

# Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17th, 2023

Delta Junction City Hall and by web/teleconference

CALL TO ORDER at 6:40 PM By Chair Jacob White

## ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Jacob White, Alan Waldo, Tisha Kennell, Jeff Lipscomb, Vern Aiton, Tim Webb, Jesse Cummings, Mike Bender, Earl McNabb, Carl Taylor, , Don Quarberg (alt), Tony Williams (alt)

EXCUSED Rob Mathews

ABSENT: None

**ESTABLISH QUORUM (6):** YES Present 12 (Tony Williams voted as alternate to Rob Mathews)

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Online: Kristy Tibbles – ADF&G Board Support -  
Michelle Quillen – Tanana Chiefs' Conference Environmental Outreach Coordinator

In Person:

Paul Dudgeon  
Mark Jaynes  
Neil Kelly

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** None

**CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF PUBLIC:** None

## CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF AC MEMBERS:

Jacob White asked that discussion of the recently announced BOG special meeting to delay implementation of two proposals adopted at the March BOG meeting be added to the agenda. There were no objections.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: April 19th, 2023 Motion: Mike Bender 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vern Aiton**  
VOTE: AYE 11 NAY 0 ABSTAIN 0

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion: Jeff Lipscomb 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Bender**  
VOTE: AYE 11 NAY 0 ABSTAIN 0

## ADF&G STAFF UPDATES AND REPORTS

**Bob Schmidt:** Not present

**Brandy Baker:** Not much to report. Lakes are starting to lose the ice cover. Waiting for open water to begin stocking and summer research.

Jeff Lipscomb asked if either the Burbot or Grayling tagging/radio telemetry studies from previous years were still ongoing. Answer: The radio transmitters only work for about a year, so they wouldn't be able to track them now. Tags are still in the fish, though, so anyone catching a tagged fish is urged to turn the tags in to ADF&G.

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Clint Cooper not present

## OLD BUSINESS: None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Elections for three seats expiring 06/2023 (Jacob White, Alan Waldo, Earl McNabb)

Nominees were Rusty Craig (5 Votes), Jacob White (13 Votes), Alan Waldo (13 Votes), and Earl McNabb (10 Votes). All three incumbents were reelected.

### 2. Appointment of alternates (2 seats expiring 06/2023) (Don Quarberg, Tony Williams)

Nominees were Rusty Craig (10 Votes), Don Quarberg (declined consideration), Paul Dudgeon (10 Votes), Rusty Craig (13 Votes), and Tony Williams (9 Votes). Rusty Craig and Paul Dudgeon were elected as the alternates.

**3. Election of Officers** After some discussion, it was decided to delay the election of officers for the term beginning 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024 until the next meeting of the Delta AC, which will be in OCT.2023.

### 4. Discussion of the Special BOG Meeting

Jacob read the announcement, which was released on 12 MAY 2023:

*“NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME*

*Notice is given that the Alaska Board of Game (Board) will hold a non-regulatory, special meeting via web-conference on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss generating two Board proposals requesting delayed implementation of regulations adopted during the March 2023 Board meeting on the following topics: - Reduction of nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from three to one buck (Proposal 73); and - Closure of the nonresident, sheep hunt in Unit 19C (Proposal 204). The special meeting and the topics were requested by two Board members under the authority of Alaska Statute 16.05.300. No regulatory action will be taken at the meeting. If the Board supports generating proposals to delay implementation of the regulations, the proposals will be scheduled in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, for consideration at a future meeting. The May 25th Board meeting is accessible by viewing the live video stream at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov); or listening by phone by calling +1 253 215 8782 and entering meeting ID: 890 8649 2668. The deadline for submitting written comments for the meeting is Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Written comments, limited to 100 single-sided pages, may be submitted on the Board’s website at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov); faxed to (907) 465-6094; or mailed to: ADF&G Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. The Board will not be taking public testimony during the meeting.”*

Discussion ensued over if the AC should submit written concerns with the Board of Game generating proposals outside the normal cycle to modify actions taken during the regularly scheduled meeting. While this is within the statutory authority of the Board, some AC members felt the normal process should be followed for changing past decisions. In the end, it was decided to appoint a 3-person sub-committee to monitor the results of the meeting and any subsequent special meetings, and then draft comments on any board-generated proposals as the sub-committee feels appropriate and submit those as Delta AC comments. Mike Bender

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moved to appoint Jacob White, Jeff Lipscomb, and Earl McNabb to serve on the sub-committee.  
Motion was seconded by Tisha Kennel. VOTE: AYE: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

**Next Delta AC meeting is tentatively set for 18 OCT 2023.**

**ADJOURNED AT 7:35 PM by Chair Jacob White.**