

Meeting Minutes

**Susitna Valley Advisory Committee
January 11, 2023
Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK (5:00 pm)**

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Roll Call (Need 4 members for a quorum)
Members Present:
 - In person: Bryan Kirby, Eli Hoffman, Steve Harrison, Robert Gerlach
 - Zoom: Mark Buracr Tim BuechleMembers Absent (Excused): Mike Wood, Dave Fish, Todd Kingery
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - Zoom: Tim Peltier, Sam Ivey
- IV. Guests Present:
 - Jacob Fletcher, Fari Fernandez, Chris Campbell
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion by Steve, Second by Robert
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Robert, Second by Mark
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report (none)
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Mr. Peltier
 - 1. Nothing on unit 13
 - 2. 16B this fall, Still within population objectives, Bull to Cow ration is decent, Overall population estimates 6790, 6500-7500 objective.
 - 3. 16A No survey since 2020, estimates 3666, 3500-4000 objectives.
 - 4. 14A This spring estimates 7112, 6000-6500 objectives.
 - 5. Harvest Levels 14A up from last year 100 moose, 14B down a bit 56 moose, 16B general harvest is down but DM540 is up from last year as well as the youth hunt so far.
 - 6. Looking at possible predator control for wolves in the near future. Also seems more bear predation not wolves in unit 16B
 - 7. 14A & 14B antlerless seems to be within population objectives
 - ii. Mr. Ivey
 - 1. 3 years of Dip net fishery on Susitna, Open Saturday/Wednesdays.
 - 2. 2020 had 377 days fished: 2300 Reds, 538 Silvers, 68 Chum, 747 Pinks Total 3700 fish taken.
 - 3. 2021 had 221 days fished: 1400 Reds, 900 Silvers, 110 Chum, 400 Pinks Total 2800 fish taken.
 - 4. 2022 numbers not out yet will be emailing AC Chair when they get them.

- c. Others
 - None:
- VIII. Public Comment
- None:
- IX. Old Business
- None:
- X. New Business
 - a. Current board of Game Proposals
 - i. See attached documents
 - b. Current board of Fish Proposals
 - i. See attached documents
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. None Set but will talk to Mike Wood
- XII. Set next meeting date:
 - a. None set at this time but looking at Fall
- XIII. Other
 - a. None
- XIV. Adjourn
 - a. 7:28 PM

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<u>156</u>	Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.		
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<u>163</u>	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
	6		We support this if by personal use you are referring to dip net fisheries. We also feel that using a guide goes against the idea of personal use as defined on the <u>ADF&G Website</u> .
<u>165</u>	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
	6		We also feel that using a guide goes against the idea of subsistence fishing as defined on the <u>ADF&G Website</u> .
<u>166</u>	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
	6		We feel that a large number of people give fish away each year as they end up not using all the resources that they took.
<u>167</u>	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
	6		This will give ADF&G a better understanding of current fish numbers in the water systems.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-22, 2023 | Soldotna, AK

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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
	0	6	F&G already tracks this and adjusts permit numbers
89	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
104	Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping		
		5	1 abstain, We feel this could lead to more trails being closed in a slower progression. The one abstain vote didn't feel as they had enough information
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
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174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
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175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
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176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
	6		We feel ADF&G have used this tool appropriately by having the hunt when able but then not having when doesn't make sustainable sense
187	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
	6		We feel this is a good way to help keep the predators in check and also encourage the taking of bears.

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200	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose for seniors		
	6		We like the idea and spirit of this but there are many things that need to be worked out. Some include Units, Draw/Registration, Antler or Antlerless, just to name a few.
203	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose with disability		
	5		1 abstain because they don't feel they have enough information.
207	Tier II Hunt for Nelchina Caribou Unit 13		
		6	The AC feels very strongly that the current Tier II system does not work as designed and does not support the new hunt until the Tier II system is looked at and the proper checks and balances are in place.

Minutes Recorded By: Bryan Kirby
Minutes Approved By: Rest of board via email
Date: 1/19/2023