Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 23rd, 2026
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
Monte Roberts		
Dyer van Devere		
Scott Daletas		
Andrew Carmichael		
Joe Thomas		
Jerry Strieby		
Al Belknap		
Scott Miller		
Jon Essert		
Colby Engstrom		
Karl Dagel		
Ron Petty		
Jacob Daniels		
Jim McGrath		
Greg Springer		
Jeremy Malloy		
Matt Crowe		
Eric Arneson		
John Manley		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

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 Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Proposals
   b. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

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Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.			
11	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon and the removal of king salmon from the water in Cook Inlet freshwater, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
12	Require recording of all harvested king salmon in the sport fishery, regardless of size, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
13	Establish the delegation of authority to restrict guided sport fishing during times of low king salmon abundance through emergency order, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
15	Establish paired management actions and harvest "benchmarks" for coho salmon between Upper Cook Inlet sport and commercial fisheries, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
18	Modify the definition of bag limit for Southcentral saltwater sport fisheries as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		

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23	Require freshwater sport fishing guide logbooks within Cook Inlet rivers, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
32	Establish enhanced salmon value allocation criteria for Cook Inlet commercial fisheries, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
33	Request for creation of a Cook Inlet management and salmon enhancement allocation plan, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
75	Require recording of all salmon harvest in sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries within Cook Inlet, as follows		
76	Establish a reporting requirement for coho salmon harvested within fresh and salt waters of Upper Cook Inlet as follows		
77	Prohibit bait and reduce the coho salmon bag limit to one fish as follows		
78	Prohibit the use of guides in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fishery		
79	Modify administrative code to reflect fishing boundaries used in the Yentna River subsistence salmon fishery, as follows		
80	Established paired management actions for the Big River commercial set gillnet fishery, as follows		
81	Make multiple amendments to the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		

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82	Close waters to commercial king salmon fishing, as follows		
83	Establish a large fish optimal escapement goal for the Little Susitna River as follows		
84	Amend the preamble of the *Northern District King Salmon Management Plan*, as follows		
85	Create a new commercial fishing subdistrict in the Northern District, as follows		
86	Establish set gillnet commercial fishing periods and gear restrictions in the new "Northwest Subdistrict" in the Northern District, as follows		
87	Authorize the department to reduce the number of set gillnets used in the Northern District st gillnet commercial fishery after August 1, as follows		
88	Reduce the number of set gillnets allowed in the Northern District commercial fishery, as follows		
89	Amend closed waters to commercial fishing near the Little Susitna River terminus in Cook Inlet, as follows		
90	Repeal permit stacking in the Northern District set gillnet fishery, as follows		
91	Establish an inriver coho salmon escapement goal for the Little Susitna River as follows		
92	Close sport fishing for coho salmon in the estuaries of Deshka River, Little Susitna River, Fish Creek and Jim Creek until half of the escapement goal has been counted inriver.		

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93	Reduce the coho salmon bag limit in the northern district to one fish and establish criteria for the use of emergency order authority as follows.		
94	Prohibit the use of bait in northern district streams until coho salmon have met half of their escapement goals as follows		
95	Modify season dates for the sport fishery on Fish Creek as follows		
96	Modify sport fishing opportunity in Wasilla Creek as follows		
97	Allow sport fishing opportunity for Arctic Grayling in Alexander Creek as follows		
98	Sockeye salmon caught in the Big River Lakes sport fishery must be retained regardless of hook placement as follows		
99	Allow the use of bait from June 1 through August 31 in Big River Lakes, as follows		
100	Update the list of stocked lakes for the Knik Arm drainage area as follows		
101	Revise the list of designated lakes within Northern Cook Inlet with populations of invasive northern pike where anglers may use five lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice, as follows		
102	Allow special provisions for northern pike to apply whenever ice is suitable in Big, Mirror, Flat and Nancy Lakes, as follows		
103	Establish a new permit classification for invasive species suppression within Cook Inlet, as follows		

