

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
 11/9/2022 Meeting Minutes  
 J.P. Jones Community Center  
 204 Rickert Street  
 Fairbanks, AK  
 &  
 Teleconference

**I. Call to Order:** Vice Chair at 6:04PM

**II. Roll Call:**

	<u>CHAIR</u> vacant	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Virgil Umphenour	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Absent								
Abs/Excused								
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Austin Smith	Warren Guichici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Absent								
Abs/Excused			<b>X</b>					

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Amy Davis, Pete Davis, Lance Nelson, Rodney Pangborn, John Haddix, Tyrel Palmer, Scott Parcell, Kevin Schaus, Kalaem Johnson, Matt LaBon, Debra Davis, Gabriel Davis, Al Barrette, Jim Simon, Rich Doering, Brit Larson, Virgil Davis, James Paine, Mike Quinn, Sherri Harvey, Jim Masek, Chris Bye

**Fish & Game Staff Present:** Deena Jallen, Andy Gryska, Christy Gleason, Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Kyle Campbell, Shane Ransbury

**IV. Comments**

**Chair Comments:** vacant

**Vice Chair:** No comments

**Trapping:** No comments

**Game:** No comments

**Fish:** No comments

**AC Member Comments:** Mike Tinker Fortymile caribou winter hunt update. Total winter hunt quota is 415 animals, 200 of which can be cows. Bag limit is one caribou, either sex, until the cow quota is reached, then will be bull only. So far, 125 animals taken, leaving 290 still available. Some available off the Steese but well off the road. Most in Zone 3, scattered all over.

**Public Comments:** none

**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** One correction by Gale, spelling of Andy Gryska's last name is incorrect. Approved by unanimous consent

**VI. Approval of Agenda:** approved by unanimous consent

**VII. Old Business:** none

**VIII. New Business:**

**Elections:** Vice-chair Richards thanks everyone for being here, goes over the function of Advisory Committees, what is expected of members, term lengths, when the Fairbanks AC meets, that it is a commitment to be on the AC and members are expected to attend meetings and participate. Goes over the election process, there are 5 expired seats, and one vacant seat, so six seats are up. All five AC members whose terms are expiring are running for reelection. The vacant seat is for a one year term. Also two alternate seats available. Nomination process. Ballot process, sign in sheet when you pick up a ballot. After votes are counted by F&G staff, winners will be announced and all winners will be seated on the committee and be able to vote on committee items.

Vice-chair opens nominations. Gale Vick motions that the 5 AC members whose terms have expired and wish to still serve all be nominated. Seconded by John Wisniewski. Passed unanimously.

AC members Jeff Lucas, Chuck Derrick, Gale Vick, Mark Oppe, Mike Kramer, all nominated. Other nominations: Gabriel Davis, Lance Nelson, James Paine, Chris Bye, Rodney Pangborn.

Nominees introduce themselves and voting begins. Votes are counted and results announced. Jeff Lucas, Chuck Derrick, Gale Vick, Mark Oppe, and Mike Kramer,

all win reelection on the committee. Gabriel Davis wins the vacant seat and will serve a one-year term. [Election Record attached with this document]

New member Gabriel Davis is seated and welcomed.

**Officer Elections:** Vice-chair Richards opens the floor for nominations for chairman and nominates John Siegfried for chair. Seconded by Gale Vick. Bill Larry nominates Mike Tinker, who declines. Bill Larry nominates Virgil Umphenour, who declines. Bill Larry nominates Mike Kramer, who declines. No other nominations. Nominations are closed. Vote for John Siegfried for chairman is unanimous. John Siegfried is the new chair.

Floor opened for nominations for vice-chair. Mike Tinker nominates Mark Richards. Seconded. No other nominations. Vote for Mark Richards to continue as vice-chair is unanimous.

Mark Oppe stays on as secretary. Floor opened for nominations for Fisheries subcommittee chair. Gale Vick nominated. Seconded. No other nominations. Unanimous vote for Gale Vick to continue as fisheries subcommittee chair. Mike Kramer stays on as vice-chair. Floor opened for nominations for Game/Trap subcommittee chairs. Mark Richards and Jeff Lucas nominated and seconded and voted unanimously to stay on as co-chairs of the Game/Trap subcommittee.

**Fisheries Subcommittee Report & Recommendations:** Gale Vick gives report from the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> fisheries subcommittee meeting. Bristol Bay meeting on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, those comments due in a couple days. Subcommittee did not make any recommendations for that meeting. The big one for us now is the AYK proposals for the January BOF meeting, comments due Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. At next subcommittee meeting on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> we will go over all the AYK proposals and make recommendations to the full AC. In February is the Alaska Peninsula finfish meeting and the Fbks AC has proposal 140 in, which is very important to us, having to do with the Area M bycatch of salmon bound for interior rivers. There is a crisis on the Yukon/Kuskokwim for our salmon stocks. Will let Virgil speak to it more.

Virgil Umphenour explains the history of the Area M fishery, different management policies over time, concerns of bycatch of salmon stocks that were bound for interior rivers. Eventual caps on chum salmon bycatch that often were not enforced, tossing chum bycatch overboard without reporting. Current crisis we are seeing with salmon returns to interior rivers calls for reduction in fishing times in Area M, reduction of bycatch, which FAC proposal #140 advocates for.

Mike Tinker and Chuck Derrick comment further on the importance of FAC proposal 140.

Gale Vick says proposal 140 has support from various Regional Advisory Councils, Alaska Federation of Natives. Virgil Umphenour speaks to no other alternative source of fish for those on interior rivers who depend upon salmon.

Mike Kramer speaks to proposal 140, says this is most important thing we can do to help more fish get into interior rivers. AC should send a representative to the AK Peninsula BOF meeting.

