

**Yukon Flats Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 27th, 2023 at 4:00 pm
web/teleconference only**

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Meeting ID: **867 7945 5417**

Passcode: **YUKON**

Prior to meeting was called to order, nominations were called for to fill vacant and expired community designated seats as follows:

Fort Yukon: Walter Peter & Michael Peter; uncontested

Circle: Amanda Pope; uncontested

Beaver: Rhonda Pitka & Sly Blackbird; uncontested

Newly elected and re-elected members were seated effective immediately.

- I. Call to Order: 4:20 pm by Walter Peter [acting chair]
- II. Members present: Amanda Pope, Walter Peter, Michael Peter, Sly Blackbird, Rhonda Pitka (Rhonda left at 5:11 pm; a quorum remained)

Members absent: Jerrald John, Faith Gemmill, Charles E. John
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Fish and Game Staff present: Mark Nelson (Wildlife Conservation), Deena Jallen (Comm. Fisheries), Sam Decker (Comm. Fisheries), Shane Ransbury (Comm. Fisheries), Lisa Stuby (Sport Fisheries), Kyle Campbell (Boards Support)
- IV. Guests present: Ben Stevens, Joe Matesi, Jim Simon, Mark Bertram (Fish & Wildlife Service), Brendan [REDACTED] (Fish & Wildlife Service)
- V. Concerns/comments of Public:
- VI. Concerns/comments of AC members:
Walter Peter spoke about remembering and honoring the members of this committee that have passed away in recent years.
Amanda Pope and Rhonda Pitka thanked Walter for speaking in recognition of the members who had passed.
- VII. Approval of the agenda: motion by Amanda, 2nd by [REDACTED]; unanimous

VIII. Fish & Game Reports and Updates

- a. Deena Jallen (Comm. Fish) provided summary of 2022 Yukon Summer Season
- b. Shane Ransbury (Comm. Fish) provided summary of 2022 Yukon Fall Season
- c. Denna Jallen provided summary of 2023 Board of Fisheries Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Meeting and the proposals that were adopted.
- d. Mark Nelson (Wildlife Conservation) introduced himself as the new area biologist for the northeast arctic region and shared his contact information:
mark.nelson@alaska.gov (907) 459-7259
- e. Mark Bertram (Fish & Wildlife Service) answered AC questions about moose management

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business:

- a. Elections for vacant and expired seats as determined by the committee (see above; took place prior to meeting called to order).
- b. Officer elections:
Walter Peter elected as Chair
Amanda Pope elected as Vice Chair
Ben Stevens elected as Secretary (temporarily)
- c. National Park Service Proposal (RIN 1024-AE70) to amend hunting and trapping regulations in National Preserves in Alaska (more information available here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/09/2023-00142/alaska-hunting-and-trapping-in-national-preserves>)

Amanda spoke about the impact the proposed rule change would have and asked the AC to support a motion to submit comments in opposition to NPS proposal RIN 1024-AE70. Members wanted more time to review the issue and better understand the NPS proposal. Jim Simon provided information about the proposal, and Kyle Campbell offered to help with formatting and submission of comments from the Advisory Committee, and that he would invite Marcy Okada from NPS to attend the next meeting to provide further input to the committee.

- d. Board of Fisheries Proposals for the Alaska Peninsula Region

Motion to Support Proposal 140 by Amanda and seconded by
Motion carried 4-0; SUPPORT.

e. Board of Game Call for Proposal for the Interior Region 2023-2024:

Amanda said she has 10 or 11 ideas for proposals she would like the AC to consider submitting before the May 1st, 2023 deadline. She described one proposal she would like the AC to put forward that would require hunters cut caribou antlers in half when harvesting from the Fortymile herd. Walter and Michael said they would support that. Amanda said she will work on getting the ideas for proposals she has written up and shared with the committee for review and discussion at the next AC meeting this winter. Mark Nelson and Kyle Campbell offered to help Amanda with the language and formatting for proposals.

f. Other fisheries and wildlife business as needed

Walter asked that Kyle continue to work with village councils in Arctic Village, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Stevens Village, and Birch Creek to fill vacant seats by the end of March, 2023 and suggested April 10th, 2023 as the next meeting for the Middle Yukon AC, preferably face-to-face.

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn at 6:57 pm

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/N o Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
SUPPORT	4	0	

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Election Record

Advisory Committee: Yukon Flats

Date of Election Meeting: January 27th, 2023

Number of Seats Open for Election: 15

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Election Results

Members elected:

Term expiration:

Fort Yukon:

1. Walter Peter

06/2026

2. Michael Peter

06/2026

Beaver:

1. Rhonda Pitka

06/2026

2. Sly Blackbird

06/2026

Circle:

1. Amanda Pope

06/2026

Alternates appointed:

Term expiration:

1. _____

06/2024

2. _____

06/2024

Officers elected:

Chair: Walter Peter

Vice-chair: Amanda Pope

Secretary: Ben Stevens (temporary)

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