatorial campaigns. A different member spoke of concern over the trawl bycatch numbers.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	10	2	Member in opposition expressed concern that technology for monitoring bottom contact doesn't exist yet. Discussed whether it's reasonable to mandate technology that isn't fully developed. Opposition also noted that Pelagic trawlers do catch a lot of pollock, which predates on salmon fry and that less pollock means more salmon fry can leave Prince William Sound.
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	12	0	Members discussed how excluders work and their effectiveness. One member noted that some fishermen already use these voluntarily. Members supported minimizing bycatch.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
Support	12	0	
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
TNA			Take no action
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
Oppose	0	12	AC opposes this proposal as it would severely limit vessels that simultaneously in pot and longline fisheries. This proposal appears to be addressing a regional issue and would be better taken up at a regional meeting.
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	12	0	AC members supported clarification of definitions in regulation.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	AC opposes Proposals 170-172. If enacted these proposals will have a devastating negative impact on state and local economies, while they are not likely to have a positive effect on wild salmon stocks. One member noted that these proposals have been defeated multiple times in regional meetings. Another member shared information about seafood being Alaska's largest export (49.8%) and the economic impact of hatcheries on that seafood export.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	See comments on Proposal 170.
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Oppose	0	12	See comments on Proposal 170.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
Support	12	0	AC supports this ADF&G housekeeping proposal.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
Support	12	0	AC supports this proposal; this regulatory change would legalize a fishing method that could reduce fuel costs and wear on equipment.
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
Support	12	0	AC supports this proposal; This regulation change could reduce mortality on catch and release salmon which will aid in chinook Conservation

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<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	AC members oppose Proposals 176-178, citing concern that pooling bag limits would encourage people to limit out everyone on their boat, presenting conservation concerns.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	See comments for Proposal 176
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	See comments on Proposal 176. Law enforcement explained that current regulations define “take” as being by the person who hooked the fish
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	AC opposes this proposal on the basis that Chinook salmon bag limits should be determined based on regional conservation concerns.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	12	See comments on Proposal 179.
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
Support	12	0	
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	12	0	AC supports this proposal. Comments were made in support of expanding harvest opportunity and methods in fisheries that have no bag limit such as invasive northern pike.

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183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
Support	12	0	AC supports the clarifying of rules and regulations to simplify enforcement and compliance.
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Support	12	0	AC supports this proposal and supports ADF&G's goal of clarifying the definition of rockfish statewide.
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
Oppose	0	12	Members discussed that these proposals did not meet the agenda change request criteria according to department biologists but were advanced by the Board members anyway. A proposal such as this has severe impacts on communities and fishermen and should be taken up in cycle at a regional meeting with stakeholder involvement.
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
Oppose 1 Abstention	0	11	AC opposes this proposal. This proposal stems from a conflict between lodge operator and 5 or less commercial fisherman and is not addressing a conservation issue. This fishery is at a historic low for participation due to the challenging and remote location. Escapement goals for the Tsiu river have been met every year that ADF&G has been able to survey it. This proposal should have been taken up in cycle at its respective regional meeting.

- XI. Select representative for board meeting:
- a. Who to send to Board of Fish Statewide Finfish meeting in Anchorage (03/17-03/21)?
 - b. Board of Game Southcentral meeting in Kodiak (03/20-03/25): Dennis Zadra

- XII. Set next meeting date? A Special Meeting Date was set for March 5th at 6:00pm to host a town hall style meeting. The meetings intent is For the Advisory Committee to get a better understanding of Cordova's stance and to draft comments on Federal Subsistence proposal WP26-15, that are in line with what the community's voice is on the matter.
- XIII. Other: Fish and Game Wildlife Officer Heed reported back from discussions that took place in the first half of the meeting. He reported how many transport licenses were filed and issued in 2025; Cordova-5, Girdwood-1, Seward-4, Valdez-9, Whittier-0. Tropper Heed expressed that this was on the low end from what he could gather and stated the challenges it took and will take to get numbers out of larger areas such as Anchorage, Kodiak, and Fairbanks.
- XIV. Adjourn:
- XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Garrett Collins

Minutes Approved By: Trae Lohse

Date: 03/01/26

Craig Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m.
Craig Tribal Office and Zoom
Meeting Agenda

Join via Zoom at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86788003620?pwd=apGeYHKf67cHaqqvK2UpQ3NUTyd aa6.1>

Meeting ID: 867 8800 3620

Passcode: CRAIG

By phone: +1-253-205-0468

I. Call to Order: 6:01pm

II. Roll Call

Name	Seat	Present or Absent	Excused?
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Online	
Michael Douville	Vice Chair	X	
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Resigned	
Julie Yates		X	
Clint Cook		X	
Elijah Winrod		Online	
Madison Stumpf	Charter		E
David Creighton	Charter		E
Mike Kampnich	Commercial\Gillnet	X	
Vacant	Commercial\Shellfish		
Joel Steenstra	Herring Pounding		E
Braden Harding	Charter\Sport		E
Mike Sheets	Trapping	Online	

Derek Anderson	Undesignated	X	
Sandra Marker	Undesignated	X	
Chuck Hansen	Alternate	X	
Aaron Bean	Alternate	X	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8;

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Craig Schwanke (online) Mark Williamson (online)

IV. Guests Present: Patti Philips from Pelican, Natalie Anderson, Ashley Bolwerk w/ the Federal Subsistence program

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V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Elections

- a. Vacant seat – Commercial Fishing No volunteers. Will be taken up at the next meeting 2 people have expressed interest in joining the AC. It is suggested that

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report Ellen Hannon - sent out comments made and her comments at the Board of Game meeting.
- b. ADF&G - Mark Williamson-Board of Game Outcomes - Mike D had questions about the wolf proposals concerning the EO on wolf season. Ellen Hannan - sent out comments made and her comments at the Board of Game meeting. Clinton Cook had questions about the Fish & Game and the Tribes' needs for more wolves for subsistence use. Aaron Bean subsistence needs are not being met. Subsistence needs to be considered before commercial or sport needs.
- c. Others - Craig Schwanke ADF&G Sport Fish - 2025 Sport Fish Preliminary Harvest Summary (King Salmon, Rock Fish, Ling Cod)
 Aaron Bean - How many King Salmon taken in Canada?
 Derek Anderson help the charter boats save their season by not having a split King season.
 Clinton Cook would like to see the resident priority bag limit for King Salmon increase.
 Derek Anderson What percentage of the catch was caught in Sitka vs. Craig?
 Aaron Bean - Questions about the King Salmon Allocation and Pacific Salmon Treaty
 Mike Douville stated that King Salmon was designated a subsistence fish.
 Craig Schwanke went on to talk about sport rockfish and lingcod landings. Rockfish landings are up, but Fish and Game is still being conservative.
 Chuck Hanson Question about 30-35 inch Ling Cod? What is the reason behind the slot limit? Lingcod are measured by poundage and not number of fish
 Mike Douville protects small nest guarding males. What is the age of the average Black

Rockfish? 10-12 year average.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Discussion of [Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals](#).
- b. Discussion of the Board of Game Southeast Outcomes
- c. Other fish and wildlife discussion if needed

XI. Set next meeting date - Meeting date will is To be determined

XII. Other - Aaron Bean asked about having a Tribal seat on the AC. Must go to the joint board proposal.

Mike Douville RAC meeting is March 9th

Clinton Cook - Federal Side Consultation March 17 - Safari Club challenging rural priority. March 30th is the date to comment on the Safari Club matter, April 20 Federal Subsistence Board Meeting in Anchorage. The Federal Subsistence Board did accept Craig Tribe's Challenge Ketchikan's ability to be rural status.

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162	Methods, means, and general provisions. Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries...		
	0	10	<p>Move to adopt 162 by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Clinton Cook - Mike Douville - not sure of the issue. We have boat rentals and water taxi's. Not sure we need to way in on this issue Mike does not support</p> <p>Aaron Bean - There are existing laws dealing with subsistence in commercial ways. Aaron does not support.</p> <p>Ellen Hannan - Believes this is an issue in the Chitna area.</p> <p>Call for the question All opposed</p>

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Oppose, No Action			
11	Closed waters in Bering Sea Aleutian Island Area. Closed state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170W longitude...		
	10	0	<p>Motion to adopt proposal 11 by Clinton Cook 2nd by Aaron Bean.</p> <p>Clinton Cook supports any ban on trawling in state waters</p> <p>Aaron Bean attended the North Pacific Fishery Management meeting to discuss trawl issues. Trawl has the single biggest take of salmon, while the Yukon Kuskokwim areas are closed. Supports closing trawling in state waters</p> <p>Call to question - All in Support</p>
163	Types of legal gear. Define all trawl operations inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state water pelagic trawling to occur on a case by case basis...		
			No discussion on this proposal
164	Types of legal gear. Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operating inside state waters. Move to adopt by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Clinton Cook The trawl industry needs to be held accountable Call to question - All in favor		
	10	0	<p>Move to adopt by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Clinton Cook</p> <p>Aaron Bean Additional monitoring of trawl gear to operate in state waters. Essentially, it would be a good thing. The more we know the better.</p> <p>Mike Douville Inject more accountability in the trawl fishery</p> <p>Mike Kampnich they have all this technology on these boats. They know when they are on the bottom.</p> <p>The trawl industry needs to be held accountable</p> <p>Call to question - All in favor</p>
165	Types of legal gear. Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters...		
	10	0	<p>Move to adopt by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Clinton Cook</p> <p>Aaron Bean Salmon excluder would help salmon escape. Not sure they are effective or not. Something is better than nothing. Mike Douville Any support in trying to save King Salmon is helpful. Mike supports.</p> <p>Julie Yates supports.</p> <p>Derek Anderson - They need to do better. Every Alaskan</p>

			<p>knows they need to do better. Clinton Cook need to get more people involved. Call to question - All in favor</p>
166	Types of legal gear. Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine...		
			No discussion on this proposal
167	Lawful gear for groundfish. Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear....		
			No discussion on this proposal
168	Lawful gear for groundfish. Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
			<p>Move to adopt by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Clinton Cook Aaron Bean this would be an additional burden on commercial fishermen that are mixed fishery fishermen. Aaron does not support. Mike Douville - This is a regional issue. This does not concern statewide Julie Yates - I don't know enough about this area or the issue. Aaron Bean states this is an enforcement challenge. It should prevent guys from fishing. Mike Douville - This is a local issue. This does not concern statewide. Small fishermen should not be penalized because you want to try or use different methods. Call for the question - all opposed</p>
169	Type of legal gear. Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'...		
	9	1	<p>Move to adopt by Aaron Bean 2nd by Derek Anderson Ellen Hannan this comes from the BOF meeting in Ketchikan and everyone was grasping for a definition of a slinky pots. Fish & Game is looking for a definition. It was proposed by an individual but adopted by the state. Mike Douville housekeeping issue. There are many different kinds of pots. Nothing wrong with creating a definition of a slinky pot. Mike supports the proposal. Aaron Bean - Does not support Call for the question - 9 in favor - 1 opposed</p>

170	New regulations. Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species...		
	10	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Mike Kampnich Mike Douville-This proposal has merit. Pink Salmon are very aggressive feeders. We are taxing the oceans by creating more fish. Mike D supports the proposal.</p> <p>Julie Yates agrees with Mike's key point. The ocean is being taxed and it is very concerning for wild salmon and other species.</p> <p>Mike Kampnich - Some broad support for this, but it can hurt the fisherman with smaller catches. Certain things need to be looked at before this could be implemented. Mike K agrees we are taxing the ocean.</p> <p>Mike Douville - Genetics have changed. We are catching smaller King Salmon.</p> <p>Call for the question - All in favor</p>
171	New regulations. Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permit to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity...		
	10	0	<p>Move to adopt by Clinton Cook 2nd by Aaron Bean Same discussion as in proposal 170. Call for the question - All in favor</p>
172	New regulation. Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
	10	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Aaron Bean 2nd by Clinton Cook Similar discussion as proposals 170 & 171 Call for the question - All in favor</p>
173	Boundary markers. Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed, or otherwise absent....		

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	10	0	<p>Motion to adopt 173 by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Derek Anderson Mike Douville - Every commercial fishing boat has a GPS and Latitude/Longitude are published by the department before every opener. In the absence of the marker, everyone knows where they are at. Call for question - All in favor 10-0</p>
174	Seine specifications and operations. Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed....		
	10	0	<p>Move to Adopt by Aaron Bean, 2nd by Julie Yates Mike Doville - Not sure it really matters either way. Aaron Bean - Is this or is this not illegal? Call for question - All in favor</p>
175	Types of gear. Modify dipnet mesh-size and confirmation....		
			No action on this proposals
176	New section Regulatory Language here. Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits...		
	3	8	<p>Move to adopt Aaron Bean 2nd by Derek Anderson Craig Schwanke - Would create a boat limit or party limit. Limits are specific to the angler. Mike Sheets - what if there is someone on the boat w/o a license. I oppose this proposal. Would create problems. Aaron Bean - This would not increase our allocation. Shaking King Salmon is hard on the resource. Chuck Hanson - while fishing for cohos, we catch King Salmon and then we have to shake. Beneficial by getting in and getting our limit and getting out of the way of the Trollers. Mike Sheets - You can catch boat limits of all species quicker. Easier</p>

			<p>to over fish.</p> <p>Chuck Hanson - Our catch is monitored daily when we upload our catch daily to the state</p> <p>Clinton Cook - I'm against this proposal. This is a step in the wrong direction. No to boat allocation.</p> <p>Julie Yates - I appreciate getting out of the way of the Trollers. There is too much emphasis on catch limits. Looking to the future, we need to focus on other issues besides catching limits.</p> <p>Ellen Hannan - resident under 16 doesn't need a fishing license, can stack up people in a boat to catch limits.</p> <p>Craig Schwanke - Residents do not need a license until 18. Non residents need a license at 16. Still must adhere to the State bag limit.</p> <p>Aaron Bean - We subsist on sport regulations. I take as many people as I can while it is nice. To use that for a reason is a non-starter. This is not an allocative matter. I am in support of this proposal</p> <p>Elijah Winrod - I've been involved in the charter industry. Elijah opposes this proposal.</p> <p>Mike Douville - I do not support this proposal. Limited resources with unlimited effort.</p> <p>Call for the question - Motion failed 3-8</p>
177	New Section. Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits...		
	3	8	<p>Move to support Mike Kampnich 2nd by Julie Yates</p> <p>Mike Kampnich - There is a lot of pressure on the resource. The resource has to come first.</p> <p>Call for the question - Motion failed 3-8</p>
178	Definition. Modify the definition of bag limits...		
			<p>Move to support 178 Mike Kampnich</p> <p>Motion failed for lack of 2nd</p>
179	New Section. Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish...		
	0	11	<p>Move to adopt 179 & 180 Aaron Bean 2nd Julie Yates</p> <p>Combined for discussion sake.</p>

			<p>Clinton Cook - I will oppose this. Would like to add proposal 180</p> <p>Julie - Only 10 fish and they have a size limit of 20 inches. That's not right. Talking about harvesting to small of King Salmon</p> <p>Mike Douville - We have a long sport fish season. We use more than 10 fish for our needs. Mike D does not support this proposals.</p> <p>Combining 179 & 180</p> <p>Aaron and Julie withdrawal their original motion and 2nd.</p> <p>Aaron restates motion to adopt 179 & 180 w/ a 2nd by Julie.</p> <p>Combine discussion for both proposals.</p> <p>Mike Douville we are in a different situation here in Southeast. This does not pertain to a statewide issue.</p> <p>Call for the question - All opposed</p>
180	New Section. Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 5 fish...		
	0	11	Combined with 179
181	Sport fishing gear. Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear...		
	9	2	<p>Housekeeping proposal - What is legal fishing gear? Hook or line held by hand or attached to a rod. The problem is due to the use of drones for fishing. Right now the regulation would make the use of drones illegal. This does not affect the use of downriggers. This does not concern the use of flashers. Downriggers & Flashers would be exempt from this language.</p> <p>Aaron Bean will the language about downriggers be added in the footnotes?</p> <p>Craig Schwanke - Not sure if that would be part of the classification.</p> <p>Mike Douville - I support the proposal, although I would like to mention that the use of downriggers would be a note on this proposal.</p> <p>Derek Anderson - Could the 2 hooks be individual hooks and allow 3 individual hooks?</p> <p>Craig Schwanke - Currently in Alaska it only allows 2 hooks on a single line. That question has come up. This is not to affect downriggers</p> <p>Mike Douville is concerned that downriggers are not mentioned in the language of this proposal.</p> <p>Aaron Bean the language needs to be closely considered. Is this directed at drone use? Maybe we need to come out with a regulation pertaining to drones. Aaron is opposed to this proposal.</p> <p>Derek Anderson - Drone fishing is popular in the Lower 48. New</p>

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Discussion about sending someone from the AC to go the Statewide Board of Fish Meeting in Anchorage. Aaron Bean has volunteered to go and make comments at the State BOF on behalf of the Craig AC.

Adjournment: 8:51pm

Minutes Recorded By: Sandra Marker

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

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**Delta Fish & Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 7th, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the
Delta Career Advancement Center (1696 N Clearwater Ave)
and by web/teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Jeff Lipscomb

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Jeff Lipscomb - Chair

Jacob White – Vice Chair

Paul Dudgeon - Secretary

Jesse Cummings

Alan Waldo

Vern Aiton

Mike Bender

Cutter Stockwell

Tisha Kennell

Robert Mathews

Tony Williams

Tim Webb – alternate

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Kurt Schmidt – alternate

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Brandy Baker

Ellie Mason

TJ Allderdice

Jeff Wells

Lindsey Dreese

Kyle Campbell

Cory Stantorf

Jason Cailoski

IV. Guests Present:

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Walter Stockwell
Dean Waldo
Nathan Miller
Art Cummings
Kaern Gillis
Dave Lorrington

- V. Approval of Agenda: Approved with amendment. Rob Mattews added discussion of Federal review of subsentence in Alaska
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report- None
 - b. ADF&G
 - Jeff Wells presented a report on the moose survey for 20B and the antlerless moose harvest plan for 20A/20B
 - Lindsey Dreese – 20A sheep and caribou surveys completed
 - Brandy – Statewide stocking plan open to public comment.
 - Jason – explained props 71-72 Sheep IM objectives for human consumptive use, ADFG to present harvest data to BOG
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment - none
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date 18 FEB 2026 @6:30 PM
- XIII. Other

Adjourn

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 20 -25, 2026 Kodiak, AK			
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70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
			No action
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	11	0	
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region		
SUPPORT	11	0	
73	Define the terms "permenant dwelling", "publically maintained trail/road", and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
			No action
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
			No action
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
			No action
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
			No action
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
			No action
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
			No action
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
			No action
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		

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			No action
81			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
			No action
82			Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days
			No action
83			Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears
			No action
84			Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D
			No action
85			Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit
OPPOSE	1	9	
86			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
87			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
88			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
89			Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7
			No action
90			Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions
OPPOSE		11	
91			Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October
			No action
92			Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25
			No action

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93			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
94			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” TO 10% of the available permits
			No action
95			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
			No action
96			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
			No action
97			Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
98			Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay
			No action
99			Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
100			Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachmak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big g
			No action
101			Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
102			Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
103			Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

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			No action
104			Allow the use motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
			No action
105			Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15
			No action
106			Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G
			No action
107			Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 -September 20
			No action
108			Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts
			No action
109			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A. to to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
110			Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River
			No action
111			Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder
			No action
112			Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts
			No action
113			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
114			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits
			No action
115			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

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			No action
116			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
117			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
118			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
119			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
120			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
121			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
122			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
123			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
124			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
125			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
126			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action

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127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
129	Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to ”up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to”20% of the available permits		
			No action
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to”20% of the available permits		
			No action
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
			No action
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
			No action
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
			No action
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
			No action
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		

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			No action
139			Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps
			No action
140			Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years
			No action
141			When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February
			No action
142			Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7
			No action
143			Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15
			No action No action
144			Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C
			No action
145			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7
			No action
146			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7
			No action
147			Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7
			No action
148			Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7
			No action
149			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7
			No action
150			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7
151			Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years

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			No action
152			Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years
			No action
153			Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping
			No action
154			Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C
			No action
155			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to "up to" 20% of the available permits
			No action
156			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to "up to" 20% of the available permits
			No action
157			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to "up to" 20% of the available permits
			No action
158			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to "up to" 20% of the available permits
			No action
159			Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C
			No action
160			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
			No action
161			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
			No action
162			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
			No action
163			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to "up to" 10% of the available permits
			No action

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164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to ”up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action
169	Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagle River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions		
			No action
170	Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents		
			No action
171	Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna area		
			No action
172	Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richards Management area in Unit 14C		
			No action
173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
			No action
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
			No action

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175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
			No action
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14©		
			No action
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
			No action
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
			No action
179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
			No action
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
			No action
181	Allow 2nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE		11	
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunts areas		
OPPOSE		11	
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to to June 15		
			No action
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 - October 31		
			No action
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
			No action
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
			No action

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187			Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder
			No action
188			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
189			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
190			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
191			Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C
			No action
192			Establish an archery only, registration brown bear huntin the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C
			No action
193			Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt
			No action
194			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30
			No action
195			Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at a bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder
			No action
196			Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder
			No action
197			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C
			No action
198			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
OPPOSE	1	11	
199			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
OPPOSE	1	11	
200			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks

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OPPOSE	1	11	
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	1	11	
202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
OPPOSE	1	11	
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
OPPOSE	1	11	
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	1	11	
205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Sallery Cove and Rough Creek		
OPPOSE	1	11	
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
			No action
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
			No action
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
			No action
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
			No action
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
			No action
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
			No action
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
			No action

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213			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
214			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
215			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
216			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
217			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
			No action
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
			No action
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
			No action
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns be sealed
			No action
223			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action
224			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
			No action

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225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
226	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
227	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
			No action
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st		
			No action
231	Limit nonresident permit allocation to 10%, for the Unit 8 goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
			No action
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
			No action
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		
			No action
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
			No action
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
			No action
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
			No action

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237			Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents
			No action
238			Require residents hunting brown bear in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear
OPPOSE	3	8	
239			Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting
			No action
240			Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting
			No action
241			Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8
			No action
242			Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15
			No action
243			Require all snares set n the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms
			No action
244			Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8
			No action
245			Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
			No action
246			Prohibit the use infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
			No action
247			Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license
			No action
248			Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8
			No action
249			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region
			No action

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250	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
			No action
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
			No action
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
			No action
253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
			No action
254	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
			No action
255	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
			No action
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	9	2	
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	9	2	
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT	11		
259	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
			No action
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
			No action
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		

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<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>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
OPPOSE		11	
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
			No action
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
			No action
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
			No action
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
			No action
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
			No action
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
			No action
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
			No action
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
			No action
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
			No action
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
			No action
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			No action
173			Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent
			No action
174			Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed
			No action
175			Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
			No action
176			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
OPPOSE	1	10	
177			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
OPPOSE	1	10	
178			Modify the definition of bag limit
OPPOSE	1	10	
179			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish
			No action
180			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish
			No action
181			Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear
			No action
182			Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit
			No action
183			Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession
OPPOSE	0	11	
184			Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition
SUPPORT	11	0	
186			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area
			No action
187			Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon
			No action

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Dudgeon

Minutes Approved By: FULL AC

Date: 2/18/2026

East POW AC Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting December 13, 2025 in Thorne Bay @ City Hall**Call to Order: 10:05am****Roll Call:****Members present: 15****15 Members total****Number needed for quorum: 8**

East POW AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Dave Egelston	Chair		x		June 2028
William Pattison	Vice Chair	Whale Pass	x		June 2027
Matt Beck		Whale Pass	x (online)		June 2026
Amy Jennings		Thorne Bay	x (online)		June 2028
Kim Redmond		Thorne Bay	x		June 2026
John Ryan		Hollis	x (online)	x (excused)	June 2027
Lew Hiatt		Hollis	x (online)		June 2026
George Nix		Kasaan		x (excused)	June 2028
Eric Hamar		Kasaan	x (online)		June 2028
Doug Rhodes		Coffman Cove	x (online)		June 2027
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Kurt Whitehead	Secretary			x (excused)	June 2028
Glen Holt				x (excused)	June 2026
Augie Dunne			x (online)		June 2026
Luther Jenson			x		June 2027
Keri Bergman			Alternate		June 2027

ADFG Staff Present: Sam Kirby (ADFG board support-online), Ross Dorendorf (online) & Mark Williamson (ADFG Unit 2 biologists)

Guests present: Keri Bergman & Luther Jenson were both elected.

Elections: Elections for officers were held as well as the open seats. No one was selected for the Coffman Cove seat and it will continue to remain open until it gets filled. The one undesignated/unfilled seat was filled by Luther Jenson. Keri Bergman was elected as an alternate. The officers were elected as follows: Dave Egelston-Chair, Will Pattison-Vice Chair, Kurt Whitehead-Secretary.

Reports: None

ADFG: None

Public: Lee Burger, Christian ?

Old Business: ADFG Props

New Business: Elections, BOG and Statewide BOF Props

Prop 1: Prohibit the take of big game animals b/n civil twilight sunset until civil twilight sunrise the following day in units 1-5

Discussion: At an earlier meeting, AST gave us a report on how a civil twilight regulation for deer/big game in SE AK would improve enforcement and curb illegal/unethical hunting. Many cases have been lost b/c the “hunters” shut off their headlights prior to firing a shot and the jury found them innocent b/c they shot without using a spotlight. Civil twilight gives the hunter more hunting opportunity than the standard 30min before/after sunrise/sunset that the lower 48 uses. There is lots of info online about it and this prop will certainly curb illegal activity. We are strongly supportive of enforcement and creating regs that will allow them to prosecute poachers. If passed, this will be a very positively impactful reg for all of SE AK. It is nearly impossible for enforcement to patrol the myriad hunting areas and roads in SE AK and when they finally catch poachers, for them to get off on a technicality is crazy. Every hunter conservationist should endeavour to make better regs, mentor others and be better sportsmen/women. *This is a transformative reg that will create a level playing field, draw a definite line in the sand, improve enforcement and has very little if any downside. We encourage all of you to research civil twilight with an open mind and think about the positive benefits to this regulation. We strongly support this prop!*

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 2: Prohibit the take of deer b/n civil twilight sunset until civil twilight sunrise the following day in units 1-5

Discussion: Same as above.

Vote: Support: unanimous

Prop 3: Allow same day airborne take of goats in Units 1-5

Discussion: ADFG is neutral and could still manage by reducing season length. ***Many members are strongly opposed to same day airborne***, especially for mtn. goats that are generally easy to hunt other than navigating the terrain. Goats don’t move much other than during the rut and their defense mechanism is living near escape terrain making them easy targets to hunt the same day. If allowed, the season would be significantly shortened and limiting opportunity.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 4: Amend the definition of a “taken” mountain goat in Units 1-5 to align with the definition of a “taken” brown bear in Units 1-5.

Discussion: This is a matter of hunting ethics and every hunter conservationist should consider a wounded animal a tagged animal.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 5: Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 1 Remainder, to one bear every regulatory year instead of one bear every four regulatory years.

Discussion: The majority felt the current bag limit is good and/or could be open to a bear every 2 or 3 years but did not like the 1 bear/year b/c that would increase the take significantly. The minority felt there are plenty of bears and wanted to increase the take.

Vote: Opposed: split: 8-No/4-Yes

Prop 6/7: Align the wolf hunting seasons in Unit 1 by extending the seasons in Unit 1A, 1B & 1C to May 31.

Discussion: This is a good proposal that will consolidate seasons.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 8/9: Establish a season for mountain lions in SE AK from Aug.1-June 15.

Discussion: 5 confirmed mtn. lions in SE AK all in unit 3, all males that likely migrated from the mainland. One member stated he would rather have trappers be able to keep them if incidentally taken.

Vote: Support: split: 10-Yes/2-No

Prop 10: Remove the sealing requirement for beaver in Units 1-5.

Discussion: ADFG would lose data and sealers would lose income if requirement is removed.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 11: Allow the use of cameras or other sensory devices that can send wireless messages for trapping furbearers in Units 1-5.

Discussion: ADFG is neutral but this could increase safety as well as efficiency. This will allow trappers to dispatch their catch faster and prevent theft of trap and/or animals and increase ethics.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 12/13: Prohibit the use of night vision devices for taking furbearers in Units 1-5.

Discussion: *Night vision is incredible technology and makes it way too easy to kill anything and makes illegal activity a very real threat.* Enforcement already have their hands full with spotlighting in SE AK and allowing night vision as well is just nuts. Regulation complexity isn't much of an opposing argument; our reg book is already thick. *Hunter conservationists should do whatever we can to limit illegal activity. Many members are strongly opposed.*

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 14/15: Increase the bag limit of fisher from 1 to 3 per season & Remove the bag limit for trapping fisher in units 1-5

Discussion: Currently, there is no citation by enforcement if trappers exceed their 1/year bag limit.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 16: Shift the season dates for hunting migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 1-5 to October 8-January 22.

Motion to amend prop 16 as follows: Shift the season dates for hunting migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 1-5 to Sept. 15-Dec. 31; eliminating the split season.

Discussion: One member is opposed b/c we lose ability to shoot pintails, teal and other early season birds. Many are opposed to the current split season. Several members want an October 1 start date with no split season. The split season mainly benefits the northern SE AK hunters. The duck season has gone back and forth every cycle trying to accommodate the duck hunters in northern SE AK that want an earlier season start date and the southern SE AK hunters that want a later start date. Maybe a better option would be dividing SE AK with a northern season vs a southern season.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 17: Change the bag limit for grouse in the Southeast Region

Discussion: This prop is confusing b/c it doesn't clarify which grouse species.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 18: Shift the hunting season for grouse in Units 1-5 to Aug. 10-May 31

Discussion: Two members spoke about how they've never seen female hooters and would like to see the season extended to allow additional opportunity.

Vote: Split: Opposed: 7-No/5-Yes

Prop 37/39: Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from 4 to 3 bucks.

Discussion: Inaccurate reporting is an issue as well as illegal/unethical reporting. We want a more conservative harvest and support both of these props and defer to the Boards decision.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 38: Reduce the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from 4 bucks to three.

Discussion: We agree with the departments comments.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 39/40/41: Reduce bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from 4 bucks to 2 bucks and/or 1 buck.

Motion to amend Prop 40 & 41 as follows: Reduce bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from 4 bucks to 2 bucks.

Discussion: If passed, prop 39 would solve some of the social conflicts b/n res and non-res hunters. Very few non-res are successful enough to take 2 bucks but there is a physiological benefit for them being able to harvest 2 bucks which is a real benefit to hunting SE AK. Many of us agree there isn't a biological concern although we would all like to see more deer on the landscape but the conflicts in the field, near the trailheads and along the roads is frustrating for many of us locals.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 42: Change the non-res start date for deer hunting season in Unit 2 to Aug. 15.

Discussion: If passed this would affect state and native lands and would closely align seasons. Under federal regs, non-federally qualified users start date is Aug. 16.

Vote: Support: Split: 11-Yes/1-No

Prop 43: Increase the deer bag limit and extend the season length for residents and non-res on the Cleveland Peninsula

Discussion: This would allow KTN residents additional opportunity

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 44/45/46: Limit the non-res permits for Unit 1A goat drawing DG005/DG006/DG008, to "up to" 20% of the available permits

Discussion: This is not the way to address the problem and if passed would have unintended consequences.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 47: Eliminate meat salvage requirement in May for black bear in Unit 2 for residents only

Discussion: If passed this would be the only unit in the state that meat salvage wouldn't be required in May for black bear. This prop is ethically wrong and most of us are strongly opposed to this prop. We live on an island where groceries are cost prohibitive and wasting quality protein is morally and ethically wrong.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 48: Increase the unit 2 wolf population objective to maintain the unit wide population within a range of 200-300 wolves.

Discussion: There are relatively few wolves that emigrate onto PoW and ADFG feels Unit 2 wolves have poor genetic diversity. The current harvest is nearly at the max allowed for sustained genetic diversity. There was a genetic bottleneck in the 1970's and ADFG is doing everything it can to avoid potential petitions to list under the ESA.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 49: Change the season start date for wolf trapping in Unit 2 to Dec. 15 or Jan. 1

Discussion: ADFG can adjust their management if the dates are changed.

Several members opposed the later dates b/c of freezing Wx. One member reported there are too many hunters and too many deer in the field in November. Several members reported they would prefer a start date of Dec. 1 to avoid the deer and deer/duck hunters.

Vote: Support: Split: 8-Yes/2-No

Prop 50: Move the start date of the wolf trapping season in Unit 2 to Dec. 15

Discussion: The hair board survey stops around Dec. 15 as well as the deer/deer hunting traffic decreases significantly, which is why we proposed this date. One member doesn't like the freezing Wx in December

Vote: Support: Split: 9-Yes/1-No

Prop 51: Extend the wolf trapping season to 45 days in Unit 2

Discussion: This won't improve wolf management

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 52: Add Unit 2 as an area for intensive management of wolves

Discussion: The threat of another ESA petition to list would be very real if this is passed

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 53: Require and online trapping education course for trapping wolves in Unit 2

Discussion: This prop is largely a result b/c of the increased deer bycatch due to the Nov. 15 start

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 54: Require ID tags to be attached to traps/snares in Unit 2

Discussion: This can be as easy as a AK DL #. Most trappers will likely be more legal & ethical if they are required. There is virtually no downside to having them required. One member stated it adds an undue burden to trappers.

Vote: Support: Split: 9-Yes/1-No

Prop 55/56: Prohibit the use of night vision and infrared devices for taking forbearers in Unit 2

Discussion: All of our proposals show we are doing everything we can to rebuild our deer herd and improve ethics/limit illegal activity and this prop follows the same logic

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Statewide BOF Props:

Prop 162: Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries.

Discussion: This prop could be applied to PoW's fisheries but the issue is much larger up north especially in the Copper River basin.

Vote: No Action

Prop 11: Closed waters in Bering Sea Area

Vote: No Action

Prop 163: Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis

Discussion: Trawlers in western Alaska are very negatively impacting every fishery in Alaska b/c they kill everything that enters their nets. The trawl bycatch is a severe injustice to every Alaskan. In 2023, the trawl bycatch totals were 35,655 king salmon, 122,279 chum salmon, 4.4 million lbs. of halibut, 1.14 million lbs of crabs, 7.3 million lbs of herring and 9 orcas.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 164: Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for trawlers in state waters

Discussion: Trawlers in western Alaska are very negatively impacting every fishery in Alaska b/c they kill everything that enters their nets. The trawl bycatch is a severe injustice to every Alaskan. In 2023, the trawl bycatch totals were 35,655 king salmon, 122,279 chum salmon, 4.4 million lbs. of halibut, 1.14 million lbs of crabs, 7.3 million lbs of herring and 9 orcas.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 165: Establish salmon excluder requirements for all trawlers in state waters

Discussion: Trawlers in western Alaska are very negatively impacting every fishery in Alaska b/c they kill everything that enters their nets. The trawl bycatch is a severe injustice to every Alaskan. In 2023, the trawl bycatch totals were 35,655 king salmon, 122,279 chum salmon, 4.4 million lbs. of halibut, 1.14 million lbs of crabs, 7.3 million lbs of herring and 9 orcas.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 166: Amend definition of mechanical jigging machine

Discussion: This prop will help enforcement b/c there are issues in the fishery with the longline fishery.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 167/168: Prohibit vessels from having other ground fish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a ground fish fishery using jigging machines or hand troll gear

Discussion: This requirement is already in place in SE AK. This is a common sense prop.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 169: Create definition of ground fish coil spring.

Discussion: This is a good prop

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 170: Reduce permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink/chum salmon by 25%

Discussion: The chum salmon production pays for the coho/king salmon in most hatcheries in SE AK. This would have severe negative impacts on the SE AK hatcheries/fisheries.

Vote: : Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 171: Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon production

Vote: No Action

Prop 172: Moratorium on pink/chum hatchery production

Discussion: The chum salmon production pays for the coho/king salmon in most hatcheries in SE AK. This would have severe negative impacts on the SE AK hatcheries/fisheries.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 173: Provide emergency order to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or absent

Discussion: This is a commonsense prop

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 174: Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when net is deployed

Discussion: We are confused why boats would turn off engines while fishing and it doesn't seem safe.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 175: Modify dip net mesh-size & configuration

Vote: No Action

Prop 176/177/178: Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag & possession limits

Discussion: Several members are highly opposed to this b/c of the increased take, the additional burden on our resources and having the best anglers on the boat catching bag limits for others that might not even be able to fish and/or are children etc. This reg will allow increased take and places more emphasis on the taking of fish and less on the experience. Party fishing is detrimental to our industry and our resources and we do not need increased stress on our fish. This would increase the take of all fish and the king salmon anglers who come during the beginning of season will trigger the season to be closed sooner and negatively impact the anglers coming at the end of the season due to current in season management.

Minority report: One member supports b/c of seasickness, poor health and other factors why angler might not be able to catch their own fish.

Vote: Opposed: Split: 7-No/1-Yes/1-Abstain

Prop 179: Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish larger than 20 inches.

Discussion: The king salmon management plan and the pacific salmon treaty dictates how we manage our kings in Alaska

Vote: No Action

Prop 180: Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 5 fish

Discussion: The king salmon management plan and the pacific salmon treaty dictates how we manage our kings in Alaska

Vote: No Action

Prop 181: Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear

Discussion: This is a commonsense prop

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Prop 182: Establish bow fishing as a lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit

Discussion: This prop comes up every cycle and has always been voted down for good reasons. This is a bad prop. Walking around on eggs in salmon steams and the wounding loss to our salmon would be very detrimental especially in SE AK. Many members are strongly opposed.

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Prop 183: Amend regs requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession

Discussion: We couldn't find the definition of "processed or prepared for human consumption" in ADFG but in SE AK it's legal to fillet salmon at sea if the carcasses are retained. If someone wanted to break the law, without a definition of "processed or prepared for human consumption" it seems you could eat the whole thing at sea and still be legal.

Vote: Support: Unanimous but ONLY if there is a definition for "processed or prepared for human consumption" included.

Prop 184: Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition

Discussion: This is a commonsense prop

Vote: Opposed: Unanimous

Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972:

Motion: Send a letter of support to amend the MMPA

Discussion: The State of Alaska is looking for letters of support to update the act which can only be changed in Congress. The MMPA has never been substantially updated.

The State of AK is looking for the ability to change the MMPA so they can allow the limited take of all animals on the MMPA.

A change to the MMPA would give ADFG the ability to manage our resources in the MMPA.

Lots of discussion on getting further input from absent members and drafting a letter of support later.

Vote: Support: Unanimous

BOG representative in Wrangell: Will Pattison

Vote: Support: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 4:26pm

Next meeting: TBA

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by: Dave Egelston

Date: Jan. 19, 2026

**Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Official Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom (Public Meeting)

Meeting Notice: <http://notice.alaska.gov/222732>

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Patrick Baum
Charles Peep
Erik Strome
Alice Smith (Johnson)
Hayden Meier
Susan Meier
Shirley Perkins
Nelson Merrell
Ken Baxter
Ryland Bell
Holley Enderle
Nicole Pollock

Members Absent:

Jacques Norvell
Zach Miller

Department Staff Present:

Daniel Teske – ADF&G—Division of Sport Fish

Members of the Public:

Claire (seasonal resident)
Dawson (seasonal resident)
Haley Janitte
Mary Crump

A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Hayden Meier.

Seconded by Charles Peep.

Motion Passed.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve previous minutes by Hayden Meier.

Seconded by Nelson Merrell.

Motion Passed.

4. Continued Discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposals

Proposal 11

5 AAC 28.650 – Closed Waters in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area Would close state waters west of 170° W longitude to commercial groundfish fishing with pelagic and non-pelagic trawl gear.

Discussion:

Patrick Baum introduced the proposal and clarified that it would prohibit all trawl gear, both pelagic and non-pelagic, in the defined area.

Ken Baxter explained that the practical effect would be eliminating bottom contact trawling in those waters. Members discussed whether the proposal was primarily aimed at habitat protection, crab fisheries protection, or halibut bycatch reduction.