Comments from the public: Jim Simon speaks to Area M fishery and bycatch issues of salmon bound for interior rivers, gives harvest statistics, examples. Mentions the Sustainable Salmon Management policy. Supports proposal 140.

Chris Bye speaks to issues on the Yukon River with low salmon returns, no fishing allowed, lack of subsistence needs being met.

15 minute break.

Back to order at 8:17pm.

**Agenda Change Requests – AC comments:** Discussion of agenda change requests (ACRs) before the Board of Game at their Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> ACR meeting.

ACRs 1-4, all similar in requesting changes to how the Department issues or requires harvest tickets and reports. May not fall within the criteria to accept outside of a regular meeting, but the issues raised by the proponent should be looked into further and try to be corrected. Motion by Mike Tinker to send comments on ACRs 1-4, seconded by Jeff Lucas. Unanimous consent.

ACR 5, to allow the take of brown/grizzly bear over bait in Unit 20D, Jeff Lucas thinks the proposal has merit, may help moose population as there are a lot of bears there. Discussion on how it meets the criteria for acceptance, may under criteria 3. Motion by Jeff Lucas to support ACR 5 based on Criteria 3, seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

ACR 11, to establish a Tier II Nelchina caribou hunt. Discussion on issues surrounding going to Tier II, harvestable surplus being below the Amount Necessary for Subsistence, if going to Tier II will affect the Community Subsistence Harvest hunt.

Short discussion on ACRs 6-8 regarding limiting nonresident moose hunters in Unit 19C.

ACR 12, asking to limit nonresident sheep hunters in Unit 19C to draw permits with an allocation of up to 20 permits. Discussion of the proposal, Mike Tinker

mentions it should also have included participation statistics along with the harvest statistics to give a better idea of how they correlate. Could be that nonresidents harvest so many sheep because not a lot of residents hunt there. Mark Richards says that there is obviously a conservation concern for the sheep population there, as one of the Board of Game members is going to propose a board-generated proposal to close all sheep hunting in Unit 19C for five years. Residents shouldn't bear the brunt of a closure when nonresidents are allowed to take 90% of the harvest. More discussion about the actual ACR proposal, subsistence, allocation, sheep management. Was pointed out that we are off track in that the only thing the Board of Game could decide regarding ACRs was whether or not they met one of the four criteria for acceptance. Then, and only then, would it become a proposal before the board at a regulatory meeting, and the AC could further discuss it then. Motion by Mark Richards to support ACR 12 based on criteria 3 & 4, seconded. Roll call vote. Committee votes 11-1-1 to support acceptance of ACR 12 based on Criteria 3 & 4.

Discussion of ACR 13, to modify the nonresident drawing permits for Dall sheep in Unit 14C. Motion to support based on Criteria 1, seconded, passed by unanimous consent.

**Set Subcommittee Meeting dates:** Gale Vick, Fisheries subcommittee meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, via teleconference. Mark Richards/Jeff Lucas, game/trap subcommittee meeting December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm to discuss Region I proposals. Game/trap subcommittee meetings to be held in person, location TBD, possibly ADFG office.

**Other:** Jeff Lucas brings up future meeting locations, if we continue to use JP Jones Center. Multi purpose room at JP Jones agreed upon for future meetings.

**IX. Adjourn:** Chair at 8:57PM

Minutes Recorded by Mark Richards

# Election Record

Advisory Committee:  
 Date of Election Meeting:  
 Number of Seats Open for Election:

<b>Nominations</b>
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Name	Vote Tally
1) Mike Kramer ✓	
2) Chuck Derrick ✓	<del>    </del> <del>    </del> <del>    </del> 1 + 7 = 23
3) Jeff Lucas ✓	<del>    </del> <del>    </del> <del>    </del> + 3 = 18
4) Dale Vick ✓	<del>    </del> <del>    </del> <del>    </del> 1 + 5 = 21
5) Mark Oppre ✓	<del>    </del> <del>    </del> <del>    </del> + 3 = 18
6) Gabriel Davis ✓	<del>    </del> <del>    </del> <del>    </del> 11 + 6 = 23
7) Chris Bye	<del>    </del> <del>    </del> + 9 = 19
8) Rodney Pangborn	<del>    </del> 1 + 1 = 7
9) Lance Nelson	+ 2 = 6
10) James Paine	<del>    </del> 1 + 6 = 12
11)	<del>    </del> 1 + 2 = 8
12)	
13)	
14)	
15)	

**Election Results**

Name	Length of Term (Exp mo/year)	
1) Mike Kramer	3 yr	6/2025
2) Chuck Derrick	3 yr	6/2025
3) Jeff Lucas	3 yr	6/2025
4) Gale Vick	3 yr	6/2025
5) Mark Oppe	3 yr	6/2025
6) Gabriel Davis	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>6/2023</u>

**Nominations for Alternates (2)**

Name	Vote Tally
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	

**Alternates Appointed:**

Name	Length of Term (Exp mo/year)	
1) Lance Nelson	2 year	6/2024
2) James Paine	2 year	6/2024

**Officers Elected**

Chair: John Siegfried

Vice Chair: Mark Richards

Secretary Mark Oppe

Game/Trap SC: Mark Richards  
chair

Fisheries SC: Gale Vick  
chair

Election Record Recorded By: Kyle Campbell / ADFG  
Election Record Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 11/9/2022

All newly elected and re-elected members and officers must complete a *New Member/Re-elected Member Form* to the Regional Coordinator\* within 30 days of the election.

- New/Re-elected member form - online  
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- New/Re-elected member form - downloadable  
<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/PDFs/acmanforms/acmemfrm.pdf>

Either scan and email, fax, or mail new member forms to:

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