

Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 10/23/2025

Location: ADFG Conference

Room

Call to Order: 5:15pm

Roll Call:

Name	Seat	Check if present	Interests/Representation
Clay Bezenek		Present	Commercial/Sport Fishing, Hunting, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Rudy Franulovich	Vice Chair	Present	Commercial Fishing
Matt Allen	Secretary	Present	Salmon Enhancement, hunting, sport fishing, trapping, Outdoorsperson, Photography
Keenan Sanderson			Subsistence, Comm/Sport Fish, Tlinquit, Haida
Beau Dale	Chair	Present	4 th generation Alaskan, hunter, fisherman, local locksmith
John Scoblic		Absent	Commercial fish processing
Robert Jahnke		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Ben Atwood		Present	Hunting, Sport Fishing, Trapping, Charter fishing, Troller, Salmon Enhancement, Pot Shrimp, Seining, Longlining, Tanner crabbing
Marvin McCloud		Present	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Jeremiah Sullivan		Absent	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson
Sean Roberts		Present	Hunt, Trap, Sport Fish, Power Troll, Commercial Pot Shrimp
Brian Ringeisen		Absent	Trapping, Sport Fishing, Hunting, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Devin Dalin		Present	Hunting, Sport Fish
Annie Pung	Alternate	Present	Trapping, Hunting, Sport Fishing
Andrew Pung		Present	Salmon Enhancement, Commercial/Sportfishing, Personal-Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
Soren Heinecke	Alternate	Present	Sport and commercial fishing, Fishing lodge, hunting
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Introductions:

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance

Public Present:

James Miller, Matt Kloxin, Emily Halsell, Jeff Graham

Department Present:

Ross Dorendorf (Wildlife, ADFG), Tessa Hasbrouck (Wildlife, ADFG),
Kristy Tibbles (Executive Director, BoG)

Meeting Agenda:

Move to adopt meeting agenda, Bezenek

2nd - Sanderson

Unanimous to accept meeting agenda

Old business items:

- 1.) ADFG Board of Game Proposals

New business:

- 1.) Elections
- 2.) ADFG Board of Game Proposals

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Move to approve 10/2 meeting minutes - Sanderson

2nd - Scoblic

Unanimous to accept meeting minutes

Chairman's Report:

None

Committee/Member Reports/Comments:

None

Public Comment:

Jeff Graham - Proposal 1,2,12 - We have laws in place to cover this. There are some exceptions for furbear's. I've shot deer at night in moonlit snow way past twilight. These proposals are going to stop people from shooting deer at night. The issues are with limited law enforcement and bad actors. I'm a lifelong resident of Alaska, this is my state. I want to go out and have fun, I don't break the law.

If someone gets caught they need to take their truck, take their gun and don't allow them to hunt for five years.

Proposal 8 - yes, to establish a cougar season.

Department Report/Comment:

Ross Dorendorf: SE RAC postponed due to Government shutdown. Comments for BOG due January 9th. ADFG hopes to have BOG proposal comments out around Nov. 24th.

Old Business:

1.)BOG Proposals

New Business:

1.)Elections

4 seats open due to expired terms. 2 undesignated seats and 2 alternate seats.

Nominated individuals, vote tallies, AC designation

Annie Pung - 11 - Alternate

John Scoblic - 13 - Undesignated

Soren Heinecke - 11 - Alternate

Matt Kloxin - 9

James Miller - 7

Marvin McCloud - 16 - Undesignated

Will postpone officer elections for a later date.

2.)BOG proposals

Proposals 1 and 2

Move to adopt - Sanderson

2nd - Scoblic

Discussion:

Scoblic - we've heard from the public. This punishes good actors and doesn't do anything about bad actors.

Dale - I won't be supporting any of these proposals as it creates more regulations. Hunting at night is already illegal.

Dalin - Propose to combine proposals 1, 2 and vote on them together as they are so similar.

Sanderson, Scoblic accept amendment to vote on proposals 1, 2 together.

Question - Atwood

2nd - Dalin

Unanimously opposed 14-0

Proposal 3

Move to adopt - Scoblic

2nd - Annie Pung

Discussion:

SEAK is different country than the interior. Small hunt zones with small quotas could be impacted. No biological concern and no concerns with the ability to communicate with hunters in the field.

Hunters can take advantage of limited weather windows and time.

Call the question - Franulovich

2nd - Dalin

Support 13 to 1 Opposed

Proposal 4

Move to adopt - Scoblic

2nd - Annie Pung

Discussion:

Dorendorf - most areas would assume a nannie when hunters self report a lost goat. A lot of people accurately self report. Goats are managed at a 7% harvest rate on Revilla (introduced population) vs. 4% on the mainland (native).

This would bring into alignment all guided species in SEAK. Guide ethics requires reporting of lost goats.