Hayden Meier raised concerns about halibut bycatch, particularly juvenile halibut mortality. He noted that while poundage numbers may appear small, they represent large numbers of individual fish. He also referenced halibut spawning concerns and current patterns moving eggs westward.

Ryland Bell expressed agreement with Hayden's concerns and emphasized the importance of protecting spawning biomass and recruitment.

Nelson Merrell asked whether there was consensus to support the proposal given the conservation implications discussed.

The overall sentiment of the committee reflected support for reducing bottom trawl impacts and protecting benthic habitat and bycatch-sensitive species.

Motion:

Hayden Meier moved for unanimous consent to support Proposal 11.
Seconded by Ryland Bell.

Decision:

Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 11.

Proposal 163**5 AAC 39.105 – Types of Legal Gear**

Would redefine trawl gear in state waters as non-pelagic unless proven otherwise and establish performance standards.

Discussion:

Patrick Baum explained that this proposal shifts the burden of proof, requiring operators to demonstrate that their gear does not contact the seafloor.

Ryland Bell asked whether pelagic trawling in state waters is currently occurring and whether this proposal expands or limits that activity.

Patrick clarified that pelagic trawling is already occurring and that this proposal strengthens accountability rather than expanding effort.

Hayden Meier expressed support for moving toward improved habitat protections and reduced bycatch impacts. He noted that this approach aligns with broader conservation goals and improves enforceability.

Ken Baxter commented that certain areas are open to different trawl types and that clearer definitions help prevent misuse or “cheating” in designated areas.

Members discussed reviewing this in conjunction with Proposal 164 to ensure consistency in monitoring and enforcement.

Motion:

Hayden Meier moved for unanimous consent to support Proposal 163.
Seconded by Ryland Bell.

Decision:

Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 163.
Proposal 164

5 AAC 39.105 – Bottom Contact Monitoring Requirements

Would require seafloor contact sensors on pelagic trawl gear in state

waters. **Discussion:**

Patrick Baum stated that opposition to this proposal largely stems from cost concerns. He noted that each sensor is approximately \$10,000 and that multiple sensors may be required per net.

Dawson (public) commented that if operators are not contacting the bottom, sensors should not be problematic.

Nelson Merrell stated that sensors would provide accountability and help ensure compliance.

Hayden Meier compared the requirement to monitoring costs borne by longline fisheries, including observer and camera fees, and stated that accountability costs are already standard in other sectors.

Members generally agreed that monitoring requirements improve transparency and public confidence.

Motion:

Charles Peep moved to support Proposal 164.
Seconded by Ryland Bell.

Decision:

Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal

164. Proposal 165

Charles Peep stated that supporting the proposal would not create harm.
Ken Baxter expressed agreement that the proposal should move forward.

Motion:

Charles Peep moved for unanimous consent to support Proposal 165.
Seconded by Holley Enderle.

Decision:

**Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 165.
Proposal 181**

Previous meeting asked for clarification from department. Proposal aligns administrative code with statute and clarifies gear use regarding downriggers and remote deployment methods.

Discussion:

Daniel Teske explained the purpose is statutory alignment and clarification. The proposal ensures the administrative code mirrors statute and clarifies that RC boats or drones may not be used to deploy sport fishing gear.

Hayden Meier requested confirmation that downriggers would remain legal.
Daniel confirmed downriggers remain permitted.

Members briefly discussed hypothetical scenarios involving drones deploying lines. Daniel clarified those uses would not be allowed under this proposal.

Motion:

Hayden Meier moved for unanimous consent to support Proposal 181.
Seconded by Charles Peep.

Decision:

Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee unanimously supports Proposal 181.

5. Proposal Workshop

The Committee reviewed draft proposals developed locally. These were workshop items only. No final position of support or opposition was taken.

A. Nonresident Coho & Dolly Varden Catch-and-Release — Southeast

Alaska Discussion:

Hayden Meier referenced river trips conducted through Tanaku Lodge and stated that generally crowding is minimal, but recent experiences included user conflict.

Members discussed increasing nonresident presence in small freshwater systems and potential localized impacts.

Charles Peep expressed concern about scope expansion into other communities such as Haines.

Discussion included sustainability, allocation concerns, and the need for more data regarding

effort levels and harvest impact.

Motion:

Shirley Perkins moved for the Advisory Committee to formally take on the proposal for continued research and refinement.

Seconded by Ryland Bell.

Decision:

Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee voted to take on this proposal for continued development and research. No support or opposition position was taken at this time.

B. Snagging Prohibited Within 500 Feet of River Mouths — Southeast

Alaska Discussion:

Daniel Teske noted equal opportunity considerations and enforcement clarity issues, especially regarding to past attempts for limited snagging in the previous BoF meeting.

Shirley Perkins described observing increased boat presence near river mouths and concern regarding hook-and-line effort.

Hayden Meier asked whether data collection exists for small stream fisheries. Daniel confirmed that subsistence and personal use harvest reporting is collected and estimated at approximately 90–95% personal use in some systems.

Members discussed whether the proposal could begin with a narrower geographic scope before broader implementation.

Ken Baxter asked whether subsistence-only exceptions were possible. Daniel clarified that many subsistence fisheries are net-based and that clearer delineation of geographic boundaries would be necessary.

Patrick Baum recommended reaching out to Huna groups that are researching information on streams in the area.

Motion:

Shirley Perkins moved to continue developing and refining the proposal.

Seconded by Charles Peep.

Decision:

Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee voted to continue development and

research of this proposal. No support or opposition position was taken at this time.
C. Registration Requirement for Unguided Sport Fishing Using Rental Vessels — Southeast Alaska

Discussion:

Daniel Teske stated that this was not within the scope of Board of Fisheries, but is a very relevant topic.

Alice Johnson recommended bringing it as a resolution to the BoF for them to bring to the legislature.

Members discussed increasing unguided rental vessel effort and lack of tracking mechanisms compared to guided fisheries.

Shirley Perkins suggested exploring whether the proposal should move forward through ADF&G regulatory process or legislative channels.

Daniel Teske referenced recent International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) discussions regarding effort tracking and allocation concerns.

Members agreed additional research and coordination would be

beneficial. **Motion:**

Shirley Perkins moved to continue development of the proposal.
Seconded by Nicole Pollock.

Decision:

Elfin Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee voted to continue development and research of this proposal. No support or opposition position was taken at this time.

6. Introduction of Proposals for Potential ACR

No Agenda Change Requests were introduced.

7. Other Business

HB 93

Patrick Baum read the draft Committee letter regarding HB 93.

Motion by Charles Peep to approve the letter as an official Advisory Committee position.
Seconded by Shirley Perkins.

Motion Passed.

Patrick Baum expressed interest in attending the Board of Fisheries meeting to represent the Committee.

Motion by Ryland Bell to support attendance.
Seconded by Nicole Pollock.

Motion Passed.

8. Public Comment

No additional comments recorded.

9. Next Meeting

To be determined via email coordination.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Charles Peep.
Seconded by Hayden Meier.
Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM

Approved by: Patrick Baum
Date: 2/26/2026

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals March 17 – 21, 2026 Anchorage, 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>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
Support	12	0	The trawl fishery is detrimental to marine habitat, Alaskan fisheries and its communities, habitat loss and bycatch levels are not worth the comparatively small financial input from trawling to the state of Alaska.
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
Support	12	0	Puts the “burden of proof” on the fishery, and this is seen as an opportunity to strengthen habitat and reduce bycatch.
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
Support	12	0	The benefits of monitoring far outweigh the cost of the equipment.
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
Support	12	0	These make sense and need to be required for all trawlers.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or ‘slinky pot’		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
Oppose	0	9	The potential impacts to recreational fishing and commercial fishing are a concern.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		

172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Oppose	0	9	See prop. 170 comment
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
Oppose	1	8	“Catch your own fish”, it's supposed to be fun/recreational, not a subsistence fishery. Potential for abuse with permit exemptions, e.g. a baby getting to catch its limit aboard a vessel with pooled bag limit.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
Oppose	0	9	See 176
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
Oppose	0	9	See 176
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
Oppose	0	9	Lacks a distinction for R/NR, Not practical for SE AK
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
Oppose	0	9	See 180
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
Support	12	0	ADF&G Housekeeping
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
Support	9	0	Improves enforceability and inspection for possession rule compliance
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
Support	9	0	Clearer and consistent definitions improve management
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		

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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Alice Smith
Minutes Approved By: Patrick Baum
Date: 2/26

Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

JP Jones Community Center (2400 Rickert Street)

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 PM by Chair Levi Lewellyn.

- II. Roll Call

Members Present: Levi Lewellyn (chair), Mark Richards (vice chair), Krystal Lapp (secretary) *arrived after roll call*, Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, Gabriel Davis, Chuck Derrick, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, James Paine, Julia Hnilicka; Alternates: Eric Angslinger, Jacques Etcheverry

Members Absent (Excused): Mike Tinker, John Wisniewski, Warren Giuchici

Members Absent (Unexcused): Ricko DeWilde

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 – Chair confirmed quorum

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Jeff Wells, Wildlife Area Biologist, Fairbanks
 - b. Lindsey Dreese, Assistant Area Biologist, Fairbanks
 - c. Lt. Dan Valentine – Alaska Wildlife Troopers
 - d. Kyle Campbell – Board Support
 - e. Deena Jallen, Yukon Summer Season Manager
 - f. Mike Parker – Assistant Summer Season Manager
 - g. Matt Olson, ADF&G Yukon Fall Season Manager
 - h. Klaus Wuttig - ADF&G Management Coordinator Sports Fish

- IV. Guests Present:
 - a. Brooke McDavid – Eastern Interior RAC Coordinator
 - b. Jackie Muehlbauer – Tanana Chiefs Conference
 - c. Karen Gillis – Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association
 - d. Al Barrett – Board of Game
 - e. Tyrell Palmer – member of the public
 - f. Brie Van Dam – member of the public
 - g. Dave Lorrington, Board of Game
 - h. Jennifer Yuhas, public

- V. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda with additions:
 - b. Select representatives for Board of Game meeting (Kodiak)
 - c. Discuss LAN representation

Motion: Gabe Davis

Second: Eric Anslinger

Passed by unanimous consent

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/14/2026
- a. The minutes from January 14, 2026 were reviewed.
No corrections were raised during discussion.
Minutes approved by consensus.
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair’s report: Chair Lewellyn indicated he had no formal report and moved directly to Fish & Game staff reports.
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. ADF&G Report – Jeff Wells
 1. ADF&G noted they will request Board of Game guidance regarding ANS structure in the Minto Flats / adjacent white area of 20B.
 2. Topics discussed:
 - a. Youth Permits – Unit 20 - Discussed historical structure of the youth hunt (Aug 5–14 season). Approximately 25–30% of permits previously went to youth hunters (2015–2017). Offered to provide additional biological information if the AC wished to pursue changes.
 - b. Moose Season Timing (Unit 20) - Discussion regarding whether early youth seasons prior to general season would be biologically feasible. Staff indicated it could be evaluated biologically if the committee pursued a proposal.
 - c. ANS Structure – Unit 20B: ADF&G may request Board of Game guidance regarding the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) structure in the Minto Flats / adjacent “white area.”
 3. Wildlife Troopers Update
 - a. 40 Mile caribou hunt effort low
 - b. White Mountains flying/spotting case: Defendant pled guilty; fined, restitution paid, rifle seized, license suspension imposed
 4. Deena Jallen and Mike Parker introduced themselves.
Klaus Wuttig reported no updates at that time.
- VIII. Public Comment: Public comment was opened. Brooke McDavid (Eastern Interior RAC Coordinator) informed the committee of the upcoming Eastern Interior RAC meeting scheduled for March 3–5 at Pike’s. She noted that the meeting marks the start of the federal fisheries proposal cycle and may include revisiting certain wildlife proposals prior to Federal Subsistence

Board action in April. No additional public comments were received. Public comment was closed.

IX. Old Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Area M meeting to begin next week – Virgil representing FAC
 - i. **Motion:** Send Virgil Umphenour to represent Fairbanks AC at Area M meeting.
Seconded
Passed unanimously

X. New Business

- a. Game/Trapping Subcommittee Report
 - i. Recommendations on Southcentral Region BOG Proposals
 - 1. The Game & Trap Subcommittee met the week prior to the AC meeting and reviewed Southcentral Region Board of Game proposals. The Chair noted that subcommittee minutes had been distributed and that, although a quorum was not present at the subcommittee meeting, recommendations were brought forward to the full Advisory Committee for action. The Chair asked if any members wished to pull or further discuss any of the Southcentral proposals previously reviewed. No objections were raised to the bulk recommendations. The full Advisory Committee adopted the subcommittee’s recommendations on Southcentral Region proposals through Proposal #237 by unanimous consent.
 - 2. Individual Proposal Actions
 - a. Proposal 238 – Kodiak Brown Bear Education Requirement
 - i. Vote: 5 in favor, 7 opposed.
 - ii. Motion failed (5–7).
 - b. Proposal 239 – TNA by unanimous consent.
 - c. Proposal 240 – Opposed by unanimous consent.
 - d. Proposal 241 – TNA by unanimous consent.
 - e. Proposal 242 – TNA by unanimous consent.
 - f. Proposal 243 – Breakaway Mechanisms on Snares
 - i. Vote: 1 in favor, 11 opposed.
 - ii. Motion failed (1–11).
 - g. Proposal 244 – Trap Identification Tags
 - i. Opposed by unanimous consent.
 - h. Proposal 245–248 (Night Vision / Artificial Light Series)
 - i. TNA or opposed consistent with existing statewide regulations.
 - i. Proposals 249–251 – Brown Bear Tag Exemptions
 - i. Combined and approved by unanimous consent.
 - ii. BOG 26-27 Call for Proposals – due May 1st

1. The committee discussed the Board of Game 26–27 Call for Proposals and confirmed the May 1 deadline. Members discussed drafting potential proposals for the next meeting, with the intent to bring draft language forward in March and take action in April. The Chair suggested planning for an April meeting to allow refinement and voting on proposals prior to submission.
- iii. AO360 Call for Proposals – due May 1st
 1. AO360 was referenced during the meeting. Copies were available for members. The discussion focused on identifying potential regulatory changes that reduce administrative burden on the department or the public. Members clarified that proposals must be non-allocative in nature (methods and means, paperwork reduction, efficiency measures). No formal action was taken on AO360 proposals at this meeting.
- iv. **Motion:** To support the proposals as recommended by the Game & Trap Subcommittee.
Vote: Unanimous consent; no objections.
- b. Fisheries Subcommittee Report
 - i. Recommendations on Statewide proposals (due March 2nd) for full AC approval
 1. The Fisheries Subcommittee presented recommendations for statewide proposals due March 2. The Chair indicated that the committee needed to take action that evening on the subcommittee’s recommendations.
 - ii. BOF call for proposals 2026-2027 due April 10th, 2026 (includes cook inlet area)
 1. The committee discussed development of future proposals and confirmed the need to draft and refine proposals prior to submission deadlines. Members discussed preparing drafts at the next meeting and potentially voting in April. The April 10 deadline for the 2026–2027 Board of Fisheries cycle (including Cook Inlet) was acknowledged, and planning for future meetings was discussed to ensure timely submission.
 2. Subcommittee recommendations were presented to the full AC.
 3. **Motion** made to support subcommittee recommendations; Approved by unanimous consent.
 4. The Chair noted that written comments would be finalized following review of the meeting audio.
- c. Other fisheries, wildlife, or committee business
 - i. Members discussed development of potential Interior youth hunt proposals; draft language to be prepared for the next meeting
 - ii. Chair Lewellyn provided commentary on final action on the CHUM EIS at the North Pacific Council, noting increased responsiveness to public testimony and describing the decision as incremental progress

- iii. Enforcement challenges in Area M were discussed. Troopers confirmed geographic remoteness and lack of permanent presence limit patrol capacity.
 - iv. An April meeting was tentatively planned for proposal refinement and voting.
 - d. Additional Representation
 - i. Levi Lewellyn was nominated to serve as representative for Central-related Board of Game matters.
 - ii. Approved by unanimous consent.
- XI. Set next meeting date: March 11th, 2026 at 6:00 pm
- XII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

FAC strongly supports the following hatchery proposals for the Board of Fish Statewide meeting: Proposals #170, 171 and #172

The FAC further supports: Proposals #11, 163, 164, 165, 173, 180, 181, 182, 184,187

The FAC opposes: Proposals #162,175, 183,

Salmon Hatchery Impact Discussion: the group watched a short film titled "Trouble at Sea" produced by Miranda Weise and Rafael de la Uz, which explored the ecological effects of hatcheries on salmon populations. The film highlighted the decline in wild salmon runs and the role of hatcheries in the ecosystem. After the film, the group discussed the decline in salmon harvests since 2020. Virgil shared his experience with the Board of Fish and criticized the state's lack of action on reducing hatchery production. As one of the original authors of Alaska's Sustainable Salmon Policy, he noted that the policy is in statute and regulation and is too often ignored. Andy Couch raised questions about the state's wild fisheries policy and the need for precautionary management to address declining king salmon populations. The discussion touched on the power of the commercial fishing industry and the challenges of proving the impact of hatchery fish on wild stocks.

The FAC has been presenting PNP (private non-profit) hatchery egg reduction proposals to the Board of Fish for over 15 years out of a deep concern over the growing body of evidence that production hatcheries have detrimental impacts on the health of wild salmon stocks through competition for forage food, straying into wild streams, among other impacts.

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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>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
OPPOSE		11	
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
SUPPORT	11		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
SUPPORT	11		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	11		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	11		
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
TNA			
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
TNA			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
TNA			
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
TNA			
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
SUPPORT	11		
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
SUPPORT	11		
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
SUPPORT	11		
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		
SUPPORT	11		

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174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
TNA			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
OPPOSE		11	Concern over different regional conditions and the cost of changing out current nets, not enough science for king protection, potential for picking up non-salmon species
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
TNA			
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
TNA			
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
TNA			
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
TNA			No action based on support for #180, but if #180 is not approved, then the FAC supports 179. King conservation is of monumental importance Concern over enforcement
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
SUPPORT	11		This goes to the protection of wild king salmon and should be applied to saltwater
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
SUPPORT	11		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		
SUPPORT	11		
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
OPPOSE		11	Needs further explanation from the Dept and AWT and Staff comments were not available at the time of this meeting
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
SUPPORT	11		
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
SUPPORT	11		
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
TNA			

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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 7-6-2T means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
TNA			
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
SUPPORT	11	0	The board established sheep as an Intensive Management species at the 2025 Statewide meeting and this is a necessary undertaking by the Department after that decision.
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region		
SUPPORT	11	0	See our comments on proposal 71
73	Define the terms "permenant dwelling", "publically maintained trail/road", and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
SUPPORT	11	0	We believe this will help with choosing bait sites and with enforcement
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
SUPPORT	9	2	Those in support believe this is an ethical issue, any wounded animal not retrieved should mean the hunter punches their tag, those opposed believe there are differences in wounding, and it is up to the hunter to decide if the animal was critically wounded.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
OPPOSE	0	11	We don't think this is necessary, ATA already has material available
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
TNA			

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
TNA			
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
TNA			
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
TNA			
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
TNA			
81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
TNA			
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
TNA			
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
SUPPORT	11	0	Provides more opportunity, no conservation concerns
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
TNA			
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
OPPOSE	0	11	It's already illegal to shoot from a moving boat, we see no reason to have to have a permit to shoot from a stationary boat
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
TNA	11	0	We are taking no action on all of the proposals asking to limit nonresident draw hunt allocations because one size doesn't fit all in these situations. However, the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee supports fair limits on all draw permit allocations whereby residents receive most all of the permits
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have ample opportunity to hunt moose in Unit 7
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
OPPOSE	0	11	Poor management strategy, unnecessary
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
OPPOSE	0	11	Concerns about overharvests
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
TNA			
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” TO 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
TNA			
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
SUPPORT	11	0	This will allowed motorized use on all applicable roads/trails

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
SUPPORT	11	0	AC supports allowing motorized access on south side of K-bay
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachmak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big g		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 99
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			See our comments on proposals 98 & 99
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
104	Allow the use motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
TNA			
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
OPPOSE	0	11	Full curl management is sustainable according to the Department
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 105
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 -September 20		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 105
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity to hunt sheep during the general season
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A. to to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River,south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	We support this proposal as amended to be resident-only with a billy-only bag limit
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342 to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343 to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344 to “up to”20% of the available permits		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
120			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
121			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
122			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
123			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
124			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352 to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
125			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
126			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
127			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
128			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
129			Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
130			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
131			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
132			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to”20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
133			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
134			Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season
OPPOSE	0	11	Takes away opportunity, trespassing on private land is already illegal
135			Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps
SUPPORT	11	0	We would prefer that the Dept moves to a calendar year for this hunt so we have guaranteed fall hunt opportunity
136			Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year
SUPPORT	11	0	See our comments on proposal 135
137			Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15
OPPOSE	0	11	Removing the harvest cap could lead to overharvests
138			Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days
OPPOSE	0	11	This is another option to hopefully ensure there is a fall hunt, but we prefer Proposal 135 as the best option
139			Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps
TNA			See our comments on proposal 135
140			Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
OPPOSE	0	11	If it is legal to take a sow, there should be no penalty. IF we don't want sows taken, the best way to achieve that is to make the hunt boars-only.
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
SUPPORT	11	0	Coincides season dates for other furbearers
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 141
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 141
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 141
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	We don't believe these buffers are necessary. Trappers already post signs and it's up to pet owners to be aware of traplines and traps on shared trails.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 145
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 145
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 145
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 149
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
OPPOSE	0	11	Our AC has consistently opposed I.D. tags on traps and snares due to costs to the trapper, tags being stolen, enforcement issues
151	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		

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TNA			
152			Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years
TNA			
153			Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping
TNA			
154			Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C
TNA			
155			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
156			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to ”up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
157			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
158			Limit tthe nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
159			Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunting opportunity already exists
160			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
161			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
162			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
163			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86

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164			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
165			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to ”up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
166			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
167			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
168			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
169			Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagle River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions
SUPPORT	11	0	We support creation of new archery only hunts in urban or recreational areas where rifle hunting is not allowed when there are no conservation concerns and
170			Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to change the bag limit for nonresidents to one bull with 50” antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side. The AC does not support ANY any-bull hunts for nonresidents.
171			Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna area
OPPOSE	0	11	Bowhunters already have opportunity
172			Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richards Management area in Unit 14C
SUPPORT	9	2	See our comments on proposal 74
173			Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt
SUPPORT	11	0	Better hunt quality, less crowding

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174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
OPPOSE	0	11	Full curl management is sustainable according to the Department
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
TNA			
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
TNA			
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
WTNA			
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
TNA			
179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	11	The board expanded these sheep draw hunts to the East Fork Eklutna during the last cycle, we see no need to change again
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
OPPOSE	0	11	Nonresident quota should stay the same
181	Allow 2nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	11	We don't believe this is legal
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunts areas		
OPPOSE	0	11	There are too few permits to increase the nonresident allocation
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to to June 15		
SUPPORT	11	0	More opportunity, no conservation concerns
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 - October 31		

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SUPPORT	11	0	We support archery only opportunities in these type of areas when there are no conservation concerns and it is not safe to allow rifles
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
TNA			
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
SUPPORT	9	2	See our comments on proposal 74
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
SUPPORT	11	0	Aligns seasons, no conservation concerns
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
190	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
191	Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to be resident-only
192	Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to be resident-only
193	Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended for resident-only opportunity for a new registration brown bear hunt to replace DB 468. Nonresidents would still only have opportunity under the draw permit system

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194	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	11	0	Support as amended to only include residents in the extended season dates
195	Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at a bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder		
SUPPORT	11	0	Already legal in other nearby units
196	Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	11	Loss of opportunity
197	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C		
OPPOSE	0	11	Our AC has consistently opposed ID tags on traps and snares due to costs, nefarious removal of tags, enforcement issues
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
TNA			
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	11	The board reduced the nonresident deer bag limit during the last cycle after much public testimony and thoughtful deliberations and should keep it in place.
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	0	11	See our comments on proposal 199

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205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
OPPOSE	0	11	Unnecessary reduction of harvest opportunity
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
TNA			
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
OPPOSE	0	11	Reduces harvest opportunity, unnecessary
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
SUPPORT	11	0	Good conservation strategy
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
OPPOSE	0	11	AS 16.05.407 defines which species require a guide to hunt. The Board of Game should not be able to add species to the statute
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
SUPPORT	11	0	At the very least, these new elk permits available in Port Lions and Ouzinke should be one per household. No household should be able to receive more than one permit
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
TNA			
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		

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TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
216			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
217			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
SUPPORT	11	0	No goat conservation concerns
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
TNA			
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns be sealed
OPPOSE	0	11	Goats are doing well on Kodiak and there is no need to change the bag limit at this time
223			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
224			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
225			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

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TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
228	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
229	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
230	Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st		
TNA			
231	Limit nonresident permit allocation to 10%, for the Unit 8 goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 86
232	Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8		
TNA			
233	Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236		
TNA			
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
OPPOSE			No conservation concerns, unnecessary
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
SUPPORT	9	2	See our comments on proposal 74
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
SUPPORT	11	0	It is legal to take a sow. If the Department doesn't want sows taken, it should be boar-only in these areas. Imposing this penalty on residents is unfair and will continue to lead to fewer permits.
237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
SUPPORT	11	0	At minimum, all nonresidents – just like residents – should have to apply for a permit to hunt brown bear within the Refuge and pay the application fee.

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238	Require residents hunting brown bear in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
OPPOSE	5	7	Those opposed believe it isn't necessary, don't like that it's a requirement, those in support believe education is never a bad thing, doesn't take much time
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
TNA			
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
OPPOSE	0	12	The AC takes no action on the fox bag limit, but we oppose prohibiting the use of night vision used under a trapping license and trapping seasons
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
TNA			
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		
TNA			
243	Require all snares set n the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms		
OPPOSE	1	11	Those opposed believe it's too complicated to design a breakaway snare for deer and bears, the poundage is different, how would that be measured, should not be a requirement, rather voluntary. Those in support believe it may help reduce bycatch
244	Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8		
OPPOSE	0	12	Adds costs, nefarious removal of tags, enforcement issues
245	Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		
OPPOSE	2	10	Those opposed don't want to see a recently passed statewide proposal allowing the use of night vision/infrared devices under a trapping license and trapping seasons be prohibited in Unit 8. Those in support don't support this technology for taking furbearers, goes too far
246	Prohibit the use infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8		

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TNA			See our comments on proposal 245. Infrared devices are NOT allowed for hunting, only trapping
247	Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license		
TNA			
248	Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8		
OPPOSE	2	10	See our comments on proposal 245
249	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region		
	7	5	AC members had a very good discussion this. Those in support believe there should be no tag fee for taking predators like grizzly bears who target moose and caribou, easy to forget to pick up when going moose or caribou hunting. Those in opposition believe that we are leaving money on the table that is needed, why not have the hunter pay after harvesting a grizzly? There is also the locking tag issue; there appears to still be a requirement – even with tag fee exemption – that the hunter have a locking tag. Have hunters been illegally harvesting grizzly bear without a locking tag under tag fee exemptions?
250	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
	7	5	See our comments on proposal 249
251	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
	7	5	See our comments on proposal 249
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B		
TNA			
253	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
254	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
TNA			
255	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		

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TNA			
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT <i>Note: The Fairbanks AC voted on proposals 256 & 257 at the Jan. 14 meeting</i>	9	5	Those in support believe the Department's position that a small harvest of cows poses no conservation concerns, those opposed believe it does pose conservation concerns. Others in support don't want to see the Richardson Hwy and FMA targeted antlerless hunts go away (though they oppose more antlerless hunts than just those)
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	10	3	See our comments on proposal 256
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT	9	3	Those in support believe the Department's position that a small antlerless harvest poses no conservation concerns, those who oppose believe the opposite
259	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
260	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
TNA			
261	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		
TNA			

Minutes Recorded By: Krystal Lapp, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Mark Richards, Vice Chair
Date: March 2nd, 2026

**Homer Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 9th, 2025
Kachemak Research Reserve Building**

I. Call to Order: 18:00 by Douglas Malone

II. Roll Call:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Douglas	Malone	x	
Dan	Miotke	x	
Lauren	Wolford	x	
Dave	Lyon	x	
Wesley	Humbyrd		Unexcused
Cory	DeCook	x	
Cory	Loos		Excused
Andy	Fetterhoff		Unexcused
George	Matz	x	
Bill	Brock		Excused
Josh	Wickboldt	x	
Dan	Anderson	x	
Tom	Young		Excused
Matt	Hakala	x	
Thomas	Hagberg	x	
Sid	Wolford	x	
Billy	Hayden	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

12 Members Present

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Mike Booz - Lower Cook Inlet Area Management
Jason Herreman - Wildlife Biologist

IV. Guests Present:

Jamie O'Connor - Deputy Director of Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Loretta Brown - Salmon State
Steve Brown - Proposal 186 / ACR 5
Eric Lehm - Charter Fisherman
Lynn Whitmore - Coho Management Plan

V. List of User Groups Present:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Salmon State

VI. Approval of Agenda: Approved

VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved

VIII. Reports:

a. Chair's report: Douglas Malone

Thank you to Vice Chair Dan for running a successful meeting last month. We will discuss game proposals tonight if we have time.

b. ADF&G: N/A

IX. New Business

- a. 2026 Cook Inlet Proposals
- b. Board of Fisheries Agenda Change Request 5
- c. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- ~~d. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals~~
- e. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

1. 2026 Cook Inlet Proposals

Lynn Whitmore: New Proposal for Coho Management Plan for Lower Cook Inlet (see proposal attached to email)

There is currently no formal coho management plan for Lower Cook Inlet, despite declining numbers. Lynn would like to pursue development of a plan through the Homer AC, including coordination with the Ninilchik AC. Dave was contacted, but no meeting is scheduled until January. The hope is that this proposal could also influence coho management discussions in other regions. The proposed 4,000 fish escapement goal reflects the current 10-year average.

Discussion:

Question (Matt Q.): Is there currently a forecast for coho?

Answer (Mike, ADF&G): Coho forecasts are very loose and largely unreliable. Because coho return after only one year at sea, there is no effective way to forecast runs ahead of time. Management is handled in-season.

Question (Doug Q.): Do we have baseline numbers for the Anchor River?

Answer (Mike, ADF&G): Escapement has historically ranged from under 2,000 fish to over 30–40,000. In recent years, runs have been relatively low. The region is funding a weir to better monitor coho going forward. The department is proposing an escapement goal range of 2,500–6,000 in the next proposal cycle. This proposal would support a more conservative fishery even

when escapement falls within that goal range.

Question (Dan A.): What about personal boats and charter boats fishing outside of state waters (Silver Ridge area)?

Answer (Mike, ADF&G): Everything south of the Alaska Peninsula (AP) line, even in federal waters, is still considered a state fishery for departmental decision-making.

Question (Tom): What about catch and release as a management option?

Answer (Mike, ADF&G): Catch and release is an option the department could use. On the Anchor River, fishing is only open for two miles, so coho are only briefly exposed to catch-and-release pressure. Unlike king salmon management—where the river can be fully closed when escapement is low—coho management is complicated by mixed-species fisheries. As a result, retention may be closed while catch and release remains open.

Question (Dan M.): What are the charter representatives' opinions on this proposal?

Answer (Josh): It feels like the department has already been moving in this direction, so the proposal would not be unexpected.

General Feedback & Recommendations

- Matt suggested revising the proposal to start with a one-fish limit and increasing limits incrementally if escapement goals are met.
- Lynn recommended avoiding explicit catch-and-release language in the proposal to reduce the risk of it being rejected by the Board.
- Dan A. expressed concern that even with retention closures, catch-and-release fisheries still interact with coho stocks. He referenced king salmon management on the Kenai as a cautionary example and emphasized the need for stricter measures now to avoid worse outcomes in 10 years.

Lynn asked for a motion to continue refining the proposal and potentially co-authoring it once it is formally scheduled. Dan M. will continue working on revisions.

2. Board of Fisheries Agenda Change Request 5

Steve Brown: Proposal 186 / ACR 5

The Board has a policy outlining the criteria for accepting ACRs. The Department reviewed ACR 5 against that policy and determined it did not meet the criteria. The Department was also unable to state definitive escapement numbers, and biologists were not prepared to say there was a conservation issue. Despite this, the Board placed the issue on its own agenda. This has created the potential for a major Cook Inlet issue in March that was not anticipated by the public. There is also another meeting scheduled next year, making this process a disservice to public participation.

This proposal would not accomplish meaningful conservation outcomes and would instead push fishing effort into the EEZ. Vessels that currently stay in state waters would likely move

into the EEZ, resulting in the same overall fishing effort, just displaced a few miles offshore. Even if there is a conservation gain, it would primarily be a redistribution of effort rather than a reduction.

This is only the second year of the EEZ fishery. Many fishermen have stayed in state waters due to the added cost and record-keeping requirements associated with fishing in the EEZ. If this proposal passes, it would impose additional costs on the fleet.

The Department is expected to state that it will not take a position on the proposal because it considers this an allocation issue rather than a conservation issue. This proposal should have been addressed at a regular meeting next year, rather than being taken up out of cycle.

3. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals

Proposals 163, 164, 165

Jamie O'Connor: Rep from HHA/Deputy director of Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Asking for AC support for 163, 164, and 165

There has been a long-standing discussion regarding pelagic trawling and its interaction with the seafloor. There is concern about how frequently pelagic trawl gear may be contacting or spending time on the seabed.

Participants in the fishery have stated that based on descriptions provided by some pelagic trawl operators regarding their fishing practices, the activity appears to resemble bottom trawling rather than midwater trawling, potentially indicating the use of improper gear or noncompliance with existing regulations. Observations of trawl scars on the seafloor were cited as evidence of seabed interaction.

The objective of these proposals is not to create new regulations, but to ensure enforcement of rules that already exist. Specifically, pelagic trawling is defined as midwater trawling and should remain off the seafloor. We would like to see the existing definition of pelagic trawling enforced. These would include requiring sensors to verify gear position in the water and mandating the use of salmon excluders in state waters.

Loretta Brown: Salmon State

Asking for AC support for 163, 164, and 165

There is no dispute that pelagic trawl gear is contacting the seabed during fishing operations. Pelagic trawl operators have testified before federal authorities that their gear does, in fact, touch the seafloor. Fishing effects models used by NOAA to evaluate seafloor habitat impacts are based, in part, on information provided by trawl operators regarding bottom contact. These models indicate that approximately 40–80% of the affected area experiences some level of seafloor contact. Pollock are typically targeted within approximately 3–9 meters of the seafloor.

The intent of these proposals is not to change fisheries or gear types, but to increase transparency and accountability so that both the public and the Department have a clear understanding of fishing practices and their actual habitat impacts. Most Alaska state waters

prohibit bottom trawling, and enforcing the existing definition of pelagic trawling would support and reinforce those prohibitions.

At the meeting in Cordova a primary concern raised regarding the Prince William Sound trawl fishery was the difficulty of enforcing the pelagic trawl definition due to the lack of observers. The use of bottom-contact sensors was discussed as a potential tool to improve accountability and enforceability.

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Commercial Fisheries			
Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters			
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Support	12	0	<p>Heard from Jamie O'Connor: Rep from HHA/Deputy director of Alaska Marine Conservation Council & Loretta Brown: Salmon State as stakeholders</p> <p>Question (Tom H): Does Senator Kronk's proposal would address these concerns.</p> <p>Jamie Response: The proposal pertains to a different type of gear and does not directly regulate pelagic trawl operations. While the legislation could allow for determinations that some pelagic trawl gear functions as bottom trawling, the proposal leaves significant details undefined. The legislation does not address the specific issue of pelagic trawl fisheries that are managed as midwater trawlers but are operating in contact with the seafloor, leaving this issue unresolved</p>

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			<p>Question (Dan M.): What would be the cost of the salmon excluder and sensors?</p> <p>Answer (Jamie): Salmon excluders are fairly economical. The cost of sensors would need to be determined through agreement on specifications.</p> <p>Question (Doug Q.): How long have salmon excluders been in use?</p> <p>Answer (Loretta): Approximately 15–20 years, with introduction around 2012.</p> <p>Josh: Federal waters already require salmon excluders,, so most operators likely already have them.</p> <p>Billy: Use of salmon excluders has become standard practice.</p> <p>Dan A.: Opinion that this is a federal issue</p> <p>Response (Jamie): Salmon excluders are not solely a federal issue, and the state process has an opportunity to lead with these proposals.</p>
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
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165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
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166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
Support	11	0	1 Abstention (Doug)
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	12	0	<p>Billy: There is currently no clear definition of what constitutes a "slinky pot." He has heard of some operators who have been stitching pots together, creating ambiguity. It would likely be beneficial to provide a clear, standardized definition.</p>
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Support	7	4	<p>Doug M.: Hatchery inbreeding is a larger problem than we think it is. If left unchecked, it may contribute significantly to other fishery issues. Has intent to support this proposal and others that address similar concerns.</p> <p>Dan M.: AC's located far from coastal communities, such as Fairbanks, making blanket cuts is not an ideal approach. Hatcheries undergo a strict annual permit renewal process, conducted through ADF&G with community input, which provides a more appropriate forum for discussion and decision-making. In the North Pacific as a</p>

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			<p>whole, Alaska has a smaller percentage of hatchery releases compared to Japan and Russia. Reducing salmon releases could lead to increased abundance of pollock and other species, resulting in shifts in ecosystem dynamics.</p> <p>Dave L.: Agrees that the Fairbanks AC's approach is problematic, but fishery management is not solely focused on protecting salmon.</p> <p>Dan A.: Agrees with the concerns about the Fairbanks AC's approach but does not agree with hatchery fishing in general.</p> <p>1 Abstention (Billy)</p>
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
Support	12	0	Sid: There's no reason not to let people shut their skiffs off at this point.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Support	6	5	<p>Josh: There is a significant amount of catch-and-release fishing for undersized halibut.</p> <p>Billy: The proposal was intended to reduce release mortality at a time of low abundance of a species. Release mortality numbers affect our annual allocation of halibut for both longline and charter sectors. Reducing our release mortality is in the best interest of the halibut fishery. Proposal 176 is an effort to do less damage to the resource.</p> <p>George: Prefers to catch his own fish if he is paying for a charter trip.</p> <p>Lauren: Concerns about food scarcity are not realistic on a \$500-per-head charter trip.</p> <p>Sid: The proposed rule is likely to increase effort on secondary species. Understands the proposal but wished that the charter</p>

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			<p>industry would be more transparent about its underlying motivations.</p> <p>Eric Lehm: Charter operators are seeking to complete trips earlier</p> <p>Question (Sid): Why does every client need to catch their limit?</p> <p>Answer (Eric Lehm): Because clients want to catch their limits</p> <p>1 Abstention (Dave)</p>
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
Opposed	0	12	<p>Dan M.: It's more appropriate to manage this fishery by area rather than through blanket measures.</p> <p>Dan A.: Setting a limit would primarily affect individuals under age 60 who do not have a permanent license.</p> <p>Mike (ADFG): The Board does not have the authority to require permits. There may be future proposals for king salmon permits. When considering permit requirements, the Department evaluates both the burden on users and the administrative burden on the Department. He acknowledged that harvest data is not as complete as desired but suggested that the simplest approach would be to avoid requiring additional permits for charter fishermen, as their harvest is already recorded. Emphasized the importance of making any permit and reporting processes as straightforward as possible, avoiding duplicate reporting requirements.</p>
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Opposed	0	12	<p>Dan M.: It's more appropriate to manage this fishery by area rather than through blanket measures.</p> <p>Dan A.: Setting a limit would primarily affect individuals under age 60 who do not have a permanent license.</p> <p>Mike (ADFG): The Board does not have the authority to require permits. There may be future proposals for king salmon permits. When considering permit requirements, the Department evaluates</p>

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<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
Opposed	0	12	<p>Mike (ADFG): The Department’s intention with the proposal was to focus specifically on lingcod. Lingcod have a minimum size limit, there is currently no requirement to retain the carcass. Enforcement has been challenging at times when legally harvested fish are not retained, and some wildlife troopers brought these concerns to the Department’s attention. The proposal, as written, would require every boat to retain the carcasses of all fish species with both a bag limit and a size limit. In Southeast, EOs have been used to address carcass retention requirements.</p> <p>Discussion: Majority consensus that the proposal, as written, would be logistically difficult to implement for port and harbor operations, and that the rule would be more effective if it were more specific to the species of concern.</p>
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Support	11	0	<p>Question (Billy): Can Mike provide a clearer definition of rockfish?</p> <p>Answer (Mike ADFG): The current state definition of rockfish is not standardized across all areas. The proposal would remove the “non-pelagic” category and replace it with three categories: demersal, shelf, and slope species. This change is intended to</p>

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			<p>provide consistency across all fisheries harvesting rockfish. In areas such as Prince William Sound, this approach could allow adjustments to bag limits and provide harvest opportunities specifically for slope species. It would also improve data collection on harvests and enhance understanding of stock status.</p> <p>Dan A.: Concern that this change could lead to overharvesting, as fishermen might attempt to target different species under multiple limits.</p> <p>Mike (ADFG): Addressing this concern would require a separate proposal.</p> <p>1 Abstention (Dan A)</p>
186/ACR 5	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
Opposed	0	11	<p>Heard from Steve Brown, Member of the Public</p> <p>Dan A.: The proposal did not meet any of the established criteria required to be accepted as an ACR and the Board adopted the ACR and converted it into a proposal, which is inappropriate. The affected fishery currently receives only one opening per week in one area, and in the other area an opening occurs only when run strength is exceptionally strong. If this area is removed, the remaining fishing opportunity would be limited to corridor areas, where coho salmon are also harvested. The Board should consider not supporting the proposal and recognize the intent of this proposal is to reallocate fish to guides in the Valley.</p> <p>Question (Tom H.): Given the record run this year, what will the 20-year average run look like?</p> <p>Answer (Dan A.): Personal historical observations from the early 1990s, when fishing in the lower inlet, when coho abundance is high, fishermen will catch them.</p> <p>There are approximately 585 drift permits, with roughly 110 vessels classified as D boats. He estimated total participation at approximately 460–475 vessels, with maximum deliveries totaling approximately 365–370 vessels during the previous year.</p> <p>1 Abstention (Cory DeCook)</p>

4. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

Dan A.: Would like to explore limiting participation in Northern District fisheries for catch-and-release fishing when escapement goals are not being met. May draft a proposal himself and pursue it through the Board process.

