

**TYONEK FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 1st, 2026

Location: Tyonek Tribal Center, (Zoom)

Call to Order: 12:10 PM

Members Present:

Name	Title	Present/Excused/Unexcused
Donald Standifer, Jr.	Chair	P
Elizabeth Standifer	Vice Chair	P
Alex Pfoff	Secretary	P
Nicole Swenson		P
Donald Standifer, Sr.		E
Robert Stephan, Sr.		P
John Standifer		P
Terry Jorgenson		E
Cassandra Kroto		P – arrive 12:46
Michaelene Stephan		P
Juliana Bismark		P- arrive 12:28
Steven Standifer		P
Emil McCord	Alternate	
Mike Braun	Alternate	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

ADF&G, Chikaloon Village Traditional Council (A-RED presentation)

Quorum: 8 members present at start, 10 members present by end

1. Roll Call & Opening

- Meeting called to order at 12:10 PM.
 - Quorum established with 8 members present.
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2. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved unanimously.
 - Executive session will be added as a standing item for all future agendas.
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3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from February 27 and March 13 approved unanimously with amendments.
 - Correct March 13 minutes were resent to committee members.
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4. Proposal Submission Timeline & Approval Requirements

- Proposal deadline: April 10.
 - Proposals using the Native Village of Tyonek (NVT) name require Village Council approval.
 - The AC may independently submit proposals under its own name.
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5. Board of Fish (BOF) Proposals & Process

- Four new BOF proposals must be reviewed before April 28.
 - Committee will finalize its own proposals first.
 - Discussion on challenges with BOF testimony procedures and timing.
 - BOF process training will be scheduled for late summer or early fall.
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6. BOF Representative Appointments

- Representatives are appointed per meeting, not for the full year.
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7. Commercial Fisheries Issues

- Decline in Tyonek commercial fishing activity discussed.
 - Monday/Wednesday/Friday fishing periods proposed to attract tenders.
 - Barriers include limited buyers, tender logistics, and small catch volumes.
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8. Proposal 192: Kenai Set Beach Seine Fishery

- Overview provided by ADF&G representative.
 - Concerns voiced regarding stock-of-concern issues and existing dipnet harvest levels.
 - AC expressed strong opposition; formal vote to occur prior to April 28.
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9. Special Election

- Andy Wizik unanimously elected to fill vacant AC seat.
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10. Draft Proposals for April 10 Submission

a. Northwest Sub-District Creation

- Coordinates confirmed; proposal nearly final.
- Historical Eastside sub-district proposal requested for reference.

b. Hooligan Harvest Limit Reduction

- Committee will pursue reducing limit from 100 tons to 25 tons.
- Draft to follow 2024 proposal format.

c. Monday/Wednesday/Friday Fishing Periods

- Edits completed; only final review for errors remains.
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11. ARED Moist-Air Incubation System Presentation

- Presentation by Chickaloon Village Traditional Council.
 - Technique achieves 80–90% egg-to-fry survival.
 - System low-cost (~\$7,000) and requires minimal space but reliable power.
 - Chickaloon preparing to restart program with updated equipment.
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12. Application of ARED System in Tyonek

- Interest in Old Tyonek Creek and Chuitna River enhancement.
 - School considered ideal location due to backup generator.
 - Baseline data and stock/genetic assessments required before implementation.
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13. Habitat & Water Temperature Considerations

- Water temperature noted as a major factor in survival.

- Chuitna monitoring identifies cold-water refuges for potential release sites.
 - Habitat restoration continues through TTCD efforts.
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14. Salmon Enhancement Tax Funding

- Discussion regarding lack of enhancement tax support for Westside streams.
 - Legislative action required for changes; BOF cannot direct funding allocations.
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15. Power Reliability Concerns

- Frequent outages pose a barrier to incubation system success.
 - Backup generator locations (such as the school) preferred.
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16. Next Meeting (continuation)

Date: April 2, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

- Goal: finalize all three proposals for April 10 submission.
 - Updated drafts will be circulated in advance.
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17. Action Items

Andy Wizik

- Draft hooligan reduction proposal (25 tons).
- Review MW/F fishing and NW sub-district drafts.
- Send updated proposals before April 4 meeting.
- Complete new member form.

Lucas Stumpf (ADF&G)

- Send Eastside sub-district proposal.
- Send 2024 hooligan proposal.

Alex Pfoff

- Contact Eastside sub-district for historical proposal.
- Send NW sub-district proposal to Andy.

Leila

- Send new member form; add Andy to listserv.
- Schedule BOF training.
- Send proposal book upon receipt of mailing address.

Nicole Swenson

- Continue Chuitna data collection.
- Share BOF training updates.
- Follow up with ARED program contacts.

Jessica Winstaffer

- Provide ARED updates.
- Share updated permitting information.
- Offer facility visit during fall/winter rearing period.

Tyonek AC (Collective)

- Review BOF proposals before April 28.
- Finalize all three proposals by April 10.
- Explore legislative path for enhancement funding.
- Develop plan for potential ARED implementation.

Donnie (Chair)

- Lead April 4 meeting and coordinate with Village Council.

Robert (Tyonek)

- Communicate with ARED contacts.
- Assess school as potential incubator site.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:43 pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Pfoff
Minutes Approved By: AC Members
Date: 04/02/2026