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104	Allow an additional day per week for Susitna River personal use fishery as follows		
105	Modify the days open to personal use salmon fishing in the Susitna River as follows		
106	Increase commercial smelt fishery guideline harvest level to 200 tons, as follows		
107	Increase the commercial smelt fishery guideline harvest to 200 tons, as follows		
108	Increase the guideline harvest of smelt in the commercial fishery to 200 tons, as follows		
109	Increase the guideline harvest of smelt in the commercial fishery to 200 tons, as follows		
110	Reduce the commercial smelt fishery guidelines harvest to 25 tons, as follows		
111	Align seasons for the freshwater and saltwater in Cook Inlet personal use smelt fishery as follows		
112	Prohibit the use of bare hooks in Ship Creek drainage, as follows		
113	Modify date of the youth-only fishery on Ship Creek, as follows		
114	Create a coho salmon youth-only fishery on Ship Creek, as follows		
115	Close the king salmon fishery, clarify regulations and sport fishing opportunities for salmon, other than king salmon, in the Eagle River drainage, as follows		
116	Open Fire Creek to sport fishing, as follows		
117	Allow fishing for Arctic grayling year-round in Symphony Lake, as follows		

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118	Reduce bag and possession limits and limit gear in Sand Lake, as follows		
119	Reduce bag and possession limits and limit gear in Lower Fire Lake, as follows		
120	Reduce limit and establish an annual limit for Arctic Char/Dolly Varden in Anchorage Bowl Drainage, as follows		
121	Amend the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern delisting criteria and commercial drift gillnet fishery closed waters, as follows		
122	Increase the maximum number of dip nets allows for commercial fishing in the Upper Subdistrict, as follows		
123	Extend the commercial dip net fishery in the Upper Subdistrict until August 15, as follows		
124	Extend the commercial dip net fishery in the Upper Subdistrict to August 15, as follows		
125	Allow commercial dip net fishing in the Kasilof Special Harvest Area, as follows		
126	Establish a new commercial dip net fishing area near the Kenai River mouth, as follows		
127	Allow the use of an anchored lead in the commercial dipnet fishery, as follows		
128	Allow the use of leads in the Upper Subdistrict commercial dip net fishery, as follows		
129	Amend multiple elements of the commercial dip net fishery in the Upper Subdistrict, as follows		

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130	Amend the Upper Subdistrict commercial beach seine fishery and establish commercial set gillnet fishing opportunity in the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan*, as follows		
131	Expand commercial beach seine fishery in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District, as follows		
132	Amend commercial beach seine opportunity while in stock of concern for Kenai River late-run king salmon, as follows		
133	Amend multiple aspects of the commercial beach seine fishery in the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan, as follows		
134	Make multiple amendments to commercial beach seine opportunity within the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan*, as follows		
135	Amend multiple elements of the commercial beach seine fishery in the Upper Subdistrict, as follows		
136	Condition implementation of the Upper Subdistrict commercial beach seine fishery, as follows		
137	Reduce the maximum length of commercial beach seines in the Upper Subdistrict, as follows		
138	Repeal the commercial beach seine fishery in the Upper Subdistrict and allow commercial set gillnet fishing as described in the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Management Plan*, as follows		
139	Amend the amount of commercial gear allowed to be used in the Upper Subdistrict in the Kenai River king salmon late-run stock of concern management plan, as follows		