Atwood - I would be concerned with reporting. Are people going to be honest?

Dale - Under current regulations a person could shoot a goat not be able to recover it and shoot another goat. Assuming a nannies that could be 4 pts.

McCloud - If a regulation isn't enforceable should you have it?

Graham - This would mostly apply to guides. Guides have professional responsibility to report. A few bonehead resident hunters might not have the morals to report.

Allen - I would tend to support as it provides guidance for ethical hunters.

Dale - It's currently in the regs for black and brown bears.

Graham - If this was supported it would cover all the three species that require a guide in SEAK.

McCloud - I agree with Matt, it would tend to support good ethics.

Call the question - Allen

2nd - McCloud

Supported 10 to 3 Opposed to 1 abstention (not a hunter, doesn't know much about goat hunting)

Proposal 5

Move to adopt - Scoblic

2nd - Annie Pung

Discussion:

Dorendorf - Brown bears have a low reproduction rate. Sexually mature at 5yrs. Aim for a harvest rate of 4% throughout the region. About 42 bears per year. Hard to say how this will shake out. The Department has been managing them conservatively due to low

reproductive rate. Only one year have we jumped above that 42, this was driven by one specific area.

There are other proposals that are area specific. Some interest in supporting it if it excluded non-resident hunters. Some believe there are more bears now than in the 90's.

Roberts - There are more brown bears out there now than in the 90's. I don't like using data from the 90's.

Dale - Not everyone is a brown bear hunter. I understand that to some people it's their thing. I'm likened to be the guy that I'm good with one.

McCloud - Can the Department close specific areas down if they see or are concerned with over harvest.

Dorendorf - Yes, we can do that.

Call the question - Roberts

2nd - Allen

Support 13 to 1 Opposed

Proposal 6 and 7

Move to adopt - Bezenek

2nd - Sanderson

Discussion:

Dorendorf - Proposal is trying to align regulations. Very little harvest through hunting. Guides have expressed interest during spring bear hunts. Annual hunting harvest is 11 wolves from 2015-2024. If this proposal was adopted it might add a couple of wolf harvest a year.

Jahnke - I'd recommend combining our vote on proposals 6 and 7.

Scoblic - If we take them both up together it brings all of Unit 1 into alignment

Sanderson - friendly amendment to combine proposals 6 and 7.

2nd - Bezenek

Call the question - Roberts

2nd - Bezenek

Unanimously supported 14 to 0

Proposal 8 and 9

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Annie Pung

Discussion:

Dorendorf - 2 harvests last year. 3 of the recorded harvests since 1989 have been young males, this is expected. The Board would have to look at what the harvestable surplus would be. The Department is not looking to establish a population.

McCloud - Would they be labeled an invasive species?

Dorendorf - There are two definitions to consider. Nuisance vs. Invasive. Invasive has more of a negative impact.

Jahnke - Mountain Lion/Cougar are apex predators. We should be allowed 1 cougar a year. Probably not going to see many harvested.

Dale - If a season was established more people would bring animals forward without fear of confiscation.

Dalin - move to combine proposals 8 and 9

2nd - Annie Pung

Call the question - Roberts

2nd - Annie Pung

Supported 12 to 2

Proposal 10

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Jahnke

Discussion:

Dorendorf - Currently not required in large portions of the state. From 2015-2024 sealing ranged from 100-325, average is 225. Conversations held during sealing provide valuable information to the Department as we don't gather much information outside of those interactions. Those that respond in the trappers survey are low and might not be representative. Seeing a continued downward trend in trapping. If taken off the books we could still have a sustainable harvest. Not going to save money by taking sealing off the books.

Jahnke - Populations of beaver can change with those of wolves. There is an increase in trappers belonging to the ATA in Unit 1A.

Graham - Just because it's an inconvenience doesn't mean it's a good reason.

Allen - Beaver season overlaps with other seasons. Some other species need to be sealed. I'm with Jeff, sealing isn't a big deal.

McCloud - When do they have to seal.

Dorendorf - 30 days from the end of the season. They can be sealed by the Department or private sealers. It can be difficult in some instances.

Atwood - I'd support this proposal as it would allow you to give the beaver to a trapper that wants to use it as bait without having to seal it.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - Allen

Opposed 12 to 2

Roberts departs the meeting temporarily.

Proposal 11

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Scoblic

Discussion:

Dorendorf - This is more of an ethical debate.

McCloud - We voted against this in the past. Enforcement indicates there are enforcement issues.

Dalin - I remember enforcement mentioning you could have a camera on a marten set on a game trail to monitor for game.

Dale - I would think this would allow a trapper to recover an animal more quickly.