Dan M.: Update on Fish and Game comments regarding the beaver trapping proposal. Chris (AMB) opposes closing beaver trapping, because beaver are not managed by drainage. Contact the Department and provide input if you have an interest in the issue.

X. Set next meeting date: Currently scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at 6 pm

XI. Other:

- Homer AC will let Leila know if anyone is going to the statewide finfish meeting
 - Dan A mentioned talking to Cory Loos about attendance
 - Josh expressed interest in attending

XII. Adjournment: 20:18

Minutes Recorded By: Lauren A. Wolford

Minutes Approved By: Douglas Malone

Date: 12.16.25

Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 7th, 2026
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

- I. Call to Order:
 II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Monte Roberts		
Dyer van Devere		
Scott Daletas		
Andrew Carmichael		
Joe Thomas		
Jerry Strieby		
Al Belknap		
Scott Miller		
Jon Essert		
Colby Engstrom		
Karl Dagel		
Ron Petty		
Jacob Daniels		
Jim McGrath		
Greg Springer		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business

- a. Finish Board of Game Southcentral Proposals
- b. Start Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		

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80			Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25
81			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
82			Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days
83			Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears
84			Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D
85			Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			
86			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
87			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
88			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
89			Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7
90			Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions
91			Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October

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92			Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25
93			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
94			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
95			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
96			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
97			Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
98			Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay
99			Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
100			Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game
101			Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
102			Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C
103			Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

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104			Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C
105			Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15
106			Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G
107			Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20
108			Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts
109			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits
110			Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River
111			Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder
112			Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts
113			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
114			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits
115			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

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116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
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125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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128			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
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131			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
132			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
133			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
134			Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season
135			Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps
136			Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year
137			Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15
138			Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days
139			Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps

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140			Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years
141			When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February
142			Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7
143			Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15
144			Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C
145			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7
146			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7
147			Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7
148			Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7
149			Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7
150			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7
151			Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years
152			Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years
153			Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping
154			Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C

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<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		

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167			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
168			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
169			Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagler River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions
170			Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents
171			Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Form Eklutna area
172			Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Management area in Unit 14C
173			Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt
174			Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)
177			Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days
178			Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods
179			Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C

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180			Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season
181			Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative's permit for sheep in Unit 14C
182			Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas
183			Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15
184			Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31
185			Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C
186			Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt
187			Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder
188			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to "up to" 20% of the available permits as follows
189			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to "up to" 20% of the available permits
190			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to "up to" 20% of the available permits
191			Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C
192			Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C
193			Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt

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194			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30
195			Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder
196			Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder
197			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
199			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
200			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks
201			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
202			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only though December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1
203			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three
204			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
205			Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek
206			Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek
207			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side
208			Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8

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209			Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8
210			Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household
211			Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31
212			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
213			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
214			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
215			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
216			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
217			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed

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223			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
224			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
225			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
228			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
229			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
230			Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st
231			Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479
232			Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8
233			Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236
234			Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20
235			Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit in Unit 8

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236			Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters
237			Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents
238			Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear
239			Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting
240			Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting
241			Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8
242			Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15
243			Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms
244			Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8
245			Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
246			Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
247			Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license
248			Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region
250			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
251			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A

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252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B
253			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
254			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18
255			Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
256			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
257			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
258			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
259			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
260			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
261			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26
ACR 3			Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		

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169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		

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<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
ACR 5	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		

- XI. Select representatives for board meetings?
- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 4th, 2026
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Monte Roberts	x	
Dyer van Devere	x	
Scott Daletas		e
Andrew Carmichael	x	
Joe Thomas	x	
Jerry Strieby	x	
Al Belknap		e
Scott Miller		e
Jon Essert	x	
Colby Engstrom	x	
Karl Dagel	x	
Ron Petty	x	
Jacob Daniels	x	
Jim McGrath	X	
Greg Springer	X	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Colton Lipka, Phil Stacey, Anna Medina

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Please don't forget to send Leila your approved meeting minutes!

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish comments due Monday, March 2nd
- b. Board of Game Southcentral comments due Friday, March 6th

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G: Phil Stacey

i. Kenai River king salmon management for upcoming season

1. Shared upcoming emergency orders for king salmon management

- a. Kenai River will have catch-and-release only for wild kings, with retention of hatchery fish allowed (one per day, five

per season)

- b. Stated that once an angler retains a hatchery fish over 20 inches, they are done fishing for any species below the bridge on the Kenai River
- c. Noted that the sanctuary at the mouth behind the island will be closed from May 1 through July 31 to all fishing

c. Other

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals 170, 171, and 186
- b. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed
 - i. Potential AC proposal regarding rainbow trout management on Kenai River

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<p><i>Commercial Fisheries</i></p>			
<p><i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i></p>			
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Oppose	2	9	Oppose: One member stated that this proposal is not statewide and would want this to be completed on an area-by-area basis, as

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			different regions have different needs. Also concerned about making arbitrary reductions without scientific evidence of impact. Support: concerned with competition for food source of coho and other salmon species with pinks. 1 abstention
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Oppose	2	8	Oppose: Members questioned whether reducing numbers would effectively reduce straying. 2 abstentions
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Support	10	0	Most members noted that hatcheries are already at capacity and not planning increases. Another member confirmed that many regional groups are not taking their full egg allocation currently. Support: Members viewed this proposal as a reasonable middle ground to maintain status quo until better scientific data is available. 2 abstentions
<i>Supplemental Proposals</i>			
186 (formerly ACR 5)	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
Oppose	0	11	Department explained the proposal would restrict drift gillnet fishing in Area 1 (triangle north of the EEZ) from July 9-31 based on Kenai River sockeye run size. Department noted that coho make up a very small proportion of drift gillnet harvest (2,000-5,000 fish) compared to sockeye (60,000-80,000). Department also explained that monitoring systems for northern coho stocks (Deshka and Little Susitna) are unreliable due to their weir issues.

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			<p>Oppose: Members questioned whether restricting Area 1 would significantly impact northern coho returns. Members noted the proposal was submitted out of cycle and would negatively impact commercial fishermen who don't use the EEZ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 abstention</p>

- i. AC Proposals: Rainbow trout management on Kenai River
 - 1. Current regulations allow one fish under 16 inches
 - 2. Members discussed whether increasing rainbow trout harvest could benefit salmon populations by reducing predation. They noted that larger rainbows are likely more effective predators on juvenile salmon. Acknowledged this would be a contentious issue with strong opinions on both sides. Members hoped that other options would be considered, such as allowing two fish per day under 20 inches.
 - 3. No consensus was reached on whether to submit a proposal on rainbow trout harvest

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting:
 - a. Board of Fisheries Statewide finfish: Monte Roberts, possibly Colby Engstrom if he doesn't have jury duty
 - b. Board of Game Southcentral: Monte Roberts
 - c. Will work with Leila on how to juggle attending both meetings and giving AC testimony

- XII. Set next meeting date: Potentially April for AC elections, but will work with Leila on exact date
 - a. Ask Leila to send updated roster with election dates to determine who's up for re-election and to help with elections

- XIII. Other

- XIV. Adjourned at 8:18pm by Monte Roberts

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Greg Springer
Minutes Approved By: Monte Roberts
Date: 02/11/2026

**Kodiak Advisory Committee Minutes
January 30, 2026
Kodiak ADF&G Office Chiniak Room**

I. Call to Order: 1:05 p.m. by Paul Chervenak, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present (14):

Paul Chervenak (Kodiak, Big Game Guide/Outfitter)
Julie Kavanaugh (Undesignated, Concerned Citizen)
Rebecca Skinner (Undesignated, Concerned Citizen)
Theresa Peterson (Undesignated, South End Setnet)
Ron Kavanaugh (Kodiak, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon)
Andrew Finke (Kodiak, Subsistence)
Alexus Kwatchka (Kodiak, Processor)
Paddy O'Donnell (Kodiak, Trawl)
Tollef Monson (Kodiak, West Side Salmon Gillnet)
Oliver Holm (Undesignated, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner)
Tyler Schmeil (Kodiak, Large Boat Crab)
Duncan Fields (Old Harbor Community)
Rolan Ruoss (Undesignated, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter)
Anitra Winkler (Undesignated, Alternate)

Members Absent (Excused): Kevin Adkins (Port Lions Community), Brandon Bartleson (Port Lions Community, Alternate)

Members Absent (Unexcused): Garman Squartsoff (Ouzinkie Community), Coral Chernoff (Undesignated, Alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tyler Polum, Geoffery Spalinger, Natalie Romo.

IV. **Guests and Public Present:** Alaska State Trooper Josh Boyle, Abby Haughey, Gerald Buckey, Tina Fairbanks, Iver Holm, Makota Oldin, Gerry Knagin, Ian Harper, Linda Kozak, Tim Botz, Steve O'Brien, Brianna Woolever, Kyle Woolever, Al Cratty II, Jane Petrich, Chris Johnson, Aaron Nevin, Thom Wischer, Kavik Anderson, Clifton Ivanoff, Nickolas Hoffman, Peter Ivanoff, Byron Horn, Arthur Becker, Tim Gossett, Leigh Thomet, Mike Ferris, Brian McWethy, Hailey Thompson Ivanoff, Curis Bollinger, Marko Patituci, Nate Rose

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion 1 to approve agenda.

Motion 2 to amend agenda by adding Amend Bylaws as the first item under New Business, and moving Proposal 11 down to New Business immediately following Officer Elections. Motion to amend, and Motion 1 pass 14-0 without opposition.

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes N/A (minutes previously approved by Chair)
- VII. Public Comment
 Tina Fairbanks from Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association (KRAA) asked the AC to oppose Proposals 170, 171, 172 scheduled for Statewide BOF meeting.
- Luke Brockman asked the AC to send a letter to legislators supporting HB 233.
- Motion 3** to send a letter support HB 233. Motion passes 14-0 without opposition.
- VIII. Old Business - None
- IX. New Business
- a. Bylaw Revision. On January 26, 2026 ADFG Board Support Natalie Romo notified the AC Officers that the bylaw provision requiring residency within the Kodiak Island Borough for AC membership was invalid.
- Motion 4** to remove Article IV from the bylaws. Motion passed 12-2.
- b. Elections for x7 seats:
- i. Undesignated seats x3 (Concerned citizen, South end Setnet, Transporter/Sport fish charter)
 - ii. Kodiak designated seats x2 (Small boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Subsistence)
 - iii. Undesignated alternate seats x2
- Much discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of continuing with elections today since residency requirements were unclear to AC members and to people who might want to serve on the AC. T. Peterson noted that she told South Side Setnetters that residing within the KIB was required to hold a seat on the AC, which is no longer the case after the vote to remove Article IV.
- Motion 5** to move Elections to the end of the Agenda, and recess the meeting to Monday when AC gets to the Elections section of the Agenda. Much discussion about the pros and cons of delaying elections, particularly since so many members of the public showed up to take part in the election. Motion withdrawn.
- Motion 6** to postpone election for South End Setnet seat to a later date. Motion fails 7-7.
- Motion 7** to move election for all seats to the end of the agenda, and recessing the meeting until Monday or thereabouts. Much discussion ensues about the pros and cons of delaying elections for only a few days, when it sounds like we may not have the clarifications we need in order to conduct elections in a transparent and fair manner, ensuring that everyone understands the process and requirements. Motion withdrawn.
- Motion 8** to remove Elections from tonight's Agenda. The intent is to clarify who can vote, who is eligible for various seats, etc., prior to elections, which will require 14 days notice to the public. Motion passes 12-2.
- c. Officer elections (none held; delayed to next meeting with Elections occur)
 - d. AK Pen. Cod Proposal 11 (Actions recorded in Statewide table)

- e. Discuss AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/ Chignik Finfish Proposals at the discretion of the AC (Actions recorded in AK Pen/AI/Chignik Finfish table)

Motion 11 to make the following statement on **Proposal 107** for AK Pen/AI/Chignik Finfish meeting: Regulations pertaining to fish caught in a commercial fishery and retained for personal household consumption are adequate and no additional regulations are needed.

Additional comments from AC members: The proposal is confusing in that it references both personal use permits and commercial fishing activities. It is unclear if this proposal intends to regulate behavior in commercial fisheries, or behavior occurring in personal use fisheries. Residents in Southwest Alaska have a long history of retaining fish for household consumption from commercial harvest; these fish are logged and this activity is legal. This proposal threatens Southwest Alaska residents' access to fish and places unreasonable limitations on their ability to fulfill household needs from fish that have already been caught.

- f. Statewide fisheries proposals at the AC's discretion (Actions recorded in Statewide table)
- g. Appoint single member to approve Meeting minutes to accommodate on time comment submission

Motion 32 for Chair Chervenak to approve minutes for both the AK Pen/AI/Chignik Finfish meeting and Statewide meeting as drafted by Secretary Skinner, and reviewed by J. Kavanaugh. Motion passes 13-0.

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Motion 31 for J. Kavanaugh and P. O'Donnell to represent Kodiak AC at Statewide meeting. Motion passes 13-0.

- XI. Set next meeting date

- XII. Other

- XIII. Adjourn

Motion 33 to adjourn. Motion passes 13-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:26 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: February 3, 2026

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11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
Support	11	2	<p>1 Abstention-</p> <p>Support- The AC appreciates the intent of the proposal is to protect seafloor habitat (not to avoid gear conflicts or to reduce bycatch) and feels protecting seafloor habitat within state water is important, particularly in AI areas with vulnerable corals. There are lots of other areas in the AI where trawling can occur-outside of state waters. There are trawlable grounds outside of state waters near and around Adak, which will help support Adak's efforts to restart a processing plant in the community. Smaller Western Gulf of Alaska trawl vessels that go to the AI to fish can use pot gear instead of trawl gear, and will not be negatively impacted. Trawling is destructive as evidenced by the <i>Oceans</i> film (David Attenborough).</p> <p>Oppose- Footage from <i>Oceans</i> features outdated European trawls filmed in the 1980s, while Alaska trawl gear has innovated considerably since the 1980s. Modern bottom trawl gear used in Alaska has evolved to reduce its impact on the bottom (reducing bottom contact from ~90% to ~10%), and be very light in the water (if rollers hit a rock the net jumps 3-4 feet off of the bottom). AI P-cod aggregate mainly on a narrow shelf in state waters, and there are not comparable fishing grounds outside of 3 miles. Adak continues efforts to reopen a fish processing plan, for which trawl deliveries are important, and limiting trawl is counterproductive.</p>
162	Prohibit transportation services in subsistence fisheries		
Support	14	0	Support- Transportation services in what are supposed to be subsistence fisheries have become a significant problem around Kodiak, particularly for King Crab. Prohibiting the use of transportation services would make enforcement of the King Crab subsistence fishery easier since there is no sport fishery around Kodiak.
163/164	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
Oppose	1	12	Oppose- Pelagic trawl gear and non-pelagic trawl gear are very different from each other, and combining them together as proposed is like apples and oranges. This proposal is unworkable and would shut down trawl fisheries. Changing the definition of trawl gear as proposed would create greater inconsistency with federal regulations, which makes it harder on

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			trawl fishermen who fish in state fisheries, federal fisheries, and parallel fisheries. Nobody on the AC is familiar with the proposer, the Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance. Support-
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose- Implementing this proposal as written would be very difficult and expensive because each trawl net is essentially custom-built, and an excluder must be built into or for a specific net. Salmon excluders have already been widely adopted by the trawl fleet. The proposal indicates the proposers did not talk to trawl operators (or any ACs) and it would be very beneficial if Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance reached out to trawlers and ACs to develop a more workable proposal.
166	Define mechanical jigging machine more specifically		
Support	14	0	Support- This proposal works in conjunction with Proposal 167 to better prohibit cheating in the jig fishery. In this case cheating means vessels are supposed to be fishing in the jig fishery with jig gear, but are instead using longline or pot gear, which are more efficient gear types that catch a lot more fish much faster than jig gear. This proposal would help enforcement by clearly defining “jig gear” making it easier to discern if illegal gear type is being employed on the vessel.
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
Support as amended	14	0	As Amended the proposal would read: In the statewide jig fishery, vessels registered to jig <i>Pacific cod</i> fish in the <i>Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak and South Peninsula Regions</i> may only carry mechanical jigging machines and hand troll gear. Long line gear, reels, drums, and slinky pots are prohibited on board while prosecuting the fishery, traveling to or from the fishing grounds or offloading jig cod harvest. Support- The amendment clarifies that the prohibition only applies while fishing for Pacific cod, and that the prohibition does not apply to Southeast Alaska. It was acknowledged that different fisheries in different areas of the state operate differently, but that this issue of using pots in the jig fishery around Kodiak has become a real and significant problem in recent years that needs to be addressed. The jig season has been shortened considerably in recent years, going from usually closing

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			in May or even later by regulation, to closing at the beginning of April. Observations of suspicious behavior (by the problematic vessels) included only fishing at night, lights off in heavy weather, 40K lb loads, and piles of longline snaps on deck.
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or ‘slinky pot’		
Support	14	0	Support- This proposal creates a clear definition for a slinky pot, and is supported by enforcement.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
Oppose	0	13	1 Abstention-complicated biological and scientific issue and lack of information. Oppose- Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association shared information and data from their hatchery operations in Kodiak. Cutting hatchery production by 25% would have significant EXPECTED economic consequences, and there would likely also be UNEXPECTED consequences and ripples effects. Pink salmon hatchery production helps fund other hatchery projects, which would be jeopardized by this proposal. Hatchery plans are subject to public review and oversight through the Regional Planning Team (RPT) process. Alaska hatchery production is a small proportion of releases across the Pacific Rim, and has not increased since the 1990s. We have had some of the biggest wild pink salmon runs around Kodiak and Prince William Sound in the last decade, and those occurred alongside ongoing hatchery production.
171	Require changes in Prince William Sound Pink Salmon hatchery production sufficient to reduce straying into Lower Cook Inlet streams to levels specified in the Prince William Sound/Copper River Comprehensive Salmon Plan.		
Oppose	0	13	1 Abstention-complicated biological and scientific issue and lack of information. Oppose- The chances of Prince William Sound pink salmon straying and negatively impacting Cook Inlet wild runs are unlikely. This issue is within the purview of the ADFG Commissioner and the RPTs, and the issue should continue to be managed at that level. The proposal is vague and it is not clear how it could be implemented; for example, what “changes” would be required, and what level of reduction in straying is desired?

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172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Oppose	0	13	1 Abstention-complicated biological and scientific issue and lack of information. Oppose- This proposal is beyond the Board’s purview in regard to hatchery management, and it is not clear how or when the moratorium could ever be lifted, or how communities could start new hatcheries.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent,		
Support	14	0	Support- This proposal is a housekeeping proposal and makes sense.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
Oppose	2	12	Oppose- Status quo works and the changes requested in the proposal are unnecessary. In addition, this proposal effectively creates the ability to utilize a seine net as a "trap" which is prohibited in regulation. For example, nets could be left deployed in shallow water as the tide recedes. Support- Lots of people already do this (and it does not seem to be causing a problem).
176-177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
Oppose	4	10	Oppose- Allowing pooled bag and possession limits further hampers Alaska’s ability to track angler catch, particularly in regards to halibut. We already lack information on how many individual halibut anglers are fishing, and their actual catch (since angler catch is assessed using a survey that goes out to only a fraction of anglers, with only a fraction of that fraction responding to the survey). Further, there is no cap on unguided angler halibut catch so there are no guardrails along with spotty catch and participation data. This change seems like it could increase overall catch because the most successful anglers could keep fishing until bag and possession limits for everyone on board are met. Legalizing this behavior simply because it is already happening is not a good policy. Support – It is easier to keep track of one set of fish, rather than track limits separately for each individual on the boat. The reality is that many anglers are already pooling their bag and possession limits, and enforcement has no way of knowing who caught what fish.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit to attribute bag limits to any person taking part in the catch		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose- The proposal as written is unclear; for example, if four people touch the pole as the fish is being reeled in does that one fish count against each of their bag limits? If a crew member on a charter vessel

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			touches the pole then does the fish count against their limit? It is not clear how the proposal improves regulations or operations.
179-180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon (10 fish in 179 and 5 fish in 180)		
Oppose	0	12	1 Abstention Oppose- The annual king salmon limits proposed would mostly negatively impact Alaska residents because nonresident anglers are more likely visiting for two weeks or less, and a 5 or 10 fish limit for them is not constraining. However, for Alaskans who live here year-round and rely on king salmon throughout the year the proposed caps are severely limiting. Observation that there are more king salmon now (number of fish), but they are substantially smaller (10 lbs versus 20 lbs) compared to the 1990s.
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
Support	13	0	Support- This proposal speaks for itself, and it makes sense to align regulations for consistency.

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner
 Minutes Approved By: Paul A. Chervenak
 Date: February 10, 2026

Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 pm
by web/teleconference

I. Call to Order: 7:05 pm by chair Jack Reakoff

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jack Reakof (Chair), Michelle Quillin, Ricko DeWilde, Lee DeWilde, Janet Bifelt, Vincent Simon

Members absent: Clinton Bergman, Charles Ned, Raymand McCarty, Darrel Vent, Jack Wholecheese

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

IV. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:

Glenn Stout (ADFG), Deena Jallen (ADFG), Matt Olson (ADFG), Kyle Campbell (ADFG), Erin Julianus (BLM), Gale Vick (Fairbanks AC),

V. Approval of Agenda: motion by Michell Quillin; second by Janet Bifelt; unanimous

Meeting Summary:

The Koyukuk Advisory Committee met to review and discuss various fishing proposals, including management strategies for salmon species and Board of Fish proposals for Area M. The committee supported several key proposals aimed at protecting salmon stocks and reducing fishing impacts, while opposing others that would open new fishing areas or extend fishing time. The group planned future meetings and discussions, including a one-day meeting in Huslia to address game proposals and community engagement concerns.

Fish Board Proposal Review Meeting

The meeting began with introductions, and who was present on line, Glenn Stout DFG Galena Area, Deena Jallen DFG Yukon Summer season, Matt Olson Yukon Fall season. Erin Julianus BLM, Gale Vick Fairbank AC Chairwoman confirmation, Establishing a quorum. Michelle Quillin, Ricko Dewilde, Vincent Simon, Janet Bifelt, Lee Dewilde and chairman Jack Reakoff present.

Jack outlined the agenda, which included Area M proposals, statewide proposals, and the need to submit recommendations to the Board of Fish due by the next day. The group approved the agenda. Discussed the misplaced minutes from the previous meeting on April 9, 2025 in Hughes, tabled until the next meeting. Jack provided a chair's report, mentioning discussions with Gale about Fairbanks AC, Fish proposals Western Interior Regional Advisory Council and EIRAC joint meeting discussed these fish proposals with TCC.

Yukon Salmon Management Updates

Deena Jallen Gave an overview of her recent work. Yukon River Panel and management strategies for Chinook and summer chum salmon. Deena reported that 2025 saw poor escapement goals for Chinook and summer chum, but noted improved survival rates for Canadian origin Chinook salmon. Matt Olson shared that the fall chum escapement was slightly better than the previous year, with Coho salmon being a bright spot due to their good condition and high escapement numbers. The group discussed upcoming meetings and the need for an action plan addressing management concerns for Chinook, fall chum, and Coho salmon, which will be presented at the Statewide Board of Fish Meeting in March.

Fishing Proposals and Fairbanks Advisory Support

The Fairbanks AC chairwoman Gale, discussed the support for several fishing proposals, including the most affective Proposal 131 from the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, which cuts 12 consecutive days of fishing in the June fishery, while opposing proposals that would open new fishing areas or extend fishing time. Gale provided a list of 22 proposals that the committee opposed, including numbers 113, 114, 121-125, 134-139, 142, 144-149. The committee also discussed their upcoming monthly meeting on Monday at 6 PM, where they will review statewide proposals and show a 15-minute film about hatchery impacts.

Board of Fish Proposal Review

The Koyukuk AC meeting focused on discussing Board of Fish proposals, particularly Proposal 128 the AC's own proposal. Jack emphasized the importance of supporting their submitted proposal, which had aspects that were even liked by the Fairbanks Advisory Committee. The group also discussed a successful joint meeting with the Mentana and Tanana Rampart Manly councils, and considered the impact of Area M proposals on chum salmon returns. Gale highlighted the need to address these proposals due to their significant impact on summer chum populations.

Fishery Proposal Review and Adoption

The advisory committee motioned and seconded discussed and **adopted unanimously Proposal 128**, which aims to protect Chum and Chinook salmon. Michelle suggested that advisory committees could collaborate more in the future to support proposals and suggest amendments. The committee agreed to move the proposal forward to the Board of Fish for further consideration.

The Advisory Committee discussed our **Proposal 107**, which addresses a loophole allowing commercial fishers to sell fish under home pack permits, by requiring clipping the fins of subsistence caught fish, motion was made and seconded, and **adopted unanimously**. The AC voiced support proposals 127, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 136, 140, 141, and 148 that were supported by the Tanana Chiefs Conference. Gale Fairbanks AC presented Proposal 131, which received strong support due to its scientific basis and extensive collaboration with various stakeholders. The Committee motioned to and seconded to adopt **Proposal 131 unanimously**. The committee discussed Proposal 131, which includes a closure period to minimize impact on chum and Chinook

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salmon, and targets high-efficiency gear during peak migration. Janet, who was new to the advisory committee, expressed surprise at the rapid review of proposals but acknowledged having the necessary information. The committee emphasized the importance of submitting these recommendations and comments to the Board of Fish proposals for Area M comment period ending the next day February 3.

The AC motioned to adopt and seconded Proposal 136, which calls for full closure of the June fishery. The committee agreed to adopt Proposal 136 to send a strong message to the Board of Fish about the seriousness of the situation and need to address the chum salmon stock of concern.

Hatchery Reduction Proposals Supported

The Committee Motioned and second to adopt and discussed **Proposal 170**, motion carried **unanimously carried**. The proposal seeks to reduce hatchery egg take by 25% for chum and pink salmon. After further discussion proposals, **170, 171 and 172** were bundled into another motion and second to support all three **adopted unanimously**. Gale Fairbanks AC explained that previous hatchery reduction proposals had been unsuccessful at board meetings, but were now being considered at the upcoming statewide Fin and Fish meeting. The committee did not have anyone that could attend the Board of Fish meeting scheduled for February 18-24 in Anchorage. Kyle Board support explaining the schedule and public testimony process. Chairman Reakoff has travel and meeting conflicts but will try to comment to the BOF if possible.

Board of Game Meeting Planning

The group agreed to schedule a face-to-face meeting in late March or early April, with Janet suggesting March 24-26, and discussed potential locations but decided on Huslia.

Game Proposals and Community Engagement

The advisory committee discussed plans for a one-day meeting in Huslia on March 24th or 26th to address game proposals and community engagement. Ideas discussed for game proposals. The committee also addressed concerns about non-resident hunters and guides operating in traditional areas, with Michelle suggesting potential restrictions. Ricko proposed new measures for managing grizzly bears and wolves to support moose populations. The conversation ended with plans to further discuss these proposals at the upcoming meeting in Huslia.

Gale Vick and ADFG staff was thanked for their help and input to this meeting. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn unanimous, at about 8:35 PM

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Minutes Approved By: Jack Reakoff, Chair

Date: 2/3/2026

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107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person’s own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
SUPPORT	6	0	
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
SUPPORT	6	0	
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
SUPPORT	6	0	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
SUPPORT	6	0	

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170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
SUPPORT	6	0	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
SUPPORT	6	0	
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
SUPPORT	6	0	

**Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Mat-Su College, 8295 E. College Drive Room FSM202, Palmer and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6:04pm, by Herb Mansavage, Chairman

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair X
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game X
Michelle	Heun	Secretary X
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish X
Neil	DeWitt	X (Zoom)
Dom	Nickles	X (Zoom-joined at 6:42pm; left at 8:42pm)
Hunter	Hongslo	X
Birch	Yuknis	X
Danny	Lewis	X (Zoom-joined at 6:15pm)
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	X (Zoom)
Ed	Soto	A/E
Bruce	Privett	X (Zoom-left at 6:40pm)
Steve	Bartelli	A/E
Dewey	Bitler	X
Pete	Imhof	X (Zoom)
Austin	Manelick	Alternate A/E
Ron	Linder	Alternate X (Zoom)

*Present: **X – 14** (dropped to 13 after member Privett left)

*Members Absent (Excused): **A/E - 3**

*Members Absent (Unexcused): **A/UE - 0**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members

List of User Groups Present: Hunting guide, sport hunter, subsistence hunter, fishing guide, commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing, trapping, wildlife photographer, wildlife viewing, conservationist

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Leila Williams, Board Support (Zoom)
- IV. Guests Present:
Gale Vick, Fairbanks Advisory Committee (Zoom)
Craig Van Arsdale (Zoom)
Blake Parker (late arrival)
- V. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve by Birch, second by Andy.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion approved without objection at previous meeting allowed for committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes of February 18, 2026, be sent electronic via email to members and Board Support (Committee was given until Friday, February 26, 2026, to review then finalize minutes.) Copy of meeting minutes can be viewed in secretary's book upon request and also the state web site.
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report
Would anyone be willing to attend the Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting in Anchorage, March 17-21? Possibly Ed, and a backup. Chairman Mansavage will attend Board of Game (BOG) in Kodiak.
 - b. Others
Andy reported the Mat Su Borough Wildlife Commission will be meeting on Thursday, February 26, and supporting BOF Proposal 186.
- VIII. Public Comment
Gale Vick, Fairbanks Advisory Committee. Spoke to what their committee addressed for BOF. Proposal 127 passed with substitute language removing adaptive management triggers for Area M. The one issue is the management for Area M (Proposal 127-RC 245 (aligned with proposal 140). Non-retention of kings did not pass, which was concerning as kings caught and released likely won't survive. Throwing kings overboard will not make it 2000 miles away. Ms. Vick also mentioned that proposals for chum conservation in the post-June fishery passed (Staff confirmed Proposal 141 carried 5-2, amending post-June salmon management.)
- Craig Van Arsdale author of "up to" Kodiak game proposals. There are no allocation limits on the proposals. It's all about how many non-residents enter the pool. The department charts are messed up (Proposal 223). (Andy: The department always says they are neutral on allocation and if you have "up to" language, if you do anything but give maximum amount of permits they can't be neutral.)

Blake Parker (arrived at 8:48pm). Spoke to wanting to write a proposal.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals (GMU 8, Kodiak Area)
- c. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: This was a proposal previously seen for Prince William Sound (PWS) and Copper River. It was recommended to bring forward to statewide. Herb: This is subsistence only not for personal use. (Yes.) Hunter: If you were engaging in subsistence activity, how could you claim you were hiring someone? Birch: The department does not have comments out yet which makes it difficult to discuss. Andy: Currently on the Copper River, charters can drop people off and pick them up, but can't fish from the boat. On the Copper it's a good opportunity for people to access. The access on the Copper is very limited to put a boat in or get to the river (a lot of private land). Subsistence is about harvesting fish. I think this is something

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			<p>for some people it is a good opportunity to use. I don't think it's a hindrance if you pay someone to be dropped off to catch fish. They are just taking you up and dropping you off.</p> <p>Birch: Subsistence, definitely Alaska residents. There could be a lot of implications that we aren't aware of (for various subsistence fisheries across the state).</p> <p>Dewey: You aren't allowed to fish from his boat. So just using a commercial service. I don't think it should be banned. It's like taking a bush to work – people shouldn't be prevented from hiring transportation.</p> <p>Herb: If this was something to help you fish and had anything to do with an operator catching or netting a fish I would be opposed.</p> <p>Dan: I don't think it's necessary and I won't support.</p>
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		

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TNA			*Committee agreed to Take No Action (TNA) on Proposals 166-168 as these are issues not familiar with.
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
TNA			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
TNA			
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	Motion to support by Andy, second by Dan. Committee noted this was a department proposal clarifying definitions.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
SUPPORT Abstain	11 2	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: This is Fairbanks AC proposal. It can only be brought up statewide. There is a lot of scientific discussion not affiliated with Alaska and concerns about hatchery fish competing with wild stocks, particularly king salmon. One of the big issues is competition at sea such as hatchery. Policy for state management for sustainable for salmon fisheries state wild stocks should take priority over hatchery stocks and managed in a processionary manner if you don't have science. How much is our fishery being impacted by hatchery stock? I know this is controversial if you are making money off hatchery fish. A lot of pink salmon in PWS seem to be hatchery stock. The wild fish should take priority and wild fish should take priority. (Gale: PWS is one of the majors for hatchery. Not only the number of eggs that we put into the Gulf that go into the Bering Sea. A lot of the pink and chum are displacing the wilds and weaken them.

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			<p>This is affecting all our salmon. All those fish go into the Bering Sea. A lot of evidence of Asian chum. We don't have enough genetic studies on them. The state isn't willing to do the studies. The Dept of Commerce who gives out the loans know they will get their money back. It gets attached to permit holders.)</p> <p>Birch: Department will have a hard time. Do the Russian fish get here. Do they get to the Gulf?</p> <p>Andy: The United States is the largest producer of hatchery fish. Russia will be increasing their production.</p> <p>Herb: A commerce issue and a biological fish issue? (Gale: Yes, biological issue. Japanese are lowering. Russian will be increasing production. A lot of Asian chum. We don't have enough genetic studies.)</p> <p>Birch: Pinks take advantage of warm waters.</p> <p>Herb: I think I am inclined to abstain. With trawl right now and a major effect on this I think I need more information.</p> <p>Dan: I am going to support this. There is plenty of evidence there is a problem. Can make immediate impact and see how this affects operation. I'm worried about our natural stocks. The fish aren't as big as they used to be and it could be hatchery, or trawl, but we need to take action and figure out the problem.</p> <p>Birch: Why just pinks and chums?</p> <p>Andy: Private not-for profit (PNP) are primarily raising smolt size kings and coho. Chums and pinks hatch and take off. Hatchery not pen raise them and let them loose. Pinks come back and return is quick. Pinks and chums are better for them to raise for return. For disaster assistance, PWS every other year have been getting assistance for pink salmon (least valuable). The only people making money are seiners. They aren't worth much for everyone else. To have a system supporting raising pinks for disaster assistance I don't think we should be supporting this with federal funds.</p>

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			Dewey: This is just for pinks and chums and I can support this. Bob: Top feeders eating out lower feeders. Abstain: Not enough information and came in late on the discussion.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: Vague proposal. This proposal addresses high stary rates from PWS hatcheries into Lower Cook Inlet streams. I would support this. The proposal asks to follow existing guidelines in the comprehensive plan.</p> <p>Birch: More of a place holder?</p> <p>Andy: Department make the call.</p> <p>Herb: I think it's a guideline.</p> <p>(Gale: The Board has authority over the egg production, but not if it shuts down the hatchery.)</p> <p>Pete: In 2020, the Kenai experienced a pink run that was over the top. These pinks were all small compared to our much larger Kenai pinks. They were presumed to be the PWS 3 to 5 lb pinks where as our Kenai pinks are the 6 to 8 lb average, no DNA to verify. We look no further than our king salmon hatchery release program on the Kasilof where we had king strays in the Kenai verified by clipped fin, the department did not hesitate to reduce the smolt numbers to lessen the chance of hatchery kings in the Kenai. I support the pink salmon hatchery reduction.</p>
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
SUPPORT	12	1	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: I don't think we should increase anymore until this is under control. This would maintain the Commissioner's current policy of not increasing egg take levels.</p> <p>Dan: Doesn't take away anything. I will support.</p>

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			Danny: Opposed. We went through this several years and the same people in Fairbanks keep bringing it back up. There is no evidence the pink salmon are harming wild stocks, and I can't support if there is no evidence.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Andy: There have been issues on lower Cook Inlet. Committee briefly discussed and noted this was a housekeeping proposal.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
TNA			Motion to adopt by Dan. Andy: I would TNA. (Committee preferred to have input from a member who was not present.)
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Hunter: I set net for four years, 3 ½ inch web is small. I think this would make it harder to catch fish. I think I would oppose. I don't think this will help catch fish. Herb: I was in support of this if it would help with king mortality. Andy: Standard gill net gear for coho is 5 ½ inch. I question how much we will save with this. If you can save a net from being lost in the water you are saving a fish. I am opposed noting the smaller mesh would make it harder to catch fish and I question conservation benefits. Pete: I think the intent for this was good to help release kings without entanglement, but it's not that simple.