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140	Allow for the commercial set gillnet fishing in the Upper Subdistrict in the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan, as follows		
141	Allow for commercial set gillnet fishing in the Upper Subdistrict in the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan, as follows		
142	Allow for commercial set gillnet fishing in the Upper Subdistrict in the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan, as follows		
143	Allow for commercial set gillnet fishing in the Upper Subdistrict in the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan, as follows		
144	Allow for commercial set gillnet fishing in the Kasilof Special Harvest Area, as follows		
145	Establish commercial set gillnet fishery opportunity in the *Kenai River late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan*, as follows		
146	Establish commercial set gillnet opportunity in the Upper Subdistrict on Mondays and Thursdays beginning July 10, as follows		
147	Close the personal use dipnet fishery on the Kenai River when Kenai River late-run king salmon are designated as a stock of concern, as follows		
148	Amend the Kenai River late-run King salmon stock of concern management plan by reducing the sport fish bag limit for sockeye salmon, as follows		
149	Amend the Kenai River late-run King salmon stock of concern management plan by reducing the sport fish bag limit for sockeye salmon, as follows		
150	Modify guided fishing hours on the Kenai River as follows		

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151	Remove the Sunday and Monday prohibition on guided fishing on the Kenai River and allow these days to be closed for all anglers, as follows		
152	Remove the Monday prohibition on guided fishing on the Kenai River and allow Mondays to be closed for all anglers, as follows		
153	Extend the active dates of the Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
154	Make multiple amendments to commercial fisheries in the Kenai River late-run king salmon management plan, as follows		
155	Establish a Kasilof River early-run king salmon management plan as follows		
156	Establish guidance for the use of natural origin king salmon as broodstock at Crooked Creek as follows		
157	Establish a management plan for Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery as follows		
158	Establish an optimal escapement goal and guidance for controlling hatchery influence for Crooked Creek king salmon, as follows		
159	Close sport fishing in the back channel of the Kasilof River as follows		
160	Prohibit sport fishing on the Kasilof River after a bag limit of king salmon has been retained, as follows		
161	Establish a youth only fishery on the Kasilof River as follows		

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162	Modify Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon allocation priority, establish an optimal escapement goal, and increase inriver run goals ranges, as follows		
163	Make numerous amendments to the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon management plan, as follows		
164	Amend Kenai River sockeye salmon inriver run goals and restrict commercial set gillnet opportunity, as follows		
165	Establish sockeye salmon escapement goals for the Kenai and Kasilof rivers based on plankton levels, as follows		
166	Establish small mesh set gillnet “tangle net” commercial fishing opportunity in the Upper Subdistrict within the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Management Plan,* as follows		
167	Increase the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal and restrict commercial set gillnet fishing, as follows		
168	Amend the preamble of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
169	Amend several elements of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
170	Make multiple amendments to the Central District Drit Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
171	Add definitions for Drift Gillnet Areas 1 and 2, as follows		
172	Establish criteria for opening drift gillnet Area 1 and Area 2 based on inriver passage of Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon, as follows		

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173	Repeal the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
174	Allow additional drift gillnet commercial fishing opportunity, as follows		
175	Remove closed commercial fishing windows from the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
176	Repeal weekly closed commercial fishing windows from the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
177	Establish paired restrictions for coho salmon between the commercial drift gillnet fishery and select Northern Cook Inlet sport fisheries, as follows		
178	Established paired restrictions between the commercial drift gillnet fishery and freshwater sport fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet, as follows		
179	Establish paired restrictions between the commercial drift gillnet fishery and sport fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet, as follows		
180	Establish paired area closures between the commercial drift gillnet fishery and sport fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet, as follows		
181	Add language clarifying the commissioner's authority to manage the drift gillnet fishery in Upper Cook Inlet, as follows		
182	Amend the areas commercial drift gillnet fishing may occur from August 7 through August 15, as follows		
183	Amend the definition of fishing site for stationary commercial fishing gear, as follows		

