

Susitna Valley Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 21st, 2026
Talkeetna Library

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/Absent
Bryan	Kirby	Chair	
Steve	Harrison	Vice Chair	
Robert	Gerlach		
Eli	Hoffman		
Tim	Buechle		
Mark	Burcar		
Todd	Kingery	ALT	
Dave	Fish	ALT	

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Elections:

a. Election for 2 expiring terms:

i. Mark Burcar & Tim Buechle

b. Election for 2 alternates:

i. Todd Kingery and Dave Fish

VII. Public Comment

VIII. New Business

a. Reports

- i. ADF&G
 - 1. Heidi Hatcher: Unit 13 Moose & Nelchina Caribou
 - 2. Sam Oslund or Oliver Querin: Fisheries Updates
 - 3. Ross Dorendorf: Unit 14A/B & 16
- b. Board of Game Proposals
 - i. Reauthorization of antlerless moose and brown bear fee exemptions
 - 1. Proposal 222: 14A & 14B (Antlerless Moose)
 - 2. Proposal 223: 14C (Antlerless Moose)
 - 3. Proposal 227: Brown Bear Fee Exemptions
 - ii. Any others that we want to look at
- c. Comments on R4-AA-26-3528 NCH document
- d. Board of Fisheries Proposals (No Book out yet)
 - i. Upper Cook Inlet Book (Not out as of yet)
 - ii. Lower Cook Inlet

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting March 19 – March 26, 2027 Fairbanks, AK Comment Deadline March 5, 2027			
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222	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
223	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
227	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest region		

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1	Establish a priority for Alaska residents and other management provisions for the Lower Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon sport fishery, as follows		
2	Amend the date for the June youth only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, as follows		
3	Exempt King salmon caught in the Nick Dudiak Homer Lagoon from the combined annual limit of 5 King salmon 20 inches or longer, as follows		
4	Establish a large goal for Ninilchik River king salmon as follows		
5	Amend management provisions for the Ninilchik River king salmon sport fishery as follows		
6	Amend management provisions for the Ninilchik River king salmon fishery by expanding opportunity for hatchery king salmon and adding gear restrictions		
7	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Ninilchik River, as follows		
8	Modify the king salmon bag and possession limits in the Ninilchik River as follows		
9	Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon and modify the bag and possession limits in the Ninilchik River, as follows		
10	Extend the restrictions on bait and multiple hooks in Lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams until the end of July, as follows		

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11	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon and the removal of king salmon from the water in Cook Inlet freshwater, as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		
12	Require recording of all harvested king salmon in the sport fishery, regardless of size, as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		
13	Establish the delegation of authority to restrict guided sport fishing during times of low king salmon abundance through emergency order, as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		
14	Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River coho salmon sport fisheries as follows		
15	Establish paired management actions and harvest “benchmarks” for coho salmon between Upper Cook Inlet sport and commercial fisheries, as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		
16	Prohibit the use of helicopters to transport anglers in select streams within the Kenai Peninsula Area as follows		
17	Modify gear and dates in the Seward lagoon youth-only fishery as follows		
18	Modify the definition of bag limit for Southcentral saltwater sport fisheries as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		
19	Prohibit sport fishing derbies in fresh waters of Cook Inlet, as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		

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20	Prohibit charter vessels from participating in sport fishing derbies, as follows (<i>Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area</i>)		
21	Require observes or electronic monitoring on charter vessels in Cook Inlet, as follows (<i>Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area</i>)		
22	Require logbooks for fishing guides in freshwaters of Upper Cook Inlet, as follows (<i>Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area</i>)		
23	Require freshwater sport fishing guide logbooks within Cook Inlet rivers, as follows (<i>Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>)		
24	Establish a maximum size limit for king salmon and halibut in subsistence, sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries in lower Cook Inlet, as follows (<i>Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area</i>)		
25	Close waters to commercial fishing within ½ miles of the Homer spit, as follows		
26	Close waters to all Commercial Fishing within 1 mile of the Homer Spit, as follows		
27	Modify multiple subdistricts of the Southern District to create a 1-mile corridor around the Homer spit, as follows		
28	Reduce size of the closed waters area at the terminus of McCarty Fjord at Delusion Lake, as follows		
29	Create a minimum distance between commercial purse seines in Cook Inlet, as follows		

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30	Repeal commercial beach seine as a legal gear type in the Cook Inlet Management Area, as follows		
31	Amend the preamble of the Lower Cook Inlet Seine Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
32	Establish enhanced salmon value allocation criteria for Cook Inlet commercial fisheries, as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		
33	Request for creation of a Cook Inlet management and salmon enhancement allocation plan, as follows <i>(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)</i>		
34	Amend multiple aspects of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery Management Plan, as follows		
35	Repeal the Port Graham Hatchery Salmon Hatchery Management Plan, as follows		
36	Repeal the Bear Lake Special harvest Area from the Trail Lakes Hatchery Salmon Hatchery Management Plan, as follows		
37	Amend hatchery salmon management plan in Resurrection Bay, as follows		
38	Amend multiple aspects of the Resurrection Bay Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
39	Modify methods and means for herring as follows		
40	Establish pelagic rockfish harvest limits for Cook Inlet area commercial and sport fisheries, as follows		
41	Modify the waters open to harvesting rockfish, as follows		

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42			Establish a pelagic rockfish guideline harvest level in the lower Cook Inlet as follows
43			Modify language describing bag and possession limits for nonpelagic rockfish to align with new definitions of demersal shelf and slop rockfish species assemblages, as follows
44			Modify the season for the Cook Inlet Area directed pelagic rockfish jig fishery, as follows
45			Allow the use of deepwater release mechanisms for rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries, as follows
46			Remove the 24-hour closure period between the Cook Inlet parallel and state-waters Pacific cod seasons, as follows
47			Establish a small vessel (under 26 feet) gear exemption during the Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod season, as follows
48			Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery, as follows
49			Repeal the Cook Inlet sablefish trip limit, as follows
50			Add dinglebar troll as a legal gear type in Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries, as follows

- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Lower Cook Inlet finfish meeting in Seward,
AK 12/01-12/04
a. Would need to know by November 16th (Same as comment deadline)

X. Set next meeting date

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn

XIII. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____