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			Hunter: I can't picture a king of any size getting caught and they are probably rolling. I don't think this would help release them any easier.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
SUPPORT	7	6	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Birch: Can't do this with halibut?</p> <p>Pete: I have mixed feelings, but I lean toward supporting to help elderly anglers.</p> <p>(Committee supported both Proposals 176 and 177 noting the issue of trawl bycatch made these restrictions seem minor.)</p> <p>Herb: I'm going to support this and 177. I have trawl in the back of my head way too much. A lot of these people just want to catch fish.</p> <p>Andy: I think there is good in this. There are also some issues it raises such as halibut charters are limited like in-season restrictions. This may only increase the number of fish they harvest. Limits have consequences. There is a lot of harvest in the charter harvest and conservation harvest. I'm going to oppose on conservation ground.</p> <p>Dan: I won't support either. If someone hasn't caught a fish, but to let someone else catch most of the fish and such as conservation concerns you should catch your own fish.</p> <p>Birch: Department of Law didn't put any comments in. Can't regulate ethics. One big, one little in SE on charters. People are fishing hard to catch a little one.</p> <p>Andy: I'm opposed, but this is legal in several other states and the department can manage this.</p> <p>Michelle: Oppose. I do believe a 75-year old woman can bring in her own fish.</p>

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177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
SUPPORT	7	6	*See comments Proposal 176.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Committee expressed concerns about the wording being unclear about how many people a fish would count against.</p> <p>Andy: I could support this more than the previous. If there is a bite on any rod, they that would be your rod now. If someone hooks a fish that they can't handle by regulation they couldn't handle that doesn't seem right.</p> <p>Birch: Does this count as a fish for each of the people if three were to help. I would be concerned the proposal could be interpreted to mean one fish count against multiple people's limits.</p> <p>Dewey: It should be the person who lands the fish.</p> <p>Andy: I change my vote to no.</p>
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
SUPPORT	10	3	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: This would probably be most effected in state salt waters. Looking where we are on king salmon other places have problems with kings. I would support 179 or 180. Proposal 179 would allow more robust limit fishing.</p> <p>Birch: I would not support. The winter king salmon doesn't have a limit.</p> <p>Herb: I'm inclined to oppose this. Biologically speaking it's a sustainable fishery.</p> <p>Pete: As a family of four, we used to put 20 kings in the freezer and we depended on that. The winter kings are going somewhere else. We need to be conservation minded for other down the road for other people's fish. How many fish are we pulling out of this ocean every day? Ten is more than enough. We don't know what non-</p>

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			<p>resident are catching. How many are being caught? Is 10 a reduction or an increase.</p> <p>Andy: There are other resources. You'll catch something other than king salmon. There is hardly a fresh water fishery in the state to harvest five salmon. I think 10 king salmon is reasonable.</p> <p>Dan: I think 10 fish is plenty with the situation we have statewide.</p> <p>Birch: If the department could show me this will only effect three people I may support, but I can't.</p>
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
SUPPORT	9	4	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: From a conservation standpoint I will support this as well (noting serious king salmon problems statewide), but I personally support 10.</p>
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
OPPOSE	1	12	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Herb: Housekeeping by department? (Committee discussed concerns about limiting fishing methods by specifying "held in hand or attached to a fishing pole or rod".)</p> <p>Birch: You could call anything a line or pole such a 2x4? One line is already in there. Would be nice to see the department comments.</p> <p>Herb: Is burbot long line sport? (Yes, or personal use.)</p> <p>Andy: I see no problem with someone catching a fish with a hand line. I prefer the current language of "closely attended single line."</p>
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
SUPPORT	13	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Birch: I don't want to amend for any water.</p>

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183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Hunter: I would be inclined to support. I don't see an exemption of Northern Pike.</p> <p>Birch: Not specific for length specific species.</p> <p>Herb: If it was specific for regulated species. How many people process their fish on the beach.</p> <p>Andy: What is the definition for process? Process to me would be fillet. I don't see this really accomplishing anything other than I processed it.</p> <p>Pete: When the red salmon limit goes to six and you have a family of five you see a possibility of 30 fish it's impossible to see how many fish were processed. We see some fillet and thinking on the trooper side it's hard to determine how many legal fish were harvested. It could have been clearer. Two fillets per fish could be easily identified. Until your fish is off the river leave it as it is. I've seen canning fish done on the river. There could be cases of fish processed and not able to be identified.</p> <p>Andy: I'm not going to support this until it has better language. It is unclear to me what it means.</p> <p>Birch: I'll vote no for not having the departments comments.</p>
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
OPPOSE	6	7	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Birch: I'll vote no in protest for not having the department's comments.</p> <p>Herb: The book is getting so much bigger especially when we have trawl fish thrown away.</p>
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		

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SUPPORT, As Amended	13	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: This was an Agenda Change Request (ACR) submitted the committee previously support. I would request all our comments on the ACR be submitted to BOF. Coho salmon study is available on the web site and a genetic report on sockeye salmon that the committee agree to use that data on testimony as well. I'd like to make an amendment to the proposal:</p> <p>At the end of the drift management plan is a Point H: (H. <u>Following the purpose of this plan, the Commissioner may further restrict Central District commercial drift gillnetting under this plan, when the coho salmon spawning escapement projection at Deshka River, Little Susitna River, or another Northern Cook Inlet ADF&G salmon indices falls below the mid-point of the applicable SEG range as provided in 5AAC 21.363(e).</u> [THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEPART FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN UNDER THIS SECTION AS PROVIDED IN 5 AAC 21.363(e) to stay within escapement goals is to stay within the management plan. What the department has been doing is using that provision then providing extra fishing. The amendment would read: Following the purpose under this plan, second by Birch.</p> <p>Herb: I like the language and the amendment. Unanimous support? There needs to be more attention to what is going up the river.</p> <p>Amendment passes 13-0.</p> <p>Andy: Are we agreeable to use comments and departments new data.</p> <p>Proposal, as amended, is supported 13-0.</p>
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
TNA			<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: Online in supplemental proposals (ACR). I don't have any personal opinion on this. BOF still making escapement goal. I suggest TNA.</p> <p>Motion to TNA.</p>

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<p><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></p>			
Kodiak Area – Unit 8			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: I don't think it's necessary. I'm opposed. Dan: I don't think it will do much. Andy: The pressure probably drops off significantly and it's a non - issue.</p>
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Herb: 199, 200 and 201 together? No objections. (Committee distinguished between proposals for der versus buck, supporting two bucks but not more deer.) Dan: I won't support any of these. Non-residents come and fly out. There is no season for more than one buck anywhere else in the state. I support the one buck rule. Too many transporters out there. Birch: There is enough pressure now for one buck. Herb: I'll be supporting this. On a good year, we are at 100,000 deer. Pete: The local AC they supported the one deer due to overcrowding. We have the deer to support the three deer harvest, but the transporters are an issue. Herb: Proposal 200 and 201 talks to bucks. Proposal 199 is deer. Hunter: I will not be in support of increasing the bag limit for non-residents. Andy: I think we should note we were the advisory committee to make it one deer. I could support two deer limits from the</p>

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			<p>biological side. I am sure there is a crowding issue. I think it gives someone an extra opportunity.</p> <p>Birch: Did we get a decrease when it was dropped?</p> <p>Herb: There is a massive transporter problem. It's not just non-residents.</p> <p>Dewey: I don't support two deer, but would support two bucks, due to biological sustainability. The harder the beach to get to is where you'll get the buck.</p> <p>Motion to take up only 199, second by Andy.</p>
200	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks		
OPPOSE	3	10	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Committee taking up both 200 and 201.</p> <p>Andy: I would support taking two deer, but not two bucks.</p> <p>Pete: It's not a deer issue; it's a crowding issue. One deer is not slowing things down. It's a pressure issue. A lot of permit areas in the state is not for lack of game it's an over-crowding issue. A transporter issue. We aren't experiencing the hunt we experience 30 years ago. We are trying to slow things down. We are headed to a one deer drawing per deer on Kodiak in the future.</p> <p>Birch: I will stick with one, but if there was a gaff tag to get a second for a fee for a transporter.</p> <p>Dan: I'll stick with one buck. I look for something big looking for that one. I don't think as a non-resident needs more than one.</p> <p>Enjoy the hunt and get one. Everyone is getting pounded.</p> <p>Herb: I'll support due to zero biological concern.</p>
201	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
OPPOSE	3	10	*See comments for Proposal 200
202	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>(Dom left meeting at 8:42pm. Committee at 12 voting members.)</p> <p>Birch: Guide use areas don't follow areas for hunting. Not inclined to support. It's a little confusing.</p> <p>Herb: Won't support. Local issue.</p>

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			Danny: Guide use areas for deer? I don't think there are any. Dan: Usually by drainage by small use areas and they are managed for bears. I don't think there are any for deer. Andy: Ambiguous proposal. Does that mean you can take two antlerless after December 1? I won't support.
203	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three		
OPPOSE	3	10	*See comments proposal 200 and 201.
204	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks		
205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		

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214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
218	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
219	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
220	Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31		
221	Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1		
222	Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed		
223	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
224	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
225	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
228			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
229			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
230			Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st
231			Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479
232			Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8
233			Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236
Tabled			<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Committee discussed the proposal’s merits, but felt they lacked sufficient information without maps.</p> <p>Michelle: It looks like he did his research on this proposal.</p> <p>Birch: Without a map I’ll abstain.</p> <p>Bob: Will abstain until I see a map.</p> <p>Neil: The proposer puts a lot of effort when he submits somethings. He wants to make it on the ridgeline not on the creek. Loosing part of the hillside it would move boundaries to ridgelines instead of creek bottoms. I tend to support since he keeps it on the ridgeline not on the creek.</p>

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			<p>Andy: This will reduce drawing hunting opportunity. He can only hunt one half but wants both halves. It sounds like the bear hunts for both unit into one with the same number of tags but not one can access. From that perspective, I will vote no. I would like department numbers.</p> <p>Danny: I'm not going to support. Usually when the proposer submits something it's for his benefit.</p> <p>Herb: Table and look at a map?</p> <p>Dan: Would like to have seen it proposed with other area proposers?</p>
234	Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: To the crowing issue are we putting people on top of each other? I don't care if they start April 20.</p>
235	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8		
TNA			<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Doesn't apply, it's law on Kodiak Island for brown bears.</p>
236	Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters		
OPPOSE	2	10	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Bob: If a resident kills a sow, it affects the resident downstream and avoids penalizing future hunters for sow harvests. There is another way to get at this, but this what was proposed.</p> <p>Committee supported noted the committee's own proposal for hunter education.</p> <p>Birch: There has to be a consequence for taking a sow.</p> <p>Herb: Getting people to understand a skull size will be difficult.</p>
237	Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents		
OPPOSE Abstain	6 1	5	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Dan: Guide use areas are exclusive use, that guide is the only one who can apply for that area and they must be nonresident. If he doesn't apply those tags are still theirs. If guides don't have hunters booked by December 15, they may not apply for permits. The</p>

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			board will not pass the proposal due to the reallocation component. Herb: I'll support this, but the reallocate part needs to be written differently. Hunter: Send a message. An Alaskan would have to move out of state and become a nonresident and then be able to get a permit over the counter. Andy: A guided hunter should be able to put in for a permit. Those permits are very limited. If someone lost a hunter, they would want to book another hunter to take their place. I see the point, but I don't support the proposal. Abstain: Michelle: I don't think the board will support, but I think it needs to be addressed in some way.
238	Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear		
SUPPORT	12	0	Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy. Dan: The jest is trying to educate hunters enough so they don't kill sows. Andy: I will support as well. You are maximizing the hunt opportunity, participation and dollars for transports, guides, and outfitters. Birch: You have 2DKs. You'll never get rid of the ones that want to come home with something.
239	Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting		
240	Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting		
241	Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8		
242	Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15		

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243			Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms
244			Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8
245			Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
246			Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
247			Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license
248			Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region

XI. Select representatives for board meeting:

- a. Board of Fisheries statewide finfish representative: Meeting is Tuesday, March 17 to Saturday, March 21, deadline for nomination is Monday, March 2nd. Committee sought to send member Soto, but he was not present to participate. Discussion with board support and chair would decide.
- b. Board of Game southcentral region representative: Meeting is Friday, March 20 to Wednesday, March 25, deadline for nomination has moved up to Wednesday, March 4th. Committee felt Chairman Mansavage would represent the Mat Su Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee at the Board of Game.

XII. Set next meeting date: Wednesday, March 4th at 6pm at Mat-Su College Campus and over Zoom

XIII. Other: Common committee comments were "it would be nice to have department comments on fishery proposals before the meeting in two weeks".

XIV. Adjourn: 9:23pm

Minutes Recorded By: Michelle Heun, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chairman
Date: March 2, 2026

Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, February 27th 2026 at 11:00 am

by web/teleconference only

- I. **Call to Order:** 11:09 by Eva Burk
- II. **Members Present:** Eva Burk, Alex Hanna, Kathleen Demientieff, Leonardo Wassillie, Carl Frank, Don Charlie (alternate), Charlie Wright (alternate)
Members Absent: Andy Jimmie, Ray Stevens, Dillan McManus, Philip Titus
- III. **Guests Present:**
Janessa Newman, Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC
Kyle Campbell, ADFG Boards Support
Virgil Umphenour, Fairbanks AC
Jazmyn Vent, YRITFC
Brooke McDavid, EIRAC Coordinator
Matt Olson, ADFG Fall Manager
Deena Jallen, ADFG YR Summer Season
Gale Vick, Fairbanks AC
David Lorrington, BOG
Al Barette, BOG
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Board of Fish Proposals for Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues –
Based on the meeting transcript, the following motions passed for the Minto Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee:

Motion 1: PNP Hatchery Egg Take Reductions

 - a. **Proposals:** 170, 171, 72
 - b. **Action:** Support
 - c. **Details:** the AC discussed three hatchery proposals (170-172) that would reduce egg take and codify moratoriums on chum and pink salmon catch. Eva presented the proposals and shared concerns about their potential impacts on local herring populations and hatchery production. Brooke Woods suggested using state data to support the proposals, while Virgil provided historical context on hatchery regulation and oversight. The AC discussed concerns about salmon hatcheries, particularly their impact on wild salmon populations. Virgil shared examples of hatchery-related issues in Alaska, including reduced wild salmon numbers and overproduction of pink salmon. Gale explained the complexities of hatchery management and politics, noting that the state of Alaska often dismisses independent science. The group agreed to support proposals 170 to 172, which aim to limit egg take from hatcheries and increase accountability.
 - d. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

Motion 2: Trawl Gear Closures

- e. **Proposals:** 11, 163, 164, 165
- f. **Action:** Support
- g. **Details:**
 - i. Proposal 11: Close state waters west of 170 degrees west longitude to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear
 - ii. Proposal 163: Define all trawl operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards
 - iii. Proposal 164: Monitoring requirements for vessels participating in fisheries in state waters with pelagic trawl gear
 - iv. Proposal 165: Salmon excluder requirement for legal gear types
- h. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

Motion 3: Dip Net Regulations

- i. **Proposal:** 175
- j. **Action:** Support with modification
- k. **Modification:** Support the way gear is used (must be held in hand, rope cannot extend reach beyond handle length for fishing purposes, though safety tie-offs are acceptable), but do NOT change mesh size requirement
- l. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

Motion 4: King Salmon Annual Limit

- m. **Proposals:** 180 (support), 179 (no action)
- n. **Action:** Support Proposal 180
- o. **Details:** Establish statewide annual limit of 5 Chinook salmon in sport fishery (stronger than Proposal 179's 10-fish limit)
- p. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

b. Board of Game Proposals for Southcentral Region Meeting
Proposals 256, 257, 258 (Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations for GMU 20)

Antlerless Moose Reauthorization Discussion Summary**Eva Burk (Committee Chair)**

- o Stated the committee doesn't support antlerless hunts except for ceremonial purposes
- o Stated they don't need to support antlerless reauthorization to continue ceremonial hunt opportunities
- o Expressed willingness to listen to Jeff Wells' presentation before making a final decision

- Acknowledged that Carl, Alex, Hannah, and Kathleen likely have strong feelings on the issue

Kyle (ADFG):

- Explained that Proposals 256, 257, and 258 deal with antlerless moose reauthorizations for different portions of Unit 20
- Noted on-time comments are due Friday, March 6th
- Mentioned Jeff Wells and Lindsey Dreese (area biologist and assistant area biologist) prepared a presentation
- Suggested the committee could submit comments as Record Copy (RC) to the Board of Game meeting beginning March 20th if need be

Janessa Newman (Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC):

- Confirmed Eva's understanding about ceremonial hunts
- Noted Jeff Wells prepared a presentation on antlerless authorizations in 20A with supporting science
- Acknowledged the committee's principled opposition but requested they hear Jeff out first
- Highlighted that Jeff has been trying to address their questions, including admitting there's no data proving antlerless hunts decrease road collisions
- Emphasized she's not saying her mind would change, just wants to give him an opportunity to present

Carl Frank:

- Strongly opposed to antlerless hunts
- Has previously testified before the Board of Game against them
- Expressed concerns beyond ceremonial use, citing that observed moose numbers don't match what biologists report
- Indicated there's "more behind it" and mentioned having conversations with Jeff Wells

Kathleen Demientieff:

- Strongly opposed antlerless hunts
- Shared historical observations from the 1990s when working, noting that aerial surveys over Minto Flats showed areas with no moose due to wolf predation
- Expressed concern that moose gather in concentrated areas, making population counts unreliable
- Questioned survey frequency (every 2 or 4 years)
- Warned that continued antlerless hunts will result in depleted moose populations

Alex Hanna:

- Challenged the scientific basis, stating "the science definitely isn't there"
- Disputed the claim that antlerless hunts reduce vehicle collisions, noting this would only work if there were no moose left
- Refuted the "insufficient food/willows" argument, explaining that moose naturally move to areas with adequate food rather than starving in place
- Cited collar data showing moose travel significant distances

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- Opposed antlerless hunts even in the Fairbanks management area, noting moose migrate between Fairbanks and Minto
- Expressed concern about current in-town antlerless moose hunting permissions

Charlie Wright:

- Need for big bulls to teach young moose survival skills (knocking snow off food, breaking trail)
- Big bulls are essential for breeding healthy moose populations
- Comparison to bears needing maternal teaching for proper denning preparation
- Observations of lack of large bulls in the area, mostly seeing small bulls and cows

Leonardo Wassilie:

- Lives right in Minto Flats at 315, Little Goldstream Creek and Reported two moose were hit on roads yesterday morning
- Attributed collisions to snow conditions making it hard to see around corners and poor visibility generally
- Emphasized the hits were "definitely a result of the snow," not because moose are overpopulated near roads
- Shared knowledge from an elder about identifying bull vs. cow moose by ear position:
 - If ears move forward: female
 - If ears are further back: male
 - (Leonardo noted he might have the directions mixed up)
- This traditional method is used by hunters to determine sex without seeing antlers

Eva Burk (continued):**Ceremonial and Management Context:**

- Clarified that in Unit 20A, funeral permits do not allow cow harvest, questioning the rationale for Proposal 256
- Noted Proposal 256 applies to Unit 28 (upriver east of Nenana) with provisions for:
 - Drawing permits for up to 2,000 antlerless moose (August 15-November 15)
 - One antler moose by registration permit (October 1-last day of February)
 - Prohibition on taking cows accompanied by calves in both seasons

Ecological and Health Concerns:

- Expressed deep concern about recent moose health issues around Nenana
- Reported finding tapeworms in multiple moose taken for potlatch, including:
 - Tapeworms up to 4 inches long found in bone marrow
 - Visible tapeworms in tissue and fascia after hanging/drying
 - Affected moose are skinny with no fat and tough meat
- Suggested moose are unable to naturally deworm themselves, possibly due to lack of knowledge about medicinal plants

Traditional Knowledge and Bull Importance:

- Emphasized critical role of big bulls in moose population health and survival
- Big bulls teach young moose essential survival skills:

- How to knock snow off food
- How to break trail in deep snow
- What plants to eat for deworming/cleansing
- Drew parallel to bears needing maternal teaching for proper denning preparation (eating right foods to avoid sepsis during hibernation)
- Observed lack of big bulls in the area, predominantly seeing small bulls and cows

Management Philosophy:

- Criticized non-precautionary management approach across Alaska for fisheries, caribou, and moose
- Expressed concern about Alaska resident food security given salmon declines and need for healthy moose populations
- Referenced Anna Frank's early warnings about Minto Flats moose decline that were initially dismissed
- Noted science eventually confirmed what elders had been reporting about moose population declines
- Advocated for escapement-based thinking: "Until you have enough to make escapement, then you can't have an opportunity, and there won't be no opportunity for nobody"

Current Environmental Stressors:

- Highlighted the "incredible dump of snow" making it very hard for moose to move around
- Identified snow conditions as creating the road collision situations, not overpopulation
- Suggested alternative management solutions:
 - Plow trails for moose alongside roads
 - Plant grasses near roads instead of allowing willow/browse growth
 - Reduce birch saplings near roadways (moose are attracted to new growth and birch saplings)

Historical Pattern Concerns:

- Stated: "All the places where they've done this kind of management, there doesn't seem to be any more moose in them at all, hardly"
- Warned against repeating pattern of allowing harvest whenever numbers slightly improve
- Called for allowing populations to fully recover before considering antlerless hunts again

Overall Position:

- Willing to hear Jeff Wells' presentation but maintained opposition to antlerless reauthorizations
- Advocated for letting moose populations recover and learning from past management mistakes
- Emphasized traditional ecological knowledge should be weighted equally with Western science

Motion 5: Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations

- a. **Proposals:** 256, 257, 258
- b. **Action:** Oppose

- c. **Vote:** Passed by unanimous consent (6 members present)

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals March 17 – 21, 2026 Anchorage, 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>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
SUPPORT	6	0	
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
SUPPORT	6	0	
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	6	0	
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
SUPPORT	6	0	
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
SUPPORT	6	0	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
SUPPORT	6	0	
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
SUPPORT	6	0	
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		

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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
174			Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed
175			Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	0	Support the way gear is used (must be held in hand, rope cannot extend reach beyond handle length for fishing purposes, though safety tie-offs are acceptable), but do NOT change mesh size requirement
176			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
177			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
178			Modify the definition of bag limit
179			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish
180			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish
SUPPORT	6	0	
181			Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear
182			Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit
183			Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession
184			Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition
186			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area
187			Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 20 -25, 2026 Kodiak, 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
256	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	6	
257	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
OPPOSE	0	6	
258	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
OPPOSE	0	6	

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Minutes Approved By: Eva Burk

Date: 3/3/26

NNSAC
1/13/26

Call to Order: 1:07 pm

Roll Call

Charlie Lean- Present
Brandon Ahmasuk- Present- Phone
Jacob Mannix- Present
Andrew McCann- Present
Patrick Knodel- Present
Davis Lincoln- Present- phone
Nicole Braem- Present

Louis Stang- Excused
Alfred Weyiounna- Absent
Paul Nagruk- Absent
Penny Olanna- Absent

Quorum Established: 7

Fish and Game Staff Present

Alicia Carson- wildlife
Sara Henslee- Wildlife
Ethan Kelso- Comm Fish
Kevin Clark- Comm Fish Manager
Helen Cold- Subsistence
Brendan Scanlon- sport fish
Luke Henslee- Comm Fish, phone

Guests Present

Dan Reed
Roy Ashenfelter
Gabe Smith
Chuck Menadelook
Karen Gillis- Bering Sea Fisherman's Association

Moment of Silence for Tom Gray

Approval of Agenda

Motion to discuss wildlife issues first
Motion approved, wildlife to be discussed first.

Game Proposals

Proposal 251: Reauthorize current brown bear tag fee exemption.

Motion to support Andrew McCann, Pat Knodel 2nd.

Discussion: The tag fee can be a tool to measure hunt participation. It may also dissuade people from taking a bear opportunistically.

Vote Count: Unanimous Approval, 7 in favor. Motion carries

Proposal 250 and 261, take no action.

Proposal 266: Proposal to require ADFG to use plastic tags as opposed to metallic locking tags, plastic tags are more friendly during the tanning process.

Motion to approve by Jacob Mannix, seconded by Andrew McCann.

Discussion: Are there any metal tags currently used? Wolverine is currently sealed using metal tags and there are some metal beaver tags which are not required in Unit 22.

Vote Count: Unanimous Approval, 7 in favor. Motion carries.

Proposal 271: Proxy tags would need to be notarized by both parties before the proxy tag is issued.

Motion to support by Andrew McCann, second by Pat Knodel.

Discussion: The current process is sufficient enough and notaries can be difficult to find.

Additionally, proxy hunting is for subsistence use and by adding additional regulations to it you are complicating the process further. Current proxy authorization process is: two parties need to come into the office, all information is recorded from the beneficiary and the hunter. In order to qualify for a proxy you need to be over the age of 65, 70% disabled, blind... If the hunters are remote and not near an office we work with those people through email.

Vote Count: Unanimously opposed, 7 opposed. Motion fails.

Moose Subcommittee Recap:

Jacob Mannix- The moose subcommittee met on 1/12/26 and reintroduced primary topics of concern that were brought up by members of the AC and the public including, short seasons, predation, and habitat. We discussed upcoming habitat studies and the potential increase of the 22C brown bear quota. There were also three draft proposals discussed as follows:

1. Divide the RM840 permit hunt area into four different subunits, each managed under it's own permit
2. Change the season in the 22B West portion of the hunt to be September 6- 20. This was then suggested to be changed by Davis Lincoln to include the entirety of the RM840 hunt area.
3. Change the number of permits per household to 1 permit and require that the household receiving the permit is only eligible to hunt moose in the subunit for which they receive the permit.

The proposals were received with mixed support and opposition with members of the AC and the public unsure if the proposed changes would meet the goals of the AC. The goals being a lengthening of the season. Additional discussion occurred on at least breaking up the unit into subunits to open the door for more specific management changes to smaller areas, including taking additional steps to divide subunits even further. There was also discussion on how changes may impact subsistence opportunity. There was additional discussion on limitations to methods and means as a way to lengthen the season, or maintain the status quo and focus on habitat studies and predation.

Additional Moose Discussion: 22E Moose harvest numbers from ADFG- total harvest averages about 34 moose since 2012. 2023 and 2024 resident harvest increased significantly. 20 in 2023, and 14 in 2024 compared to around 5 per year from 2012. Nonresident harvest was reduced in 2023, the number of permits issued is now 5 bull tags for nonresidents.

Anecdotal reports from Shishmaref would suggest that recent moose harvest in 22E from Shishmaref residents is likely higher than the estimated unreported harvest or around 14 moose per year.

ADF&G gets very poor reporting from the harvest ticket hunt in 22E compared to the RM840 hunt.

Jacob Mannix- maybe we look at turning the harvest ticket hunt into a registration hunt to help improve reporting.

Methods and means- ADF&G gave report on transportation methods used in 22C. Brandon Ahmasuk brought up the use of airplanes in the RM840 hunt and commented that airplanes are often used several days before the season to spot moose and mark them with a GPS. Brandon also made comments that airplanes were not fair chase and should be reduced.

Western Arctic Caribou Working Group Recap:

The abundance estimate shows the herd down to approximately 121,000 animals from about 495,000 animals in the early 2000's. The current status of the herd according to the WACH working group matrix is critical declining. The recommendations from the working group suggest reducing cow harvest as much as possible and eliminating calf harvest. The bull cow ratio is at a desirable level. Calf survival is about 80% in the 1st year. Adult cow population continues to decline. There was concern in the working group that if there is no allowable cow harvest that it would set people up for making honest mistakes and getting into legal trouble. Proposed bag limit was 4 caribou, no more than 1 cow. Additionally, the working group proposed shutting down all hunting if the herd reaches 75,000 animals. Snowmachines these days are much more advanced with higher speeds, longer ranges, etc and more people are using snow machines and running down animals. It stresses animals during the winter months.

Discussion:

Andrew McCann- when there is enough snow it's usually February and I've found calves inside caribou carcasses. If caribou are being taken away from people in the region as a food source I hope that it's taken into consideration about what other opportunities for meat harvest could be presented.

Roy Ashenfelter- Is there any consideration of closing the caribou hunt in March? The efficiency of snow machines have outpaced the abilities of the animals. Closing the hunt early may help save cows.

Andrew McCann- We likely have a lot less opportunity than people in Unit 23, if it isn't a unified proposal between Unit 22 and 23 it likely won't have much impact.

Charlie Lean- The proposals that were recommended were to be for the range of the WAH. It would affect Unit 23 as well. There were only 2 members opposed to our recommended proposals.

Nicole Braem- There have been different regulations in place in Unit 22 than there have been further north in the past. There might be room for a proposal specific to Unit 22.

Pat Knodel- would Feds take over if the population hit a certain number?

Charlie Lean- Unlikely that there would be federal management takeover.

Andrew McCann- Are there any herds that are doing well right now?

Charlie Lean- Yes, CAH and Teshekpuk are stable if not increasing.

Jacob Mannix- With a reduction in animals there is a loss of traditional opportunity for selective bull harvest and more pressure may get put on the winter hunt which very well may have a higher rate of cow harvest. Hunting by snow machine also burns more calories in the animals when they need energy. I think one of the areas that has been overlooked by these proposals is limiting the season to close when harvest of caribou can occur.

Recess for 5 Minutes: 2:25

Back to Order at 2:30

Arctic/ Yukon/ Kuskokwim BOF Recap

Kevin Clark: Two proposals approved for our region, one proposal restricts the length, depth, and mesh size when a gill net fishery is closed and immediately reopened for beach seine. There was also a proposal to close the sport fishery for King Salmon in the Pilgrim River and that proposal passed as well.

Charlie Lean- On the restrictions proposed for King fishing on the Pilgrim River, the proposal to limit subsistence harvest on the Pilgrim river failed because the harvest on the Pilgrim is so comparatively small to the harvest in Tuksuk channel. The other proposal that failed was the 25 fish limit on the Sinuk River. The Board was concerned with limiting subsistence and Fish and Game stated that there was not a conservation concern for that river. The AC has consistently said we believe that there is a conservation concern.

Andrew McCann- The department says there isn't a conservation concern, the primary method for surveys has been aerial? Are we confident in aerial surveys?

Kevin Clark- Yes, it's been primarily aerial, there have been some years where we weren't able to do it. Aerial surveys are an index, not a weir count.

Luke Henslee- The escapement goal for Glacial Lake is an aerial survey goal. While the aerial survey might not be a great abundance estimate, that escapement goal is defined for aerial surveys. The last year that the weir was operated was 2010, there is some effort building for getting a census survey for sockeye entering the lake.

Fish Proposals

Charlie Lean- On the June Area M fishery this AC has historically been very concerned about chum salmon catch, somewhat concerned about king salmon catch and largely ambivalent about sockeye catch. This fishery is a directed salmon fishery, designed to catch salmon, it is a legal fishery managed by the state. This fishery does catch approximately 8x as many chum bound for western Alaska as the pollock fishery, but it is a legal fishery.

Proposals Dealing With Fishing Schedules and Fishing Times in Area M

Charlie Lean- These schedules are set by the Board of Fish and are not based on escapement, they are based on a calendar. There have been several genetic studies on this fishery, the WASSIP study found that roughly 50% of the chum passing through the Area M fishery was bound for western Alaska and has recently reduced to 25% in about 10 years time. Hatchery and Asian fish have now started showing up more, this is partly because the western Alaska chum run is decreasing.

There are at least ten proposals on this topic but suggest focusing on three that I believe are best geared towards changing the fishing schedule, one submitted by the Fairbanks AC, one by Chignik and one by Kawerak. Kawerak's proposal was to start the fishery late, beginning June 16th.

Chuck Menadelook (Kawerak) Discussing Kawerak's proposal- My primary motivation for writing this proposal is the conservation of salmon, I want to make sure that my children can catch salmon. This proposal was informed by information from these fisheries meetings and I wrote the proposal to delay the fishery by 5-10 days. I also wrote it because commercial fisherman and board of fish members have stated that there is no chum chucking occurring, then the state troopers write 9 citations for that exact thing. The intercept fishery numbers only report the ones caught, not the ones that are chucked.

We tried to emphasize in this proposal that we don't want to close the Area M fishery, we just want a delayed start. I do the beach monitoring in Nome here and there was no salmon at the mouths of our rivers.

Andrew McCann- Let the salmon go through. We need a continuation of the runs.

Jacob Mannix- Just to build on the record, it's my view that these discussions are not allocative and not about money. While I appreciate that this is a large revenue generating fishery, it may not be in another 15 years. These conversations should be strictly about the conservation of salmon and not about finances and allocation. Historically, we have seen the decline of salmon across the entirety of the west coast and now we're seeing it in Alaska. We're following a pattern of decline and not taking any action.

Charlie Lean- The state's constitution discusses sustained yield which is discussing Alaska run wild fish, not hatchery fish and not asian fish. The state is supposed to be maintaining these wild stock runs that we are seeing in decline.

Brandon Ahmasuk- We've been in this chum salmon fight for 40 or 50 years. In the Nome area we had a chum closure that lasted a substantial amount of time and when it reopened it reopened under Tier II. We're past money issues, this is a conservation issue. I've said before plenty of times, on the Sinuk River, there are no more chum salmon. I'm of the opinion that the Nome area should be a Tier II fishery for chum salmon again.

Andrew McCann and Charlie discussed chums caught off the coast of Nome, especially when Pilgrim closes and more people set nets in the ocean. Intercept fisheries are not limited to Area M, Nome catches fish bound for Teller.

Charlie Lean- The bottom line is do we go along with the status quo for Area M, do we support an increase in fishing, do we support restrictions in Area M?

Roy Ashenfelter- chum salmon are significantly reduced, the Yukon is no longer fishing for chum. A proposal needs to be picked that the board will support. I believe that a proposal that has some reasonable days of closure is the most likely to be supported.

Additional discussion from Roy Ashenfelter on the Board of Fish process.

The AC discussed additional factors that might effect the Board of Fish decision and that we are supportive of schedule restrictions for Area M.

Karen Gillis, Bering Sea Fishermen's Association- there has been a small group of people that consist of a diverse group of stakeholders, Fairbanks AC, people from Chignik, etc... we put together an analysis of the 11 proposals that address the June management plan. In times of conservation concern and crisis, an intercept fishery that is targeting stocks that are bound for other areas is a real problem. There are very few pros to intercept fisheries and a dozen cons. Proposal 127 proposes a decrease of 43% in seine and 56% in drift harvest
Proposal 128 sets thresholds for time and area closures. The Area M fishery should not rely on thresholds when the pattern of chum chucking is so prevalent. Thresholds can be avoided by chum chucking.

Proposal 129 we kind of thought that Proposal 129 was similar to 128.

Proposal 130 it's a 48% decrease in the seine fishery, couldn't evaluate the driftnet fishery, 131 decrease in the seine of 58%, drift 68%, no change in setnet. Designed to protect chum and chinook salmon.

132- 32% decrease in the seine, 29% decrease in drift, 6% for set netters.

133- 23% decrease in seine, 32% decrease in drift, no change in set.

134 and 135 are increases
136 is a complete closure from June 7 to June 28.

The AC is generally supportive of all of the proposals that restrict the Area M fishery.

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support Proposal 131, seconded by Pat Knodel.
Discussion: The AC is generally supportive of all proposals that restrict the Area M fishery. We view this proposal as the most reasonable solution that makes meaningful reductions in chum and chinook harvest while still allowing for commercial fishing opportunity for sockeye.

Roll Call: Charlie Lean- yes

Brandon- Yes

Jacob Mannix- yes

Andrew- yes

Pat- yes

Davis- Yes

Nicole- yes

Unanimous support for Proposal 131, 7 in favor.

Additional Discussion on Proposals

Threshold triggers are highly susceptible to being played and there are ample opportunities for these thresholds to be avoided. Even processors can get rid of fish to avoid them being enumerated.

Nicole Braem makes a motion to support proposals 128 and 129. Seconded by Andrew McCann

Discussion: With regards to these proposals we are supportive of time and area closures but do not believe that threshold triggers for these closures are effective. Thresholds can be avoided and there is a history of avoidance of recording chum and chinook catch.

Unanimous opposition, motion fails. 7 oppose.

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support Proposals 134, 135, and 137, Pat Knodel seconds.

Discussion: This is an increase in fishing opportunity at the expense of subsistence opportunity throughout western Alaska, additionally this is an increase in commercial fishing opportunity during a salmon conservation crisis.

Unanimous opposition, motion fails. 7 opposed

Jacob Mannix makes a motion to support Proposal 110, seconded Nicole Braem. Proposal to reduce the length and depth of seines in Chignik.

Discussion: This proposal was designed protect deeper running fish like chinook and chum salmon. Sockeye salmon tend to run in shallower water, this proposal would still allow for successful sockeye fishing.

Unanimous Support, 7 in favor. Motion Carries.

Proposal 143, initiate a test fishery

Motion to support by Andrew McCann, seconded by Nicole Braem.

Discussion: king salmon are in decline statewide, this proposal raises the issue of the need for monitoring king salmon in general.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries. Kevin Knowlton joined meeting.

Proposal 147, reduces gill net depth

Motion to support, Pat Knodel, Seconded by Nicole Braem.

Discussion: the intent of this proposal is to protect chum and chinook. Sockeye salmon run in shallower water and closer to shore. Sockeye would still be targeted while protecting chum and chinook.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries.

Proposal 148 to limit seines by reducing the lead

Discussion: This is very similar to proposal 152. This issue will be addressed by proposal 152.

Take no Action

Proposal 149 increase the length of setnets

Discussion: Would result in increased chum and king harvests

1 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion fails. 1 in favor thought that the proposal was a mesh size increase.

Proposal 150 allow the use of monofilament

Motion to support Andrew, Nicole seconded

Discussion: We view this as a conservation proposal and allowing the use of monofilament is a conservation concern.

Unanimous opposition, 8 opposed, motion fails.

Proposal 151 reduce the length of gill net gear by eliminating the lead

Jacob Mannix makes motion to support, Andrew McCann seconds

Discussion: This proposal is a conservation proposal for chinook and chum salmon while still allowing gill netters to harvest sockeye by placing the net closer to shore and in shallower waters where sockeye run.

Unanimous Support, 8 in favor. Motion carries.

Proposal 152 reduces the length and depth of seine gear

Andrew McCann makes a motion to support, Nicole Braem seconds.

Discussion: This proposal builds on our support of implementing conservation measures for deeper running fish and reducing gear size over conservation concerns. Sockeye salmon could still be targeted using this gear.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion Carries

Proposal 153 to allow the use of monofilament gear.

Take no action due to our action on proposal 150.

Proposal 161 to create a management plan for chinook salmon for streams located on the Alaska Peninsula and are part of the Bering Sea drainage...

Take no Action

Recess at 4:34

Call to Order at 4:41

Penny Olanna joined meeting at 4:39

Pat Knodel left meeting at 4:48. Still Maintain quorum of 7.

Additional Proposals

Charlie Lean- There are three proposals that have to do with hatcheries that would place limitations on hatcheries. Alaska has gone from no hatchery production to the largest hatchery producer in the world, Russia will surpass us soon. There is a significant amount of research that would support that hatcheries and over production of pink salmon over browses the ocean and reduces the carrying capacity for wild fish. The majority body of research supports that idea.

Proposal 170, a proposal to reduce the hatchery egg take permit level for pink and chum salmon by 25%

Motion to support by Nicole Braem, seconded by Andrew McCann

Discussion: The research overwhelmingly supports that hatchery production is causing over abundance and reducing the carry capacity of the North Pacific ocean and negatively impacting wild stocks. Russian hatcheries will be increasing their hatchery stocks. Historically, hatcheries along the west coast were designed to rebuild wild stocks and quickly transformed into a supplement for commercial fisheries. They have been unsuccessful in rebuilding wild stocks and have ultimately been detrimental to rebuilding wild stocks. This reduction is viewed as a measure for the conservation and rehabilitation of wild stocks.

Unanimous support, 7 in favor. Motion carries.

Take no action on proposals 171 and 172.

Proposal 162 to prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries.

Jacob Mannix makes a motion to support, seconded by Andrew McCann.

Discussion: This may have additional effects on other outfits like culture camps. Additionally, people may not be able to afford boats, gear, etc, but can afford to pay for a transporter to participate in subsistence fisheries.

Unanimous Opposition, motion fails 8 oppose.

Proposal 175 to modify dip net mesh-size and configuration.

Discussion: This is a statewide regulation despite that it is likely an area specific issue. Dip-net gear is legal in our unit and this proposal addresses a specific issue that is not a problem here, this proposal should be taken up during the specific board cycle for the author's unit.

Unanimous opposition, 8 oppose, motion fails.

Proposal 176, 177, 178

Take No Action

Jacob Mannix- I support taking no action however, it's worth noting that pooling bag limits is not consistent with the intent behind sport fishing bag limits. Bag limits are not an entitlement to retain and do not guarantee retention.

Proposal 179 establishes a statewide annual limit of king salmon of 10 fish.

Take No Action

Proposal 180 establishes a statewide annual limit of king salmon of five fish.

Jacob Mannix motions to support, Nicole Braem seconds.

Discussion: This is a common sense reduction in the annual bag limit for king salmon while king salmon numbers are in decline everywhere. This is a conservation proposal. It would not effect our districts as the limits for king salmon are lower or none.

Unanimous support, 8 in favor. Motion carries.

ADF&G Closing Comments

Fisheries- Kevin Clark, at the last Board Meeting the Board declared Kwiniuk as a stock of concern for kings. There will be a plan forthcoming.

