

Tanana/Rampart/Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Meeting & Elections

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025 at 3:00 pm
by web/teleconference only

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/tananarampartmanleyACdec9>

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Meeting ID: **835 0490 6854**

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I. **Call to Order:** 3:13

II. **Roll Call:**

Present: Charlie Wright (chair),
Janessa Newman (vice chair),
Millena Jordan,
Thomas Hyslop,
Curtis Sommer,
Janet Woods (alternate),

Absent:

Samantha Zuray (secretary),
Ray Woods,
Robert Erhart,
Charlie Campbell,
Cliff Wiehl (alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Matt Olson, Kyle Campbell

IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**

Olivia Irwin, Krystal Irwin, Jazmyn Vent, Kimberly Nicholas,

V. **Approval of Agenda**

Janessa motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a moose report from Jeff and adding AYK BOF Recap

Jeff Wells Report

- Updates the AC that Lindsey Drese is new staff, she will be taking lead on 20C, F, moose and caribou and sheep
 - Jeff 20A and B Moose and bears
- Moose composition survey of 20c
 - 35 calves for

- 20B moose composition survey central and eastern, but not western (Minto Flats)
 - Not enough snow in minto flats to get reliable survey data
- Harvest Report
 - 7,000 RM781 permits - will have more reliable harvest data by January due to the late hunt in 20F
 - Preliminary harvest
 - 20B - 269, down from 357 from 2024
 - 20C - 152, 186 from 2024, 160 = 10 yr avg
 - 20F - 11, 34 in 2024, 36 = 10 yr avg
 - 140 hunters/yr for 10yr avg
 - Curtis asked when the last count was done in 20F, what was the population then? Asked roughly how many hunters hunt along the highways, along the Dalton, near Livengood, and the Elliot highway?
 - Jeff wasn't sure how many hunters are along the highway, but stated that a lot of that highway system is in 20B, which gets a lot of hunting pressure. 2,300 hunters/yr for 10yr average. Jeff stated he and Lindsey would gather any 20F data that the department does have available, and what information they use to determine population in the absence of data and present at the next AC meeting in January.
 - Janet and Curtis stated concern for moose populations, predator and hunter pressure. Charlie agreed that he'd never seen so much hunting pressure as he did this past season.

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** 11/13/25 (if unavailable, defer to next meeting)
Deferred to next meeting

VII. **Reports**

- a. Chair's Report
 - i. Important meetings coming up
- b. Others
 - i. Janet Woods brought up seeing a lot of cows and calves in the Manley Slough, but in Rampart it seems like it's getting hard and harder to see moose. Nowadays it seems like people have to go very far away from Rampart in order to get moose. Janet would like to see the hunting season remain the same, and then extend the season when necessary due to unpredictable and unfavorable weather.
 - 1. Charlie responded that our 20F moose used to trickle over from Minto Flats, but that the populations in both 20 F and B don't seem like they're doing well. He thinks the winter hunt has contributed to that
 - a. Janessa said BOG proposals are due may, remind me so we can submit
 - ii. Curtis Sommer said that people in Tanana had a hard time getting moose in Tanana as well. Given that it's been difficult to get moose, and we haven't been able to fish, he's beginning to think we need to call for a

complete halt to ocean salmon fishing. He urges our AC and other Tribal leaders to start raising awareness to the difference in our values and the commercial fishing and wasting practices. He also said that he'd like to see people coming together locally to share our observations about our local food, and what we see is affecting them.

