



Frequently Asked Questions about Virtual and Hybrid Elections for Fish & Game Advisory Committees

For the 2021/2022 meeting cycle, ADF&G Boards Support Section has developed a virtual voting process for Advisory Committee elections to facilitate public participation and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. This process is adaptable to both hybrid and fully virtual meetings and requires the voting public to attend the meeting either online or in-person. Please view the explanatory video [Virtual Elections Overview](#) for more information and contact your regional coordinator if you have further questions.

Do you have to attend the election meeting to be able to vote?

Yes. If you are not attending the election meeting either online or in-person, you are not eligible to vote. You must sign in to the election meeting.

Who is eligible to vote in a Fish & Game Advisory Committee election?

Voting-age residents of the areas served by the committee are eligible to vote, and they must be attending the election meeting. To find out what areas are served by an advisory committee, please visit the [Advisory Committees by Region](#) website, select an Advisory Committee, and at the top of each Advisory Committee's webpage look for "the areas of jurisdiction for this committee..." Some committees have jurisdiction over many GMUs and drainages/fisheries. Please contact your regional coordinator for further assistance. www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.acregion

Can online and in-person voting be done at the same time?

Yes. Printable versions of the virtual sign-in form and ballot can be provided for hybrid elections, and collected via traditional ballot boxes. Links to the virtual sign-in form and ballot will be shared via web conference during the election meeting and announced by the chair.

Can nominations be made during an election meeting?

Yes. Advisory Committees may also set a period of time in advance of an election meeting to accept nominations, but they are not required to.

Will people be able to "stuff the ballot" by voting multiple times online?

No. A unique ballot number is assigned when you sign in. Only ballot numbers that have been validated by Boards Support staff will be counted.



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Will people who don't live in the area served by the committee, or who aren't attending the meeting be able to vote?

No. Eligibility must be verified by Boards Support staff based on the information collected on the sign-in form before a ballot can be counted. Before any ballot is counted, the associated ballot number must first be validated by Boards Support staff. Virtual sign-in forms will be closed until the election meeting begins and the chair directs meeting participants to sign in. Virtual ballots will be closed until the chair announces that voting can begin, and closed once the chair announces that voting has stopped.

How long will it take to get the election results?

A fully virtual election can yield results in less than one hour. Hybrid elections with in-person voting will require a minimum of one to two days to yield results. Please contact your regional coordinator to make appropriate arrangements for your committee.

What if I don't receive a ballot number after signing in online?

Do not sign in more than once. Check your spam folder first, then contact your regional coordinator if you need further assistance. Your regional coordinator can assign you a new ballot number if necessary.

If I don't have internet access or a valid email address, can I vote by phone?

Yes. Please contact your regional coordinator prior to the start of the election meeting for assistance.

Do all Advisory Committees have to use the virtual voting platform?

No. However, Boards Support is asking that all Advisory Committee meetings be accessible by virtual or traditional teleconference until further notice. This includes elections. If you plan to hold elections during the 2021/2022 meeting cycle, please contact your regional coordinator ahead of time to discuss the best options for your Advisory Committee. Public notice must be given at least 14 days prior to election meetings.