

Mat Valley Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 11th, 2026
Mat-Su College Room FSM 202 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
Michelle	Heun	Secretary
Andy	Couch	Vice Chair Fish
Neil	DeWitt	
Dom	Nickles	
Hunter	Hongslo	
Birch	Yuknis	
Danny	Lewis	
Robert (Bob)	Cassell	
Ed	Soto	
Bruce	Privett	
Steve	Bartelli	
Dewey	Bitler	
Pete	Imhof	
Austin	Manelick	Alternate
Rong	Linder	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

X. New Business

- a. Board of Game Southcentral Proposals: Regionwide and GMU 6 (70-85)
- b. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting March 20-March 25, 2026 Kodiak, AK Comment Deadline March 6, 2026			
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<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units</i>			
70	Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years		
71	Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use		
72	Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows		
73	Define the terms "permanent dwelling", "publicly maintained trail/road" and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows		
74	Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide		
75	Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region		

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<i>Cordova Area – Unit 6</i>			
76	Reduce the nonresident bag limit to one deer in Unit 6		
77	Change the nonresident goat hunts in Unit 6D from drawing permits to registration hunts		
78	Create a fall season, archery registration goat hunt within the Unit 6D, RG248 hunt area, with a bag limit of 1 billy		
79	Shorten the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 6A		
80	Create a new drawing hunt in Unit 6D, along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25		
81	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
82	Shorten the spring hunting season for black bear in Unit 6D by 10 days		
83	Increase the resident bag limit for the RL065 black bear hunt in Unit 6 to two bears		
84	Shorten the season for black bear hunting in Unit 6D		
85	Restrict hunters from shooting big game from a boat in Unit 6 without a permit		

Alaska Board of Fish Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting

March 17-March 20, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 2, 2026

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Subsistence Fisheries			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
Commercial Fisheries			
Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		

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169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
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178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		
<i>Possession Requirements</i>			

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180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		
187	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon		

- XI. Set next meeting date: Currently Wednesday, February 18th, 2026
 - a. Potential agenda: GMU 14C and Sheep/Goat Proposals

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn

XIV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____