

**Mat Valley Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**  
**Mat-Su College Campus 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	Biliter	
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. Presentation from Wild Salmon Center by Morgan Urquia
- b. Elections for 3 expiring seats and 2 alternates:
  - i. Robert Cassell
  - ii. Danny R Lewis
  - iii. Edward (Ed) Soto
  - iv. Alternate: Austin Manelick
  - v. Alternate: Ron Linder
- c. Board of Fisheries-Generated Proposals for May 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session:
  - i. Special Session is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm, online only, written comment only
  - ii. Comment deadline: April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. See attachments for proposal language

**Alaska Board of Fisheries Board-Generated Proposals for Special Session**  
 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 | Online Only (Zoom) at 1:00pm| Comment Deadline April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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
<i>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.</i>			
189	Adopt a policy on Traditional Knowledge into regulation		
190	Adopt the Stock of Concern Action Plan for Yukon River king salmon into regulation		
191	Adopt the Stock of Concern Action Plan for Yukon River fall chum salmon into regulation		
192	Replace commercial set gillnet opportunity in the Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Plan with a newly established set beach seine gear type		

- d. AC-Generated Proposals to Submit for Call of Proposals:
  - i. Board of Fisheries: Cook Inlet & Kodiak cycle, deadline April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Board of Game: Arctic & Interior cycle, deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>
- e. Alaskan House & Senate Bills: (See Separate Summary Documents for More Info)
  - i. Write an AC-approved letter to legislators with AC name?
    - 1. HB33: "An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."
    - 2. HB93: "An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date."
    - 3. HB203: "An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date."
    - 4. SB216: "An Act relating to the transfer of big game hunting permits; and providing for an effective date."
- f. Federal Wildlife Regulation for Federal Subsistence Board Meeting (04/20-04/24, Egan Center, Anchorage, starting at 9am)
  - i. Send someone to meeting to make public testimony on behalf of the AC?
    - 1. WP26-15: "Federal public lands on Hawkins and Hinchinbrook Island in unit 6D are closed to deer hunting except by federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations."
- g. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_