- c. Olivia Irwin reported the BOF decisions at the AYK meeting. She stated that the department is working on the Action plan for fall chum stock of concern designation. Ultimately the BOF decided not to pass a 4" gill net ban because they weren't willing to further restrict people in river. She urged the AC to engage with management as they develop their action plan
 - i. Tom Hyslop asked if there is anyway we can connect low chinook numbers to pink salmon hatcheries? And if there are any proposals we can submit to limit pink hatchery releases?
 - 1. Olivia clarified that the AC can comment on meetings at the statewide meeting. She also mentioned that the BOF has limited authority for hatcheries, it is mostly a state legislative issue.
 - a. Janessa asked if that means we need to be having conversations about hatcheries with people like Mike Cronk,
 - i. Olivia said yes, we could be sending a letter of concern on behalf of the AC to our interior reps like Mike Cronk, Maxine Dibert, Scott Kawasaki
- d. Kyle provided a Board Support report
 - i. Kyle is on an intermittent family medicine leave currently, asked we please be patient with him.
 - ii. Elections: our AC has three expired seats from each community, and one seat that the person has not been present in.
 - 1. Nominations
 - a. People do not have to be present to be nominated or voted in
 - 2. Officer Elections
 - a. Every 2 years
 - 3. Alternates
 - a. 1 designated alternate per community and 2 extra committee alternates

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Elections to fill [4] vacant and expired seats

Voting will be conducted by a roll-call election. To be eligible to make nominations or vote in an election of a Fish & Game Advisory Committee you must be a voting-age resident of the area served by the committee as defined in 5 AAC 96.910(10) and attending the election meeting. The areas served by the

Tanana Rampart Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee as defined in 5 AAC 97.005 are Game Management Units 20, 21, 24, and 25, and the Upper Yukon River and the Tanana River for finfish.

Charlie opens the floor for election nominations

Charlie nominates Janet Woods for the Manley designated seat. Janet was unopposed
Charlie nominated Samantha Zuray for the Tanana designated seat. Samantha was unopposed
Charlie nominated himself for the Rampart designated seat. Charlie was unopposed.

Janessa Newman motions to vacate the undesignated seat, Millena seconds. Curtis Sommer called the question. Motion passes.

Charlie nominated Stan Zuray for the undesignated seat. Stan was unopposed.

- b. Officer Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Recorder
 - i. Chair opens the floor for secretary nominations
 - 1. Charlie nominated Samantha, curtis moves to close the nominations. Samantha was unopposed
 - ii. Charlie nominates himself as the vice chair with Tom's support. Charlie was unopposed
 - iii. Charlie nominates Janessa for chair with Curtis' support. Janessa was unopposed
- c. Appointment of Alternates
 - i. Charlie appointed Leah Woods for the Manley alternate, Kathleen Peters-Zuray as the Tanana alternate, and Cliff Wiehl as the undesignated alternate.
 - 1. Curtis stated that we should begin thinking about interested people and use the alternate seat as a way to educate younger people
- d. Board of Fisheries Proposals for Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish (aka "Area M") meeting – comments due Feb 3rd, 2026
- e. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

XI. **Set next meeting date:** January 6, 2026 3pm

Adjourn

Charlie motion to adjourn, janet woods second. Unanimous consent

2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates and Comment Deadlines:



Board of Fisheries Meeting: Bristol Bay Finfish

January 13-17, 2026 in Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: **December 29, 2025**

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=01-13-2026&meeting=anchorage>



Board of Game Meeting: Work Session

January 22, 2026 in Wrangell, AK

Comment Deadline: **January 16, 2026**

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-22-2026&meeting=wrangell>



Board of Game Meeting: Southeast Region

January 23-27, 2026 in Wrangell, AK

Comment Deadline: **January 9, 2026**

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-23-2026&meeting=wrangell>



Board of Fisheries Meeting: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish

February 18-24, 2026 in Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: **February 3, 2026**

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-18-2026&meeting=anchorage>



Board of Fisheries Meeting: Statewide Finfish & Supplemental Issues

March 17-20, 2026 in Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: **March 2, 2026**

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=03-17-2026&meeting=anchorage>



Board of Game Meeting: Southcentral Region

March 20-25, 2026 in Kodiak, AK

Comment Deadline: **March 6, 2026**

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-20-2026&meeting=kodiak>



Board of Fisheries 2026-2027 Proposal Deadline: April 10th, 2026

Cook Inlet Area Finfish

Kodiak Area Finfish

Statewide (except Southeast/Yakutat, and Prince William Sound Tanner Crab) King and Tanner Crab



Board of Game 2026-2027 Proposal Deadline: May 1st, 2026

Interior Region (GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25 26B, 26C)

Arctic/Western Region (GMUs 18, 22, 23, 26A)