

MSB FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION Regular Meeting: October 21, 2021 – Minutes

MSB Lower Level Conference Room //TEAMS Remote Participation Option

Minutes prepared by Ted Eischeid, Planner II

REGULAR MEETING October 21, 2021 4:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM by chair Mike Wood.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM /LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Roll Call:

Present:

Mike Wood (MW)

Howard Delo (HD)

Pete Probasco (PP)

Tam Boeve (TB)

Kendra Zamzow (KZ)

Andy Couch (AC)

Larry Engel (LE)

Tim Hale (TH)

Absent:

Quorum (5+) established.

Land acknowledgement read by MW

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion: Moved to approve by LE
2. Second: HD
3. Discussion: None
4. Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by PP

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Motion: Moved to approve by LE
2. Second: HD
3. Discussion: NONE
4. Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

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

- Neil Dewitt – on Western Arctic Caribou Working Group – discussed Federal caribou harvest proposals coming up (next meeting is Dec. 15 via Zoom).
- Bill Stoltze, representing the MSB: Legislative session – halfway through special session 4.
- Becky Long – interested in the DNR presentation today; interested in the reasoning behind the Willow Creek water reservation decision.
- Stephanie Nowers – MSB Assembly.
- Austin Williams, Trout Unlimited.
- Melissa Heuer, SSRC – may have questions.
- Kimberly Sager, DNR Presenter
- Stephen Braund, NSSNA
- Taunnie Boothby, MSB.

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation by Kim Sager, DNR: Water Reservation Reviews.
- b. Ted Eischeid – staff report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. West Susitna Access Road Project

- AIDEA Meeting on Oct. 27
- Rec Rivers Board – not yet composed; this Bd will impact WSAR.
- Bill Stoltze – if you are interested in project monies, to request monies for fishery research, FWC could send a recommendation to Assembly.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ADF&G 2021 Fishing Summary Meeting Planning

1.Motion: MW Moved to approve by submit question comments and suggestions to Ted for compiling by Nov. 8th for consideration at the Nov. 18th FWC meeting.

2.Second: PP

3.Discussion:

AC: Written responses from ADFG would be good.

PP: good to give a list of questions to ADFG, and we should identify the key issues for the meeting discussion.

LE: This time ADFG isn't as busy as past so 15-20 questions shouldn't be a problem.

HD: Previous years questions were written and submitted, but the written answers not provided – that might be a resource we could use.

AC: for a period you could not get fishing license online, wasn't a good situation; that might be a reasonable thing to ask for an ADFG resolution to deal with online license computer lapses.

4.Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

b. BOF October 20-21 Workshop Discussion

i.Valley impacts:

a. EEZ will be closed to drifters in 2022; unknown how this will affect where fishing pressure is applied; this might impact incoming coho. Any estimated projections appreciated.

ii.ACR 7 passed; has specific restrictions on area M; but a study showed that Cook Inlet fish might be impacted; could have impacts on MSB fish;

ii.Questions:

iii.PP – any ACR to address EEZ closure? John Wood: negative, but there was a board generated proposal since the EEZ would change the fishing landscape;

iv.HD- What does the BGP address? Pairing restriction when the OEG is not met, causing a total shutdown of an ESSN fishery – some consternation about this. HD – the BOF is looking at making modifications to the total closure of the fishery? HD – yes; the BGP has yearly safeguards to insure that kings are overharvested.

v.HD: Reviewed his impressions from the workshop yesterday.

c. Consider 2022 FWC Meeting Schedule

1.Motion: Moved to approve by AC as presented except change the ADFG meeting TBD to a start time to 5-7 PM.

2.Second: HD

3.Discussion: ADFG meeting time – change to 5-7 PM.

4.Action: Passed unanimously without objection.

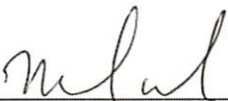
X. MEMBER COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- HD: BOF meeting went off well with their use of technology;
- TB: One announcement; Nov. 16 Assembly meeting is Vern Halter's last day as a mayor.
- AC: Moose drawing for permits, there is a call to get rid of antlerless hunts in certain areas up by Willow; next year they might give out 1500 antlerless moose permits in GMU 14A; the problem is that there might be some unanticipated impacts; Advisory Committees can vote to close late season permits in certain areas; the answer isn't having people to go anywhere to shoot; make this an agenda item for the next meeting.
- LE – none.
- TH – none.
- PP – none.
- Tribe is interested in moose; killing of a cow with a calf was witnessed by Chickaloon community members recently and was troubling;
- TE- I am contemplating retirement in one year, on 10/21/22.
- MW- Add RC 21 to next meeting agenda; why does the Nov. meeting end on my birthday?
- Bill Stoltze – as a lobbyist, if you want state legislators to be invited to the ADFG meeting, work with Bill Stoltze. Maybe a separate meeting with state legislators, maybe in January?

XI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: November 18, 2021, 4 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion: LE
- Second: HD
- Action: Passed unanimously without objection.
- Meeting stands adjourned at 6:14 PM.


Mike Wood, Chair

11/18/21
Dated

ATTEST:


Ted Eischeid, Planner II Staff

11/18/21
Dated