Public Comments

Karen Gillis- We need to be very cognizant of hatchery release into the oceans. in 2024 hatcheries released some 5 billion salmon. Russia plans on increasing their hatchery release five-fold by 2030, their 2024 release was 1.9 billion.

Select Representatives for board meeting

Andrew McCann makes a motion to send Charlie Lean to the upcoming Board of Fish meeting, Kevin Knowlton seconds.

Motion carries, unanimous support.

Next Meeting date

- Moose subcommittee meeting tentatively planned for early March.

Other

Carl Seetok from Brevig Mission- wants to join the AC and will follow-up with Sam Kirby.

Adjourn at 5:19 pm



**Pelican Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 26th, 5:30PM
Pelican Library**

- I. Call to Order: 5:38 by Patricia Phillips, chair.
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Patricia Philips, chair. Mike Allard, co-chair. Celeste Weller, Secretary. Jamison Mork,
James Phillips, Willy Combs, Norm Carson (teleconference)

~~Members Absent (Excused):~~
~~Members Absent (Unexcused):~~
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: 7
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sam Kirby (teleconference)?
- IV. Guests Present: none
- V. New Business
 - a. Review Finfish Statewide proposals
- VI. Adjourn 7:50 PM

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals March 17 – 21, 2026 Anchorage, 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
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162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
	0	0	No action
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
	7	0	
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
	7	0	
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
	7	0	
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
	7	0	
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
	7	0	
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
	7	0	
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
	0	7	
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
	7	0	
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
	0	7	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
	0	7	
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
	0	7	Fully supported motion to support require items 1-4 before further action regarding this proposal is considered.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		

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	7	0	
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
	6	1	
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
	0	0	
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
	0	7	
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
	0	7	
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
	0	6	1 abstained vote
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
	0	7	
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
	0	7	
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
	6	1	
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		
	0	7	
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
	7	0	
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
	7	0	
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
			Did not review
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
			Did not review

VII.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Celeste Weller

Minutes Approved By: _____

Proposal 162 - No ActionProposal 11 - All in Favor.

Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude
Crab populations are declining where trawl gear is fishing causing the king crab and opilio crab seasons to remain closed. The hard on bottom trawl gear impacts all fisheries. Bottom mapping electronics allows closer access to pinnacles, without getting hung up, however, the pinnacles where rockfish are can be ripped out over time.

Proposal 163 – combined with Proposal 164

Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis.

Proposal 164 – combined with Proposal 163

Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters.

AC action: Move/second to support proposals 163 and 164 together – All in favor

Any regulations on trawl gear and the trawl fisheries are important; there is irrefutable data that the trawl fisheries damages the seafloor.

Proposal 165 - All in favor.

Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters

The trawl industry must keep innovating how they use their gear. The use of salmon excluders will help lessen salmon bycatch. Must push the trawl fishery to get cleaner, any effort to escape salmon is a plus.

Proposal 166 - All in favor.

Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine

It is fairer if everyone is on a level playing field. This proposal brings attention to the lack of regulations and a perceived unfair advantage; it will help alleviate the unfair practices.

Proposal 167 - All in favor.

Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear

If Proposal 166 passes, this will address concerns, the vessel should not be allowed to have groundline aboard. The Alaska Jig Association has the background to address this gear group.

Proposal 168 - All opposed.

Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery

Not a statewide issue, it would impact all commercial longline. The Northern SE longline fishery is finally allowed to fish using pot and longline. Cannot make access unaffordable, fishermen cannot always make afford the investment, some use salmon urdies to fish resource. The proposal does not address the item (b) change – it is too vague, too many loopholes.

Proposal 169 – All in favor.

Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or ‘slinky pot’

ADFG housekeeping – ‘slinky pot’ currently lacks a definition.

Proposal 170 – Combined with Proposal 171

Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species

Proposal 171 – Combined with Proposal 170

Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity

AC action: Move/second to combine proposals 170 and 171 together – All in favor

AC action: Move/second to support proposals 170 and 171 together – All opposed.

The proposals would reduce egg take at all 30 hatcheries. The hatcheries are creating fish that are flooding the markets and causes wild runs competing with enhanced fish. The enhanced chum fishery saves the troll fleet in Southeast Alaska. These proposals should not be a statewide requirement. Not enough information to make an informed judgement on proposals 170 and 171. There should perhaps be consideration to put a hatchery on the Yukon River to produce chum and king salmon. And the trawl industry can financially support the hatcheries on the western Alaska river systems. There are successful hatcheries on the British Columbia rivers the enhance wild king salmon populations.

Proposal 172 - All opposed.

Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production

Considerations “Items 1 – 4” need to be done before a moratorium is put in place and/or can be considered.

Proposal 173 - All in favor.

Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent

ADFG housekeeping – boundary markers were meant for seiners/net fishing. Trollers should be excluded from seine boundary markers. Will save ADFG money.

Proposal 174 - 6 to 1 in favor – motion to support approved.

Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed

Did not know it is illegal, it should be the captain and skiff operator decision.

Proposal 175 – No action.

Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration

Proposals 176 - All opposed.

Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits

This would be a nightmare for enforcement. This would allow ride alongs to pump up daily bag and possession limits. It would "Game the System", provide a loophole. Once their sport fish quota is caught, the quota get reduced from commercial trollers. A resident sport fisher mixed with a non-resident sport fisher on the same vessel makes it unfair. The troll allocation should have a greater share of its allocation caught in July or earlier in the season so the allocation is not deducted from the commercial allocation so that the sport fish can exceed its allocation. The sport fish guys are fishing derby style and consequently close their quota/allocation as fast as possible. The AC has an issue with how king salmon will be recorded for this proposal.

Proposal 177 - All opposed.

Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits

Similar discussion as in proposal 176.

Proposal 178 – 6 oppose; 1 abstention.

Modify the definition of bag limit

The proposal will create a loophole. What happens when the individual is capped out for the day or the season?

Proposal 179 - All opposed.

Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish

The proposal lets them keep smaller king salmon, lowers the size limit; smaller fish should not be targeted. This proposal is not appropriate; it would be a regulation nightmare for enforcement.

Proposal 180 – All opposed.

Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish

This proposal would take fish away from the resident fisher to reallocate to nonresident fishers. There is a King Salmon Management Plan for a reason.

Proposals 181 - 6 to 1 in favor – motion to support approved.

Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear

ADFG housekeeping – Need to address; have a baseline

Proposal 182 – All opposed.

Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit
Should not be a statewide proposal. Bag and possession limits should be required and define what a bow is.

Proposal 183 - All in favor.

Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession
ADFG housekeeping – This will deter the keeping of short fish that don't meet the length of fish requirement.

Proposal 184 - All in favor.

Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition
ADFG housekeeping – provides further clarification of assemblages that can be done on a species by species basis.

Motion to adjourn 7:50 PM.

Petersburg Advisory Committee
Date: Wednesday January 14th, 2026 at 6pm
Location: Petersburg Borough Assembly Chambers and Zoom

- I. Call to Order: II.
 Roll Call:

Name	Seat	Present	Excused or Unexcused
Heather Bauscher	Chair	Present	
Don Spigelmyre	Vice Chair	Present	
Megan O'Neil			Excused
Joel Randrup		Present	
Bob Martin		Present	
Nyle Thomas		Present	
Jacob Rasmussen		Present	
Ted Sandhofer	Archery	Present	
Paul Menish	Crab/Conservation	Present	
Anthony Taiber	Gillnet	Present	
David Benitz	Hunting/Trapping		Excused
Jerry Dahl	Seine		Excused
Brandon Ware	Sport/Charter	Present	
Ben Case	Sport/Personal Use	Present	
Kaleb Baird	Troll	Present	
Eric Castro	Alternate	Present	
Seth McCallum	Alternate	Present	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 List
 of User Groups Present: 14

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: 2
 IV. Guests Present: 3
 V. Approval of Agenda
 VI. Approval of last meeting minutes – Jan. 7th,2026
 VII. Reports
 a. Chair's report
 b. ADF&G

- c. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposal will occur
 - i. Statewide Proposal
 - 1. Comment deadline is March 2nd
- d. Other fishery and wildlife business as needed

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166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
Opposed	0	14	Unanimously opposed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Taiber (AC): This proposal may have negative impacts outside of the cod fishery. Fisheries that use bigger “jig machines” may be unintentionally negatively impacted. This proposal as written could make gear used for commercial squid fishing in SE Alaska illegal.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AC): Too broad, these should be regional proposals to specific areas, not statewide. Could impact many fisheries in SE unintentionally.
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169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or ‘slinky pot’		
Supported	14	0	<p>Unanimously supported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AC): Common sense definition change to existing regulations.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
Opposed	0	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unanimously opposed Don Spigelmyre (AC): Not a science-backed plan, there is no significant study to show that this proposal would help wild stocks.

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175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		

176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Unanimously opposed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (AC): This proposal goes against the precedence for fair chase in sport fishing. The current regulations ensure that no one is getting an unfair opportunity to harvest more fish over others. • Brandon Ware (AC): Sport fishing is a resource to have fun catching fish and not for subsistence. This proposal would increase harvest of a already highly pressured SE region. • Kaleb Baird (AC): This is similar to party hunting and should not be allowed.
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VIII. Public Comment:

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business:

XI. Set next meeting date:

XII. Other:

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Petersburg Advisory Committee

1/14/26 6:00-7:30pm

Meetings Minutes

Public Comments

- Emily Scott: (Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance) supports proposals 163, 164, 165.

Board of Fish Proposals

Proposal 170 Unanimously opposed

- Don Spigelmyre (AC): Not a science-backed plan, there is no significant study to show that this proposal would help wild stocks.
- Nyle Thomas (AC): The proposals only target chum and pinks, this proposal could have economic impacts on hatcheries for other fisheries in the SE region.
- Eric Castro (AC): Hatchery chum stray to wild chum runs and may have an impact. There needs to be more in depth studies to find out the true relationship between wild and hatchery chum and pink stocks in our region before a proposal like this can be imposed.
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- Bob Martin (AC): Too broad, this reduction would likely have economic impacts to SE fisheries.
- Supported: 0
- Opposed: 14

Proposal 171 Unanimously opposed

- Same comments

Proposal 172 Unanimously opposed

- Same comments

Proposal 166 Unanimously opposed

- Anthony Taiber (AC): This proposal may have impacts outside of the cod fishery. Fisheries that use bigger “jig machines” may be unintentionally negatively impacted.

This proposal as written could make gear used for commercial squid fishing in SE Alaska illegal.

- (AC): Too broad, these should be regional proposals to specific areas, not statewide. Could impact all of the fisheries in SE unintentionally.
- Supported: 0
- Opposed: 14

Proposal 167 Unanimously opposed

- Same comments 166,167,168
- Unintentional impacts to other fisheries, this is a regional problem not a statewide issue.

Proposal 168 Unanimously opposed

- Same comments 166,167,168
- Nyle Thomas (AC): multiple gear types are necessary to carry in SE and these proposals would negatively impact SE fisherman.

Proposal 169 Supported unanimously

- (AC): Common sense definition change to existing regulations
- Supported: 14
- Opposed: 0

Proposal 176 & 177

- Brandon Ware (AC): Sport fishing is a resource to have fun catching fish and not for subsistence. This proposal would increase harvest of a already highly pressured SE region.
- Kaleb Baird (AC): This is similar to party hunting and should not be allowed.
- Supported: 0
- Opposed: 14

Petersburg Advisory Committee
Date: Wednesday February 11th, 2026 at 6pm
Location: Petersburg Borough Assembly Chambers and Zoom

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call:

Name	Seat	Present	Excused or Unexcused
Heather Bauscher	Chair	Present	
Don Spigelmyre	Vice Chair	Present	
Megan O’Neil			Excused
Joel Randrup		Present	
Bob Martin		Present	
Nyle Thomas		Present	
Jacob Rasmussen		Present	
Ted Sandhofer	Archery	Present	
Paul Menish	Crab/Conservation	Present	
Anthony Taiber	Gillnet		Excused
David Benitz	Hunting/Trapping	Present	
Jerry Dahl	Seine		Excused
Brandon Ware	Sport/Charter	Present	
Ben Case	Sport/Personal Use	Present	
Kaleb Baird	Troll	Present	
Eric Castro	Alternate	Present	
Seth McCallum	Alternate	Present	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: **8**

List of User Groups Present: 14

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: 1
- IV. Guests Present: Jeff Rice ADF&G

- V. Approval of Agenda

- VI. Approval of last meeting minutes: Jan 14th. During that meeting, proposals 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 176, and 177
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair’s report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposal will occur
 - i. Statewide Proposal

- 1. Comment deadline is March 2nd
- d. Overview of RAC meeting
- e. Other fishery and wildlife business as needed

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162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
Support	10	4	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Ware (AC): Believes there is already regulations to prohibit these activities. It gets confusing when charters are involved. There are too many different regulations between the two and will be hard to enforce. • Ted (AC): Covering the costs if you don't have a boat for someone to take you out is already allowed. Oppose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Benitz (AC): Residents without boat access should be able to pay someone to take them out to collect their subsistence allotment. • Provides opportunity for people that may not have boat access to exercise their subsistence opportunities.
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
Support	14	0	Unanimously supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common sense gear use regulations for responsible fisheries management. If boats are claiming to be Pelagic trawlers, then they need to follow the regulations that come with that.

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164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
Support	14	0	Unanimously supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Benitz (AC): Trawlers seem to be impacting the SE area and should be monitored to ensure they are following the regulations. Don Spigelmyre (AC): Monitoring data is important for this fishery. Fisherman would incur a small cost. Eric Castro (AC): The state may have a problem supporting the cost of implementing this but would ensure regulations are being followed.
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
Support	14	0	Unanimously supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Spigelmyre (AC): Proven regulation that works in many different fisheries. It will protect salmon especially King salmon.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		
Support	14	0	Unanimously supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Spigelmyre (AC): The state is trying to make clear fishing markers. Brandon Ware: (AC): The State already does this in sport fisheries.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
Opposed	0	14	Unanimously opposed

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AC): This regulation goes against the precedence for chase in sport fishing. The current regulations ensure that no one is getting an unfair opportunity to harvest more fish over others. Brandon Ware (AC): Sport fishing is a resource to have fun catching fish and not for subsistence. This proposal would increase harvest of a already highly pressured SE region. Kaleb Baird (AC): This is similar to party hunting and should not be allowed.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
Oppose	0	14	Unanimously opposed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AC): There is no scientific backing to support this broad statewide proposal. These fisheries should be managed on a regional level. This unnecessarily limits resident fishing opportunities. Don Spigelmyre (AC): This is too broad. The state has a good handle on specific areas. Jeff Rice (ADF&G): The State manages king salmon runs on a specific population and regional limits.
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
Oppose	0	14	Unanimously opposed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AC): There is no scientific backing to support this broad statewide proposal. These fisheries should be managed on a regional level. This unnecessarily limits resident fishing opportunities. Don Spigelmyre (AC): This is too broad. The state has a good handle on specific areas. Jeff Rice (ADF&G): The State manages king salmon runs on a specific population and regional limits.
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
Support	14	0	Unanimously supported:

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AC): Supports, adds to fair chase.
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		
Support	14	0	Unanimously supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AC): Would open up a fun new fishing method for residents. There would be no impact on salmon or trout species in freshwaters. Don Spigelmyre (AC): Supports, won't have impacts on desirable fish species. Native fish, especially salmon, are exempt and still protected with this proposal.
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
Support	12	2	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State proposal that shores up regulations that are currently in effect in many areas across Alaska. The standardization of this regulation will help ensure creel data. Oppose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joel Randup and Nyle Thomas (AC): SE already has this regulation and is too broad. If other areas have an issue with this the State can utilize it on a specific area basis.
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		

VIII. Public Comment:

- David Beebe: Why are abstentions allowed? Why did the Board approve Proposal 67?
- Emily Scott Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance, (Proposals 163-165): Pelagic trawl gear use needs to be monitored, and regulations need to be enforced. These proposals are common sense gear and regulations that will promote sustainable fisheries and habitat protections.

IX. Old Business:

- Joel Randup (AC): wants to repeal Board of Game Proposal 67. Believes it will have negative impacts on the community and deer populations. Feels that important information was left out in the Board of Game hearing.

X. New Business:

XI. Set next meeting date:

XII. Other:

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Petersburg Advisory Committee

2/11/26 6:00-8:30pm

Meetings Minutes

Public Comments:

David Beebe: Why are abstentions allowed? Why did the Board approve Proposal 67?

Emily Scott Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance, (Proposals 163-165): Pelagic trawl gear use needs to be monitored, and regulations need to be enforced. These proposals are common sense gear and regulations that will promote sustainable fisheries and habitat protections.

Board of Fish Proposals

Proposal 162 Support

- Brandon Ware (AC): Believes there is already regulations to prohibit these activities. It gets confusing when charters are involved. Too many different regulations between the two and will be hard to enforce.
- David Benitz (AC): Residents without boat access should be able to pay someone to take them out to collect their subsistence allotment.
- Ted (AC): Covering the costs if you don't have a boat for someone to take you out is already allowed.
- Supported vote: 10
- Opposed vote: 4

Proposal 163 Support unanimously

- Common sense gear use regulations for responsible fisheries management.
- Eric Castro (AC): If boats are claiming to be Pelagic trawlers, then they need to follow the regulations that come with that.
- Supported vote: 14
- Opposed vote: 0

Proposal 164 Support unanimously

- David Benitz (AC): Trawlers seem to be impacting the SE area and should be monitored to ensure they are following the regulations.
- Don Spigelmyre (AC): Monitoring data is important for this fishery. Fisherman would incur a small cost.
- Eric Castro (AC): The state may have a problem supporting the cost of implementing this.
- Supported: 14
- Opposed: 0

Proposal 165 Support unanimously

- Don Spigelmyre (AC): Proven regulation that works in many different fisheries. It will protect salmon especially King salmon.
- Supported: 14
- Opposed: 0

Proposal 173 Support unanimously

- Don Spigelmyre (AC): The state is trying to make clear fishing markers.
- Brandon Ware: (AC): The State already does this in sport fisheries.
- Supported: 14
- Opposed: 0

Proposal 178 Opposed unanimously

- Brandon Ware (AC): Sport fishing is a resource to have fun catching fish and not for subsistence. This proposal would increase harvest of a already highly pressured SE region.
- Kaleb Baird (AC): This is similar to party hunting and should not be allowed. Goes against fair chase.
- Supported: 0
- Opposed: 14

Proposal 179 & 180 Opposed unanimously

- Don Spigelmyre (AC): This is too broad. The state has a good handle on specific areas.
- King salmon fisheries should be managed on a regional level.
- Jeff Rice (ADF&G): The State manages king salmon runs on a specific population and regional limits.
- Supported: 0
- Opposed: 14

Proposal 181 Supported unanimously

- Brandon Ware (AC): Supports, adds to fair chase.
- Support: 14
- Opposed: 0

Proposal 182 Supported unanimously

- Don Spigelmyre (AC): Supports, won't have impacts on desirable fish species. Native fish, especially salmon, are exempt and still protected with this proposal.
- Support: 14
- Oppose: 0

Proposal 183 Supported

- Joel Randup and Nyle Thomas (AC): SE already has this regulation and is too broad. If other areas have an issue with this the State can utilize it on a specific area basis.

- State proposal that shores up regulations that are currently in effect in many areas across Alaska. The standardization of this regulation will help ensure creel data.
- Support: 12
- Opposed: 2

Other Business:

Joel Randup (AC): wants to repeal Board of game Proposal 67. Believes it will have negative impacts on the community and deer populations. Feels that important information was left out in the Board of Game hearing.

**PWS/Valdez Advisory Committee
Monday, January 26th, 2026
Zoom Only**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
Nick Crump	Yes	
Dan Eames	Yes	
Bruce Bowman	Yes	
Patrick Day	Yes	
Brett Wilbanks	Yes	
Jens Saxum	Yes	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Heather Scannell, Jeremy Botts, Martin Schuester, Todd Johnson, Joe Loboy.

IV. Guests Present:

Mike Wells, Rowan Miller, Thane Miller, Justice Cousins, Hope Finley.

V. Chair Report

Nick made a report discussing elections to add new members and elect new officers.

VI. Approval of Agenda

VII. New Business

- a. Member Elections for 2 expiring seats, 9 vacant seats, and 2 alternates
 - i. Expiring Seats: Dan Eames and Nick Crump

Nick Crump nominated himself to be re-elected to the committee, seconded by Brett Wilbanks.

Dan Eames nominated himself, seconded by Pat Day.

Thane Miller nominated by Rowan Miller, seconded by Patrick Day.

Rowan Miller nominated by Rowan Miller, seconded by Nick Crump.

Justice Cousins nominated by Thane Miller, Seconded by Nick Crump.

Hope Finley was nominated by Thane Miller, seconded by Nick Crump.

All nominees were elected by unanimous consent.

b. Officer Elections

Nick Crump nominated himself for chair, seconded by Dan Eames.

Dean Eames nominated for Vice Chair by Thane Miller, seconded by Jens Saxum.

Rowan Miller nominated for Secretary by Thane Miller, seconded by Bruce Bowman.

All officer nominations were confirmed by unanimous consent.

c. Public Comments

No Public Comment.

d. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals

i. Starting with proposals 170-172

ii. Other proposals as requested

e. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<p><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></p>			
Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose by Dan Eames, Seconded by Justice Cousins. The overall sentiment of discussions was that there shouldn't be any

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			unnecessary impediments limiting lawful users' access to the resource. Motion to oppose passes by unanimous consent
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
Oppose	4	5	Motion to oppose by Thane Miller, seconded by Pat Day. Brett Wilbanks, Dan Eames, and Bruce Bowman mentioned they support this proposal due to concerns with habitat protection and bycatch from trawling while Hope Finley suggested we take no action on this proposal because of its vague and arbitrary nature. Motion to oppose this proposal went to a roll call vote which ended with 4 votes to oppose the motion, 5 votes to support the motion, and one abstention by Justice Cousins because he didn't feel comfortable voting on an issue outside of PWS.
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Oppose	4	5	Motion to oppose by Pat Day, seconded by Thane Miller. Brett Wilbanks expressed his support for monitoring bottom contact by trawl gear to reduce impact on habitat and reduce bycatch. Rowan Miller questioned the feasibility and legality of electronic monitoring. Marin Schuster of ADFG provided some context and information about implementation costs. Ultimately, the motion to oppose passed 5 to 4 with one abstention by Justice Cousins because he didn't feel informed enough to comfortably weigh in on this issue. Main concerns are about the feasibility of the technology and the fiduciary burden on the state (ADFG).

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164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Oppose	4	5	Motion to support made by Bruce Bowman, seconded by Brett Wilbanks. Discussions revolved around concerns for protecting habitat and limiting bycatch. Martin Schuster commented that costs for this would be on ADFG and would run into funding constraints without help from the legislature. The committee voted to oppose the proposal 5 to 4 with one abstention by Justice Cousins. Although the committee voted to oppose this proposal it was a close vote and the committee mostly agrees with the conceptual sentiment that technological advances have potential to reduce bycatch, potential harm to the seafloor habitat, and could help improve the public's trust in how this fishery is prosecuted. Main concerns are about the practicality of the technology and the fiduciary burden on the state (ADFG).
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	5	2	Motion to support made by Rowan Miller, seconded by Brett Wilbanks. Dan Eames and Bruce Bowman noted that technology development often follows regulatory requirements. Further discussion from Martin Schuster (ADFG) was centered around what salmon excluders are, how they're theoretically used, how many king salmon are usually caught as bycatch, when observers are used onboard trawlers or at the processing plant, and what the observer program looks like. Motion to support passed with 5 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions by Pat, Hope, and Nick due to not feeling there was enough information to make an informed decision.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
No Action			The committee voted to take no action.
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
No Action			The committee voted to take no action.
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
No Action			The committee decided to take no action.
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	10	0	Motion to support, with amendments, by Brett Wilbanks, seconded by Justice Cousins. The committee supported this proposal with the amendment that the definition should end at "collapsible frame" without restricting the number of openings. Motion to support this proposal passed by unanimous consent.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose by Patrick Day, second by Bruce Bowman. Discussions revolved around the significant and unnecessary economic harm it would cause to regional stakeholders including commercial fishermen, charter fishermen, the surrounding communities, the hatcheries themselves, etc. The proposal lacks any substantiated, conclusive hard evidence to support its theoretical claims. Brett expressed that although he will be supporting the motion to oppose, he still had concerns about possible ecological concerns hatcheries may have on PWS, but public comments from VFDA CEO Mike Wells seemed to mostly satisfy his concerns. Overall, the sentiment was this proposal would not help fisheries in

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			other areas; it would only harm PWS fisheries. Motion to oppose this proposal passed 10-0.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose made by Patrick Day, seconded by Thane Miller. Discussions revolved around there only being unsubstantiated speculation that hatchery fish are having any negative effects on wild stocks. Research on this topic is ongoing through the wild/hatchery interaction study being conducted by the Prince William Sound Science Center. Rowan Miller referenced other studies that have shown that while straying is natural, it's also a self-regulating issue, which is why after 50 years of hatcheries in PWS there are still many unique distinguishable genetic stocks of wild fish. ADFG biologist Heather Scannell noted that her observations of PWS wild stocks indicate they are healthy. VFDA CEO Mike Wells also made comments opposing this proposal. Motion to oppose this proposal passes 10-0.
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Oppose	1	9	Motion to oppose by Thane Miller, seconded by Patrick Day. Discussion started off by discussing how there's already a comprehensive system and process in place for issuing or amending hatchery permits through regional planning teams and the commissioner of ADFG. A moratorium issued by the board of fish would sidestep that entire process and may raise unnecessary legal challenges to its authority. Also, hatchery expansion is limited by factors such as developable sites with sufficient fresh water supplies and the enormous costs associated with expanding infrastructure to accommodate more fish, therefore current hatchery operations are already near max capacity due to these constraints. Ultimately, the motion to oppose this proposal passed 9 to 1 with 9 members

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			agreeing that the proposal was unnecessary and unwarranted, while Brett voted to support the proposal only with the intent to continue researching and studying these concerns.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
Support	10	0	Motion to support made by Patrick Day, seconded by Dan Eames. Dan stated that there are instances where this has already been done informally where latitude and longitude were used instead of physical markers. The Committee voted to support this proposal by unanimous consent.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
Support	6	3	Motion to support by Hope Finley, seconded by Justice Cousins. Dan raised concerns about engines not starting in certain situations. Thane called the current regulation “silly” and unnecessary. This would allow people to set their seines or let it set while they sleep at night. In opposition, Pat stated that he didn’t support this proposal as a seine net is used as an anchor at times, even though that is illegal. The abstention vote didn’t know enough to decide. Motion to support this proposal passes 6 support, 3 oppose, 1 abstain.
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose by Bruce Bowman, seconded by Jens Saxum. Thane Miller and others supported reducing mesh size but not the rope restriction. Bruce noted that this was directed at the Copper River. The rope issue also is more for control than for added depth. The Committee voted to unanimously oppose this proposal.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		

Oppose	2	8	Motion to oppose by Thane Miller, seconded by Bruce Bowman. Thane stated that this is supposed to be fishing, not harvesting, so you should stop fishing once your individual limit has been met. Jens Saxum raised concerns that it will be the same number of fish brought back in the bag limit but less unnecessarily thrown back. Brett stated that this would allow for more successful charter trips.
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			Bruce makes a differentiation between harvesting and sports fishing. Thane makes a distinction between the idea of an individual limit and a boat or group limit. Motion to oppose this proposal passes 8 to 2.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose by Brett Wilbanks, seconded by Thane Miller. Motion passes by unanimous consent. Same comments as for proposal 176.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose by Patrick Day, seconded by Thane Miller. Dan Eames noted that some people have disabilities and need someone to assist them with holding the pole and reeling in the fish, but Pat noted that people with disabilities can fish by using a proxy. Some other discussions suggested the proposal lacks sufficient detail and could be abused. Motion to oppose this proposal passes by unanimous consent.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	Motion to oppose by Rowan Miller, seconded by Justice Cousins. Rowan suggests that the proposal is too broad and ambiguous. Motion to oppose this proposal passes with 9 votes to oppose and one abstention by Bruce Bowman.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		

Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose by Bruce Bowman, seconded by Rowan Miller. Motion to oppose by unanimous consent. Same comments as proposal 179.
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	4	2	Motion to support was made by Rowan Miller, seconded by Bruce Bowman. Bruce noted it clarifies that fishing requires direct human involvement. Motion to support this proposal passes with four votes to support, two votes to oppose, and four people abstained. Those that abstained did not know enough about artificial means to fish to make any voting decisions.
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	10	0	Motion to support this proposal made by Jens Saxum, seconded by Justice Cousins. Motion passes by unanimous consent. The Committee saw no reason not to use a bow to target invasive species that have no bag limits: whitefish, suckers, northern pike.
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
Oppose	0	10	Motion to oppose made by Thane Miller, seconded by Pat Day. Bruce noted the proposal is probably meant for species like Ling Cod which have length requirements, the way the proposal is written would include all fin fish and therefore it's too unclear and he can't support it. Justice expressed concerns about processing fish immediately after catch. General discussion was about the pros and cons of waiting to process your fish until you get to the dock for inspection, however there was sympathy for law enforcement's ability to identify number of caught fish. Motion to oppose this proposal passes by unanimous consent.

Definitions			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Support	10	0	Motion to support was made by Rowan Miller, seconded by Pat Day. Considered a housekeeping proposal by the department. Motion to support this proposal passes by unanimous consent.
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
No Action			The committee didn't take this matter up.

VIII. Select representative for Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish meeting (March 16-20, 2026)

The committee selected Nicholas Crump to represent the committee at the board of statewide board of fish meeting in Anchorage in March, 2026.

IX. Set next meeting date for Board of Game southcentral proposals

The next committee meeting to discuss board of game proposals was scheduled for February 12th at 5:00 pm.

X. Other

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Thane Miller. Seconded by Dan Eames.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: **Nick Crump**

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

**Seldovia Advisory Committee
Friday, December 19th, 2025
Seldovia Multipurpose Room**

I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Michael Opheim (MVO)

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Michael	Opheim	x	
Stephen	Payton	x	
Jevon	Chartier		excused
Walt	Sonen	x	
Alvin	Swick	x	
Bryan	Chartier	x	
Keith	Swick	x	
Liz	Diament	x	
Jordan	Cameron	x	
Chris	Pollock		excused
Chance	Collier	x	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Leila Williams, Jason Herreman, Chris Bottom

IV. Guests Present:

none

V. Approval of Agenda

MVO

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MVO

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

none

b. ADF&G:

i. Jason Herreman – Deer planting, goat hunts, Kalgin hunts

c. Others

none

VIII. Public Comment

none

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Elections: 4 seats expiring, 4 vacant seats, 2 alternates
- b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals
- c. Board of Fish Bristol Bay Region Proposals
- d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC agrees with restricting hunters that take nannies in any unit should be restricted.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
Na			
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
Na			
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
Na			
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
Na			
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Na			

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87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restrictions		
Na			
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Na			
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
oppose	0	9	
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Na			
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
support	9	0	
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
support	9	0	
97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC supports the Homer ACs proposal on this topic as it covers the same concerns as ours, proposal 99.
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
support	9	0	The Seldovia AC supports this proposal we developed

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100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
Na			
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
Na			
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
na			
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Na			
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		
Na			
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
Na			
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Na			
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			

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127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Na			
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
Na			
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
Na			
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
Na			
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
Na			
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Na			
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		

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Na			
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
na			
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		
na			
142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
na			
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
na			
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
na			
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
na			

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
61	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon inriver projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery		

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oppose	0	9	The provisions suggested in this proposal are unreachable and unreasonable given current king salmon numbers. This would hinder the commercial fishery from operating more then it already does.
62	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar		
oppose	0	9	The provisions suggested in this proposal are unreachable and unreasonable given current king salmon numbers. This would hinder the commercial fishery from operating more then it already does.
69	5 AAC 06.391. Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon		

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
167	5 AAC 28.050. Lawful gear for groundfish. Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
support	9	0	The AC agrees that a vessel should only be allowed to carry one gear type as described in this proposal. This would align with other fisheries and ensure good practices.

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186	5 AAC 21.353 Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
oppose	0	9	The AC feels restricting these fisheries further would not help the problem stated in this proposal.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn
7:47 pm

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton_____

Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim_____

Date: 12/29/2025_____

Seward Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 13th, 2025
Seward Community Library & Zoom

I. Call to Order at 7:00 PM by Jim McCracken

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
James (Jim)	McCracken	X	
Dianne	Dubuc	X	
Andrew	Bacon	X	
Nathan	Smith	X	
Maile	Branson	X	
Kenn	Carpenter		Unexcused
Mark	Clemens	X	
Bob	White	X	
W. C.	Casey	X	
Arne	Hatch		Excused
Derek	Branson	X	
Jim	Hubbard		Excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Chris Bottom – ADFG Area Wildlife Biologist

Leila Williams – ADFG Board Support

Britany Blaine-Roth – Area Management Biologist Sportfish

IV. Guests Present: Carrie Ann Mueller – Board of Game

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G

Britany Blaine-Roth reported that ADFG Sportfish staff surveyed Coho in our area for the first time since 2019. Staff counted 1,100 fish in lagoon and adjacent drainages. Survey showed good numbers in other area streams: Clear Creek, Box Canyon, Salmon Creek. In response to a question, Blaine-Roth stated that ADFG-stocked hatchery fish return the following year.

Chris Bottom reported a strong moose harvest this year. 454 moose harvested on the Kenai Peninsula, 10-12% were sub-legal size. Bear hunting was slightly down, and did not have to close brown bear season. The Department transplanted black tail deer to the Fox River flats. Dubuc asked what the long-term goal of deer repopulation is. Bottom replied that over time, the hope is a sustainable food supply, similar actions in Kodiak and PWS took 19 years before opening a hunt.

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment - none

IX. Old Business - none

X. New Business

a. Elections for 4 expiring seats for terms ending 06/2028 and 1 alternate: Carpenter relocated out of state and will not be seeking re-election. The four other members up for reelection were present and willing to run for an additional term. There were no others present seeking election to the Seward Advisory Committee. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to elect Andrew Bacon, Mark Clemens, Bob White, and Derek Branson

b. Election of Officers

Motion: (Dubuc/Bacon) Nominate Jim McCracken Chair, Diane Dubuc Vice Chair, Andrew Bacon Secretary

c. Current Board of Fisheries Proposals: Bristol Bay, Statewide Finfish – *Discussion notes and vote sheets attached*

d. Current Board of Game Proposals: Southcentral Region- *Discussion notes and vote sheets attached*

e. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed - Kid Fish Report: Event was successful this year. About 100 kids attended. This event had good community support both in participation and business donations of food and prizes for participants.

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
44	Limit the number of king salmon retained as homepack in the commercial fishery and in the subsistence fishery and report all king salmon harvested, as follows		
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Eastside Management</i>			
45	Extend the date in which commercial fishermen must register or re-register in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
46	Amend the dates described in the <i>Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan</i> , as follows		
47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District, as follows		
48	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, and change the distance in which gear associated with set gillnet fishing must be removed in Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
49	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, as follows		
50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay, as follows		
51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest		

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	Area, as follows		
52			Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan, as follows
53			Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity, as follows
<i>Westside Management</i>			
54			Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Samon Management Plan, as follows
55			Repeal the <i>Nushagak River Coho Samon Management Plan</i> , as follows
56			Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery, as follows
57			Adopt offshore locations used in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery for the drift gillnet fishery, and prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear, as follows
58			Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish, as follows
59			Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation, as follows
60			Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, as follows
<i>Nushagak District king salmon management (6 commercial, 3 sport)</i>			
61			Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon in-river projected run size, and prohibit the

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			retention of king salmon in the sport fishery, as follows
62			Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District until June 28 or until the minimum escapement goal of 55,000 king salmon are counted at the Portage Creek sonar, as follows
63			Amend the <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
64			Open the Wood River Special Harvest Area to drift and set gillnet gear until one of the king salmon stock of concern triggers is met, as follows
65			Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations, and amend <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> to include set gillnet specific provisions, as follows
66			Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in <i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan</i> , as follows
67			Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage, as follows
68			Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
69			Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon, as follows
<i>Fishing Districts</i>			
70			Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District, as follows
71			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows
72			Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows

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73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
<i>Gear Specifications</i>			
75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
77	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery, as follows		
79	Increase offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District, as follows		
80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay, as follows		
81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area, as follows		
<i>Vessel Specifications</i>			
82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications, as follows		
83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, and modify multiple vessel specifications, as follows		
84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay, as follows		

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85			Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation, as follows
86			Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs, as follows
87			Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations, as follows
88			Remove anchor roller specifications, as follows
89			Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller, as follows
90			Add gillnet roller specifications, as follows
91			Amend the definition of an outdrive guard, as follows
<i>Fishing Periods, Seasons, and Reporting</i>			
92			Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25, as follows
93			Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District, as follows
94			Remove the time limitation for fishing in the Togiak District, as follows
95			Modify early season registration requirements, as follows
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
96			Prohibit the use of multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage, as follows
97			Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks while sport fishing for rainbow trout and char and prohibit fish from being removed from the water prior to release in the Naknek River drainage,

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	as follows		
98			Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Naknek River, as follows
99			Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows
100			Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River, as follows
101			Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hook sin the Egegik and Ugashik drainages, as follows
102			Reduce the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage, as follows
103			Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming), as follows
104			Modify gear to barbless hooks in Morine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages, as follows
105			Adopt a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan, as follows

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	8	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) Salmon excluder requirements would set a good example for salmon conservation. It would not be a burden to the industry. Smith stated that Canada has been using them. White abstained, stating reason that the trawl fishery should be eliminated entirely.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		

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Support	9	0	(White/Dubuc) - moved to discuss and vote on proposals 170-172 as a group. Discussion about the increase in hatchery operations in PWS over time, emphasized increase in rate of output since the 1989 oil spill. Dubuc stated that hatcheries have driven development of this fishery that operates more along the lines of harvesting than fishing. Discussed straying issues affecting wild populations along the North Gulf Coast. Discussed lack of hatchery committee meetings, as specified in paragraph 3 in the proposal book, and members questioned why the lack of meetings on this important issue. The Seward Advisory Committee urges the Board of Fish hatchery committee to be empowered to meet more frequently to discuss this topic.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Support	9	0	<i>(see above)</i>
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Support	9	0	<i>(see above)</i>
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Casey) – moved to discuss and vote on proposals 176-178

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			as a group. Discussed party fishing issues being difficult to manage on deck, and how the dynamics of different groups affect things. Discussed release mortality being generally low. Discussed that fishing charters are marketed as a fishing experience, not a promise to fill the freezer. McCracken noted that State of Alaska does not have regulatory authority on halibut, complicating bag/possession of State managed vs. Fed managed fish
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(see above)
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(see above)
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Casey) – moved to discuss and vote on proposals 179-180 as a group. Dubuc stated that this should be a locally managed decision, and that local Area Management plans should be applied. Group consensus that this proposal shouldn't be considered at a statewide meeting, its too broad reaching.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(See above)
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/White) – Noted that the proposer had brought this forward multiple times in the past and that it should be considered. Discussed that this would apply only to fish that have no limit.