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184	Allow for alternative regular drift gillnet commercial fishing weekly periods, as follows		
185	Modify closed waters to commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, as follows		
186	Reduce commercial fishing closed waters near Shelter and Silver Salmon Creek, as follows		
187	Amend open waters to commercial set gillnet fishing in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict, as follows		
188	Modify guided fishing hours and days on the Kenai River when king salmon fishing is closed as follows		
189	Prohibit guided shore-based fishing during the time and area where guided vessel-based fishing is currently prohibited in the Kenai River, as follows		
190	Prohibit guided fishing on the Kenai River during Sunday's in July as follows		
191	Prohibit guided fishing on the Kenai River between 6PM and 8AM from July 1 through August 15, as follows		
192	Prohibit guides from operating on both the Kenai River and Kasilof River as follows		
193	Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Kasilof River on select days as follows		
194	Require logbooks for sport fishing guides on the Kenai and Kasilof rivers, as follows		
195	Prohibit the use of motors on the Kenai River during the time period when king salmon are returning		

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196	Prohibit the use of motors and limit shore based fishing in the Kenai River as follows		
197	Prohibit the use of motors on the Kasilof River as follows		
198	Clarify the use of motors on the Kasilof River when multiple fishing trips in the same vessel		
199	Prohibit the use of motors in the guided sport fishery on the Kasilof River downstream of Tustumena Lake as follows		
200	Restrict the use of motors in the guided sport fishery on the Kasilof River to 10hp or less as follows		
201	Sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River sport fishery must be retained regardless of hook placement.		
202	Require the use of circle hooks when sport fishing for sockeye on the Kenai and Kasilof River as follows		
203	Modify preamble of Russian River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify the Russian River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan as follows		
204	Establish an optimal escapement goal for Russian River early run sockeye salmon. Modify the Russian River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan as follows		
205	Sport fish regulations for sockeye salmon will not be liberalized until the Russian River sockeye salmon escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded		
206	Allow sport fishing for sockeye salmon in Tustumena Lake, as follows		

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207	Reduce the sport fish bag and possession limit for coho salmon in the Kenai River after September 1 as follows		
208	Reduce the sport fish bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the Kenai River after September 1. Modify the Kenai River Coho salmon season and bag limits as follows		
209	Reduce the sport fish and possession limits for coho salmon in the Kenai River after September 1		
210	Reduce the sport fish bag and possession limit for coho salmon in the Kenai River after September 1 as follows		
211	Reduce the coho salmon bag and possession limit to one fish and prohibit the use of bait in the Kenai River from July 1 through August 31 as follows		
212	Reduce the coho salmon bag and possession limit to one fish and prohibit the use of bait in the Kenai River from September 1 through November 30 as follows		
213	Close sport fishing from December 1 through March 1 in sections of the Kenai River as follows		
214	Reduce the time and areas in the Kenai River where anglers are limited to using only a single, unbaited artificial lure, as follows		
215	Reduce the time and areas in the Kenai River where anglers are limited to using only a single, unbaited artificial lure, as follows		
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217	Modify the language used to describe the inlet streams of Kenai Lake as follows		
218	Close sport fishing for coho salmon in the tributaries of Tustumena Lake as follows		
219	Increase harvest opportunity for rainbow trout and Dolly Varden in the Kenai River as follows		
220	Close sport fishing between January 1 and April 1 in a portion of the Kenai River immediately downstream of the outlet of Kenai Lake		
221	Prohibit use of bait in Hidden Lake from December 1 through April 30		
222	Prohibit use of bait in Hidden Lake year round		
223	Remove the seasonal closure to sport fishing on Hidden Lake as follows		
224	Revise Riparian Closure Signage to Emphasize Habitat Protection on the Kenai River as follows		
225	Establish guide registration requirements for the personal use fishery on the Kenai River as follows		
226	Modify emergency order authority for the Kenai River late run sockeye personal use fishery as follows		
227	Modify boundaries of the Kasilof personal Use dip net fishery		
228	Close the Kasilof personal use set gillnet salmon fishery as follows		
229	This would establish regulatory guidance for the Alaska Board of Fisheries when considering proposals for Cook Inlet finfish meetings, as follows		

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230	Amend the Upper Subdistrict commercial beach seine fishery and establish commercial set gillnet fishing opportunity in the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan*, as follows		

XI. Set next meeting date

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn

Adjournment:

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