

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**  
**MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**  
Regular Meeting: October 24, 2024  
DSJ Building, Conf Room 203/TEAMS  
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andy Couch called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Andy Couch

Peter Probasco

Gabe Kitter

Howard Delo

Larry Engel

Bill Gamble (left at 5:38)

Jim Sykes

Absent:

Tim Hale

Kendra Zamzow

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AC read the land acknowledgement:

*"We acknowledge that we are meeting on traditional lands of the Dena'ina and Ahtna Dene people, and we are grateful for their continued stewardship of the land, fish, and wildlife throughout time immemorial."*

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**HD moved to approve the agenda; seconded by LE.**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

George McKee – member of the public, previous Assembly member: presented discussion regarding a commercial fishery for Northern Pike.

Dewey Bittler – member of the public: submitted ACR regarding changing trapping regulations on river otters

Parker Bradley – ADF&G

Neil DeWitt – member of the public

Chennery Fife – Trout Unlimited  
Lindsey Shelley – member of the public  
Stephen Braund – Northern District Setnetters Association

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Staff Report – Maija DiSalvo
- B. West Susitna Access Road – ADOT – Canceled  
BG will make an attempt to reach out and ensure future presentation.
- C. Chair’s Report – Andy Couch  
**HD moved to delegate authority to work group (AC, PP, LE) to develop response to ADF&G comments at Board of Fisheries Work Session; seconded by BG.  
No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ADF&G Fishing Season Summary Meeting  
AC – Invite Mt Yenlo, Susitna Valley, Mat Valley, and Anchorage AC’s; Kenai River Sportfish Association; MSB Assembly; Mat-Su Legislators; Commissioner; NDSNA  
  
**PP moved to approve and send all questions presented to ADF&G staff; seconded by HD.  
AC amendment – Question 6 – revise to 2022, 2023, and 2024 data, if available.  
No objection, motion passed as amended.**
- B. Revision to Water Management Regulations  
**PP moved to approve letter as written; seconded by HD.  
PP Amendment 1: “if cert of res can be held outside of DNR and ADFG, serious consider should be given...”  
Amendment 2: P 8 typo – first line, “by” DNR.  
No objection as amended, motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Board of Game Proposals  
FWC established December 20<sup>th</sup> as internal deadline for final comment. HD and GK will form a work group to address BOG proposals in units 13, 14 and 16 for discussion at the next FWC meeting.
- D. Board of Fisheries Planning
  - i. PWS/UC Proposals – Members bring comments to FWC if want to bring forward at next meeting.
  - ii. ACR Work Session in Anchorage – AC and PP will be in attendance.

- iii. Board Appointments/Reappointments  
Tom Carpenter and Stan Zurray timing out in June 2025.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. MSB State Legislative Fishery Priorities

- i. Legislative Meeting – Dec 19 – work with Bill Stoltz on the potential for a fishery specific meeting with legislators.

BG left at 5:38.

- ii. CAPSIS Work Group – Parker Bradley, ADF&G participated in discussion with FWC regarding potential pike suppression/eradication projects.

**GK moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes; seconded by HD.  
No objection, motion passed unanimously.**

B. MSB Fish & Wildlife Commission Appointments/Reappointments

HD and LE will both be stepping down at the end of 2024; – thank you from FWC for significant contributions over the years.

C. NOAA Meeting Report – Jim Sykes

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

JS – thanks to LE and HD for years of services, have learned so much; can't thank them enough, glad to have had opp to work together

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 4:00 pm Assembly Chambers

XII. ADJOURNMENT

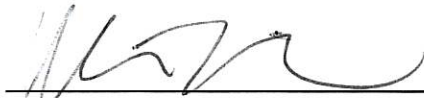
**HD moved to adjourn, seconded by LE.  
No objection, motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.**



Andy Couch, FWC Chair

11-13-24

Date



Maija DiSalvo, Planning Division Staff

11/15/24

Date