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183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) – The Committee asked the fish biologist if the impetus behind this proposal was lack of data samples, to which she replied that it was mainly enforcement related. Discussion then related to how current regulations like leaving the fish skin on as an identifier and having minimum fillet lengths for lingcod are sufficient.
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Support	9	0	(Smith/Dubuc) Discussed that this would align definitions across the state, and that this would open up harvest opportunity for an additional type of rockfish, i.e. one DS, one Slope, and Pelagic

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<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>			
Regionwide & Multiple Units			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
73	Define the terms “permanent dwelling”, “publicly maintained trail/road” and “developed recreational facility” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter’s bag limit regionwide		
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		
Cordova Area – Unit 6			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		

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81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		
<i>Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15</i>			
86	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 caribou drawing hunt DC001, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Clemens/Dubuc) moved to discuss and vote on proposals 86-88 as a group. There was lengthy discussion about the numerous proposals by Mr. Van Arsdale and their intent to allocate a greater share of hunt permits to resident hunters. The Committee discussed the proposal with the wildlife biologist in attendance. Recognizing that the content of each proposal is identical, except for different hunt numbers inserted, the Committee discussed whether to vote on all Van Arsdale’s proposals at one time, but the consensus was to instead look at them in smaller groups throughout the meeting. Within these meeting minutes, discussion of Mr. Van Arsdale’s proposals will reference back to this one. Each of the proposals received a motion and a second to adopt, which will be noted in the minutes, then to the vote.
87	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B caribou drawing hunt DC608, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
88	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C caribou drawing hunt DC618, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>

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89	Open an early season, archery only moose hunt in Unit 7		
Oppose	1	8	(Dubuc/White) – Dubuc supports opening up opportunity to bowhunters. White concerned with animals getting hit and not recovered, doesn't see need to split hunts between user groups. Smith not enough moose abundance.
90	Change the bag limit for the general season moose hunts in Units 7 and 15 to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side, in addition to the current antler restriction		
Opposed	0	9	(White/Clemens) – Discussion about the intent of the proposal. In response to questions from the committee, ADFG wildlife biologist commented that it would add a lot of complexity to the existing regulation.
91	Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October		
Opposed	0	9	(White/Smith) – White stated that moving the hunt back into October would have a negative effect on meat quality. There was discussion about increased harvest resulting from more favorable environmental conditions to hunters. ADFG biologist echoed concerns with increased harvest due to these factors.
92	Shift the moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B, from August 20 – September 20 to September 1 - 25		
93	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C moose drawing hunt DM549, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) – see discussion proposal 86
94	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 moose drawing hunt DM210, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) – see discussion proposal 86
95	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	(Casey/Clemens) – The Seward Advisory Committee votes annually to reauthorize this hunt, discussion limited to acknowledging that ADFG supports this hunt

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97	Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
98	Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay		
99	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
100	Adjust the Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay. Additionally, clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to be utilized during the moose season; restrict the use of motorized vehicles for all big game		
101	Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
102	Remove the motorized vehicle restriction for hunting moose within the Lower Kenai Controlled Used Area in Unit 15C		
103	Allow the use of motorized vehicles to hunt moose on the weekends only, after the first week of the season within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
104	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during September 16-19 and September 22-25, in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C		
105	Close Dall sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	9	(Smith/Casey) - Discussed support of ADFG management of full curl hunts, biologists can manage by EO if necessary.
106	Change the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to registration hunts with hunt areas set by ADF&G		
Support as amended	9	0	(Smith/Clemens) - Smith supports registration hunts because it provides additional harvest data (Smith/Casey) - amended subsection (4) to delete the language including resident hunters, so this would apply only to nonresident hunters.
107	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to drawing hunts with season dates of August 10 – September 20		

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Oppose	0	9	(White/Smith) – White stated that he does not support the limitations of a draw hunt. Discussion acknowledging that ADFG management practices of a general season and only full curl rams is biologically sound.
108	Change all or some of the general season sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 to archery only hunts		
109	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the DS150 sheep drawing hunt in Units 7 and 15A to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
110	Open a drawing permit hunt for goat in an area of Unit 7, east of the Russian River, south of Kenai River and West of Copper River		
111	Create a new registration, archery only hunt for goat in Unit 7 Remainder		
112	Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts		
Oppose	0	9	(Casey/White) - Casey generally opposed to creating new hunts that benefit an individual user group. All hunters may participate in the general hunt using whatever legal methods and means they prefer.
113	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(White/Dubuc) – moved to vote on proposals 113-133 as a group, referencing our discussion of proposal 86
114	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334 to UP TO 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
115	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
116	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
117	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
118	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343, to “up to” 20% of the		

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Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
119	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
120	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
121	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
122	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
123	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
124	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG352, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
125	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG354, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
126	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG356, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
127	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
128	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
129	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
130	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of		

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	the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
131	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
132	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
133	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
134	Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season		
135	Change the 2015 Board of Game findings to manage the mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year or split the mortality cap into spring and fall caps		
136	Change the management of the RB300 brown bear mortality cap in Units 7 and 15 from a calendar year to a regulatory year		
137	Remove the current harvest cap for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15		
138	Reduce the brown bear hunting season in Units 7 and 15 by 15 days		
Oppose	0	9	(White/Clemens) – White stated that this would result in lost opportunity during a part of the season where there are good options to select a bear over bait
139	Shorten the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 7 and 15, and divide the RB300 hunt into spring and fall hunts, with each having separate caps		
140	Restrict hunters who take a sow brown bear in Units 7 and 15 from hunting RB300 for two to four years		
141	When the lynx trapping season is open in Units 7 and 15, season dates will be December 15 through the last day of February		

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142	Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7		
143	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15		
144	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Units 7 and 15 to align with Units 6 and 14C		
145	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specific roads and pullouts in and around Cooper Landing in Unit 7		
Oppose	0	9	(White/Clemens) moved to discuss and vote on proposals 145-149 as a group. Discussion noted that these proposals had been discussed by our committee and voted down in the previous meeting cycle, and that they are substantively the same. The reasons these proposals are not supported have to do with a mix of enforcement difficulty, some opposition to the size of the setbacks being proposed, and that dog owners ought to be responsible and in control of their pets. There was also discussion and recognition of unethical trapping being a problem.
146	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along specified trails and trailheads in and around the Cooper Landing Area in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
147	Establish trapping buffers along two areas of Kenai Lake beaches near Cooper Landing, in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
148	Require signs be posted at all access points to active trapping in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
149	Establish trapping and snaring buffers along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in the Summit Lake Recreation Area in Unit 7		
Oppose			(See above)
150	Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7		
Support	7	2	(Clemens/White) – Discussion of this proposal picked up from the previous re: trapping, with supporting comments citing trapper accountability, similarity to shrimp pot tagging requirements, and that anonymity would be maintained by having a tag ID# as opposed to a person's name and phone number.
151	Close all beaver trapping within the Deep Creek and Anchor River drainage south to but excluding the Fox River drainage in Unit 15C, for five years		

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152	Close all beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years		
153	Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
154	Change the bag limits for sea ducks in Unit 15C		
<i>Anchorage Area – Unit 14C</i>			
155	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Clemens/Casey) – discuss proposals 155-158
156	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
157	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
158	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
159	Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C		
160	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	(Bacon/Clemens) – discuss proposals 160-168
161	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
162	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
163	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
164	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		

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Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
165	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
166	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
167	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
168	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
Support	9	0	<i>(ref. proposal 86)</i>
169	Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagler River Management Area in Unit 14C, with additional restrictions		
170	Close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents		
171	Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Form Eklutna area		
172	Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Management area in Unit 14C		
173	Shift the season dates of the DM211 antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Placer River drainages in Units 7 and 14C to October 1-30, to avoid overlap with the DM210 bull hunt		
Opposed	0	9	(White/Smith) White discussed having many years of experience hunting in this area and stated that he has rarely encountered other hunters, does not believe the amount of hunting a warrant shifting the dates and is opposed to this proposal.
174	Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation		
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		

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Support	7	2	(Casey/Smith) – noting that the Seward AC votes on this annually, little discussion was given to the proposal, the two dissenting votes were also cast in accordance with past reauthorizations of this hunt.
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
177	Extend the season for the DS140 and DS240 sheep hunts in Unit 14C by five days		
178	Split the DS141 sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14C into two hunt periods		
179	Remove the East Fork Eklutna from the sheep hunt area for DS124, DS125, DS126 and DS224 in Unit 14C		
180	Expand the DS123 sheep hunt area in Unit 14C, available to resident and nonresident hunters. Additionally, exempt the nonresident quota; issue only one permit for any ram, and lengthen the season		
181	Allow 2 nd degree kindred sheep hunters to hunt under their relative’s permit for sheep in Unit 14C		
182	Change the nonresident sheep permit allocation in Unit 14C so that at least one permit is issued for each of four hunt areas		
183	Extend all hunting seasons for black and brown bear in Unit 14C to June 15		
184	Create a resident, black bear hunt for Highland Mountain in Unit 14C, October 1 – October 31		
185	Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C		
186	Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt		
187	Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder		
188	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB468, to “up to” 20% of the available permits as follows		
189	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB470, to “up to” 20% of the available permits		

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190			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C brown bear drawing hunt DB477, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
191			Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C
192			Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C
193			Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt
194			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14C Remainder to June 30
195			Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder
196			Restrict bear baiting within five miles of the Knik River Road in Unit 14C Remainder
197			Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 14C
<i>Kodiak Area – Unit 8</i>			
198			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
199			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder
200			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to two bucks
201			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks
202			Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27, and 28, to two bucks only though December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1
203			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from one to three
204			Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder to two bucks

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205	Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek		
206	Change the road system boundary for deer hunting in Unit 8, from the mouth of the Saltry River to the mouth of Wild Creek		
207	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side		
208	Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8		
209	Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8		
210	Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723, and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issues in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household		
211	Extend the elk registration hunt in Unit 8, to December 31		
212	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
213	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
214	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
215	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
216	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		
217	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to "up to" 10% of the available permits		

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218			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
219			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits
220			Extend the subsistence goat hunting season in Unit 8 to March 31
221			Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1
222			Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns to be sealed
223			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
224			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
225			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
226			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
227			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
228			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
229			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
230			Extend the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1st

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231			Limit the nonresident permit allocation to 10% for the Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG475, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479
232			Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8
233			Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236
234			Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20
235			Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8
236			Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8 thru 16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters
237			Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents
238			Require resident hunting brown in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear
239			Reduce the bag limit for sea ducks in Unit 8, and require harvest reporting
240			Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting
241			Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8
242			Extend the trapping season for river otter in Unit 8 to end April 15
243			Require all snares set in the Kodiak Road system within Unit 8, to include breakaway mechanisms
244			Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8
245			Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8

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246			Prohibit the use of infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8
247			Allow the use of artificial light for taking fox under a trapping license
248			Prohibit the use of electronically enhanced night vision for taking furbearers in Unit 8
<i>Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Other Regions</i>			
249			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest region
250			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
251			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B
253			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
254			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18
255			Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
256			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
257			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
258			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
259			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
260			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
261			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
(Casey/Clemens) moved to authorize Dubuc to attend Board of Fish meeting, and passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion of upcoming Board of Fish meeting in Seward, December 2026, and forming a subcommittee to plan for the meeting. Dubuc, Clemens, McCracken, Hubbard, and Smith volunteered for the subcommittee

XII. Set next meeting date – no meeting date was formally set.

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjournment: 10:00 PM by the Chair

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Bacon
Minutes Approved By: Jim McCracken
Date: 02/09/2026

Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals March 17 – 21, 2026 Anchorage, 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
<p><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></p>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
No Action			<p>Discussion focused on whether this practice is already effectively prohibited under current law and what qualifies as “commercial transport.” Members questioned whether the proposal targets water taxis or air taxis, and whether existing prohibitions on subsistence guide services already address the issue. Several participants expressed uncertainty about how the proposal would apply in practice. Concerns were raised about the definition of “commercial transportation” and whether it could unintentionally include situations such as reimbursing a friend for gas or fuel after being transported to a subsistence harvest area. There was also uncertainty about whether hiring a boat or plane for access would undermine the subsistence nature of the activity. With limited clarity on the scope, enforcement implications, and whether a regulatory gap actually exists, members expressed hesitation to support the proposal. The group ultimately voted to take no action, with no opposition.</p>
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
Support	13	0	<p>Although the proposal falls outside the committee’s immediate area, members engaged in broader discussion about trawl impacts. John noted his primary concern remains salmon and suggested other upcoming proposals may better address regional priorities. Stacey clarified that the proposal’s intent is to address trawl impacts on golden crab. Several members expressed strong concerns about bottom trawling and habitat damage. Steve suggested supporting the proposal as an opportunity to formally state opposition to bottom trawling, even if the issue is outside the area. Dick raised concerns about bottom damage and halibut impacts, and Kent added that pelagic trawl gear is frequently on the bottom, echoing concerns raised in Proposals 163–165. Norm emphasized that the Bering</p>

			<p>Sea serves as nursery grounds for species that migrate through the Gulf and down to Canada, meaning impacts extend well beyond one region.</p> <p>Karen supported the proposal as a way to slow habitat damage affecting the entire coastline, citing reports of significant halibut mortality associated with trawling and research showing migration along the West Coast. Kent noted that while federal Amendment 80 cannot be addressed at the state level, there is an opportunity to weigh in on state proposals—particularly 164 and 165—regarding real-time gear monitoring to keep pelagic trawl gear off the bottom. The motion to support Proposal 11 passed unanimously</p>
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
Support	13	0	<p>Emily introduced proposals 163-165 together, emphasizing that they establish clear, enforceable, and verifiable rules for pelagic trawl gear, improving transparency and reducing habitat and bycatch impacts. She noted that the State of Alaska’s definition of pelagic trawl states that it does not contact the seabed or use protective devices that make it suitable for fishing on the bottom. Proposal 165 would require salmon excluders as a baseline best practice to reduce avoidable salmon bycatch.</p> <p>Kent asked about excluder effectiveness, and Emily explained that Chinook excluders are standard, with newer development for chum-specific excluders. Devon and Woody discussed the reality that some “pelagic” gear can contact the bottom and that gear could be built to operate on the seafloor even if labeled pelagic. AC members noted that current gear definitions allow flexibility, but the proposals create a clear verification pathway.</p> <p>Members noted concerns raised by the industry, including claims that Proposal 163 could presume guilt, monitoring costs for Proposal 164, and operators’ claims that they do not fish on the bottom. AC members emphasized that these proposals establish measurable compliance and accountability rather than punitive rules. Norm and others highlighted the high volume of product and discards in state waters, supporting stronger regulation. Members framed the proposals as a first step toward broader state and federal alignment in defining and managing pelagic trawl gear which is operating on the seafloor.</p>
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
Support	13	0	See comments on 163

165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
Support	13	0	See comments on 163
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
Support	13	0	<p>Proposal 166 would add specific dimensional limits to the statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine. ADF&G staff noted the concern comes from the Kodiak jig fishery, where some vessels are alleged to be using longline-style gear under the jig allocation, potentially gaining a competitive advantage. Although directed at Kodiak, the change would apply statewide, including Southeast fisheries targeting black rockfish, lingcod, and Pacific cod.</p> <p>ADF&G staff clarified that while Kodiak faces competition concerns, Southeast does not currently experience the same level of conflict. Kodiak's Pacific cod fishery allocates 50% of the Guideline Harvest Level to jig gear, and disputes center on whether some operators are fishing more efficiently by mimicking longline methods. Current regulations already limit vessels to six jig machines, 30 hooks per machine, and 500 total hooks, but there is no size or diameter limit in regulation.</p> <p>AC discussion reflected concern about creating statewide restrictions for a regional issue and potentially forcing Southeast fishermen to modify equipment unnecessarily. Others noted possible loopholes involving multiple baited hooks deployed in a longline-style configuration while labeled as jigging. Ultimately, despite reservations, the motion to support Proposal 166 passed unanimously, 13–0.</p>
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
Oppose	0	13	<p>AC discussion raised concerns about practicality and enforcement. Members noted that many vessels carry multiple gear types for efficiency and flexibility, including combining longline, pot, troll, and subsistence gear. Concerns were raised that the proposal would create unnecessary inconvenience, particularly for combo operations or those setting subsistence gear while engaged in another fishery.</p> <p>Members felt Proposal 166 already addressed the core concern and that additional restrictions were unnecessary. The motion to support failed unanimously, 0–13.</p>

168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
Oppose	0	13	<p>Discussion centered on enforcement versus regulation. Members expressed concern that the proposal would create complications across multiple fisheries and set a problematic precedent. Many Southeast vessels routinely carry and use multiple gear types (e.g., pots and hooks for halibut and black cod, longline and slinky pots, troll gear with other equipment), and the proposal could significantly disrupt common fishing practices.</p> <p>ADF&G noted that the proposal would impact several Southeast-directed fisheries, including rockfish, lingcod, Pacific cod, and black cod. Members concluded that if improper activity is occurring, enforcement should address it, not add additional regulation. The motion to support Proposal 168 failed unanimously, 0–13.</p>
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or ‘slinky pot’		
Support	13	0	Housekeeping proposal, passed unanimously
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
Oppose	0	13	<p>AC discussion highlighted significant economic and ecological implications. Hatchery operators and processors stressed that reductions could seriously impact profit, co-op operations, and broader salmon programs, including coho and king salmon releases. Early findings from Prince William Sound indicate high proportions of hatchery-origin chum in some streams, raising concerns about interactions with wild stocks. However, field sampling shows stray rates decline with distance from hatchery release sites, and not all wild straying is captured.</p> <p>Committee members questioned the Board of Fisheries’ authority to enact such reductions, noting that legal jurisdiction over hatchery broodstock may not extend to production cuts of this magnitude. Concerns were also raised about the public versus organizational ownership of hatchery fish. Ultimately, the AC opposed the proposal, which failed unanimously, 0–13.</p>
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
No Action			Out of Area
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Oppose	0	13	AC discussion noted that the proposal lacked a clear regulatory mechanism and that existing processes allow the commissioner to manage production through established agreements. Legal authority questions were raised about whether

			<p>the Board of Fisheries can enact such a moratorium, and members noted that current coordination between operators and the state is functioning.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised about the vague language of the proposal and its potential to create new regulatory complications. While some members saw merit in modernizing processes, the AC concluded that the proposal was outside their authority and not necessary. The motion failed unanimously, 0–13.</p>
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		
Support	13	0	Housekeeping proposal, passed unanimously
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
Support	13	0	The AC’s Seine representative concluded that allowing fishermen to shut off engines when desired poses no issue and expressed support for permitting it.
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
Oppose	0	13	<p>Committee discussion focused on regional applicability and impacts. Members noted that local dip nets are already within legal size limits (around 4.5-inch stretch), and reducing mesh further could increase bycatch of smaller sockeye without effectively conserving Chinook. Concerns were raised that a statewide mandate could unnecessarily burden subsistence and personal use fisheries, particularly in areas like Redoubt where selective harvest of larger sockeye is common. The mesh design and net construction were also discussed, with members noting that nets are triangular and partially suspended by rope, allowing anglers to control handling and size selectivity.</p> <p>Several members, including Woody and Emily, emphasized that this proposal should not be applied statewide, as local fisheries do not face the same conservation concerns cited elsewhere.</p> <p>The AC voted by unanimous consent to oppose the proposal and comment that it shouldn’t be applied statewide and would harm our region.</p>
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
Oppose	1	14	<p>Discussion noted that this proposal differs from the following 2 proposals because it specifically prohibits crew from contributing their harvest to clients. The discussion centered on whether pooling would simplify the “first person to hook the fish” rule and reduce catch-and-release mortality, or instead increase</p>

			<p>harvest and create enforcement and allocation problems, particularly in Southeast Alaska where resident and non-resident limits can differ.</p> <p>ADF&G staff explained that bag limits are currently managed on an individual basis and serve as a primary conservation tool. Moving to vessel limits could increase harvest, particularly by allowing continued fishing once some anglers reach their limits. In areas with resident preference limits, pooling could effectively blur those distinctions. Jake noted that while there might be minor reductions in release mortality in some slot-limit scenarios, overall harvest would likely increase, potentially requiring more restrictive management in the future.</p> <p>Enforcement raised significant concerns about implementation. Pooling limits would make it difficult to determine responsibility when a vessel exceeds allowable catch. Under a vessel limit, individual accountability becomes unclear, and in an over-limit situation, everyone on board could potentially be cited. He also noted complications involving crew-retained fish, residency distinctions, and statewide differences in species rules. Current regulations clearly assign responsibility to clients and guides; pooling would make enforcement more complex and, in some scenarios, “virtually impossible.”</p> <p>There was extensive AC discussion regarding all 3 proposals (177-179). Supporters argued the current regulation is widely misunderstood and inconsistently applied, particularly regarding who “hooks” the fish first. They contended pooling would reduce unnecessary catch-and-release mortality, especially for king salmon and yelloweye, and better accommodate families and physically limited anglers. Opponents countered that the proposal could increase harvest, weaken residency distinctions, complicate enforcement, strain allocations during low-quota seasons, and effectively legitimize practices that may already be occurring but are not legal. Several members characterized the proposal as a slippery slope away from individual accountability in sportfishing.</p>
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
No Action			See comments on 176
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
Oppose	3	12	<p>Proposal 178 would modify the definition of bag limit by allowing a fish to count toward the limit of “any person taking part in the catch,” rather than strictly the person who originally hooked it. Unlike Proposals 176 and 177, it does not explicitly create a boat wide pooling system but instead attempts to address situations where someone assists in landing a fish for youth, elderly anglers, or others in need of physical assistance.</p>

			<p>Luke, the proposal author, explained that current regulations tie the fish to the person who first hooks it, which can create problems when rods are in holders and someone must initially grab and crank the reel before handing it to the intended angler. He argued the rule is widely misunderstood and unintentionally violated. His intent was to clarify that assisting should allow the fish to count toward the bag limit of someone actively participating in the catch. He emphasized the proposal was about fairness and accessibility, not increasing harvest.</p> <p>Enforcement (Tim) acknowledged Luke’s intent and stated the current regulations are workable but could benefit from clarification. However, he cautioned that the phrase “any person taking part in a catch” is vague and could be abused. He warned that, in practice, the language could function similarly to a boat limit by allowing anglers who had already reached their limit to hand off fish to someone else who had not. Tim suggested that clarifying what constitutes “assistance” might be more appropriate than altering the bag limit definition itself, but noted that making such language enforceable would require multiple subsections.</p> <p>Committee discussion reflected divided views. Supporters saw the proposal as a narrower and less problematic alternative to vessel pooling. They argued it would allow guides, deckhands, and others to assist physically limited anglers without fear of technical violations. Opponents, however, viewed the language as overly broad and potentially creating the same enforcement and allocation concerns raised under Proposals 176 and 177. Several members expressed concern that the wording could effectively allow fish to be transferred to someone who still needed that species, thereby functioning as a de facto boat limit. Others worried about giving the Board a proposal with vague language to fix how they see fit later.</p> <p>While many members appreciated the intent, several stated they could not support the proposal as written.</p>
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
Oppose	0	15	<p>ADF&G staff explained that the department does not currently have data on how many anglers harvest more than ten kings annually, as sport anglers are not universally required to report total seasonal catch. The proposal could reduce harvest in areas without existing annual caps, but it could also restrict opportunity in times or places of abundance, particularly in Southeast Alaska, which accounts for a large share of sport-harvested king salmon. The department already has emergency authority to reduce bag, possession, or annual limits when conservation concerns arise.</p>

			<p>Committee discussion focused on regional impacts and management flexibility. Several members opposed applying a blanket statewide limit, arguing it would disproportionately affect Southeast fisheries and restrict the department's ability to liberalize harvest in hatchery or surplus situations. Concerns were raised that the proposal appeared designed for a different region (Southcentral) but would be imposed uniformly statewide. Members also questioned the 20-inch minimum size, with one noting it would allow anglers to quickly reach the annual limit on smaller fish, complicating management. Others pointed out that nonresidents already face annual limits in some Southeast fisheries and that the proposal could unintentionally override or conflict with existing regional frameworks.</p> <p>One member noted conceptual support for annual limits in finite or high-pressure fisheries but the overall conclusion was that the proposal as statewide mandate was inappropriate. Overall, the committee viewed the proposal as overly broad, lacking supporting data, and unnecessarily restrictive.</p>
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
Oppose	0	15	<p>ADF&G noted that Proposal 180 was similar to 179 but reduced the annual limit to five king salmon and required electronic recording or annual reporting to the department. It also did not include the 20-inch minimum provision.</p> <p>Because it raised the same concerns regarding statewide application, management inflexibility, and lack of harvest data, the AC discussion reflected the same opposition expressed under Proposal 179.</p>
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
Support	15	0	<p>ADF&G staff explained that current regulatory wording does not fully match statute, and this change would improve clarity. Enforcement noted the issue arose in part from cases where anglers clipped gear directly to downrigger cables, effectively creating an illegal hand-gurdy setup. The proposal was described as a technical fix for clarity and consistency.</p> <p>ADF&G clarified the intent is not to prohibit downriggers, but to ensure gear remains attached to a rod rather than directly clipped to a downrigger cable.</p> <p>Questions were raised about how the change would apply to herring jigs and spearfishing gear. Jake and Tim clarified that separate regulations specifically authorize multi-hook herring and smelt gear and recognize spearfishing as lawful sport fishing gear, subject to standard bag and size limits.</p>
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		

No Action			Out of Area
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
Oppose	1	14	<p>ADF&G staff (Jake) indicated the primary purpose of Proposal 183 is to improve enforcement and biological sampling—specifically recovering tags, measuring length and weight, and accurately identifying species such as rockfish. In Southeast Alaska, similar requirements are currently implemented seasonally through emergency order and this proposal would apply the concept statewide.</p> <p>Committee concerns centered on practicality and scope. Members questioned whether anglers would be prohibited from filleting species such as black rockfish before returning to port and whether the proposal was overly broad for species not requiring intensive sampling. Questions were also raised about bait exemptions and whether the existing list of allowable bait species was comprehensive. Jake clarified that specific bait species (e.g., herring, chum salmon, pink salmon, certain whitefish) and fish scraps are already authorized, and these are generally not the conservation focus of the proposal.</p> <p>ADF&G staff noted that the department is reviewing the language and it may be amended before final action, particularly regarding whether a statewide requirement is necessary and how “processed or prepared for human consumption” should be defined.</p> <p>Additional concerns included how the rule might apply to larger vessels that remain at sea for multiple days and freeze fish onboard, and whether the language created contradictions such as requiring fish to remain intact until processed while also requiring processing for human consumption. Members felt the proposal, as written, was overly strict and potentially problematic in practice.</p>
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
Support	15	0	House keeping proposal, supported with unanimous consent
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
No Action			Out of Area
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
No Action			Out of Area

**Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 18, 2026
NSRAA & Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 6pm by Chair Wayne

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Stacey Wayne	Shellfish (Chair)
Schulyer Mace	Hand Troll
Moe Johnson	Seine
Steve Ramp	Resident Sportfish
Devon Calvin	Subsistence
Emily Scott	Alternate (Secretary)
Karen Johnson	At Large
John Murray	Power Troll (Vice Chair)
Lance McCutcheon	At Large
Kent Barkhau	Hunting
Dick Curran	Longline
Woody Cyr	Trapping
Norm Pillan	Processor
Members Absent (Excused):	
Scott Wagner	Alternate
Aaron Prussian	Conservation
Greg Kain	Charter
Luke Bastian	Guide
Members Absent (Unexcused):	

III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Jake Wieliczkiwicz (ADFG Sportfish), Monica Matz (ADFG SF)

***Jake clarifies that they will not comment until sportfish next week

IV. **Guests Present:**

Keith Nyitray (grant manager/ED Sitka maritime heritage society), Adam Olson (NSRAA), Mark Holst

V. **Approval of Agenda**

- Letter in support of subsistence
- Letter in support of HB93
- BOF Statewide Subsistence proposal 162

- BOF Statewide Groundfish/Commercial Proposals 11, 163-174
- Who will attend statewide finfish March 17-20?

John: Requests to add an agenda item for the next meeting. Requests AC support for a letter to ADFG Sport and ADFG Commissioner on Stocks Of Concern management within the sportfish sector. It's taking too long to get SOC rebuilt & certain gear users using catch and release in corridors where others avoid. We need to put more restrictions in there.

Steve M/Emily S to approve agenda

Approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes N/A

VII. Reports

- Chair's report
- ADF&G
- Others

VIII. Public Comment

Keith: Sitka Maritime Heritage Society is eligible for \$2.3 million grant through Murkowski from CDS for the Japonski island boathouse haulout. Grant would be to completely rebuild marine ways inside out. Request LOS from the AC & individuals. The application deadline is 2/27.

Stacey asks John about the scope of our letter writing - John would like to review the rules.

Dick M/ Kent S to draft an LOS for SMHS

AC Comment:

Steve Ramp - There's a direct link between AC and project

John: Suggests the author uses the definition of ACs to guide if it's appropriate

Kent: Asks what the public use would be?

- Keith: One boat at a time but yes, public use. Nothing over 40 ft. As a non-profit, rates will be cheaper. It is a part of our community.

Schuyler: Reach out to the sustainability commission

- Keith: Yes, we have. Unfortunately, the timeline is too tight for approvals. Allowed to submit 5 letters of support. Even half of the grant would go a long way. Marineways are the most important part of the restoration.

Stacey: Reviews the AC mission statement which includes "consulting with others."

Could apply under consulting with others.

Moe: Likes the idea but far outside our mission. Won't support the AC letter.

Keith: sitkamaritime@gmail.com if individuals would like to submit a letter, please reach out.

Steve: Asks if Keith is willing to withdraw request

Keith agrees.

Letter in Support of Federal Subsistence Management Program (FSMP):

Devon: John asked to write a DOI letter on behalf of the AC and would like to discuss if that's appropriate

Stacey: Asks Devon to provide an overview

Devon: The purpose would be submitting an individual comment to DOI addressing the recent review of the FSMP. There was a petition by Safari Club International which intended to have the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) & FSMP reviewed. Areas of review include: number of seats, way in which RAC members are elected, role of ADFG in federal process, and others. There's a lot which is concerning and would wonder if we want to express our general priority for subsistence, support for FSMP or whether we would want to be addressing various points of concern.

Stacey: Part of the petition would return control of subsistence to the state?

Schuyler: Yes

Devon: Not intentionally but yes. The concern stems from the petition which SCI submitted. We'd have to return it to primary managers (AK)

Stacey: Alaska can't manage to subsistence priority which is a reason why we would want to write a letter and why we should write a letter on it

M Emily/S John for Devon to submit a letter on behalf of the AC to DOI

Kent: Part of it would be specific comments - like deference to ADFG, whether locals are included in RAC. What would our specific focuses be?

Stacey: This is what our AC should decide now. What is the AC interested in commenting on specifically?

Steve: Goal is to speak out in opposition of the SCI petition?

Devon: I was hoping we could come to that consensus.

Emily: Clarifies that we would be commenting on the review process itself, not the petition. We would comment on the areas of review identified by DOI.

Steve: We want to specify opposing specific things including the makeup of the Board and turning control to state

Devon: We want to preserve recent changes that the board has made in the last several years.

Kent: And support ANILCA and the promise it has made.

John: Is the letter going to the administration?

Emily: It's going to secretary of the interior

Devon: Since we have another meeting coming up, can I write a draft and then we can suggest edits.

Norm: I have a hard time just drafting a letter and sending it. I'm in support of protecting subsistence rights. It's just what exactly are we trying to address?

Stacey: Just trying to get approval to draft the letter.

Emily withdraws motion

Devon to present a draft of the letter at the next meeting.

Letter of support for HB 93:

John: The bill has passed in the house, going into the senate. We could either write Stedman or the whole senate. Himschoot was here and presented it to us. We already voted on it, could we use what we had for the house and carry over to the senate?

Stacey: The bill is changing requirements for in-state hunting and fishing licenses to be the same as PFD. Easy for law enforcement to check eligibility. Under current regs, you don't have to be in the state much to qualify for resident status.

Steve: Revoice my opposition to this bill - I think it's a bad bill for the same reasons. Too many loopholes so it will prevent long term residents from obtaining a license. Unless it's ammended at the senate level, it'll leave a lot of people out of resident licenses.

John: Propose we bring the old letter to the next meeting and discuss if we want to repurpose.

Woody: The bill has significantly reduced requirements at this point.

Steve: I'll take another look

Kent: Coming from POW seeing a lot of abuses from permanent fishing and hunting licenses you get at 65. Folks who qualify but didn't live in state nor intend to are abusing that privilege. A clean fix would be aligning the requirements with those of the PFD. Makes sense to me that the privilege in the state stays in the state. Qualifications should be at least as stringent as the PFD.

John: I haven't looked at the new bill so I'd like to do that before submitting the letter but I'm still in support of it. It's been vetted by a lot of ACs and communities.

Steve: Would like to table

Stacey: Clarifies testimony could be Monday

Steve motions to table, no second

John: If it's Monday, it's not gonna happen. I'd be prepared to come up with a letter addressing the base of what we commented before.

IX. Old Business

Report from Steve Ramp on Unguided Rental Boat Issue

- Steve: Was asked by Himschoot to be the AC rep for the unguided rental boat issue. We already submitted a LOS. There were representatives from SEAGO, ALFA, and other businesses who rent boats. Goal is to come up with an agreed upon definition of rented

sportfishing vessels. Asked Steve to submit our AC definition (from BOF). A couple changes made to our definition - foresees a bill being generated to define the group.

Officer Election

- John takes over as Chair
 - Election for the Chair Seat: Steve nominates Stacey, Stacey accepts.
 - Unanimous consent - Passes
- Stacey takes back role as Chair
 - Election for VC: Steve nominates John, John would like to pass the torch to a younger representative but would be happy to continue to serve until Fall
 - Unanimous Consent - Passes
- Election for Secretary:
 - Devon/Schuyler nominate Emily, Emily accepts
 - Unanimous consent - Passes

X. New Business

1. BOF Statewide Proposal 162
2. BOF Statewide Proposals 11, 163-174

PROPOSAL 162: Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries

Steve M/John S

Devon: This would prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries. They say below that subsistence fishing guide services are already prohibited in the state so I think these are referring to water taxis or air taxis?

John: I don't have enough knowledge about harvesting subsistence foods to know if this is being done or not. Would Redoubt count? I'm not familiar with it.

Stacey: Asks for ADFG comment, received no response

Steve: Against this proposal, haven't convinced me it's not currently against the law

Stacey calls on Patrick Baum: Troller and chair of Elfin Cove AC. One thing that came up for our AC in this discussion was that if you're needing to hire a boat and go out. If you're paying, is it really subsistence?

Woody: I don't know if that's going to apply to giving someone gas money, etc. If your friend has a plane and flies you into a lake and you buy their fuel they can be in trouble for that. I don't know how that would be. I wouldn't comment because I don't see a direction for it that's clear.

Norm: I'd pause as well that something is going on we don't have an understanding of. I'm hung up on commercial transportation definition. Is it all encompassing or is it narrow? Water taxi vs giving a friend gas money when you don't have a boat.

Dick M to take no action/ Schuyler seconds, no opposition

PROPOSAL 11: Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W longitude

John: This proposal is outside our area and specific to crab habitat. Other upcoming proposals may better address our concerns. Emphasized he is more concerned about salmon.

Stacey: The intent is to address trawl impacts on golden crab.

Steve M/Woody S to support Proposal 11

Steve: I know how strongly some members of our AC feel about trawling and habitat damage impacts. This could be a proposal where we state on record that we're opposed to bottom trawling. Even though it's not our area, it's a big issue.

Dick: Expressed concern about bottom damage and impacts to halibut.

Kent: Agrees with Dick, stating that pelagic trawl gear is on the bottom about 90% of the time and that concerns mirror those raised in Proposals 163–165.

Norm: The Bering Sea is well known as nursery grounds, with fish migrating down the Gulf all the way to Canada, meaning impacts extend beyond one species and therefore affect our region.

Kent: Notes we cannot comment on Amendment 80 federally but we have a chance to weigh in on state proposals, particularly 164/165 regarding real-time gear monitoring in Prince William Sound to keep gear off the bottom. That's what is happening, pelagic trawl is on bottom.

Karen: Supports the proposal, citing that it would slow down damage being done which is affecting our whole coastline. References reports of approximately 800,000 halibut (around 5 lbs each) killed by trawlers in 2025 and noted science shows these fish migrate along the West Coast.

Woody calls to question Proposal 11

Passes 13-0

PROPOSAL 163: Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis

Dick M/Kent S to take up Proposal 163

Stacey asks Emily to introduce on behalf of proposer - Emily suggests commenting on 163-165 together

Emily: Alaska Healthy Habitat Alliance submitted 3 proposals (163 through 165) which advance a straightforward and essential principle for Alaska fisheries management: when the State defines a gear type and sets operating standards, those standards must be clear, enforceable, and verifiable on the water. This is particularly important for fisheries with large operational footprints and the potential for substantial habitat and bycatch impacts. Under Alaska regulation, pelagic trawl gear is defined as gear that does not contact the seabed or use protective devices that make it suitable for fishing on the bottom. That's clear, fair, and widely understood. These proposals just make sure those rules are actually enforceable. Proposal 163 establishes a common-sense framework: if a gear type is defined by how it is fished, compliance must be verifiable. Specifically, 163 would treat pelagic trawl gear as bottom-contact gear unless operators can demonstrate, through enforceable verification methods, that the gear is not fishing on the seafloor. Proposal 164 is essential because it provides what the current regulatory system lacks: a practical verification method that makes the existing pelagic definition enforceable. Monitoring is not about punishment; it is about measurable compliance, transparency, and reducing conflict. Proposal 165 would require the use of salmon excluders in

pelagic trawl nets, a common sense measure already standard in federal waters. Proposal 163 would redefine pelagic trawl gear as bottom trawl until operators can prove they are not fishing on the seafloor. Proposal 164 would require seafloor monitoring technology on pelagic trawl nets to verify compliance with state regulations. Proposal 165 would require the use of salmon excluders in pelagic trawl nets, a common sense measure already standard in federal waters. As a cohesive package, proposals 163-165 would: convert the pelagic trawl definition from a paper standard into an enforceable operating standard; establish a verifiable compliance pathway through monitoring and clear protocols; require salmon excluders as a baseline best practice to reduce avoidable salmon bycatch risk; improve fairness across gear types by reducing gray areas and ensuring consistent accountability and restore public confidence by replacing “trust us” with proof.

AC Discussion:

Kent (to Emily): How effective are salmon excluders?

Emily: I don't have numbers on how effective they are. I know that they are effective based on testimony and scientific review at Council. The issue with some of the tech is if you are trying to test the efficacy but testing in areas without salmon and not seeing salmon how do you quantify that. Chinook excluders were first and as of recently, there is more development for chum specific excluders as well.

Devon: Pelagic trawl operators don't have any protective or chaffing gear on their net?

Emily: They are legally required not to by the state definition.

Devon: But they do because they are fishing on the bottom (not pelagic)?

Emily: If the gear is designed for bottom contact, rollers/chaffing gear are needed for the operation. If they are operating as “pelagic,” they are not intending to hit bottom. So clearly, that gear would prove that the operator is targeting the bottom.

Woody: You are allowed to build your gear however you want. You can build your pelagic trawl so when you come in contact with the bottom, it won't tear up and lose your trawl. Build your pelagic trawl so it works on the bottom too. Basically, that's my understanding. I don't know if there are pelagic trawlers actively using that.

Stacey calls on Patrick: Some things I heard today from UFA - claiming that 163 would be “guilty til proven innocent” that's something you've been going against. On 164, they were claiming the monitoring couldn't handle the environment and required \$10k per piece. Then they were claiming that they don't go on the bottom.

Steve: Is there any reason we can't vote on all 3 as a group?

Stacey: We can

John: Spoke with a biologist out of Homer. In the PWS fishery there's a 700-1,000 king salmon allocation. AK peninsula fishery, parallel fishery west of Alutian chain. It's a parallel fishery federally and state.

Stacey: If we can get something like this in state waters, it would be then easier to impose the same regulation in federal waters - show it can work and make it stronger.

Rhea: Not familiar with trawl fishery so no ADFG comment

Norm: I'm happy with voting on all 3 together and would be in favor. Folks saying 3 billion pounds of product and 12 million lbs of discards last year, unacceptable number in our book.

Stacey calls on Patrick Baum (public): Potentially implementing could help down the line and that was one thing that was said over and over. These are just the first domino. That gave me some hope.

Dick: Halibut are historic lows and having a hard time sharing as it is woody - big fan of burden of proof is on prosecution but halibut

John calls to question 163-165 and asks for unanimous consent

Passes 13-0

PROPOSAL 164: Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters

PROPOSAL 165: Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters

PROPOSAL 166: Amend Statewide Definition of a Mechanical Jigging Machine

Proposal 166 would add specific dimensional limits to the statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, criteria that do not currently exist in regulation. The issue appears to stem from concerns in the Kodiak jig fishery but would apply statewide.