Allen - How much area would this actually cover? This might be a benefit if used around population areas. Especially if you catch someone's pet.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - Dale

Supported 10 to 2 Opposed to 1 Abstention (I'm not a trapper)

Proposal 12 and 13

Move to adopt - Dale

2nd - Bezenek

Discussion:

Dorendorf - This is an ethical question and wouldn't anticipate this leading to a biological concern.

Graham - Night vision is expensive. Guys spend lots of money on equipment and probably not the ones going to do this.

Dale - To my knowledge there haven't been infractions using night vision. It's more the million candle power version.

McCloud - It's an opportunity to do stuff when the lights go out.

Scoblic - This just went into regulation and should see how things develop.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - Scoblic

Opposed 12 to 1

Annie Pung departs from the meeting

Proposal 16

Roberts returns to meeting

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Allen

Discussion:

Dorendorf - There has been lots of back and forth. Each region has different wants. Puddle ducks up north, Sea ducks in SEAK.

Dale - Isn't there some contention with Sandhill Cranes?

Dalin - Yes, Juneau residents want access to Sandhill Crane.

Dale - Why is this the best season?

Dalin - Most people I've recently talked about wanting a later season and they don't like the split. This would allow more youth opportunity as it coincides with school breaks. Ducks later in the season don't have a fishy taste because the salmon spawn is past. All our desirable ducks show up late.

Jahnke - I'm totally against this proposal. Concerned about conflicts with trappers who utilize beach sets and how the additional activity and smell from humans and dogs could impact trapping success. I won't trap during the deer season because of conflicts.

Allen - Concerned about prioritizing one group over another if preference was given to trappers over duck hunters or deer hunters and vice versa.

Dalin - The duck carcasses after salvage of edible meat could be used as trapping bait.

Call the question - Atwood

2nd - McCloud

Supported 10 to 3

Proposal 17

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Discussion:

Dorendorf - Wings are submitted and analyzed for age and sex. Wings are donated. April and May are the primary harvest months. There is no conservation concern and the harvest already leans heavily on males. Harvests are both opportunistic and targeted.

Dalin - Don't want to make it harder for youth to participate.

Atwood - No conservation concern, high male harvest, for me its an easy no.

Call the question - Allen

2nd - Dalin

Unanimously Support 13 to 0

Proposal 18

Move to adopt - Scoblic

2nd - Dalin

Discussion:

Dale - Dorendorf seemed to indicate there isn't a conservation concern and most harvest occurs in the spring.

Dorendorf - Submittals are voluntary so it's difficult to know the amount of harvest in August. If shifted earlier it runs into nesting season, we try to avoid that.

Roberts - I don't think there would be much harvest of females early. I could see an issue in August.

McCloud - When do they fledge/fly? I would think survival might go up if they can fly and a hen is harvested.

Dale - I'm interested in an amendment to keep the season August 1st.

Dalin - Is there a maximum season length for grouse.

Ross - No.

Scobic - This is one of the things I have hunted for and would vote for the proposal as written.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - McCloud

Unanimously Supported 13 to 0

Proposal 37

Move to adopt - Scobic

2nd - Allen

Dorendorf - The Department has increased efforts to get harvest reports, up to 65% on response rate. From 2005-2015 3-4 days to harvest a deer. 2016-Present, less harvest, less hunters, has increased to 4-5 days. POW residents require 3-4 days per deer. The amount necessary for state subsistence is 1,500-1,600. Have been at or close to that amount with the exception of 2023.

Sanderson - I have family in Unit 2 that have significant concerns on the impact Ketchikan hunters may have on the deer population in Unit 2(POW)

Amount that harvest

0 Deer - 32%

1 Deer - 30%

2 Deer - 18%

3 Deer - 10%

4 Deer 7%

5 Deer 1%

Scoblic - No conservation concern, would complicate regulation, isn't going to have the intended impact. I'm opposed to this.

Dorendorf - This would affect non-residents, non-federally qualified and not a resident of the region but are federally qualified. Only a handful of bucks would be saved a year if this proposal were enacted.

Dale - This proposal would not result in the impact they want. **Amend** (I appreciate what the Subsistence Board did when reviewing and approving rural status.) **To say (Appreciation that the Subsistence Board didn't take up the emergency proposals submitted due to a lack of data. They will re-evaluate after data/information is provided.)**

McCloud - Ketchikan hunters are having success and the hunting is better in the Ketchikan area currently. Days to harvest a deer are lower than on POW.

Sanderson - If I had to vote this second I would want to be cautious. I would be in favor of proposals 37, 38 but not 39.

Scoblic - I'd like to lump 37,38 together

2nd - Allen

Opposed 12 to 1

Scoblic - Let's not take up proposal 39.

AC - Agreed.

Next Meeting

BOF Proposals 40 and up

10/30/2025 @ 5:15pm ADFG Conference

Move to Adjourn: Franulovich

Second: Jahnke

Adjourn: 8:00pm