

**Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 pm**  
**by web/teleconference**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:05 pm by chair Jack Reakoff

**II. Roll Call:**

Members Present: Jack Reakof (Chair), Michelle Quillin, Ricko DeWilde, Lee DeWilde, Janet Bifelt, Vincent Simon

Members absent: Clinton Bergman, Charles Ned, Raymand McCarty, Darrel Vent, Jack Wholecheese

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

**IV. Introduction of Guests and Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Glenn Stout (ADFG), Deena Jallen (ADFG), Matt Olson (ADFG), Kyle Campbell (ADFG), Erin Julianus (BLM), Gale Vick (Fairbanks AC),

**V. Approval of Agenda:** motion by Michell Quillin; second by Janet Bifelt; unanimous

**Meeting Summary:**

The Koyukuk Advisory Committee met to review and discuss various fishing proposals, including management strategies for salmon species and Board of Fish proposals for Area M. The committee supported several key proposals aimed at protecting salmon stocks and reducing fishing impacts, while opposing others that would open new fishing areas or extend fishing time. The group planned future meetings and discussions, including a one-day meeting in Huslia to address game proposals and community engagement concerns.

**Fish Board Proposal Review Meeting**

The meeting began with introductions, and who was present on line, Glenn Stout DFG Galena Area, Deena Jallen DFG Yukon Summer season, Matt Olson Yukon Fall season. Erin Julianus BLM, Gale Vick Fairbank AC Chairwoman confirmation, Establishing a quorum. Michelle Quillin, Ricko Dewilde, Vincent Simon, Janet Bifelt, Lee Dewilde and chairman Jack Reakoff present.

Jack outlined the agenda, which included Area M proposals, statewide proposals, and the need to submit recommendations to the Board of Fish due by the next day. The group approved the agenda. Discussed the misplaced minutes from the previous meeting on April 9, 2025 in Hughes, tabled until the next meeting. Jack provided a chair's report, mentioning discussions with Gale about Fairbanks AC, Fish proposals Western Interior Regional Advisory Council and EIRAC joint meeting discussed these fish proposals with TCC.

## **Yukon Salmon Management Updates**

Deena Jallen Gave an overview of her recent work. Yukon River Panel and management strategies for Chinook and summer chum salmon. Deena reported that 2025 saw poor escapement goals for Chinook and summer chum, but noted improved survival rates for Canadian origin Chinook salmon. Matt Olson shared that the fall chum escapement was slightly better than the previous year, with Coho salmon being a bright spot due to their good condition and high escapement numbers. The group discussed upcoming meetings and the need for an action plan addressing management concerns for Chinook, fall chum, and Coho salmon, which will be presented at the Statewide Board of Fish Meeting in March.

## **Fishing Proposals and Fairbanks Advisory Support**

The Fairbanks AC chairwoman Gale, discussed the support for several fishing proposals, including the most affective Proposal 131 from the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, which cuts 12 consecutive days of fishing in the June fishery, while opposing proposals that would open new fishing areas or extend fishing time. Gale provided a list of 22 proposals that the committee opposed, including numbers 113, 114, 121-125, 134-139, 142, 144-149. The committee also discussed their upcoming monthly meeting on Monday at 6 PM, where they will review statewide proposals and show a 15-minute film about hatchery impacts.

## **Board of Fish Proposal Review**

The Koyukuk AC meeting focused on discussing Board of Fish proposals, particularly Proposal 128 the AC's own proposal. Jack emphasized the importance of supporting their submitted proposal, which had aspects that were even liked by the Fairbanks Advisory Committee. The group also discussed a successful joint meeting with the Mentana and Tanana Rampart Manly councils, and considered the impact of Area M proposals on chum salmon returns. Gale highlighted the need to address these proposals due to their significant impact on summer chum populations.

## **Fishery Proposal Review and Adoption**

The advisory committee motioned and seconded discussed and **adopted unanimously Proposal 128**, which aims to protect Chum and Chinook salmon. Michelle suggested that advisory committees could collaborate more in the future to support proposals and suggest amendments. The committee agreed to move the proposal forward to the Board of Fish for further consideration.

The Advisory Committee discussed our **Proposal 107**, which addresses a loophole allowing commercial fishers to sell fish under home pack permits, by requiring clipping the fins of subsistence caught fish, motion was made and seconded, and **adopted unanimously**. The AC voiced support proposals 127, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 136, 140, 141, and 148 that were supported by the Tanana Chiefs Conference. Gale Fairbanks AC presented Proposal 131, which received strong support due to its scientific basis and extensive collaboration with various stakeholders. The Committee motioned to and seconded to adopt **Proposal 131 unanimously**. The committee discussed Proposal 131, which includes a closure period to minimize impact on chum and Chinook

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salmon, and targets high-efficiency gear during peak migration. Janet, who was new to the advisory committee, expressed surprise at the rapid review of proposals but acknowledged having the necessary information. The committee emphasized the importance of submitting these recommendations and comments to the Board of Fish proposals for Area M comment period ending the next day February 3.

The AC motioned to adopt and seconded Proposal 136, which calls for full closure of the June fishery. The committee agreed to adopt Proposal 136 to send a strong message to the Board of Fish about the seriousness of the situation and need to address the chum salmon stock of concern.

### **Hatchery Reduction Proposals Supported**

The Committee Motioned and second to adopt and discussed **Proposal 170**, motion carried **unanimously carried**. The proposal seeks to reduce hatchery egg take by 25% for chum and pink salmon. After further discussion proposals, **170, 171 and 172** were bundled into another motion and second to support all three **adopted unanimously**. Gale Fairbanks AC explained that previous hatchery reduction proposals had been unsuccessful at board meetings, but were now being considered at the upcoming statewide Fin and Fish meeting. The committee did not have anyone that could attend the Board of Fish meeting scheduled for February 18-24 in Anchorage. Kyle Board support explaining the schedule and public testimony process. Chairman Reakoff has travel and meeting conflicts but will try to comment to the BOF if possible.

### **Board of Game Meeting Planning**

The group agreed to schedule a face-to-face meeting in late March or early April, with Janet suggesting March 24-26, and discussed potential locations but decided on Huslia.

### **Game Proposals and Community Engagement**

The advisory committee discussed plans for a one-day meeting in Huslia on March 24th or 26th to address game proposals and community engagement. Ideas discussed for game proposals. The committee also addressed concerns about non-resident hunters and guides operating in traditional areas, with Michelle suggesting potential restrictions. Ricko proposed new measures for managing grizzly bears and wolves to support moose populations. The conversation ended with plans to further discuss these proposals at the upcoming meeting in Huslia.

Gale Vick and ADFG staff was thanked for their help and input to this meeting. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn unanimous, at about 8:35 PM

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Minutes Approved By: Jack Reakoff, Chair

Date: 2/3/2026

<b>Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting Proposals</b> February 18-24, 2026   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
107	Adopt marking and reporting requirements for commercially caught salmon retained for a person's own use and not sold in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik management areas		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
128	Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
131	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals</b> March 17 - 21, 2026   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
172	Board generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	