

## Craig AC Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025-Craig Tribal Office

**Call to Order:** 6:02pm

### Roll Call:

**Members present: 10**

**14 total Members & 1 alternate**

**Number needed for a quorum: 8**

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x		June 2026
Mike Douville	Vice Chair	Longline	x		June 2025
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x		June 2026
Mike Sheets		Trapping	x		June 2026
Dave Creighton		Charter		x	June 2027
Ray Douville		Shellfish		x	June 2027
Braden Harding		Charter		x	June 2025
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet	x		June 2025
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound	x (online)		June 2027
Clinton Cook		Subsistence	x		June 2026
Derek Anderson				x	June 2027
Madison Stumpf		Charter	x (online)		June 2026
Julie Yates			x (online)		June 2027
Sandra Marker			x		June 2025
Kirk Agnitsch		Alternate		x	June 2025

**ADFG Staff present:** Kristy Tibbles (ADFG board support-online), Mark Williamson (ADFG Unit 2 asst. biologist), Craig Schwanke (sport fish biologist),

### Guests present:

#### Approval of Agenda:

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 3.10.2025.

**Vote: Unanimous approval**

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from Jan. 8 & Feb. 26, 2025

Moved and seconded to approve the Jan. 8 & Feb. 26 meeting minutes.

**Vote: Unanimous approval**

## **Reports:**

**Public:** None

**Chair:** BOF update on upcoming props

**ADFG:** None

**Kurt:** HB 93/BOF

**Old Business:** HB93/BOF

Kurt read the following:

### **HouseBill 93**

Craig Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Craig, Alaska

March 10, 2025

Dear Legislators of the 34th Alaska Legislature,

The Craig AC supports House Bill 93 sponsored by Representatives Himschoot and Hannan, which will change the residency requirements for hunting, trapping and sport fishing privileges to align with the requirements to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend (AS 43.23).

Passage of HB 93 will benefit all Alaskans by:

1. Limiting the amount of time and reasons one can be absent from the state and still qualify for a resident license;
2. Making residency requirements easier to enforce; and
3. Protecting subsistence resources for year-round Alaska residents.

The statute changes proposed in HB 93 will ensure that Alaskans who qualify for a resident hunting, trapping or sport fishing license are in fact year-round residents of Alaska who deserve the increased bag limits that are a privilege of state residents.

We urge the 34th Legislature to pass HB 93 into Alaska law.

Respectfully,

The Craig Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Ellen Hannan-Chair

### **New Business:**

Statewide Hunting Proposals

RAC Proposals

**BOG call for proposals deadline: May 1, 2025**

## **New Props:**

### **Wolf:**

The group discussed at length the pros and cons of changing wolf trapping seasons, season lengths and wolf management in general.

We also discussed fur quality, bycatch of deer/black bears/dogs, deer hunters and their impacts, weather patterns, daylight hours, trapping ethics, etc. and more were all discussed.

**Mike S. suggested we submit a prop requiring online hunter education for all wolf trappers prior to the season and the group agreed it is a great idea. We defer to ADFG/BOG on how to implement it. This will also help educate trappers on how to keep dogs out of their traps and keep deer/bear out of their traps. The driving force behind these props is our concern with our deer herd. Every year we lose about a week of the trapping season to bad Wx and all trappers would like a longer season.**

**Prop 1: Require an online education/tutorial requirement for all wolf trappers in GMU 2.**

**Moved/seconded to submit a prop to BOG**

**Vote: Pass 10-0**

**Prop 2: GMU 2 wolf trapping season for a 45 day minimum.**

**Wolf predation is the number one factor that influences our deer herd. Wolf predation makes all the difference on our deer herd. Even if this prop doesn't pass, we want to highlight our significant concern regarding our deer herd. Our deer herd is either trending down or is stagnant but is not recovering very well at all.**

**Moved/seconded to submit a prop to BOG**

**Vote: Pass 10-0**

**Action Item: Send a letter to the Board of Game requesting an annual update about wolf season management and their research updates.**

**Moved/seconded to submit a letter to BOG**

**Vote: Pass 10-0**

### **Deer:**

The group discussed at length the pros and cons of changing deer hunting seasons, seasons lengths and deer management in general.

**Reduce deer bag limit to 3 bucks in GMU 2 for both NR/R**

**Moved/seconded to submit a prop to BOG**

**Vote: Pass 10-0**

**Reduce NR deer bag limit to 1 buck in GMU 2**

**Moved/seconded to submit a prop to BOG**

**Vote: Pass 10-0**

**Change NR deer season start date to Aug. 15**

**Moved/seconded to submit a prop to BOG**

**Vote: Pass 10-0**

### **Bear:**

**Eliminate the meat salvage requirements in GMU 2**

**Moved/seconded to submit a prop to BOG**

**Vote: Pass 9-1**

**Misc.:**

**Write a letter of opposition to feds opposing the recent determination of KTN gaining rural status**

**Moved/seconded to write letter of opposition regarding KTN gaining rural status to Feds**

**Vote: Pass 10-0**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm**

**Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead**

**Minutes approved by: Ellen Hannan**

**Date: March 10, 2025**