

**Mat Valley Advisory Committee**  
**10/16/2024**  
**VFW Post #9365**

- I. Call to Order:
  
- II. Roll Call
  - AC member names:
    - Herb Mansavage
    - Dan Montgomery
    - Andy Couch
    - Austin Manelick
    - Dom Nickles
    - Hunter Hongslo
    - Casey Dinkel
    - Danny Lewis
    - Robert (Bob) Cassell
    - Ed Soto
    - Neil DeWitt
    - Steve Bartelli
    - Michelle Heun
    - Pete Imhof
    - Birch Yuknis (Alternate)
    - Bruce Privett (Alternate)
  - Excused Absences:
  - Unexcused Absences:
  
  - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 members
  - List of User Groups Present:
  
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
  
- IV. Guests Present:
  
- V. Approval of Agenda
  
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report

- b. ADF&G
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
  - a. Current Proposals for Board of Fish
  - b. Current Proposals for Board of Game
  - c. Committee Expectations for Attendance
  - d. Other Fisheries and Game Business as Necessary
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

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<i>Ground Fish</i>			
1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries		
2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound		
3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications		

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4			Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level
5			Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation
6			Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries
7			Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound
8			Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level
9			Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed
10			Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery
11			Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear
12			Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%
13			Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery 17
14			Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery
15			Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
16			Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
17			Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery

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18			Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery
19			Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
20			Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
21			Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
22			Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
23			Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters
24			Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
25			Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound
26			Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery
27			Modify rockfish bag and possession limits
28			Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit
29			Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management
30			Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound
31			Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries
32			Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound

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33			Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area
34			Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy
35			Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab
36			Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
37			Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
38			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab
39			Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound
40			Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound
41			Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies
42			Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound
43			Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound
44			Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery
45			Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area

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46			Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery
47			Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries
48			Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict 45
49			Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict
50			Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts
51			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
52			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
53			Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met
54			Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21
55			Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted
56			Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders
57			Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery
58			Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan
59			Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan
60			Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict

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61			Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict
62			Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level
63			Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery
64			Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year
65			Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict
66			Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal
67			Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict
68			Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
69			Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
70			Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict
71			Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict
72			Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River
73			Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders
74			Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery
75			Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan

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76			Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders
77			Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan
78			Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%
79			Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations
80			Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal
81			Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery
82			Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units 76
83			Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon
84			Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel
85			Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon
86			Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek
87			Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system
88			Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed
89			Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise

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90			Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake
91			Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek
92			Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes
93			Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek
94			Repeal definition of "bow and arrow" in area regulations
95			Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound
96			Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation
97			Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold
98			Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions
99			Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound
100			Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan
101			Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area
102			Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait
103			Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound

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<i>Dungeness</i>			
263	Open the Cook Inlet subsistence Dungeness crab fishery		
264	Allow harvest of Dungeness crab in the Cook Inlet sport Tanner crab fishery		
265	Establish season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay		
<i>Tanner</i>			
266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery		
267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
<i>Razor Clam</i>			
269	Implement a permit for harvesting razor clams in Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries		
270	Modify the East Cook Inlet Razor Clam Sport and Personal Use Fishery Management Plan		
271	Reduce the East side razor clam bag limit		
<i>Crab</i>			
272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15		
273	Modify the start of winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1 instead of opening on February 1		

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274			Increases the legal size of male red king crab from four and three-quarter inches to five inches and increase size of pot escape mechanisms
275			Update Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits
276			Amend longline king pot storage depth from 75 to 100 fathoms or less
277			Establish Aleutian Islands state-waters golden king crab fishery
278			Establish pot limit for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery
279			Amend vessel gear sharing and transfer provisions in the rationalized Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery west of 174°W longitude
280			Amend contracting agent performance standards
281			Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications
282			Amend escape mechanism requirements for Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
283			Allow longlining of Bering Sea District commercial snow and Tanner crab pot gear
284			Allow catcher vessels to operate as tenders during the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery
285			Repeal and replace the South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy
286			Repeal South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy and replace with size, sex, and season management

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287	Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy		
288	Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District snow crab harvest strategy		
289	Amend pot limit for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery		
290	Change season opening date for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery from January 15 to February 20		
291	Formalize the closure of Bristol Bay waters east of 163°W long. to directed Tanner crab fishing		
292	Amend Tanner crab landing requirements for Registration Area J		
293	Amend season dates for the Kodiak District commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
294	Establish 58-foot vessel length limit for Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
295	Amend Dungeness crab season dates for the North Peninsula District of Registration Area J		
296	Amend Registration Area J Dungeness crab vessel inspection requirements		
297	Amend Dungeness crab pot gear operation requirements for Registration Area J		
298	Amend the State-Water Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement		
299	Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan		

