

MSB FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION Regular Meeting: February 18, 2021 – Minutes

MSB Lower Level Conference Room //TEAMS Remote Participation Option

Minutes prepared by Ted Eischeid, Planner II

REGULAR MEETING 4 P.M. February 18, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Mike Wood (MW), Howard Delo (HD), Tam Boeve (TB), Andy Couch (AC), Larry Engel (LE), Kendra Zamzow (KZ).

Absent: Tim Hale, Pete Probasco (excused).

Quorum established.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion: Moved to approve LE;
- Second: AC
- Discussion: None
- Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 21, 2021

- Motion: Moved to approve by AC
- Second: LE
- Discussion:
 - KZ:
 - add “FWC Candidate” after her name under IV. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS & PARTICIPATION.
 - AC:
 - Under I-b. Present: add “Andy Couch”.
 - On p. 3 of the minutes under VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS, 1-i-b: add “hunts” after “moose” on line 2; on line 3 change “bear exemption fees” to “brown bear fee exemptions”; on line 4 change “would” to “may”.
- Action: Motion passed unanimously as corrected.

IV. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS & PARTICIPATION (3 min./person, chair's discretion)

1. Mike Brown, staff
2. Bill Stoltze, phone, Birchwood
 - Gave AK Legislative update.
3. Neil Dewitt, phone: shared comment on subsistence.
4. Becky Long, phone, Talkeetna: supports SWMO; thanks FWC for monthly updates on WSAR, shared some concerns about WSAR project.
5. Melissa Heuer, Susitna River Coalition.
6. Steve Braund, Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet.
7. Marlowe Scully.
8. Roberta Budnik, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

V. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. West Susitna Access Road Project Update
- b. Staff report/correspondence
- c. Supplemental Wetland Mitigation Ordinance presentation

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. West Susitna Access Road Project
 - No updates
2. Alaska Board of Game Actions
 - a. Proposals/brown bear & antlerless moose-Comments and Action
 - b. FWC request to BOG providing public opportunity to submit new, withdraw old, or amend current proposals.
 - Motion: AC that FWC submit the letter to BOG on p. 17 of packet with minor modifications to the header.
 - Second: HD
 - Discussion: Ensued.
 - Action: Motion passed unanimously.
3. Federal Subsistence Board upcoming wildlife regulatory cycle/proposals
 - Discussion:
 - MW: not familiar with this in the MSB; HD- PP would be very helpful on this issue, perhaps doing a presentation at the next meeting.

- MW: does any know about Subsistence activities happening in the MSB?
HD – yes, this deals with federal land within the MSB;
- Bill Stoltze: HD is probably right.
- LE: SC Subsistence will be meeting next week, maybe some of us should attend; HD – I can listen into part of it. MW will try to learn more about it.
- Motion: AC moved to look at this in the next meeting/agenda with input from PP
- Second: HD
- Discussion:
- Action: Passed without objection.

4. MSB Supplemental Wetland Mitigation Ordinance – approve public hearing for 3/18/21
FWC agenda.

- Motion: LE moved to add SWMO to March agenda and hold a public hearing.
- Second: AC/HD
- Discussion:
- Action: Passed without objection.

5. ADFG King Salmon Fishing Regulation for upcoming MSB sport fishery (AC).

- Discussion:
- AC: red p. 39+; gave some background; Doesn't have a motion, but plans to further investigate this issue.
- Motion:
- Second:
- Discussion:
- Action:

6. Appointing a committee to discuss FWC history and priorities with MSB Management.

Discussion:

- AC: moved to create a committee of up to three people to meet with Manager Mike Brown to discuss the FWC; AC, HD, LE.
- Second: HD

- Discussion:
- Action: Passed without objection

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS

1. HD: This was a good meeting; getting ready for warmer weather; Stefan Hinman sent me some radio interview about UCIDA/CIK.
2. TB: none.
3. AC: not sure what's happening with the fishing season; tour boats won't be running; far from a full season of bookings; I would welcome and opportunity to get FWC members out on my boat this summer like I've done in the past, showing some of our local fisheries; king salmon, dip net fishery, silver salmon trip.
4. LE: thank for the meeting materials
5. Ted: need questions from FWC members regarding SWMO.
6. MW: congrats to Ted on NFHP.

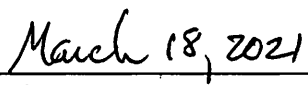
VIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 18, 2021, 4 PM – AGENDA AND PRESENTATION IDEAS?

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- LE: moved to adjourn;
- HD: second.
- Lost quorum when MW was disconnected; meeting ended at 6:07 PM.



Mike Wood, Chair

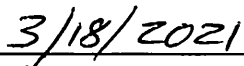


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ATTEST:



Ted Eischeid, Planner II Staff



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