

## **Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 3, 2017 at King Career Center Multi-Purpose Room,**

**Location: 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd**

1. Call meeting to order at 6:34pm, Frank Neumann (acting chair).
2. Invocation – Frank Neumann
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Frank Neumann
4. Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet – done (Sherry Wright). Nathan Huff, Dan Wright, Grant Coplin, and Arne Thomson.
5. Establish a quorum –Quorum verified.  
Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Phillip Calhoun, Willow Hetrick (secretary), Frank Neumann (acting-chair), Brian Nelson, Ernie Weiss, Martin Weiser, Shawna Buchanan, Bryce Eckroth (serving as alternate), Tyler Loken (serving as alternate), Matt Moore, Kevin Taylor, J. R. Gates.  
Members Absent Excused: Dino Sutherland and Kenny Rogers.  
Members Absent Unexcused: Gerold Gugel
6. Approve Agenda – Neil DeWitt moved, Matt Moore seconded. Approved.
7. Introduce Department Guests – Sherry Wright.
8. Approve Minutes of prior Meeting – April 11, 2017 approved.
9. Public testimony – No public testimony.
10. Committee Reports
  - Game Chair-Frank Neumann (re-nominated and voted for 2017/2018) – Call for subcommittee members. 7 is the maximum allowed to attend without triggering a full meeting. 1) Frank Neumann, 2) Matt Moore, 3) Willow Hetrick, 4) J.R. Gates, 5) Phillip Calhoun, 6) Neil DeWitt, 7) Tyler Loken (alternate).
  - Fish Chair-Kevin Taylor (re-nominated and voted for 2017/2018) – Call for subcommittee members. 7 is the maximum allowed to attend without triggering a full meeting. 1) Brian Nelson, 2) Shawna Buchanan, 3) Donald Sutherland, 4) Kevin Taylor, 5) Martin Wieser, 6) Ernie Weiss, 7) Bryce Eckroth (alternate).
11. Old Business
  - Election of AC officers – Phillip Calhoun motioned for Frank Neumann as the Chair, seconded by Kevin Taylor. Unanimous vote for Frank Neumann to be the Chair of the Anchorage AC. Phillip Calhoun motioned for Kevin Taylor to be the Vice-Chair, Frank Neumann seconded. Unanimous vote for Kevin Taylor to be the Vice-Chair of the Anchorage AC. Kevin Taylor motioned for Willow Hetrick to be the Secretary, Frank Neumann seconded. Unanimous vote for Willow Hetrick to be the Secretary of the Anchorage AC.
12. New Business

- Sherry Wright inquired about having the elections in the fall instead of the spring. Mat-Su Valley has decided to change. Seats that were just elected in the spring would be up for re-election. Discussed onboarding new officers in the fall is not a good idea because of the timing of the election and the comment dates. Having an election in the spring allows new members to get acquainted with other members and get necessary materials to be prepared.
- The Division of Wildlife Conservation has set aside money to support AC travel. Kevin Taylor motioned Frank going to the 40 Mile Caribou Harvest Management Coalition in Tok on October 25 and 25, Neil DeWitt seconded. All approved.
- BOF ACRs discussion (8 – 12) – This comment is to approve the Board of Fish taking up the ACR in upcoming meetings (October 17-19, 2017 in Anchorage Alaska) not on the merit of the ACR. ACR 08, 09 and 10 are in AAC jurisdiction. The Anchorage Advisory Committee discussed ACR 11 and held a vote to deny the agenda change requests - 3 support, 8 object, and 2 abstain. Kevin Taylor nominated Martin Weiser and Shawna Buchanan to represent AAC at the Prince William Sound/Upper Copper and Upper Susitna Rivers Finfish. Both accepted, Anchorage AC will finalize the vote in the November meeting after schedules are discussed.
- BOG Statewide proposal recommendations – Comments due October 27, 2017. Game subcommittee will meet Tuesday, October 10 and October 17, 2017 to discuss the 68 proposals as a subcommittee and not as a full committee. Sherry Wright will publish the meeting notices for the Game subcommittee after this meeting.
- North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council) suggesting new salmon FMP outside of State waters but in the EEZ – Council will take this up Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7pm. Looking for interested stakeholders to participate. Status quo would be that the State continues to manage this fishery until the federal government develops a fisheries management plan.
- Suggest new AAC members read the information on the State of Alaska Board support website as part of a AC orientation. Discussed confidential contact information.

13. Adjourn – 7:31pm.

The next Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at the Bass Pro conference room, located at 3046 Mountain View Drive at 6:30 pm. Agenda includes continue preparing BOG Statewide proposal recommendations.

Minutes recorded by Willow Hetrick  
 Approved by Advisory Committee  
 Date Approved: 10/24/2017