

**Mat Valley Advisory Committee**  
**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**VFW #9365 and Zoom**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Profile
Herb	Mansavage	Chair
Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game
Vacant		Vice Chair Fish/ Secretary
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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

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

- a. Input from ADF&G Staff regarding BOF proposals 31-34

X. New Business

- a. BOF Proposals 42-89 (Fairbanks AC comments)
- b. BOF Proposals 91, 93, 95-97, 101-103
- c. BOF Proposals 263-265, 299-311 if there’s time (These will be before BOF in March)

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<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>			
<i>Ground Fish</i>			
<b>31</b> Revisit at 11/20	Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries		
<b>OPPOSE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12 - 1</b>	<p><b>Need more input from department staff on 31-34</b></p> <p>One member abstains (limited information on the issue)</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Vote no on anything includes commercial</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Without justification hard to support</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Commercial proposal and wrapping subsistence into it seems inconsistent</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> There has always been a lot of crab and good harvestable crab; whatever they open will probably be small</p> <p><b>CON:</b> State has not effectively managed pot fishery</p>

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32	Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound		
Tabled to 11/20			<p><b>CON:</b> Sport gets more limited</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> When they have commercial open they get more data</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Subsistence is open for all Alaskans if there is enough resources; if there is a reasonable harvest surplus, but have concerns department doesn't have data</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Would like to disassociate commercial and subsistence</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Difficult for AC to make proposal decisions without data of estimate population and variables</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Every year they can dictate how often to report</p> <p><b>CON:</b> Cannot have commercial with subsistence; cannot just have subsistence without commercial</p>
34	Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy		
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 William 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		
46	Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery		
47	Require in season reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries		
48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Sub district 45		
49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Sub district		

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50			Prohibit the use of chart plotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Sub districts
51			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
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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 Sub district
61			Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Sub district
62			Allow in season adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level
63			Amend the opening date of the Chitina Sub district personal use fishery

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64			Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year
65			Require a weekly permit and in season reporting in the Chitina Sub district
66			Manage the Chitina Sub district personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery brood stock goal
67			Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Sub district
68			Prohibit dip netting from a boat in the Chitina Sub district
69			Establish restrictions when dip netting from a boat in the Chitina Sub district
70			Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Sub district
71			Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Sub district
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
76			Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Sub district 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

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78			Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%
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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
91			Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek
93			Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek
95			Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound

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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
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
<b>ALL PWS SHELLFISH PROPOSALS WILL BE AT THE BOF MEETING IN ANCHORAGE 3/11-3/16; COMMENT DEADLINE 2/25/25</b>			
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
299			Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan
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

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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 tie 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

XI.

XII. Select representative(s) for Board of Fisheries meeting in Cordova (12/10-12/17)?

XIII. Set next meeting date  
a. 12/04?

XIV. Other

XV. Adjourn

Adjournment:

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

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

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