

**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 6:00 pm**  
**JP Jones Community Center (2400 Rickert Street)**

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/fairbanksACmarch13>

Dial in: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: **899 7181 6237**

Passcode: FAIRBANKS

**I. Call to Order:** Called in by Vice Chair at 1804.

	<b><u>CHAIR</u></b> Jeff Lucas	<b><u>VICE- CHAIR</u></b> Mark Richards	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b> Austin Smith	John Haddix	Gale Vick	Virgil Umpenhour	Mike Tinker	John Wisnieski
Present	X	x	x	x		x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused					x			
	Levi Lewellyn	Warren Giuchici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Gabriel Davis	Lance Nelson	James Paine
Present	x		x	x	x		x	
Absent						x		x
Abs/Excused		x						

**II. Roll Call: Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

**III. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Deena Jallen, Katie Harms, Andy Gryska

**IV. Introduce Guests Present:** Lenny and Daine Jukes, Mike Quinn

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Approved by unanimous consent.

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved by unanimous consent.

**VII. Reports**

a. ADFG staff reports: Kyle Cambell with board support- makes note that John Haddix will be appointed as a seated member for the remainder of the year and his term will expire this coming June. We do have an open alternate spot that is now open. The call for BOF/BOG is out. BOF April 10<sup>th</sup> and BOG is due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Also gives reminder of the AYK meet at 1830pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Pikes landing. Jeff Lucas stopped by the F/G office and states we will not have staff present due to the BOG meet later this week.

b. Others-

**VIII. Public Comment:** Mike Quinn Opens up public comments regarding the Iditarod and the DLP of a moose during the race. The DLP rules are enforced to varying degrees depending on the animal and the location around the state. This could be a DLP of a moose vs muskox. He reports that the DLP statute say that the individual is supposed to salvage the meat and turn it into fish and game. A discussion was had about this year's Iditarod DLP encounter. He makes a point that this man wasn't cited. He compares muskox out in Nome and how stringent it would have been if DLP was utilized. He voices concerns over the leniency of DLP over Moose vs what it is over Muskox. Mark Richards

brings up the regulation- Game taken in DLP is property of the state. The individual should immediately salvage the meat and surrender it to the department. It is an obligation to submit a form to the department within 15 days. Some questions and debate were raised about the discretion of troopers and how DLPs are being cited. The Fairbanks AC debated on how best to address the concerns of how to best follow this statute. Mike Tinker- This would be a concern on the AWT and should be addressed to the board of game. The AC also debated on how the Iditarod should handle DLP incidents. Mike Tinker- Volunteers to write a letter to the board of game to address these concerns. Mark Richards makes the motion, and it is seconded by Jeff Lucas.

**IX. Old Business**

- a. HB 201/ SB 171 Letter of Support- Lance Nelson is on a letter of support from the Fairbanks AC.

**X. New Business:**

- a. Officer elections for Chair- John Sigfried has had to resign due to personal reasons. Mark Richards elects Jeff Lucas as Chair. Virgil Umpenhour nominates Levi Lewellyn, Levi declines the nomination. Jeff Lucas- Says he will be happy to represent us as the Fairbanks AC. Vote closed by unanimous consent. \*Round of applause\*
- b. Recap of recent Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting: Virgil Umpenhour- Gave a history of hatcheries and their production of pink and chum salmon and report on how this effects wild stocks. The BOF addressed this summary of actions from 1997. Discussion was had on placing limits on hatchery stock. It also asked to review clarifying what the BOF role is on the hatchery process. At the work session in 1997 they appointed members to review hatchery concerns. He continues to give history on the chum salmon increase. the 1980s. He also adds that in the 1980s we had sustainable use of native stock and that the hatcheries have put out all subsistence fishing. He also says that the amount of return we are getting back on wild stock has severely diminished and that the only thing we can control is the number of pinks and chums that the hatcheries are dumping into the ocean. Chuck Derrick asks if there are any commercial fisheries that support this proposal to reduce hatchery pink/chum? Virgil says that some commercial fisheries are for it. Mark Richards ask what the vote was for the AC proposal. Virgil says we only got one vote (1/6)
- c. Recap of recent Wood Bison meeting- Jeff Lucas was out during the meets but talked to Luke Rogers. He reports that we didn't get a lot of headway but plan to put some at the headwaters of the Kantishna. There were some meetings with shareholders/corporations and that it seems they are loosening up. Mike tinker- I believe people are realizing they are going on state ground and that helps. Jeff Lucas- This will be a soft release and after they calve to remove the fences. John Wisenwski- What's the possibility of hunting them? Jeff Lucas- It maybe looks at like the next 20-30 years. Jeff Lucas- We are trying to get to a bull/cow ration and that there is a possibility to hunt the innoka in the next 8-10 years. Levi Lewellyn- Is the headwaters of the kantishna the only place we are going to put them? Mike tinker- the plan is to keep adding to the kantishna also adds that we get 40-60 per year.
- d. Discussion on upcoming Board of Game meeting- Jeff Lucas will be representing the AC.
- e. Discussion on 2024/2025 Board of Game Call for Proposals (includes Statewide regulations)- Lance Nelson ask to get rid of the evidence of sex naturally attached on moose. The AC deliberates on the merits of this and how it effects AWT. Lance Nelson offers to write up the proposal. Mike Tinker adds that we should have an April Meeting.
- f. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed. - John Wisnewski makes a motion to give Virgil the authority to submit/comment on the proposals under the subcommittee meeting. Seconded by Mike Tinker. Chuck Derrick- The subsistence copper river upriver doesn't have a penalty for nonreporting unlike how it is for the lower river fishery. They are now going to require it for the

permit.

- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**  
BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks Jeff Lucas  
Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage (Accepts remote testimony)-  
Mark Richards makes motion to have Mike Tinker as the AC  
representative. Levi Lewellyn seconds and it passed by unanimous  
consent. Mike Krammer adds in if we should have Mike Tinker bring up  
our concerns about the BOG/BOF adding in their own proposals.  
Historically the boards would ask the department to put in their  
proposals and to get it on the table in a more appropriate way. This  
would ensure that it was vetted by the department and not just by  
board members.
- XII. **Set next meeting date:** Goal for the next meeting it to deliberate on the happenings of the BOG  
interior and Joint board. Set date for ***April 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the JP Jones.***
- XIII. **Fisheries Subcommittee meeting-** Tentative dates of ***April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.***
- XIV. **Other: Mark Richards-** Did the board of fish create a board generated proposal at the upper cook  
inlet meeting and then deliberated and vote on said proposal without public testimony? Mike  
Tinker/ Mike Krammer- Yes that is how it happened.
- XV. **Adjourn** Mike Tinker moves to adjourn, Mark Richards seconds and the Fairbanks AC closed this  
meet at 1957.

Minutes recorded by Austin Smith

## 2023-2024 Board Meetings Dates and Comment Deadlines:

March 15th-22nd, 2024 - Board of Game **Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting:**

\*Comments due March 1st, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-15-2024&meeting=fairbanks>

March 25th-28th, 2024 - **Joint Board Meeting:**

\*Comments due March 11th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=03-25-2024&meeting=anchorage>

Board of Fisheries 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **April 10th, 2024**

*Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp); Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish; and Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues*

Board of Game 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **May 1st, 2024**

*Central/Southwest Region (GMUs 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, 17)  
Statewide Regulations*