

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 an 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

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Vote: Support: Unanimous

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

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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 Loring, 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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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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<p><i>Commercial Fisheries</i></p>			
<p><i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i></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, 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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164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, 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> <p>Question (Dan M.): What would be the cost of the salmon excluder</p>

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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: Cncerns 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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			industry would be more transparent about its underlying motivations. Eric Lehm: Charter operators are seeking to complete trips earlier Question (Sid): Why does every client need to catch their limit? Answer (Eric Lehm): Because clients want to catch their limits 1 Abstention (Dave)
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
Opposed	0	12	Dan M.: It's more appropriate to manage this fishery by area rather than through blanket measures. Dan A.: Setting a limit would primarily affect individuals under age 60 who do not have a permanent license. 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.
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
Opposed	0	12	Dan M.: It's more appropriate to manage this fishery by area rather than through blanket measures. Dan A.: Setting a limit would primarily affect individuals under age 60 who do not have a permanent license. 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

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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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130			Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360, to “up to” 20% of the available permits
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>Commercial Fisheries</p>			
<p>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</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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			<p>different regions have different needs. Also concerned about making arbitrary reductions without scientific evidence of impact.</p> <p>Support: concerned with competition for food source of coho and other salmon species with pinks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 abstention</p>
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
Oppose	2	8	<p>Oppose: Members questioned whether reducing numbers would effectively reduce straying.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 abstentions</p>
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
Support	10	0	<p>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.</p> <p>Support: Members viewed this proposal as a reasonable middle ground to maintain status quo until better scientific data is available.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 abstentions</p>
<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	<p>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.</p>

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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	<p>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.</p>
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	<p>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</p>

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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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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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<p><i>Subsistence Fisheries</i></p>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Motion to adopt by Dan, second by Andy.</p> <p>Andy: This was a proposal previously seen for Prince William Sound (PWS) and Copper River. It was recommended to bring forward to statewide.</p> <p>Herb: This is subsistence only not for personal use. (Yes.)</p> <p>Hunter: If you were engaging in subsistence activity, how could you claim you were hiring someone?</p> <p>Birch: The department does not have comments out yet which makes it difficult to discuss.</p> <p>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</p>

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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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<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>			
Kodiak Area – Unit 8			
198	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	13	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.
199	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	13	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

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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 effect 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

