

Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 12/4/2025

Location: ADFG Conference Room

Call to Order: 5:15pm

Roll Call: 16 members, 8 present, 8 absent

Beau Dale (Chair) (2027) - Present

Rudy Franulovich (Vice Chair) (2027) - Absent

Matt Allen (Secretary) (2027) - Absent

Sean Roberts (2026) - Present

Clay Bezenek (2027) - Present

Ben Atwood (2026) - Present

Marvin McCloud (2028) - Absent

Devin Dalin (2026) - Present

John Scoblic (2028) - Absent

Andrew Pung (2027) - Present

Robert Jahnke (2027) - Present

Jeremiah Sullivan (2026) - Absent

Brian Ringeisen (2027) - Present

Keenan Sanderson (2027) - Absent

Annie Pung (Alternate) (2026) - Absent

Soren Heinecke (Alternate) (2026) - Absent

Introductions:

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance

Public Present:

Zachary Simmons and Jack Styles (Ketchikan High School),
Michael Vaughn (Zoom, Sitka)

Department Present:

Ross Dorendorf (Wildlife, ADFG), Tessa Hasbrouck (Wildlife, ADFG), Sam Kirby (Board Support, ADFG)

Meeting Agenda:

Move to adopt meeting agenda, Roberts

2nd - Atwood

Unanimous to accept meeting agenda

Old business items:

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

New business:

- 1.) ADFG Board of Game Proposals

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion to Approve meeting minutes for 10/23 - Roberts

2nd - Atwood

Discussion:

Dale/Dalin - Discrepancy in the minutes on Proposal 17. Minutes indicated that the AC voted 13 in support, 0 opposed. In actuality the AC voted 0 in support, 13 opposed. This will be corrected in the voting record and the minutes will be updated and approved by the Chair and Secretary.

Motion to Approve meeting minutes from 10/30 - Roberts

2nd - Atwood

Meeting minutes from 10/30 approved unanimously

Chairman's Report:

None

Committee/Member Reports/Comments:

None

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

Proposal 49

Move to Adopt - Atwood

2nd - Roberts

Discussion:

Dorendorf - The Department doesn't have a biological concern with this proposal. The proposal tries to address concerns with deer rutting, deer hunters potentially disrupting trapping, hairboard work is occurring, conflicts with waterfowlers, conflicts with bears.

Jahnke - Has the Department considered extending the season? A one month season isn't long enough for predator control

Dorendorf - If the population and management would allow it, we would like to provide additional opportunities.

Atwood - Icing is a concern with a later start date. I would like to hear from Dalin and Ringeisen.

Dalin - I would rather the season start November 1st. I'm already battling ice. Instead of a one month season, I get two weeks.

Dale- Should we take up 49 and 50 together,

Atwood - I think we can take no action on 50 based on our vote on 49.

Dalin - I've had many seasons where by December 1st I can't get to my sets due to ice. Sometimes I can't get back to them until well after the season.

Dale - Does anyone know any of these trappers? How many are using the roads vs. boats.

Roberts - It's probably a mix, a good number utilizing roads.

Dale - More people around here are probably utilizing boats.

Call the Question - Atwood

2nd - Dalin

Proposal 49 Opposed, 2 in support, 6 opposed

Proposal 50

Dalin - Move to take no action based on vote on Proposal 45

Atwood - 2nd

Unanimous to take no action

Proposal 51

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Discussion:

Dorendorf - the way this proposal is written it would shorten the season. In regulation the season is 137 days. This proposal would shorten it to 45 days. The season is currently being closed/managed by Emergency Order and this authority rests with the Commissioner.

Dalin/Dale - we would like the meeting minutes to reflect the impacts this proposal would have.

Dale - I think everyone would like to see a longer season. This proposal isn't going to get us there.

Call the Question - Roberts

2nd - Dalin

Proposal 51 is Opposed, 1 in support, 7 opposed

Proposal 52

Move to adopt - Atwood

2nd - Jahnke

Discussion:

Dorendorf - When a proposal is brought forth to designate an area for intensive management the BoG has a process it goes through. 1st it will go through the Department of Intensive Management Law. There are a bunch of pieces for consideration. It isn't always about management of a species, it can also be habitat management. They will look at prey species, land ownership patterns, subsistence priority, etc. The

Department has to work up a feasibility assessment and an operational plan. The only examples in SEAK for consideration in the past were Gravina and an area in Unit 3.

