

**MSB FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting: February 27, 2020 – Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM

Members present:

Howard Delo HD, Andy Couch AC (phone), Larry Engel LE (phone), Dan Mayfield DM, Tam Boeve TB, Amber Allen AA, and Mike Wood MW.

Members absent:

Robert Chlupach RC, Bruce Knowles BK.

\*LE left the meeting at 4:50 PM

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda Amendment: Move V(a) to right after Approval of Agenda.

**MOTION:** Dan Mayfield moved to approve the Agenda as Amended by moving item V(a) to consideration immediately after approval of the agenda; Howard Delo seconded.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

**Motion as amended approved unanimously.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for JANURAY 16, 2020.**

**MOTION:** Howard Delo moved to approve the minutes; Dan Mayfield seconded.

**Discussion:** Andy Couch corrected a word on red page 3 of the minutes, changing *make* to *may*.

**Motion to approve the corrected minutes approved unanimously.**

**IV. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS AND PARTICIPATION**

1. Todd Smolden, Governor's Office: Was pleased with how everything worked out for the FWC at the BOF; sending thank you from the governor's office for everyone's work.

2. Stefan Hinman, Staff

3. Karol Riese, staff (phone).

**V. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

a. Presentation/Dialogue: Mac Minard, BOF Results/Recommendations

Mr. Minard presented his report and answered questions/statements as presented. He stated that this BOF effort was more organized than years prior; social media and email updates had a

positive affect; the FWC were united in their message; housing at the Captain Cook provided opportunities to meet with BOF Commissioners in an informal setting. Kudos to Stefan Hinman for his online streaming efforts and numerous FB posts.

**\*Larry Engel left the meeting at 4:50 PM.**

Recommendations for next BOF cycle:

- 1) *Begin preparations* for the next Board meeting *now*.
- 2) *Cultivate relations with leaders of the business community within the Borough* in a way that causes them to support the Mat Su positions relative to the fisheries.
- 3) Consider *developing a strategic approach to media management* for both the short and long run.
- 4) Continue to *communicate and work with KRSA*.
- 5) *Work business owners or others that have seen a positive effect of the accomplishments of the 2020 BOF Cycle* helped their businesses.

b. Staff report

- (1) Ted Eischeid gave his reflections of his BOF experience. Howard Delo advised that there were very positive comments made regarding Ted's role at the BOF meetings. Ted is preparing a 3-year plan to be prepared for the next BOF meeting.
- (2) March 10, 2020 there is a joint meeting between MSB Assembly and Planning Commission. Ted is giving a presentation and would like to invite MSB FWC to attend the future such joint meetings. The next joint Assembly/PC meeting is October 2, 2020.
- (3) Gratitude resolution: Andy Crouch suggested three ACs;
- (4) Thank you letters – make resolution for the Chair to sign specifically to people; Ask an Assembly member to sponsor a resolution to give it some teeth.
- (5) Conservationist of the Year – Safari Club International (February 29, 2020)
- (6) Moose Range Habitat Resolution
- (7) Detail of minutes – how much detail do you want – are they helpful? Dan Mayfield: We really do not need that much detail – the action items is the important part. Does anyone go back through them? Howard Delo: I do like the details; it does help me on details and such. Andy Crouch: I hear what Dan is saying, those details are important when you need them. Mike Wood: Personally does not need that much detail. Andy Couch: We need to

have detailed notes when we have big meetings, i.e. ADF&G; BOF meeting preparation. Ted Eischeid: I can prepare action minutes and provide notes when it is needed.

## VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Reflect on UCI Board of Fisheries meeting, Feb. 7-19. 20 minutes

Tam Boeve: Live streaming was appreciated.

2. Consider Assembly presentation on BOF results. 10 minutes

Mike Wood: Would someone like to do that from FWC? I won't be able to attend.

Howard Delo: Larry Engel would be the ideal guy. Andy Couch: I won't be available.

**Motion: Howard Delo made a motion to have Larry Engel help with the presentation; Andy Couch seconded.**

**Discussion: DM stated that he and/or Tam could mention the success of the BOF meeting in Assembly comments; HD said perhaps it could be combined with recognition of LE if he wins the SCI Conservationist of the Year award.**

**Motion passed without objection.**

3. Board of Fisheries Resolution.

Salmon Habitat Partnership; three ACs (Yenlo AC, Upper Susitna AC, and Matanuska Valley AC). Howard Delo: Jessica Speed's testimony at the BOF meeting was very helpful, so recognition of the SHP should also be given.

**Motion: Dan Mayfield made a motion to add the above four group names to the Board of Fisheries Recognition Resolution; Howard Delo seconded. Motion passed without objection.**

4. Consider motion to send letters of appreciation to BOF allies.

**Motion: Andy Couch made a motion to send letter of appreciation to BOF allies;**

**Howard Delo seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Moose Range habitat resolution – Campfield.

**Motion: Andy Couch made a motion to approve the Moose Range Habitat Resolution; Tam Boeve seconded. Dan Mayfield moved to table this resolution; HD seconded. DM would like to know more about this and would like Mike Campfield to give a presentation; other members of the board would like to hear more about this before**

making a resolution. No objection to tabling motion. Tabling motion passed unanimously.

## VI. MEMBER COMMENTS

Karol Riese: Get your expenses when you get back; check Karol's earlier email.

Amber Allen: Thank you to the FWC – did an awesome job.

Tam Boeve: You all did an awesome job. I'm looking forward to preparing for next time.

Dan Mayfield: House Bill 258 coming out – this would like to take platting authority and the local contract is detrimental to us; I hope to have something from administration at our next FWC meeting to present a resolution on taking a stance on this. Both he and the Mayor have dialogued with staff asking about HB 258/SB 204 asking resolutions be prepared for the FWC/Platting Commission/Planning Commission with recommendations to the Assembly on actions towards these bills. Great job by everybody – it is really unbelievable how much success we had. I am learning a lot and I truly support the valuable work you do.

Howard Delo: We were cautioned about getting political – you guys do the biology and social economics and let the Assembly do the politics. The BOG comes up next year (2021); but we should schedule one of the game biologist to come to one of our meetings. The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2020. Letter of support for John Wood – it is very appropriate in my mind to support John Wood – MSB FWC supports the nomination of John Wood to the BOF Commission.

Mike Wood: Not that doing one is a bad thing. but I do not know if a letter from the MSB FWC would be helpful. I think it would be more helpful for one from another entity. Is there enough time - the meeting is March 3, 2020. I will be on the phone on Tuesday as a set netter but not as a MSB FWC member.

Ted Eischeid: I think I mis-spoke earlier. Essentially, we try to get the Agenda posted the Friday before the meeting – it is really appropriate to send Agenda items through the chair for their approval before sending them to me and Karol as staff.

Mike Wood: I have tried to be on the ball enough to get Agenda items in a timely manner. There is so much else going on right now that we need to give attention to, like the HB199; Su-Hydro Project; West Susitna Access. There are decisions that are being made about habitat in the MSB that need our attention. We really need to let these people know the impacts. We won a battle but we are going to lose the war if these things happen. All of the top people were in this – this one done with all agencies. This is a model of what we should be doing today.

VII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 19, 2020 – AGENDA AND PRESENTATION IDEAS

1. Presentation: Salmon Gold program
2. Presentation from Mike Campfield on the Moose Range Habitat
3. ADFG Representative BOG
4. HB 258/SB 204 Resolutions

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.**

Howard Delo for  
Mike Wood, Chair

Sept. 17, 2020  
Dated

ATTEST:

Ted J. Eischeid  
Ted Eischeid, Planner II Staff

9/17/2020  
Dated