AC Discussion:

John asked Rhea (ADF&G) whether the AC should take up the proposal and whether it affects their area.

Rhea: Explains that while the issue is geared toward the Kodiak jig fishery, a statewide change would also apply to Southeast fisheries (black rockfish, lingcod, rockfish). Currently, there is no diameter limit in regulation; this proposal would add one.

Steve asks Rhea: Is it a problem in Southeast?

Rhea: Southeast does not face the same level of competition seen in Kodiak. The concern in Kodiak involves vessels potentially using longline drums as jig machines, gaining an unfair advantage. Suggested that if this is the case, it may be more appropriate as an area-specific solution.

Woody stated his intent is to vote against the proposal and send it back to Kodiak

M Woody/S Kent to take up Proposal 166

Norm: There is growing sportfishing pressure for rockfish in Southeast and mechanically raising and lowering gear to deep depths does not differ much in practice.

Woody expressed concern that local fishermen could be forced to replace equipment for an issue not currently relevant in Southeast. Suggested addressing it later if it becomes a competitive problem.

Kent asked Rhea to clarify how longline gear could be used to jig.

Rhea: Longline gear is not legal in this fishery. The concern is that some operators may be deploying multiple hooks in a manner resembling longlining while claiming to jig. Regardless, passage of the proposal would change the jig gear definition statewide.

Steve: Proposals 166, 167, and 168 all appear to be aimed at addressing the same regional issue, effectively reserving the fishery for traditional jig vessels. Suggests considering them together if taken up.

Stacey: Supports staying focused on Proposal 166 and opposed adding restrictions not currently needed in Southeast.

John: Defining gear is not inherently problematic and could be amended later if necessary.

Woody: Sees a loophole: vessels anchoring and deploying multiple baited hooks in a longline-style configuration while calling it jigging.

Rhea: In Kodiak state waters, the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for Pacific cod is based on 12.5% of the Central Gulf of Alaska ABC, split 50% to pot gear and 50% to jig gear vessels. The dispute centers on vessels allegedly fishing more efficiently with longline-style gear under the jig allocation. Longline gear is not legal in this fishery. Approximately 2.83 million pounds were harvested between January 1 and April 4 by 63 jig vessels in Kodiak. In Southeast, only three vessels participate in the Pacific cod fishery using longline hooks.

Kent: Are participants generally on smaller vessels?

Rhea: Assumes they are similar in size to Southeast vessels; in Kodiak Harbor, many jig boats are 30-40 feet. Clarifies current limits: no more than six jig machines per vessel, no more than 30 hooks per machine, and no more than 500 aggregate hooks total. There is no vessel size limit.

Schuyler Calls to Question Proposal 166

Passes 13-0

PROPOSAL 167: Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear

M Emily/ S Schuyler to take up Proposal 167

John: I'm in favor, it's more of a definition thing to me. Gillnet gear while trolling and a troller said it's not that big of a deal - no one's putting gillnet gear on their troll wire.

Norm: Referred to 168, reserved comments

Schuyler: I would have to take my gurdys off if I want to put a subsistence skate out. If I have hand troll gear on my boat but want to set a subsistence halibut skate, then I'd have to take all my gear off the boat. This seems like an enforcement issue.

Woody: I combo longline, etc, horribly inconvenient one type at a time. Have what you want on your boat.

Kent: 166 solves the problem already.

Stacey Calls to question Proposal 167

Fails 0-13

PROPOSAL 168: Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery

Norm: Enforcement issue not regulatory issue. If nefarious things are happening, changing the regulation isn't going to fix that. Both of these proposals, if passed, could set bad precedents for other fisheries. Multiple boats in the fishery using pots and hooks, trollers that have dinglebar gear on, etc - this could get complicated really fast so I'm not in favor of either one of these.

Stacey: Many use both longline gear and slinky pots

M Dick/S Woody to support Proposal 168

Dick: It's a common practice to be using pot and hooks - halibut/black cod, combo trips.

Rhea: This would impact directed rockfish, directed lingcod, pcod, black rockfish, chatham and clarence black cod.

John Calls to question

Fails 0-13

PROPOSAL 169: Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'

Rhea: Housekeeping proposal. Asked at 2025 BOF to define slinky pots which have become common in groundfish fisheries as well as crab and shrimp.

John calls to question and asks for unanimous consent

Passes 13-0

PROPOSAL 170: Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species

M Schuyler/S Kent to take up Proposal 170

Schuyler: Large impact on profit and non-profit hatcheries across the state. It's been an ongoing battle from Fairbanks AC.

Adam: Will only take up hatchery proposals statewide now - been kicked around by multiple meetings targeting seeking regions. A proposer 1,000 miles away production cuts to our fish impacts them

Schuyler: Defacto understanding - no increase in ask for chum and pink. Chum and pink in PWS - 2 generations, fitness, straying. Preliminary findings in PWS and SE

Devon: Worked as a technician on the chum project 5-6 years ago, early findings showed high proportions of hatchery-origin chum in some streams (e.g., 83% in Fish Creek). Expressed concern that hatchery-origin fish may be replacing or competing with wild stocks more than previously recognized.

Kent: Is that measured in the current study?

Adam: Field sampling for the chum project has concluded. Findings show a sliding scale of stray rates - higher closer to hatchery release sites and lower farther away. Much of the sampling occurred near release sites, and not all wild straying is captured, as salmon naturally colonize through straying and many fish are unmarked without close-range genetic identification.

Norm: As a processor and as a representative of a co-op owned by members. These hatchery fish are keeping our fleet alive. We are highly dependent on these returns. It's viable and important to the industry. From the processor side - aquaculture makes up 90% of worldwide salmon production . Gonna cost us market share and when you lose market share, it's really hard to get it back.

Steve: Made aware that BOF has a standing committee on hatcheries and have been well aware of issues and have been working on it.

Emily asks Adam about context: Commissioner reduced crawfish by 25% - in response to political stress

Schuyler: Emphasizes that chum production locally underwrites other programs, including coho and king salmon releases benefiting multiple user groups. Organizations could struggle to maintain those programs if chum production is reduced.

Adam: There's a big question about the board's authority on this topic - if they have the legal right to pass a regulation like this. Legal opinion on what sets up - jurisdiction applies to

broodstock how many fish they take out of the wild system. Some board members think it extends past that, but there is a new lawyer on the ADFG team.

Devon: Are hatchery fish considered the property of the organization?

Adam: Hatchery fish are managed for the public but may be considered property of organizations in certain defined areas, similar to fish becoming private property once lawfully harvested from common waters.

Devon: Same way that a fish caught by a fisherman becomes that person's property?

Adam: Anywhere in the common property, yes.

Stacey Calls to question and asks for unanimous consent

Fails 0-13

PROPOSAL 171: Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity

Schuyler motions to take up Proposal 171. It's important to comment one way or the other.

No second

M Schuyler/S Norm to oppose and apply comments from 170 to 171

Devon: Doesn't feel comfortable opposing 171 - still confused how we should be voting on out of area proposals. For example, 11 wasn't in our area but had impacts on the fish swimming into our habitat.

Woody: Regulations are swimming this way.

Kent: Current research underway is going to show information of ecosystem levels of fish?

Adam: Outstanding question is a genetic fitness answer. Crosses in PWS of pink - reduced fitness in the first generation but didn't have 2nd. Hypothesis is that fitness would disappear with the 2nd generation.

Kent: Any outstanding research following carrying capacity?

Adam: Peer review publications looking at that a bit.

Moe: I don't think we should take this up. Not the same as 11 because it included statewide. Unlike trawling our halibut in their environment, we have a right to comment but this one, I don't think we have any business commenting on it.

Steve: How does someone vote if they agree with Moe?

Schuyler withdraws motion

Take no action because it's not in our area.

PROPOSAL 172: Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production

Adam (NSRAA): Proposal doesn't cite a mechanism to do this. Nothing in regulation to insert this language into, just the comprehensive management plan. Triggers for it being removed are very vague. This, again, is another authority question. The operators and the state have cited that the commissioner has the authority to do this through other established processes.

Commissioner makes final approval - clear delineation in regulation. Discussions about submitting an RC agreement between operators and department regarding the de facto moratorium - no one is requesting more production.

Devon: Are these similar to BOF southeast 156?

Adam: New proposer (KRSA). 171 is specific to stray rates in the comprehensive plan but no specifics about single stream or region wide. They don't survey every single stream.

Stacey: How does the AC feel about addressing the legality of it for the board?

Adam: Just pointing it out that it is a question - board members have expressed that concern before but there's a different makeup now.

Devon: Does the authority for the stage of life salmon is in change for that species as it goes into the ocean?

Adam: Yes, if not in area. Authority to allocate those fish.

Devon: When it comes back through, does it have to be in freshwater to become property of the hatchery?

Adam: Specific board approved designated areas at the discretion of the operator. SHA (special harvest areas) defined in board regulation

Steve: First sentence gets me to vote against it - the proposal is not well written based on that.

Stacey: Listening to Adam, there's a process in place for the commissioner to control this.

There's good communication between the groups and it seems to be working. It's not something the Board is in charge of. This would be a new regulation altogether since it's not in there. Opening up a new can of worms. giving board authority which they aren't exercising right now.

John: I agree with some of the stuff that's in here, though it's above my pay grade. If it moves it to the modern world, I think that's a good thing. I think parts of them are straying. Dogs moving around. Updating things is a good idea. I'm not in support either way. I will be voting against it.

Stacey calls to question

Fails 0-13

PROPOSAL 173: Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent

Moe: This would help with the really remote marker locations like Whale Bay or on private property with markers on the shore where it would take good weather to fly in and change the boundary line. A few markers are on private property. If you want to move the line inward, you'd move by GPS position. If I went down there, the markers are still on land but lines would be further up the bay. If they are unable or don't want to move them, they wouldn't have to.

Stacey calls to question and asks for unanimous consent

Passes 13-0

PROPOSAL 174: Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed

Moe: It doesn't really matter to me either way. There's a few (not many) where shutting the engine off might help but 99.99% of the time, it wouldn't make a difference.

Kent: What was it in there for originally? To avoid some collapse in the net? Why would they make it illegal to turn your engine off?

Moe: I don't know. If you shut it off the fish will move a bit better, not spooked. But not enough to worry about a regulation. I would support it. There may be fishermen who want to shut their engine off when doing their round halls. I don't see any issue with it so I support it.

Stacey calls to question

Passes 13-0

Proposal 175 Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration

Steve M/Woody S to take up Proposal 175

Emily: Shouldn't be statewide

Dick: Does anyone know what the stretch is for dipnets here?

Woody: I'd guess 4.5 stretch

Adam: Would this apply to redoubt?

Devon: Yes

Steve: Why would we make things more difficult for subsistence or personal use fishing?

Woody: You'd catch a lot more jacks which is a big thing at Redoubt. Bigger mesh they'll shoot through most of the time.

Devon: I don't see an issue with smaller mesh size like Redoubt where you end up with a lot of small fish, unless you're selectively harvesting bigger sockeye.

Woody: I think most nets are already legal

Schuyler: Talked to LFS and the company that makes them hasn't responded to questions.

Woody: This just shouldn't be statewide.

Stacey: The point is citing a conservation concern for chinook in the rivers - Catch and release.

Woody: That mesh is so small - they want to go down to 3 something? It's already under 5. I use a 7 for kings and a 6 is fine but anything under - they'll bounce right off. That's so tiny, I don't know why they'd want that?

Kent: Is there a limit to the link?

Woody: It's like a triangle - the mesh is partially suspending rope to basket and handle can control it.

John: I suggest we take no action - it wouldn't affect our area.

Schuyler asks for unanimous consent to oppose and to comment that it shouldn't be statewide, it would hurt our region.

Fails 0-13

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Emily & Schuyler will represent the AC at the Statewide meeting.

XII. Set next meeting date

Meeting Set for Wednesday, February 25th at 6pm

XIII. Other

Adjourn at 845 pm

Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 25, 2026
NSRAA & Zoom

I. Call to Order: 6pm by Chair Wayne

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Stacey Wayne Shellfish (Chair)

Schulyer Mace Hand Troll

Moe Johnson Seine

Steve Ramp Resident Sportfish

Devon Calvin Subsistence

Emily Scott Alternate (Secretary)

Karen Johnson At Large

John Murray Power Troll (Vice Chair)

Lance McCutcheon At Large

Kent Barkhau Hunting

Dick Curran Longline

Woody Cyr Trapping

Norm Pillan Processor

Scott Wagner Alternate

Aaron Prussian Conservation

Greg Kain Charter

Luke Bastian Guide

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Jake Wieliczkiwicz (ADFG Sportfish), Monica Matz (ADFG SF), Tim Hall (wildlife trooper)

IV. **Guests Present:**

Mark Holst (troll)

V. **Approval of Agenda**

BOF Sport Proposals 176-184

M Steve/S Norm

Approved

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

M Norm/S Kent

Approved

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

Letter to DOI regarding Federal Subsistence Program Review

Devon presents draft of letter

M John/Woody S to submit letter on behalf of the AC

John: Suggests changing "native communities" to "rural communities"

Kent: I picked that up too. I'm not really sure about the line between ANILCA. ANILCA promises subsistence access to native or rural communities?

Devon: Yes, I think it would be rural. I was trying to emphasize this obligation the Federal government has for Alaska native people. Not trying to exclude non-Native subsistence users so I can definitely change that. I will change to "rural" communities and users.

Stacey: The longstanding tradition of Alaska Native people harvesting these foods - would be appropriate to include both Alaska Native and rural communities.

Karen: Can we change "waters off southeast Alaska" to Alaska waters - I'm assuming we're concerned about all of it?

Luke: Last sentence - I fully believe in subsistence priority but I think the people being paid to study these things have a conservation concern and this should come first.

Stacey: Last meeting some discussion according to AK statute, disallows priority from one group to another so without federal authority running Alaska, we couldn't prioritize rural communities. Does that make sense?

Luke: Yes, it's very confusing

Devon: Consider changing, specifying which sorts of things we would not want deferred to the state of Alaska - subsistence regs? Or perhaps language is vague in letter?

Steve: No, leave it broader as written for the purpose of this letter

Kent: Clarifies how conservation is addressed in the letter - does a good job of summarizing our concerns

Devon: We would like to say we would not like them to defer to the state of AK

Stacey: Why don't we just say that? And the paragraph then describes what that means. If you want to quote the state statute which disallows the priority, you could.

Norm: I don't have any suggested changes. I wanna make sure we are able to read a final version of this before we take the vote.

Devon: Just a few sentences I could read and the rest will be the same.

John: 3rd paragraph is reaffirming what is going on now. We should maybe just leave it as is - I didn't realize that was in question.

Stacey: Clarifies this will go to secretary of the interior

Luke: Would like to remove last half of Roadless Rule
Passed with Unanimous consent

Letter of support for HB 93:

Stacey: We couldn't find the old letter we had submitted so John rewrote. Stacey reads the draft.

Kent M/Dick S to submit draft letter

Steve: I remain opposed to this, I did research it there were 3 amendments proposed in house and all 3 failed so no changes to the original. As written, this bill would create a group of longlived Alaskans who've lived here a long time, pay taxes, and have licences here but due to lifestyle, don't make the 180 day cumulative rule. If passed as written, these people would not be eligible for a resident hunting and fishing license in any other state. Under the PFD it's cumulative, not consecutive absence.

John: There was one change - I believe Thatcher told me it had to do with postponing implication for gear. Something to do with the enforcement. Nothing to do with the bill itself.

Stacey: So if it did pass, they wouldn't implement it for a year.

Steve asks Tim Hall's opinion: I can't make comments because I don't know the history of the bill. There's a legislative liaison who deals with that.

Passes 14-1

X. New Business

1. Roadless Rule
2. BOF Sport Proposals 176-184

Roadless Rule:

Stacey: Andrew wants us to comment on the Roadless Rule. The administration is looking at opening the Tongass up to industrial old growth logging again. We sent comments last time this came up, about 7 years ago. Andrew said SCS is meeting with USFS and trying to work on revising the land management plan in a positive way - happy with changes from last administration. The new management plan has no language about the relationship between Tongass and fish population and no subsistence priority. The new plan doesn't need to show how the plan would protect subsistence.

Kent: They eliminated provisions for fish populations?

Stacey: No longer acknowledging the health of Tongass is connected to fish populations. Fisheries are not mentioned, only timber.

M Stacey/S Aaron to write a letter asking to acknowledge fish is connected and subsistence is a priority.

John: I just sort of caught wind of it in the last few days and haven't had a chance to make heads or tails of it.

Aaron: Including other uses which pertain to fish and wildlife like guiding, tourism would be important.

Kent: Road building also opens us up to potential mining and other development

Passed with Unanimous Consent

PROPOSAL 176 Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits

Jake (ADFG): This proposal is looking to change how we currently manage things from an individual bag and possession limit to pooling those across the vessel. This one particularly prohibits any crew from giving their harvest to their clients. Currently, the way we manage things, whoever engages the fish first that means hooking it. That fish is then part of their bag and possession limit. With this change, we would expect to potentially see an increase in harvest. There's the potential for decreased harvest in some fish with slot limits where you're releasing less fish, but again, that's offset by the ability to pull pool bag limits. This would let residents and non-residents pool bag limits across the boat. Especially in areas where we have preferential bag limits for residents down here in Southeast Alaska, this would allow them the ability to theoretically continue fishing and hand the rod off to somebody else, which could increase their ability to harvest fish. Right now, the state uses bag and possession limits as one of our management tools on an individual basis. So putting this to a vessel limit could result down the road in more restrictive management actions as we just seek to offset and manage that.

M/S to support 176

John: Would the crew be able to capture the bag limit?

Jake: 176 has provisions to prohibit the crew. As you all are probably aware, if you've read through some of these, we have a few that are similar proposals to this that don't state that. But this one specifically prohibits the crew from giving their harvest to their clients.

Stacey: What's the current practice?

Jake: Current practice is species are delineated. For species like king salmon and halibut, crew are not allowed to catch. I would have to double check specifics but I think it's limited to pelagic rockfish. From what we see on the docks, that is rare and it's really restrictive.

Luke: For crew the restrictions are for lingcod, yelloweye, non pelagic rockfish, etc. I don't think it's common for people to go out. This is prohibiting crew from giving their fish to their clients.

Stacey: The main change is they can pool bag limits regardless of residency.

John: In the state's definition, the definition of bag limit means maximum legal takeof fish per person per day. That's what they want to change here.

Stacey: So you can keep fishing until everyone reaches their limits.

Steve asks Tim to comment: There are some significant enforcement issues with this. Not clear to me how you would understand if a vessel was over the bag limit. For example, if there were 7-8 people on board, potentially including guides, who would be responsible for the violation at that point? Everyone points fingers at everyone else. Leaves us in a position to enforce the law on everybody the same. Gets very onerous for everyone involved. Not clear to me in this one how the crew would mark fish that they're not allowed to give away. In the field, it would be difficult to determine what was crew fish and what wasn't. This is a statewide regulation so for the guided industry, the species crew can retain might be different in other areas. In Southeast, guides and crew can retain salmon other than king salmon up to their current limits.

Steve asks Tim to speak on enforcement impacts: It would seem to me to be more complex. There's already issues with that. And it seems like this would just further mask that issue. It would be virtually impossible to enforce it, which I think is the point of this and maybe not to avoid the law, but to legalize what's happening at times.

Woody: If you pull up to a charter boat, board them, look at fish - there's one king salmon that's 27in instead of 28in, who gets the ticket? The operator or the one that caught the fish?

Tim: The answer to that is yes. It can be variable depending on the circumstances.

The regs are clear. In the instance of a guide or charter vessel, the guide is responsible for the client's violations, or at least to report them trying to stop them. So the client is responsible, as is the guide in that scenario.

Luke: I guess I'm having trouble seeing how it would be more troublesome.

Stacey to Tim: Say 2 residents get 2 king salmon, 2 non-residents each get one king salmon.

That's six fish. But you're saying that you can board a boat and cite them even if they have six fish because it could be that the non-resident actually caught two of the fish. And there's a way to tell that?

Tim: I think the scenario is that we board the boat and there's eight king salmon on board. Currently, we can enforce that. We may have observations that would assign some of those fish to somebody. Statements would do that under this proposal. It's just a vessel on it. So when they are over the limit, you know, take the guide out of it. Who's responsible? If it's Tim Hull and his two buddies that are doing this, who gets to take it? Everybody gets the ticket. There's no individual bag limit anymore. Therefore, nobody's really responsible.

John to Tim: At the beginning of the proposal it says "allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limit." What is the definition of bag limit? Is there a definition? Is there a difference between bag limit and a possession limit

Tim: Yes, the possession limit could be 6 cohos a day, 12 in possession. So if you fish more than 1 day, you could end up with 12 in an unprocessed state.

John: What you're saying is 6 a day is the bag limit, you can't have more than one day can you?

Tim: Yes but under the possession limit it would be more than one day. Would have to involve more than one day.

John: Do they have to be processed/frozen?

Tim: That's a complex question. With coho, they can't be filleted or mutilated for a good portion of summer, so they would have to not be processed if they're returning to port. In any case shouldn't have more than 12 in your possession unprocessed for 2 days of fishing..

Jake: A bag limit is the daily limit. Say it's one fish a day which would be your bag limit with a possession limit of two. So you're allowed to harvest one of those fish within a calendar day. Then the next day, if the possession limit is 2, you could harvest that additional bag limit of one for a total possession limit of two. The summary of the language is essentially that until it's processed and preserved in a condition where it's fit for consumption. I believe it's 14 days out. So this means if you not just cut up and put into bags, not just, you know, lightly salted but like heavily salted, filleted and frozen hard if you have a boat that's capable of doing that. But in general, if you're opening up that cooler and there's a fish in there, that's still in your possession limit.

Stacey: Lets circle back. Do we want to support this pooling?

Luke: The way it is currently, whoever touches the rod first, it goes under the bag limit. If the rod goes off and you hand it to someone but I'm a guide, it goes to my bag limit, that's not what I'm there for. Whether it's charter or sport, if you hand it to the kid then it's their bag limit. That seems complicated. One guy catches a fish and goes to fish and catches the same fish it has to be released. Most people in this town don't know the regulations work this way. I think it's

already complicated. I think this would clear it up. I had 4 anglers on board and I'm a stickler to the rules. For anglers, we left town for 2 days. Kings were good 3rd guys got keepers 4th guy got shaker and shook it. Luke tried to stay away from catch and release but they wanted to and they kept catching and releasing shakers. He had caught and released 22 shakers. But his friends got big fish which is silliness. It happens on a daily basis. The pooling of the catch is commonly done already and we just need to clean it up.

Steve: 176 allows boat limits for bag and possession 177 boat limits for just bag limits 178 doesn't do anything with boat limits, it just lets someone assist a client to help with fish.

Jake: If I may interject real quick, 177 does allow for the daily bag or possession limit to be pooled. The difference between 176 and 177 is that 177 omits the part that prohibits the crew from pulling their bag limit or adding to the catch. So 176 is day and bag limits and no crew adding to the catch. 177 is day and/or bag and possession limits with crew included. And then 178 is any person taking part in the fish. You can pool your limits.

Steve: It's not pooling it. That's not what 178 says. It just says that, like Luke was saying, say you had a kid who is not very big, not very strong. And the charter captain hooks the fish and reels it in and the kid gets to keep it. It can't be a captain's bag limit anyway, if it's a king, because you're not allowed to keep them. But as Luke said, with 178 as written, if he grabs a rod and hooks the fish and hands it to the client, the fish has to be let go because he can't keep a king. And the client didn't hook the fish.

Emily: I will probably have the same comments for all three proposals. I appreciate breaking them down and what is different about them but I have the same concerns about all three. I don't see this making anything clearer or less complicated. I think what I'm hearing from the department and enforcement is that these proposals wouldn't accomplish that. I don't think it's appropriate to allow something illegal to be happening just because it's happening and it's confusing. I've heard a lot of concern about these proposals from other southeast residents that align with some of the things that I'm feeling about this. And I also think that encouraging behavior of this catch-release fishery is not good for conservation of the stocks either. I've spoken with charter fishermen who are residents year round here who say that their clientele is much more interested in catching the fish themselves and having that experience, rather than leaving with a certain number of fish. And I just think that we should stay away from encouraging this bag limit promise and encourage industry to be more focused on the experience and conserving our stocks. I just think all these proposals are a really slippery slope.

Kent: Anticipated effect is that the proposal is going to increase harvest for all. And, you know, with the private boats and charter boats and unregulated unguided boats will all fall the same. So we have a bit of a problem with kind of an unconstrained charter model. And you know, it's just going to increase harvest and make things hard, right? I want to vote against all three.

John: I'm still confused about the crew but kind of see what their intent is. I'm not sure if it's to get more fish or because it's a practice that's happening and they want to legitimize something that is happening that very well is illegal. You know, there's cohos around, you can catch cohos, but you don't keep any more kings. You don't get to transfer them so I'm not too keen on this proposal.

Luke: I don't think there would be any increase in harvest since it's already going on in 99% of the boats out there already. There would be a decrease in catch and release mortality.

Woody: The regs are currently whoever touches the rod first hooks the king salmon but the king salmon is hooked before anyone touches the rod. Really it's the person who owns the boat or is driving the boat whose limit should be affected by that. It's going to be That seems like a very loose way for that to be someone's fish. As far as I can tell, the individual bag limit seems much simpler and straightforward to enforce than a boat limit.

Schuyler: I'm not in support of this proposal. No differentiation between residency and nonresidency. Especially around here where things can be closed for residents or non residents, anyone who has a resident on board can keep fishing. For some of those reasons, I'm not in support.

Dick: Worried about catch limits, staying within allocation.

Greg: To what Tim addressed there on enforcement, not knowing who's catching what when boarded. And he gave a couple different scenarios. But, you know, when King Salmon, lingcod Yelloweye, Sablefish - those all have to be marked on your license. So if he gets on a boat and he's asked who caught this, it should be on their license. So he should know who caught what fish. Not guessing. With a box full of fish, who's got what. It should be marked on their card when boarded. And that'll identify the person that caught those fish. And there's a lot of scenarios which this is hopefully trying to fix a broken rule that a lot of people don't know about and does get, you know, maybe abused. Let's say somebody king salmon fishing on day one and they mark a fish and they get boarded on day three. Well, and there's two fish again. It goes back to where that fish is marked. That fish was marked on day one of the trip. So he'll know who caught those fish. And I think that point is being kind of missed there. I do like 176 out of the three. I think it addresses all the issues. And again, this is not promoting more catch and release. We're trying to eliminate catch and release, especially in King Salmon and also Yelloweye. I'll give you an example. When we go out and we halibut fish and we anchor, as many guys know that sport fish, a lot of times you get some bycatch to start with yelloweye coming in or biting before the halibut move in and if I can pool my yelloweye I with a group because typically it might be three, four, five yellow wire caught before the halibut will push those fish out of there. I'm not having to send down yelloweye because one guy retains his fish. I do like the release device however, I think they work well if they are used right. The assisting part is important for kids and older people getting tired halfway up and need help. Encouraging families to fish with kids.

Emily: John had asked about the intent of the proposal, and I had talked to the author of the proposal. And from a high level point of view, the Homer charter industry is very different from Southeast. The model and the character of what they're doing. They're really promoting these experience-led excursions and rather than selling the bag limits. These are people who are not in support of the over-capitalizing of this industry the way that we are seeing in Southeast. So folks in Elfin Cove, Petersburg, Ketchikan and myself are concerned about how this would impact our Southeast charter catch. Even though the intent of this proposal was in good faith, I just don't see it resulting in any conservation of species or clarity here in our fleet and only see risk of increased catch.

Steve: I started tonight not sure how I was going to go on 176 or 177. And I've decided now. I think it creates too many problems. So I'm going to vote no on both of those. But on 178, I do agree with Luke who authored it, that a captain or deckhand should be able to allow someone who physically isn't as strong as a full grown man, reel in a fish of a lifetime and have that

experience and have it be legal to do so to, to help them. So I'm going to vote in support of Luke's proposal 178 but not the other two.

John: I'm trying to read a few times regarding what a crew should do. So right now, I don't think they're allowed to have any kind of bag limit. I'm almost positive that's the case in King salmon. So you got a statewide reg. So that would supersede what we have down here, which would actually increase the catch if the crew, you know, some of us take two, so they have a captain and a crew. So you can take two more king salmon. So to me that's an issue when we're talking about low quota seasons, it just exacerbates the issue. So I'm definitely not in favor of 176.

Greg: I don't like additional crew catches either.

Stacey: So they cannot share any fish with clients? With all species?

Tim: Yes, with a transfer of possession form after the fact. They wouldn't be able to retain a number of species but the ones they do retain, they could potentially gift those fish.

Stacey: And your read of this proposal is this would stop that

Luke: I'm not in support of anything that's going to allow the crew to catch fish to give to their clients. I don't think we need that. And that's prohibited in this one. Well.

Greg: I'm not in support of anything that's going to allow the crew to catch fish to give to their clients. I don't think we need that. And that's prohibited in this one.

Stacey: Does this proposal allow crew to share fish?

Luke: This one prohibits it. I don't know if it's specifically prohibited currently.

Stacey asks Tim about sharing silvers with clients: They could with a transfer of possession form after the fact. The species they are allowed to retain could transfer.

Luke: Speaker 3: one other difference between the three. When I wrote 178, I wrote it rather than having a boat that fish could go in the bag limit of anybody actively participating in the catch, because I don't think it should go to somebody who's, you know, taking a nap in the cabin.

Greg: Just just for some clarification for everybody. And I'll use coho as an example. If I have four clients and I go out and I'm fishing for silver salmon, a six fish limit, I catch 24 fish anytime before that. The crew cannot fish a rod. Okay. Once the client's bag limits are filled, then I could pick up a rod and fish a rod myself or a deckhand and catch my six fish. So you could not fish prior to that, only once the limit is retained for the boat. Then if I chose to through a transfer permit, I could give those fish to the clients.

Tim: To clarify - the current regulation does not prohibit guides and deckhands from fishing like before the clients retain their bag limit. It prohibits the amount of rods that can be used from the boat. Meaning at no point can you ever use more than the amount of paying clients you have on board on a guided trip. So if you have four paying clients, if one of them is taking a nap in the cabin, a guide or a deckhand could fish and catch his limit. Even if those were the first fish of the day.

Greg: I stand corrected, I guess in my sense it's always 4 guys and I catch after they quit.

Tim: I think that's a good way to do it but it's not regulated.

Moe: I'm opposed. Seems like it's designed to circumvent the rules in place and legalizing unethical fishing activity. If you've got one person left to get their fish and 6 other people trying to get it with him, that's 6 lines in the water. That's not even sportfishing anymore. It's gotten so far away from the original definition of sport fishing.

Stacey calls to Question

Fails 1-14

PROPOSAL 177 Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits

Jake: This proposal omits provisions about charter captains or crew sharing their harvest.

Everything we just talked about which the first proposal prohibits, this one would not prohibit that.

Stacey: Suggests carrying over vote and comments from 176 & take no action

Take no Action - See comments from 176

PROPOSAL 178 Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows: new recording

Luke: Basically said everything already. If you have a fish that gets hooked, it belongs to whoever touches it first. Whether that person is allowed to have a bag of that fish or not, or they already have their catch for the day. A lot of times we'll have the rod holders and, you know, when the fish bite somebody has to crank on it. Otherwise the fish gets away. So you know, if you have an elderly person that can't get there very fast, well then it takes forever to hook a fish. And, you know, like I said before, one of the things that I did differently than this is that it can go on the bag limit of somebody taking part in the catch. So you know, whether it's the person netting it or the person protecting the rod or the one that ended up halfway, I think that's reasonable. Whether I'm fishing with clients or my kids. And, you know, personally, I don't care if I catch a fish or not. I'd rather watch my kids catch it. That's kind of the spirit behind the thing. And I think it's a very common thing that people don't understand what the rule is, and they're breaking the rule without meaning to. I think this cleans it up.

Tim: I think Luke's intent is what he said, to clarify that hooking the fish isn't necessarily defined. I've said at meetings that charter fishermen with little kids or elderly folks can assist them in getting a rod out of rod holder. So, I see it as less of an issue in the field doing enforcement but it sure could be abused. I think there's a significant chance that the phrase "any person taking part in a catch" is a little generic.

Stacey asks if Tim has better language which would accomplish Luke's goal

Tim: I don't but the scenario I've heard tonight about pulling a rod out of a rod holder to hand to an 8 year old isn't hooking the fish in and of itself. Hooking the fish takes some kind of action. Assisting a person isn't defined. Maybe what we're looking for is clarification of what assistance is rather than doing away with the individual bag limit. I still believe that making the individual bag limit into a boat limit effectively causes enforcement complexity and allows people to violate, if they're so inclined.

Woody: Do you feel the current regulations are inadequate for enforcement?

Tim: I feel like we can work with the current regulations as they are. I certainly wouldn't argue with clarity in the law in any instance.

Luke: My feelings on the current way it's defined, you're catching fish on a jig or whatever method. If I hook one and hand the rod to someone, I don't see why that should be prohibited. Word of mouth - I do know captains In Ketchikan, say they've been prosecuted for handing a rod to a client. The wording currently allows too much interpretation.

Aaron: So maybe I don't see what a new definition looks like. I see the current regulation but do you have a sense of what a new one would be?

Luke: Original is person originally hooking the fish I wrote any person taking part in catch.

Stacey: Trooper Hall is saying this could be the same result as the other proposals. 646

John: The rule would still say not keeping the king salmon.

Luke: It wouldn't apply to non charter folks. So it wouldn't be the same issue. We could word it to where it becomes a part of the person originally hooking the fish. The main opposition is that the person might have a very minor role in catching the fish.

Stacey: What I was hearing Trooper Hall say is that essentially, this could be the same result as the previous two proposals, because you got your limit and you're fishing and you see that it's a king and you're like, oh, you don't have a king. It looks legal. I'm handing it to you. That could be taking part. Now it's your, really just becomes a boat limit. I was looking for other language that wouldn't allow that behavior but it doesn't sound possible.

John: This might work in southeast, because if we have the rule set up the way they are now, you wouldn't be allowed to keep the king salmon or halibut or those other two species you mentioned, but in other places that might be legal. I don't really feel like we can spare two more fish for the crew.

Stacey: That's currently the regulation

Steve: What if you reworded the proposal to kind of get out of the way from the whole bag limit thing and just put in regulation that a guide or deckhand may assist a client in hooking and reeling.

Luke: I don't think that would apply to sport fishermen like non charter folks which is the same issue.

Steve: I mean we could work it to where it becomes a part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking the fish however, others may assist that person in making their catch.

Luke: The main opposition we have currently is that the person may have a very minor role in catching the fish.

Stacey: The way it's written now, it is essentially a boat limit because you could use it to transfer that fish to the person who still needs that species. There's no element of the limit because as Moe was saying, it's essentially six hooks that are potentially in the water.

Emily: I am still opposed to this. I really don't think it's different at all. In the effect of what would happen if this was passed. I understand the situation. I think we're just straying really far from what we're voting on and what happens next. And if the issue we're trying to address with the concerns that have been talked about is like taking your grandkids or grandma fishing, there's got to be a different avenue to do that than writing something that's extremely vague into statewide regulation. I would assume this would disproportionately impact people who are not your grandkids and grandmas trying to get their king salmon. So I appreciate the intent. I appreciate the discussion, but I just feel like we're straying far from the point here.

Steve: I'm still in support. Because I think what Luke is trying to do is honorable, and it's allowing either boat owners that aren't charters or charters to provide a fishing experience for people who physically aren't able to do it as well as the rest of us. I think it's an honorable pursuit, and I think I would recommend we pass this and let the Board of Fish hammer out the language.

John: Inclined to support it since it's the less onerous of the three and one of these will probably get picked by the Board. There's a chance to write some amended language in your public comments.

Moe: I like the intent of the proposal but can't vote for it as written. I think the description needs to be changed, not the bag limit. I agree with Tim's comments on this one.

Aaron: I really appreciate the intent and it seems fairly clear I just don't want to make it more complicated, inadvertently than it already is. If you leave it to the Board, will they muddy this one up or take it up?

Stacey: Steve had suggested just leaving the original language, the person originally hooking it. So we know who's bag limit we're talking about. And maybe we could add language that said, though others may assist an angler who would not be able to bring the fish on board without assistance or something. We make it very clear that others may assist an angler who would not be able to bring the fish on board without assistance. I don't know if he said something like that, Tim, if that would be enforceable?

Tim: I think a clear definition of what assistance is allowed would be helpful.

Luke: It seems more muddy - you'd have to define who requires assistance and what kind of resistance is allowed.

Tim: To make it enforceable, you'd need a couple subsections.

Stacey: I want to vote for this but can't as written.

Emily: I was just gonna Echo what Mo and Aaron were saying. One that I'm not comfortable with giving the Board something super vague and letting them work it out. I don't think that's worked out well for us in the past. And to answer what John was saying about about them going to inevitably take up one of these three. I have heard from the proposers of 176 that the proposers of 177 will be getting behind 176 so all the charter associations will likely be angling for 176, which we opposed.

Stacey calls to question

Fails 3-12

Proposal 179: Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10

M/S to support 179

Jake: This would establish a statewide annual limit of ten king salmon, 20in or greater in length. All king salmon retained would have to be recorded on the back of your license. And then you can have her or a harvest record card in case you don't have a paper license. Currently, it's unknown how many individuals catch more than ten king salmon a year, but it may reduce overall harvest of kings in areas where annual limits do not already exist. This may also reduce harvest opportunity when there is a surplus available. Likely the largest impacted area for this is going to be Southeast Alaska, where we harvest a significant proportion of the sport fishery kings. This would restrict our ability to liberalize in areas of hatchery kings. When we have an abundance. This may unnecessarily restrict us. The department already has emergency authority to reduce bag possession and annual limits of king salmon, as well as require reporting when necessary. And I am happy to answer any questions.

Luke to Jake: ADFG doesn't have an estimate on how many fish this would save?

Jake: We don't require all sport anglers to report their catch at the end of the season. There's currently no requirement unless required in a permit condition or things like that.

Steve: I'm the resident sport fishing guy. Just goes right at us. And the non residents because it doesn't differentiate. And if you read it closely, it doesn't say that non residents couldn't catch ten kings a year. Well right now in southeast that's not allowed. Also it talks about salmon

greater than 20in. I think that this was written for a south central area and slammed into the statewide board meeting. And I'm against it. It's not the right proposal for what they're intending to do.

Luke: I'm opposed to a regulation that doesn't allow ADFG to manage areas of higher abundance accordingly. Will affect residents more than nonresidents. I'm not in support.

John: It seems contradictory to me. The annual limit of 10 then talks about significant chinook declines, how does numerizing something, not interpreted to increase any local bag and possession limits.

Stacey: He does say this regulation shall not be interpreted to increase any regional or local bank possession or annual limits, but rather to limit anglers by taking more than ten. So it says right in there, you can't use it to increase anything. It's just meant to stop people from taking more than ten. And they don't. You know, we don't know how many people take more than ten if it's even an issue or, you know, but saying that it would certainly have to use that then in like the hatchery fishery and stuff like that, they would impose that really well.

Devon: Is this intended for residents? Is there already an annual limit for nonresidents?

Luke: In this area there is. It was 1 daily and 1 annual last year for nonresidents. Residents have a daily limit.

Devon: At Redoubt there's an annual limit since it's a finite place and there's a lot of people fishing. I'm kind of surprised I like the idea of an annual limit, even for residents.

Moe: I'm opposed. Especially the 20 inch limit, that's ridiculous it should be 28 inches. It would be easy to go out and get your 10-20 inch fish in Eastern Channel in the winter in a week. It would be detrimental to ADFG management if there's a large portion of 20 inch fish coming out of the water.

John: The way I see it might work is like the Homer Winter King fishery. Those are fish that are from BC/WA that go up to feed. They're not catching most Southcentral fish, mostly treaty fish and I can't support something like that.

Dick: We have to manage things differently here versus King Cove or somewhere. It doesn't make sense for the state.