Jahnke - I just don't want to see anything change in Unit 1a

Call the question - Ringeisen

2nd - Roberts

Proposal 52 Supported, 4 in support, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions due to the absence of additional information and ADFG staff comments.

Proposal 53

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Discussion:

Dorendorf - Somewhat similar to some aspects of Proposals 49, 50. Concerns with the trapping of non-target species.

Dalin - I will be a no. Are you gonna tell a kid who catches a wolf in an otter set they can't keep it?

Atwood - I want to encourage more wolf trapping, not less. I think a lot of wolf trappers have been doing this a long time and they know what they're doing.

Dale - I would like to see more educational material but not necessarily mandatory.

Dalin - seems like a burden on the Department.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - Ringeisen

Proposal 53 Unanimously Opposed, 0 support, 8 opposed

Proposal 54

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Discussion:

Dalin - Easy no for me. I set on a road, if someone sees my traps and doesn't like me there goes my traps.

Jahnke - People can also move your traps and place them in an illegal manner.

Dale - It seems to me that whenever these proposals come up we are always against them.

Call the question - Atwood

2nd - Dalin

Proposal 54 Unanimously Opposed, 0 support, 8 opposed

Proposal 56

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Discussion:

Jahnke - Is this going to make checking traps at night illegal.

Dorendorf - That would be a question for enforcement.

Dale - we've talked about proposals like this proposal. These aren't going to stop bad actors. Does infrared work during the day?

Dorendorf - They can work during the day. They might not work as well during midday when temps warm up.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Proposal 56 Unanimously Opposed, 0 support, 8 opposed

Proposal 55

No Action on 55 based on vote on Proposal 56

Proposal 57

Move to adopt - Roberts

2nd - Atwood

Discussion:

Dorendorf - We don't have a population estimate for Zarembo elk. There are cameras on Zarembo but they don't indicate a large population. Based on Etoilin, 3 points on one side are typically 2 year olds. This would allow the harvest of younger animals on a small population.

Atwood - I would love to see more opportunities on Zarembo. However, this proposal seems a little rash.

Dalin - I would like to see more tags before we change harvest requirements.

Call the question - Atwood

2nd - Dalin

Proposal 57 Unanimously Opposed, 0 Support, 8 Opposed

Proposal 58

Move to adopt - Atwood

2nd - Dalin

Discussion:

Atwood - this proposal is just too radical.

Proposal 58, Opposed Unanimously, 0 Support, 8 Opposed

Proposals 59-62

Move to adopt - Atwood

2nd - Dalin

Discussion:

Dale - we discussed our local proposals similar to this last meeting and we were generally in support of proposals like this.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Proposals 59-62, Unanimously Supported, 8 support, 0 opposed

Proposal 63

Move to adopt - Dalin

2nd - Pung

Discussion:

Dorendorf - Adding a rifle season during the elk rut can definitely increase harvest. There are already 125 permits given out every year, not every one hunts, about half hunt. Annual harvest averages 3 bulls.

This tells us that the population isn't high and thus not available for harvest.

Dale - My argument is that the current season dates don't provide for quality hunt opportunities.

Atwood - I agree with Beau. By October 1st a lot of these animals are in the trees. You might not even see an elk. I think there are more animals on the island, however, they are inaccessible.

Dale - The rendition of this proposal was a lot more indepth. I tried to come up with something that was a little less complicated and that didn't take away from the archery opportunity. I have a little concern, I know some of the people who get after deer in that area and I am concerned with hunter conflicts.

Call the question - Dalin

2nd - Atwood

Proposal 63, Unanimously Supported, 8 support, 0 opposed

Next Meeting

1/15/2026 @ 5:15pm ADFG Conference

Move to Adjourn: Roberts

Second: Atwood

Adjourn: 7:00pm

Matt W. Allen
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