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300			Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan
301			Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan
302			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level
303			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level
304			Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
305			Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear
306			Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements
307			Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries
308			Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery
309			Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery
310			Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation
311			Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders

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1			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central and Southwest Region Units
2			Open two bear baiting seasons in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 14C, 16, and 17 where bear baiting is legal
3			Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Unit 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17
4			Establish general season, archery only sheep hunts in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, and 14B
5			Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 9D from two bull caribou to one
6			Shorten the nonresident hunting season for caribou in Unit 9D
7			Extend the fall Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou season for residents and nonresidents
8			Clarify that hunting feral reindeer in Unit 10, Umnak Island, is allowed under the current caribou hunting regulations
9			Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9
10			Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting
11			Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C by one week for residents and nonresidents
12			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for both residents and nonresidents
13			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents, and lengthen the nonresident spring hunting season

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14			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents
15			Lengthen the nonresident, spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E
16			Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents
17			Lengthen the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents
18			Shorten the spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C for residents and nonresidents, and convert to drawing permit hunts
19			Establish a hunting season and nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10
20			Establish a nonresident bag limit on Arctic fox trapping on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10
21			Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9
22			Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents
23			Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10, and increase the number of permits allocated to nonresident hunters
24			Close the season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17
25			Increase the number of moose drawing permits issued to nonresidents for Unit 17A
26			Lengthen the nonresident, fall moose hunt in Unit 17A
27			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
28			Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 17B

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29			Review the population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd
30			Implement a three-year moratorium on caribou hunting in Units 9, 17 and 19
31			Close the resident caribou season in Units 9B, 17 and 19
32			Allow the year-round take of brown bear in Unit 17
33			Allow same day airborne take of brown bear and wolves in Unit 17
34			Allow same day airborne take of brown bear in Unit 17
35			Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February
36			Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17
37			Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm and allow the use of firearm from October 10 – May 31 in Unit 17
38			Lengthen the permit dates to access Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary for hunting
39			Reduce population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B
40			Change the population objective for moose in Unit 13C
41			Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13C
42			Reduce harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13E.
43			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13A
44			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C

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45			Add a five-day archery only season for hunting moose in Unit 13
46			Change the Unit 13 community subsistence moose hunt to a registration hunt with additional conditions and restrictions
47			Open a late season archery only drawing permit hunt for any bull moose in Units 13E and 13B, along the Denali Highway
48			Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13 to include Nelchina caribou
49			Eliminate the harvest of Nelchina caribou
50			Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt
51			Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11
52			Create a new management area around MacColl Ridge in Unit 11, open to resident sheep hunting by registration permit only
53			Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D
54			Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and DS260
55			Divide the goat drawing permit hunt DG720 into three separate permit hunts
56			Establish an archery only registration goat hunt in Units 13D and 11
57			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.
58			Reduce the minimum wolf population in the Unit 13 Intensive Management Plan for wolves
59			Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 11.

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60			Lengthen the coyote trapping season in Unit 11
61			Change the start date for ptarmigan in Unit 13B
62			Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 13A, 13C, and 13D
63			Require a registration permit to hunt ptarmigan in Units 13B and 13E
64			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
65			Decrease the number of antlerless moose permits for Unit 14A
66			Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Units 14A and 14B
67			Open a fall, archery only moose hunt in Unit 16A
68			Change the bag limit of the fall, Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B
69			Shorten the season for the Tier II moose hunt in Unit 16B
70			Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B
71			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Unit 14B
72			Eliminate the harvest ticket requirement for hunting black bear in Unit 16
73			Change the bag limit for sheep in Unit 14A draw hunts to any ram
74			Establish a resident, archery only, sheep drawing hunt in Unit 14A

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75			Add Department removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
76			Allow the take of brown bear in Unit 16, the same day airborne
77			Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B
78			Allow the same day airborne take of wolves in the active, Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
79			Extend the wolf trapping season in Unit 14A
80			Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16
81			Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours
82			Establish 50-yard trapping setbacks along specific trails in Unit 14.
83			Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 16
84			Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Units 14A and 14B

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_