Stacey calls to question

Fails 0-15

PROPOSAL 180 Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish

Jake: Similar to the previous proposal but brings the limit from 10 to five and require all retained king salmon to be electronically recorded or annually reported to ADFG. Without the 10-20 inch limit.

Stacey calls to question and asks for unanimous consent to oppose as per 179

Fails with unanimous consent

PROPOSAL 181 Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear

M/S to support 181

Jake: This is a department proposal. Currently, the language i doesn't align with the statutory definition of sport fishing found in Alaska statute 16. They're pretty similar. Where the big difference comes into place is where sport fishing is defined, it says sport fishing may only be conducted by the use of a closely attended single line. And what we're looking to change is right

now it says, a closely attended line. We're looking to add in, held in hand or attached to a fishing pole or rod. So currently we don't have that held in hand or attached to a rod. Of course, the intention of this is not to try and prohibit downriggers or things like that. It's just to get you know, the regulation in line with Alaska statute.

Luke: Under current regulation, you could fish a downrigger without a rod?

Jake: The answer is no but it doesn't currently fit the regulatory language that would allow you to still keep clipping your fishing rod into your downrigger and sending it down.

Tim: Part of where this came from is folks clipping gear directly to a downrigger cable, effectively making it into a hand gurdy which is not allowed a couple of different ways. But I think in the interest of clarity, this is a good fix and probably partly comes from one of my somewhat recent cases where exactly that was happening. And the court ultimately agreed, but it was much more onerous for everybody than it needed to be.

Norm: For clarification, I'm just looking at this and it's not really the intent of this change to address, but what about herring jigs when you have 8 or 10 hooks on there? It's not called out on this. I mean, if you were just reading this, you know, as it's written that if you were fishing a line that had multiple. Hooks on it beyond what they've listed here, that you could be subject to penalty or fine. I'm just kind of curious. Maybe. Maybe Tim has an answer for that. I mean, it would be easy to say we recognize the herring jig, and we're not going to write you up for it, but it's not listed here.

Tim: There's a separate regulation. And off the top of my head, I don't remember if it's a southeast or a statewide rig that allows herring jigs specifically. So it's in regulation. It's not an issue.

Greg: Where does sport spearfishing fit into sport fishing gear or would it fall under this?

Jake: On the last question for herring and smelt, we have separate clauses in there. I believe the language for sport fishing gear where it lists, you know, the one line with two hooks. It says unless otherwise stated for herring or smelt and saltwater, you can use up to 15 or less unbaited single or multiple hooks. Spear fishing gear is also allowed within sport fishing regulations. All other things like bag limits and size limits still apply to those. But that is an authorized sport fish gear.

Stacey calls to question and asks for unanimous consent

Passes with unanimous consent

PROPOSAL 182 Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows:

Steve: Moves to take no action as it does not affect species in our area.

No Action

PROPOSAL 183 Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession

M Aaron/S Luke

Jake: This is a department proposal to keep fish intact. Primarily, it's aiming at recovering tags, lengths, rockfish, and identification. The things that are hard to do on a mutilated fish. Many of you are familiar with that here in Sitka, we do this through emergency order during the summer months, largely for our creel samplers to recover those tags to get our lengths and weights and

things like that. And this is aiming to do that statewide. While I don't have any current updates on it, I do know that this is being reviewed by the department to be potentially rewritten. Because of those discussions about whether a statewide requirement of this is necessary. So there are no guarantees, but down the line either through RC or in another way, this may be amended by the state. But again, there's no promises on that. But it's just essentially the state looking to do what we do down here in the southeast through EO for enforcement and sampling efforts.

Steve: I read this a lot to figure it out. We would no longer be able to fillet black rockfish before we hit port?

Jake: As I understand it, yes

John: When you said EO authority, so let's say you had an EO could the EO say except black rockfish. Why would you have to sample a rockfish at all? Could you EO it that way too? The intent seems overly strict. For some species it makes sense but others, I'm not sure.

Jake: I'd have to double check our authority on that. It would probably be pretty rare for the state to EO against its own directives in the administrative code. I think what you brought up is already being addressed in our review of this.

Norm: It includes that species which are used as bait are exempt. Does ADFG have a list of bait fish and are confident that it is comprehensive enough to not worry about fish that don't fit that bill.

Jake: We do have a list of that herring, chum salmon, pink salmon, whitefish species with no bag or annual limit. As well as the heads, tails, fins, closely trimmed skeleton and viscera of legally caught sportfish can also be used as bait. So that's like your scraps basically. But we have a prescribed list of those fish. And I think the intent of that fish you can use as bait are not so much of a conservation concern. They're likely not the intent of what this proposal is looking to to gain information or enforcement actions on

Norm: Does any part of this design to maybe address for lack of a better term, floating processors, you know, big boats that go out and anchor up and spend days in harbor and could potentially fillet fish and put them in the freezer. Would this regulation help to address that? I don't know how much of a concern that is. A while back it was a big topic at IPHC with Halibut and not keeping the carcasses. And I think they got that dealt with. But I'm just wondering if this might be applicable to that concern.

Jake: So halibut are managed outside of the state. You know that's a federal fishery. So there are different prohibitions on that. You know even filleted halibut that you would have frozen inside of your freezer count towards your limit on those bigger boats. For the state, if you're going to be able to freeze those hard and get them out of your possession you know, it's not in your possession limit, but I can say that the some of the language there specifically processed or prepared for human consumption that's a bit of language that we are also reviewing about what that would entail. And how to address that.

Steve: That's another concern I got, Jake, is it says until a finfish has been processed or prepared for human consumption, you can't mutilate, but you got to mutilate it to prepare it for human consumption. So. That doesn't jive at all.

Stacey: I'm feeling opposed, it seems problematic.

Stacey calls to question

Fails 1-14

PROPOSAL 184 Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition

M/S

Jake: We manage within the sport fishery for pelagic rockfish. Those are the water column rockfish, you know, ones like your blacks, your yellow tails. We also have two different delineations. Slope, which is the deeper water rockfish like short rigger as well as our demersal shelf rockfish that includes ones like yelloweye China copper. So what this language is looking to do currently as our sport statewide definition reads, it just reads pelagic and rockfish. So we're just looking to further break that down to say pelagic slope and DSR rockfish, which are how we currently manage the fisheries. Anyways. This helps them align with the commercial fishery definitions as well. It doesn't look to change the way we manage them. It's not going to affect bag limit possession, anything like that. It's not going to change, which is in each category. It's just acknowledging that we have a little bit better language now to talk about our rockfish.

Stacey calls to question and asks for unanimous consent

Passes with unanimous consent.

PROPOSAL 186 Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area

No action - out of area

PROPOSAL 187 Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon

No action - out of area

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Emily & Schuyler will represent the AC at the Statewide meeting.

XII. Set next meeting date**XIII. Other**

Adjourn 8:27 by Chair

Meeting Agenda

**Susitna Valley Advisory Committee
February 2, 2026
Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK (5:00 pm)**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call (Need 4 members for a quorum)
Bryan Kirby, Steve Harrison, Robert Gerlach, Eli Hoffman, TIm Buechle,
Mark Burcar, Todd Kingery, Dave Fish
Members Present: Steve Harrison, Robert Gerlach, Eli Hoffman, TIm Buechle, Mark
Burcar, Todd Kingery, Dave Fish
Members Absent (Excused): Bryan Kirby
Members Absent (Unexcused):
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Cory Stantorf, Leila Williams
- IV. Guests Present:
 - a.
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes from 12/8
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. New Business
 - a. BOF Proposals [Link to Statewide](#)
 - i. 162, 170, 171, 172, 173, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183
 - ii. Any others that are brought to the table
 - b. BOG Proposals [Link to Proposal Book](#)
 - i. 73, 74, 175, 176, 195, 196, 197
 - ii. Any others that are brought to the table
- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting: None
- X. Set next meeting date: None
- XI. Other
- XII. Adjourn

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<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
	7	0	
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
	7	0	
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	0	7	
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
	0	7	
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
	0	7	
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
	0	7	
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
	7	0	

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183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
	7	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Harrison

Minutes Approved By: Bryan Kirby

Date: 03/02/2026

Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road Advisory Committee
February 27th, 2026
Slana School & Zoom

I. Call to Order: 5:06 pm by Ernie Charley/Chair

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Seat Designation	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Ernie	Charley	Chistochina	Present
2	Lauree	Bertrand	Undesignated	Excused
3	Amanda	Abraham	Undesignated	Present
4	Susan	Entsminger	Alternate	Present
5	William "Cole"	Ellis	Alternate	Excused
6	Susan	Martin	Mentasta	Present
7	Tim	Olson	Undesignated	Present
8	Thomas	Abraham	Undesignated	Present
9	Eddie	Green	Undesignated	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Leila Williams

IV. Guests Present: Marjie Lodwick, Linda Bates

V. Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Susan, Seconded by Amanda: Agenda Accepted unanimously

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Elections – 3 expiring seats and 2 alternates
 - i. Tim Olson
 - ii. Thomas Abraham
 - iii. Amanda Abraham
 - iv. Alternate: Susan Entsminger
 - v. Alternate: Cole Ellis

Motioned to keep to vote in all existing chairs to remain as is. Motioned by Susan, Seconded by Ernie. Passed unanimously. All chair members voted in to their current chairs. Amanda staying the secretary.

- b. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Support	5	2	Support no issues with proposal / Oppose: need more clarification to big to be state wide. Needs to be more specific.
Commercial Fisheries			
Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
Support	7	0	Protecting king crab
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Support	7	0	It protects by catch and sea floor

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164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	7	0	It protects bycatch and sea floor
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	7	0	It protects by catch and sea floor
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
No Action			
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
Support	7	0	It prevents both long line and jigging. Can't do both.
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
Support	7	0	It prevents both long line and jigging. Can't do both.
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	7	0	Need the definition in Regulation
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Support	7	0	Need to limit eggs permitted to be released by hatchery. Too many Pink salmon
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Support	7	0	Need to reduce the number of eggs the hatchery releases
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
support	7	0	It will positively affect wild stock salmon
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
Support	7	0	Keeps people with in a safe boundry
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	7	Needs to be worded differently. Not clear on type of vessels/ fish species
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
Support	7	0	Amend: Need to take out Chinook and have only all salmon. All salmon to use 4 ½ in dipnet.
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Unnecessary
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Unnecessary
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Fish and Game can't enforce or would be unable to enforce
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Need to get out of the Emergency Order First
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Need to get out of the Emergency Order First
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Very unclear about ice fishing and gear like tip ups
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	7	0	Another ,method and means to fish

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183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
Support	7	0	Fish and Game can regulate
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Each rock fish species needs to stay seperate
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
No Action			
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
Support	7	0	Because of the change in the river it is benefiting the commercial fishing, Need to support protecting the salmon

XI. Select representative for board meeting? Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish meeting is Tuesday, March 17-Saturday, March 21. The AC rep nomination is due Monday, March 2nd, the same deadline as the AC comment deadline.

Tim Olson agreed to do attend both online or in person on behalf of the board.

XII. Set next meeting date?

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn Motioned by Amanda, Seconded by Tim. Motion passes unanimously

XV. Adjournment: 6:43

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham

Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley

Date: 2/27/2026

**Tyonek Advisory Committee
Friday, February 27th, 2026
Tyonek Tribal Center & Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 1:29pm by Donnie Standifer, Jr.
II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Name	Title	Present/Excused/Unexcused
Donald Standifer, Jr.	Chair	<u>P</u>
Elizabeth Standifer	Vice Chair	<u>E</u>
Alex Pfoff	Secretary	<u>P</u>
Nicole Swenson		P
Donald Standifer, Sr.		<u>P</u>
Robert Stephan, Sr.		<u>P</u>
John Standifer		E
Terry Jorgenson		<u>A</u>
Cassandra Kroto		<u>P</u>
Michaelene Stephan		P
Julieanna Bismark		<u>P</u>
Steven Standifer		<u>E</u>
Emil J McCord	Alternate	A
Mike Braun	Alternate	<u>A</u>

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Andy Wizik (Tyonek Tribal Conservation District), Laurie Stuart (Tyonek Tribal Conservation District)

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Caroline Brown (Subsistence), Colton Lipka (Commercial), Sam Oslund (Sport Fish), Jackie Keating (Subsistence), Oliver Querin (Sport Fish), Lucas Stumpf (Commercial), Leila Williams (Boards Support)
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda: moved by Robert Stephan, Sr., seconded by Alex Pfoff
a. Approved Unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: moved by Robert Stephan, Sr., seconded by Michaelene Stephan
- VII. Reports
a. Chair's report
b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business:

- a. Continue Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
 - i. Proposals 163-165 tabled to this meeting

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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Oppose	0	8	The proposal language states “ ‘subsistence fishing transportation services’ means to provide transportation services for...physically transporting the subsistence fisherman during any part of a subsistence fishing trip.” There needs to be clarifying comment that this proposal would not affect modes of transportation such as airline flights, like Spernak Airways, to get to a place that would not be accessible otherwise. The potential interpretation of this proposal is too broad and wiggly that could put people of Tyonek at risk.
Commercial Fisheries			
Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
Support	8	0	Concerned about trawling gear collecting bycatch of other fish.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
TNA			Robert Stephan, Sr. had to leave after this vote, bringing the number of voting members to 7. Non-pelagic gear has a detrimental effect on the ocean floor habitat, which could then have a bottom-up effect anything that may be feeding on the ecosystem out there. Even though it doesn't affect salmon directly, it could affect the bigger picture (Cook Inlet-bound salmon downstream).
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
TNA			See comments for proposal 163.
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	7	0	The effectiveness of excluder requirements, but AC supports anything that can be tried to mitigate the salmon bycatch problem.
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
TNA			
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
TNA			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
Support	7	0	This would deter trawling by limiting the types of gear to drag.
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	7	0	Would help with management, regulation, and enforcement .
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
TNA			

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171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
TNA			This proposal is not feasible for the department to implement.
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Support	7	0	This proposal would freeze hatchery production, which members support.
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
Support	7	0	Housekeeping proposal by the department.
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
TNA			
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
TNA			
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Times when people would be on a charter in Homer. A resident who has a king stamp that shares a charter with people that do not have a king stamp could retain the fish in some cases, which is currently not legal but still happens. So one person good at fishing could catch the limit for the whole boat and increase harvest.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	See comments for proposal 176.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	A person could go out with a bunch of their buddies, hand the rod to somebody, and really up the number of fish you take out of the water in an unfair manner.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		

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Oppose	0	7	It does not make a distinction for sport fishing, but author intends to make it strictly for sport fishing. Does not have clarifying language currently that does not set this limit to subsistence fishing.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Oppose	0	7	Can't speak to the limits for other regions. See comments for proposal 179.
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
Support	7	0	Housekeeping proposal for the department.
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
Support	7	0	AC supports all ways to get rid of invasive species, especially northern pike.
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
Support	7	0	Fish & Game clarified that fish that are used as bait are exempt from this proposal.
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
TNA			
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
Support	7	0	Aligns in support of this proposal due to being specific to Central District drift gillnet fishery and has potential to intercept Northern District fish and Susitna District fish.
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
TNA			

- X. New Business
 - a. Tyonek AC Generated Cook Inlet Fishing Proposals
 - b. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

- XI. Select representative for Board of Fisheries statewide finfish meeting
 - a. Robert Stephan, Sr. made a motion to allow Chair Donnie Standifer, Jr. to appoint future representatives to future board meetings.

- XII. Set next meeting date for Tyonek Advisory Committee generated proposals? Or with NVT council for counter measures for 2026 Fish & Game Chinook Management Plan?
 - a. Submit letter in conjunction with NVT council to Board of Fisheries statewide finfish meeting regarding subsistence fishing cutbacks

- XIII. Other
 - a. Leila to reach out to Tanana Chiefs Conference about how TCC partners with Fish & Game to manage their fisheries without facing severe cutbacks

- XIV. Adjourn at 5:05pm

- XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Pfoff
Minutes Approved By: Donald Standifer, Jr.
Date: 03/02/2026

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting at the Unalaska Library 1000 10-10-2025 Teleconference/online via Zoom ONLY
 Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 854 5638 5286

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Chair Coleman called the meeting of the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee on October 10, 2025 at 1007 am.

- II. Roll Call
 Members Present: Dustin Dickerson, Vice Chair Tim Mahoney, Roger Rowland, Frank Kelty, Chair Shari Coleman
 Members Absent: Secretary Jeff Hancock, Chris Price
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ethan Nichols, Area Management Biologist; Asia Beder, Assistant Area Management Biologist; Natalie Romo, Boards Support

- IV. Guests Present via Zoom: Dan Martin, Alaska Boat Company; Angel Drobnica, APIDCA; Ernie Weise

- V. Approval of Agenda: Rowland moved to approve the agenda with second by Mahoney. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved by consensus.

- VI. Reports: none

- VII. Public Comment: none

- VIII. Old Business: none

- IX. New Business
 - I. Approval of minutes from 03/26/2025. Rowland moved to approve the minutes, second by Kelty. No changes were made and the minutes approved without objection.
 - II. Fisheries update. Nichols gave an update on BSAI crab fisheries and Beder reported on state water cod fisheries.
 - III. Statewide Groundfish Proposals at AC’s discretion

<i>Proposals 1-8</i>	<i>Proposal Description: Proposals 1-8 all spoke to increasing the Western Gulf Of Alaska Pacific Cod under 60 foot Pot Cod Allocations</i>	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	<i>Voting Notes Motion to take no action on proposals 1-8 (motion Kelty / second Rowland).</i>

5	0	Unalaska AC deemed that these proposals do not affect our local fisheries and that we should not speak to Proposals 1-8. Dickerson spoke out in support of small-vessel fleet.
Proposal 9	Closed waters in Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	Motion to support: Kelty/ second Dickerson
0	5	Rowland said that this Proposal would reduce the area that fish are currently being harvested by upwards of 70%
Proposal 10	Change Area O season open date	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	Motion to support: Kelty/ second Rowland
0	5	Kelty stated that the Area O fishermen would lose the month of February which is prime fishing time and catching fish later in the season would affect fish quality
Proposal 11	Close state waters to trawl gear West of 170 West	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	Motion to support: Rowland/ second Coleman
1	4	Rowland supported the protection of crab habitat. Kelty said there was no definite information on habitat impacts due to trawl activity and discussed the economic impact of reduced trawler activity. Coleman also expressed concern about closing an area based on inconclusive data. Dickerson questioned this area being abundant with juvenile crabs. Public comment: Martin said that they represent several Golden King Crab vessels, and they did not approve of the proposal.

- IV. Selection of an AC member to represent AC at BOF meeting: none.
- X. Set date of next meeting: Membership meeting is TBD.
- XI. Committee comments: none
- XII. Adjournment: Having completed all items on the agenda, Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 1112

These minutes were approved by the Vice Chair and Chair on October 13, 2025.

Whittier Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 22nd, 2026
Zoom Only

I. Call to Order: 1806 by David Pinguoch

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
David Pinguoch	X	
Brett Wilbanks	X	
James Norris	X	
Brett Roth	X	
Jody Mason	X	
Gordon Scott	X	
Brad von Wichman	X	
Bruce Bowman	X	
Jon van Hying		Excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charlotte Westing, Heather Scannell, Martin Schuster, Todd Johnson, Leila Williams, Brittany Blane Roth

IV. Guests Present: Forest Jenkins

V. Approval of Agenda: Jody Mason made a motion to approve the agenda. Bruce Bowman amended the agenda to add Proposals 166,167,168,175,176,177,178,179 and 180 then seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

VI. Reports

a. Chair's report: No real report. David did say we would have elections and any other add on discussions at another meeting.

b. ADF&G:

i. 2025 Non-commercial Shrimp Harvest Report: Brittany Blane Roth gave a report that the 2025 GHF was 48,000 and the actual catch 54,000, so we were over by 12%. Martin Schuster reported that there was a survey in October of 2025, however the numbers have not been released yet.

c. Others

- VII. Public Comment: Forest Jenkins talked about his concern for the Proposals pertaining to hatcheries and their effect on the Coastal communities and all sectors of the fishing community, commercial, sport and subsistence.

- VIII. Old Business

- IX. New Business
 - a. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals 11, 162-165, 169, 170, 181, and 184
 - b. Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals 70, 74, 76, 77, and 82-84
 - c. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Oppose	2	6	<p>Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody Mason 2nd the proposal.</p> <p>Opposition: There is a concern that Alaskan residents might only be able to fish under a subsistence license in the future, so the implications of this proposal could interfere in that process and prohibit Alaskans from getting fish. May be more appropriate for the Copper River district and not statewide. One member is opposed to any attempts to restrict transportation services for residents trying to utilize their right to fish. It's cheaper to charter than to maintain a working boat, and it would be safer for individuals, so there is an economic impact in this proposal. There are also concerns that this</p>

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			<p>proposal may have unforeseen consequences on regulations in the future.</p> <p>Support: There is an OR part of this proposal that speaks to utilizing guiding services to participate in the subsistence fishery. This proposal would prohibit guiding services to be used for the activity of subsistence fishing, which members in favor of the proposal agree with.</p>
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
Support	8	0	Brett Roth made a motion to support and Brett Wilbanks 2 nd the motion. This proposal aims to protect brown crab and halibut from bottom draggers. Few boats participate in the groundfish fishery out there, but the fishery is lucrative with black cod and halibut plentiful in the area.
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
Support	8	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Language of this proposal presumes trawl gear will have contact with the bottom and requires monitoring. Department would be forced to come up with protocol to deal with bottom contact.
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	8	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Monitoring devices for nets are already available and federal legislation (SB3269) is being introduced to require them.

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165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
Support	8	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. See comments on proposals 163 and 164.
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
Support	8	0	Brett Roth made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This proposal would provide a needed definition for slinky pots used in black cod fishery.
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
Support	6	2	David Pinquoch made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. There was much discussion about cutting Pinks and the effect it would have on the local economy. Forest commented that cutting Pink production would affect the hatchery's ability to raise other salmon species, financially. Everyone else was more concerned with the environmental impacts they have noticed in the past 20 years. Brett commented that the hatchery's should concentrate on raising less smolt longer for a better survival rate.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Oppose	0	8	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This proposal is very similar to proposal 170 but less specific in language. This proposal is viewed as being too restrictive in what it is asking for.
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production.		
Support	6	1	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Brett Wilbanks 2 nd the motion. This proposal would maintain current levels

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			without increasing production, described as a “safety net” to prevent expansion. This proposal would also require the state to conduct research on impacts.
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows:		
Oppose	0	7	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody 2 nd the motion. The proposal aimed to restrict dip nets from being tied for stabilization when fishing from boats. One member uses a line to hold his dip net while operating his boat.
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
No Action			Expressed concern about potential misinterpretation of the language regarding holding rods. There is also confusion about the language regarding hooks. The proposal aims to align statute and codified regulations. Couldn't act on proposal due to lack of clarity.
<i>Definitions</i>			
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspect while in possession, as follows.		
<u>1 abstained</u> Oppose	1	6	Brett Wilbanks made a motion to support the proposal with an amendment to the language which would state: Until a finfish has been processed or prepared for human consumption, a person may not mutilate or otherwise disfigure it in a manner that would prevent the determination of species or the determination of the length of the fish. Amendment proposed: to limit the regulation to fish where length is a requirement. Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Several argued that there was no good definition of processed or prepared.
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		

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Support	8	0	David Pinguoch made a motion to support this proposal and Bruce Bowman 2 nd the motion. Members thought of this proposal as a housekeeping change.

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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
Support	7	0	Jim Norris made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. Member Brett Roth left the meeting at this point, changing the voting number of members from 8 to 7. The proposal would restrict hunters who take a nanny goat in one area from hunting in any other area of Region 2 for 5 years.
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep, to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use as follows:		

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Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This proposal was described as a housekeeping proposal for the department.
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the southcentral region as follows:		
Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. See comments on proposal 71.
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jim Norris 2 nd the motion. The proposal would make it illegal across all units to wound a brown bear and not cut your tag. Some members questioned why some areas specifically state wounded bears count as harvested while others don't.
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the southcentral region as follows:		
Support	7	0	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. There was expressed support from members for online education for trappers. One member noted the importance of education given incidents of traps near dog parks.
<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
<u>1 abstained</u> Oppose	2	4	David Pinguoch made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jim Norris 2 nd the motion. Biologist provided data showing non-residents take very few deer in Unit 6. There was a concern about Kodiak transporters moving to Prince William Sound if Kodiak limits are reduced. A suggestion was made for a two-deer limit, which might be more appropriate than a one-deer limit.
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
Support	6	1	David Pinguoch made a motion to support the proposal with an amendment, that nonresident hunters must have a guide/client agreement, and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. This was recommended by Charlotte Westing.
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		

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Support	5	2	Bruce Bowman made a motion to support the proposal and Brad Von Wichman 2 nd the motion.
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
Oppose	0	7	Dave Pinquoch made a motion to oppose the proposal and Bruce Bowman 2 nd the motion.
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
Support	5	2	Brad Von Wichman made a motion to support the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. One member argued that shortening the fall season would be more effective at protecting female bears.
85	Restrict hunters from shooting from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit as follows:		
Oppose	2	4	Bruce Bowman made a motion to oppose the proposal and Jody Mason 2 nd the motion. The proposal would align Unit 6 with Units 1-5 where this regulation already exists. One member shared personal experiences with unsafe shooting from boats. This proposal may be too restrictive and is also poorly written.

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: **Please note that the meetings overlap**
- Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish, 03/16/26-03/20/26 (Deadline to submit AC rep by 03/02/26, same as comment deadline)
 - Board of Game Southcentral Region, 03/20/26-03/25/26 (Deadline to submit AC rep by 03/06/26, same as comment deadline)
- No representatives were chosen for either meeting.**
- XI. Set next meeting date, also determine when to have elections
- Other things to consider: Cook Inlet proposals for next year
 - Call for Proposals out with proposals due by **April 10th, 2026**
 No date was set.
- XII. Other Dave Pinquoch made a motion to nominate Jon Van Hying for ADFG's service award for his 36 years of service. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nomination.
- XIII. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 2120 by David Pinquoch.

XIV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Jim Norris
Minutes Approved By: Dave Pinguoch
Date: 01/27/2026

**Wrangell Fish and Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nolan Center & Via Zoom**

I. Call to Order: Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Chris Guggenbickler

II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Absent/Excused, Unexcused, Present
Chris Guggenbickler	Chair	Present
Tom Sims	Vice Chair	Present via Zoom
David Rak	Secretary	Present
Alan Reeves	Member	Absent/Excused
Robert Rooney	Member	Present
Marlin Benedict	Member	Absent/Excused
Jared Gross	Member	Present
Jason Rooney	Member	Present
Dave Brown Sr.	Member	Present
Winston Davies	Member	Present
Brett Stillwaugh	Member	Present
John Yeager	Member	Present
Travis Bangs	Member	Present, arrived late
Scott McAuliffe	Member	Absent/Excused
Ryan Reeve	Member	Present
Mike Ottesen	Alternate	Present
Jordan Bunes	Alternate	Absent/Excused

Members Present: 13

Members Absent (Excused): 4

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present via Zoom:

Sam Kirby, Board Support

Frank Robins, Area Biologist

Carri Anne Mueller, AK BOG
Alisha Seward, AST

- IV. Guests Present: Charlie Hazel, David Powell, Chuck Jenkins, Jim Jenkins, Dani Gross, Tim Hunt, Bruce Smith, Brian Rooney, and Patricia Phillips via Zoom.
- V. Approval of Agenda
Board of Game Southeast Proposal
Return to Proposals 57 and 58
Return to Proposals 64 - 69
Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report: None
 - b. ADF&G: During discussion
 - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business:
- Board of Game Southeast Proposal
- Return to Proposals 57 and 58
 - Return to Proposals 59 – 69, the Moose proposals
- Board of Fisheries Statewide Proposals
- X. New Business per agenda:
Southeast Federal Advisory Committee
Discuss upcoming Federal Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) proposals:
A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the RAC opposing the civil twilight regulation for harvesting big game. The AC opposes the federal proposal for the same reasons it opposes proposal #1 to the AK Southeast Regional Meeting of the BOG, January 23-27, 2026. See the minutes from the Wrangell AC Meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025.
- Discussion of FS on logging road access for hunting, gathering, and recreation:
A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the USDA Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, expressing interest in maintaining dock facilities and National Forest system road access for hunting, gathering, and recreation activities. The docks at Roosevelt and St. John Harbors on Zarembo island are needed for safe access for hunting and other subsistence activities. Chris Guggenbickler will write the letter.

Board of Game Southcentral Proposals – there are some Regional/Multi Unit proposals that might be interesting to look at (Proposals 73 and 74).

Proposal 73 would define the term: Permanent Dwelling for hunting and fishing.

Proposal 74 would count a wounded bear against the hunter’s bag limit, and require them to cut their harvest tag.

Other issues brought up that pertain to pertinent Fisheries and Game issues

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Chris Guggenbickler will attend BOG meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBA
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

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START OF MEETING MINUTES FOR 12/11/25.			
57	Change the season, bag limit, and permit requirement for hunting elk on the Zarembo Island in Unit 3		
SUPPORT	11	1*	The Wrangell AC supports its proposal to allow bull elk on Zarembo Island with at least 3 points on one antler to be harvested between the first Saturday in November and the third Sunday in November annually. Action began and was tabled on 12/8/2025; and discussion was continued as follows: It was pointed out that the recent/current heavy snow includes the winter range on Zarembo. In winter the elk and the deer migrate to the west side of Zarembo (away from the Stikine wind), and both species compete on the same winter range.

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			<p>The larger elk would decimate the elk, hurting the survival of the deer herd. Again, stressing the importance of the the Zarembo deer herd to feed the community of Wrangell. It was again stressed the need to harvest more elk from Zarembo Island, and that increasing the harvest from one to two drawing permits is would not be enough.</p> <p>Another explanation of the ADF&G proposal to increase the number of drawing permits from one to two for bull elk on Zarembo was provided: Two bull elk drawing permits would equate to approximately 10% of the estimated bull elk, and 1% of the estimated total elk herd. This should be sustainable. Some AC members feel the choice between proposals 57 and 58 is between 2 options: Manage for a sustainable herd, or wipe out the elk on Zarembo.</p> <p>*The minority voter feels the elk herd could be managed best using drawing permits, and ADF&G should increase the number of drawing permits to between 7 and 10 permits annually.</p>
58	Open a registration hunt for elk on Zarembo Island in Unit 3		
OPPOSE	0	12	<p>The AC opposes this proposal submitted by a Wrangell resident to allow for the harvest of one elk on Zarembo Island by registration permit between August 1 and November 30 annually.</p> <p>Action began and was tabled on 12/8/2025; and discussion was continued as follows:</p> <p>The AC supports its own proposal 57. Its desire is to increase the harvest of bull elk on Zarembo, but feels proposal 58, allowing the harvest of any elk, would not be sustainable. Some AC members feel the choice between proposals 57 and 58 is between 2 options: Manage for a sustainable herd, or wipe out the elk on Zarembo</p>
59	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3, elk drawing hunt DE318, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
No Action			
60	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE321, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
No Action			

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61	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the elk drawing hunt DE323, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
No Action			
62	Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE324, to “up to” 10% of the available permits		
No Action			
63	Adjust the season dates for the DE318 elk hunt in Unit 3, and open a new drawing hunt in September		
OPPOSE	0	12	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes it would not be sustainable to hunt elk with a rifle during the rut in September. The AC does not favor shorting the archery season and add a rifle hunt in September. The AC supports the ADF&G concern for decreasing the herd by increasing the hunt. The elk harvest on Etolin has been declining over the past 15 years, because the herd is declining. Calf production and herd recruitment is a problem.
64	Eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers for Units 1B, 1C and 3		
SUPPORT	13	0	The AC supports its proposal to eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers. In the past moose antlers were illegally altered by hunters. That problem has decreased. The AC feels that if an antler in velvet is damaged naturally while growing, it should be allowed as a broken antler. Antlers altered by a hunter should be delt with by AST. Natural breaks to antlers would be included as a legal animal. It would be up to AST to prove a broken antler was man made. ADF&G reported that the bull moose harvest on the river with the current antler restriction has been stable for several years. Bull moose harvest on Kuiu and west Kupreanof Islands has been increasing. Generally, the Stikine harvest (1B) has been younger bulls, with older bulls harvested in other areas of Unit 3. The density of hunters for the small area of the Stikine is greater, than other areas that are a larger area. Note: AC Member Travis Bangs joins the meeting increasing the voting members from 12 to 13.

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65	Remove the antler restriction for the moose hunt in Units 1B and 3 and replace with a shorter, any bull hunt in October		
OPPOSE	1*	12	<p>The AC opposes this proposal submitted by a Wrangell resident to remove the antler restriction and shorten the season to 2 weeks for the moose hunt in Units 1B and 3. The AC feels this proposal would be mute if proposal 65 was adopted by the Board.</p> <p>It is felt that the BOG would not change the regulations on a moose hunt that is doing very well. If it's working the BOG would not change the regulation. There has been record bull moose harvest in the past few years for Units 1B and 3. But some people are fearful to hunt and make a mistake in antler identification/determination. Eliminating the antler restriction would make the hunt easier and less confusing. A typical moose hunting on the Stikine river was described as a few bulls get shot during the first days of the season, followed by 10 to 15 days when very few bulls are seen and harvested. Once the rut starts the hunt become very productive for harvesting bull moose. This proposal would include the most productive days of the rut in the hunting season. With no antler restriction all bull moose would be eligible and legal to harvest. This would result in an unsustainable level of harvest and a decline in the moos herd. While an open hunt, with no antler restrictions, would be the only regulations not to vilify legal hunters.</p> <p>A motion to table the proposal, and not vote on it, failed: 2 support and 11 oppose.</p> <p>Emphasis was made to the BOG to pass proposal 64 to eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers.</p> <p>*The minority voters feel an effort is needed to alleviate the hunter vs enforcement conflict, stop moose poaching, and end illegally killed moose abandoned in the field.</p>
66	Change the bag limit for hunting brown bear in Unit 3 to one bear every regulatory year		
SUPPORT	13	0	The AC supports this proposal because they believe there is a need to increase the harvest of brown bears in Unit 3, and decrease the population of bears. With the restriction of harvesting a brown bear every 4 years, hunters pass on bears

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			as they seek a larger bear. With the possibility of harvesting a bear every year, more bears would be harvested because hunters would not pass on a bear knowing they would have to wait 4 years to seek a larger one. It is noted that this harvest would be open to residents only as there is currently no non-resident season for brown bears in Unit 3.
67	Repeal the Petersburg Road System Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only		
No Action			
68	Repeal the Blind Slough Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only		
No Action			
69	Extend the grouse hunting season in Unit 3, to close June 15 instead of May 15 end		
No Action			
262	Moose harvested under the horn restriction in 5 AAC 85.045 Units 1(B) and 3 will be Judged for legality by a committee.		
SUPPORT	13	0	The Wrangell AC supports its proposal despite the Board not having authority to determine the process.

END BOARD OF GAME SOUTHEAST PROPOSALS

BEGIN BOARD OF FISHERIES STATEWIDE FINFISH PROPOSALS

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162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries		
No Action			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
No Action			
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis		
No Action			
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
No Action			
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters		
No Action			
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine		
No Action			
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear		
No Action			
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		
No Action			
169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'		
No Action			
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal as it is similar to a past proposal 156 in the Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish from January 28-February 9th, 2025. The AC opposed proposal 156 and feel it is simply an anti-hatchery proposal, not based on science. Hatchery programs are reviewed and approved by the Regional Planning Team (RPT) which is a public process. The reduction to the hatchery fish would harm the economics of many SE Alaska communities. The all users would be negatively impacted, and SRAA would be negatively impacted. Hatchery fish

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			benefit all users. Also see following: A Resolution Of The Wrangell Fish And Game Advisory Committee Opposing Proposal 156 from 12/17/24.
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
No Action			
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
No Action			
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent		
No Action			
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed		
No Action			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration		
No Action			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal and proposal 177 because they would increase the opportunity to take fish on a sport charter. It believes the sport charter take of fish should not be increased. If all the members of the charter do not catch their limit, that's just the way it is; that's fishing. There is special emphasis to not increase the charter sport take of king salmon.
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal and proposal 176 because they would increase the opportunity to take fish on a sport charter. It believes the sport charter take of fish should not be increased. If all the members of the charter do not catch their limit, that's just the way it is: that's fishing. There is special emphasis to not increase the charter sport take of king salmon.
178	Modify the definition of bag limit		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes the person who sets the hook owns the fish, others cannot help catch the fish.
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes that king salmon less than 28 inches are too small to keep. The current local king salmon limit is 28 inches, and that should be maintained.
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish		
OPPOSE	0	13	The AC opposes this proposal because it believes the limit should be greater than 5 fish, and there needs to be accommodation of hatchery fish vs wild stocks in determining the limit.

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181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear		
No Action			
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit		
No Action			
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession		
No Action			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition		
No Action			
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
No Action			
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		
No Action			

Resolution #001 included below concerning Proposal 170(156).

The Wrangell AC SUPPORTS Resolution 001, all members are in favor.

Comments, Discussion: The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly opposes past Proposal 156 and the current Proposal 170, and urges the Board to reject proposal 170 to prevent detrimental impacts on Southeast Alaska’s hatchery programs, coastal communities, and fishery-dependent livelihoods.

WRANGELL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 001

A RESOLUTION OF THE WRANGELL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPPOSING PROPOSAL 156 TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 9, 2025, ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING

WHEREAS, The Alaska Boards of Fish and Game established regional Advisory Committees to serve as local subject matter experts for their respective regions; it is both

appropriate and essential that the Boards prioritize these committees' expertise and rely on their informed recommendations when making decisions; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska's salmon hatchery programs have successfully operated for almost 50 years, supplementing wild salmon harvests and supporting commercial, sport, subsistence, personal use, and cultural fisheries, which are vital to the economic and social fabric of local communities; and

WHEREAS, these hatchery programs, operated by the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA), Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc. (DIPAC), and Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), play a critical role in supporting approximately 4,200 jobs, \$219 million in labor income, and \$576 million in annual economic output, benefitting over 14,000 Alaskans who depend on hatchery salmon for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 156 seeks to reduce hatchery production of pink and chum salmon by 25%, posing a significant risk to the hatchery-supported ecosystem in Southeast Alaska and threatening the stability of salmon resources relied upon by commercial, sport, and subsistence harvesters, as well as local communities for food security, cultural traditions, and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in hatchery production would jeopardize food security and access to salmon for subsistence, personal use, and sport fisheries, directly impacting the cultural practices, heritage, and economic stability of communities across the region; and

WHEREAS, the current scientific data on the impact of hatchery fish on wild salmon populations remains inconclusive and does not justify the significant cuts proposed in Proposal 156; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's hatchery system operates as a nonprofit model, funded through cost recovery and enhancement taxes, and adheres to stringent public permitting and scientific standards to ensure wild salmon populations are protected while benefiting all user groups; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 156 introduces unnecessary regulatory oversight that would conflict with the proven balance between hatchery and wild stock management achieved under existing frameworks, complicating long-term planning and financial stability for hatchery operators; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska hatchery programs represent a long-standing partnership between private nonprofits and the state, providing significant economic, cultural, and social benefits while maintaining sustainable practices that protect wild salmon stocks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WRANGELL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT:

Section 1. The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly opposes Proposal 156, scheduled for consideration at the January 28 - February 9, 2025, Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting, and urges the Board to reject this proposal to prevent detrimental impacts on Southeast Alaska’s hatchery programs, coastal communities, and fishery-dependent livelihoods.

Section 2. The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee reaffirms its support for SSRAA, DIPAC, and NSRAA, recognizing their essential contributions to sustaining salmon resources critical for local economies, cultural practices, and the continued availability of salmon for all user groups.

Section 3. The Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee calls upon the Alaska Board of Fisheries to prioritize science-based, objective assessments for hatchery management and collaborate with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, hatchery operators, and local stakeholders to ensure management decisions reflect the economic, cultural, and ecological value of Southeast Alaska’s hatchery programs.

XV. **OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** None

Adjournment: 9:10 PM

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