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FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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10/19.2023

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Physical Location of Meeting: LLCR, DSJ Bldg, Palmer.

Remote Participation: See attached agenda.

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
WATERBODY SETBACK ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Michael Brown, Borough Manager

Planning Commission:

MSB Fish and Wildlife:

Mat-Su Salmon Habitat Partnership:

Design & Construct Stormwater Abatement Background 1:

Design & Construct Stormwater Abatement Background 2:

Home Builder, Lending, Real Estate Background:

At-Large 1:

At-Large 2:

At-Large 3:

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Alex Strawn

PLANNING & LAND USE DEPARTMENT

Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director

Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager

Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager

Fred Wagner, Platting Officer

Location:

Employee Break Room of the

Dorothy Swanda Jones Building

350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer

November 1, 2023
Regular MEETING
6:00 p.m.

Ways to participate in the meeting:

IN PERSON: You will have 3 minutes to state your oral comment.

IN WRITING: You can submit written comments to Alex Strawn at alex.strawn@matsugov.us and Karol Riese at karol.riese@matsugov.us. Written comments are due at noon on Friday prior to the meeting.

TELEPHONIC TESTIMONY:

- Dial 1-855-290-3803; you will hear “joining conference” when you are admitted to the meeting.
- You will be automatically muted and able to listen to the meeting.
- When the Chair announces audience participation or a public hearing you would like to speak to, press *3; you will hear, “Your hand has been raised.” (There may be a delay, please be patient with the system.)
- When it is your turn to testify, you will hear, “Your line has been unmuted.”
- State your name for the record, spell your last name and provide your testimony.

- I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS
- IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
 - A. History of Waterbody Setbacks (*Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director*)
- V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person for items not scheduled for public hearing*)
- VI. ELECTIONS
 - A. Chair
 - B. Vice-Chair
- VII. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE
 - A. Location, day, time, duration, and frequency of meetings
- VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

From: [Maija DiSalvo](#)
To: [Theodore Eischeid](#)
Subject: FW: Presentation at Mat-Su Salmon Symposium
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023 7:29:50 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Ted,

Forwarding because this may be something to mention in today's staff report. Thanks!

Cheers,

Maija

From: Jessica Speed <Jessica.Speed@tu.org>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 6:31 AM
To: peprob@mtaonline.net; Andy Couch <fishing@fish4salmon.com>; Maija DiSalvo <Maija.DiSalvo@matsugov.us>
Subject: Presentation at Mat-Su Salmon Symposium

[EXTERNAL EMAIL - CAUTION: Do not open unexpected attachments or links.]

Hi Pete, Maija and Andy,

I wanted to let you know we are currently developing the agenda for the [Mat-Su Salmon Science and Conservation Symposium](#) (November 13th and 14th), and there is still room for more presentations.

I realize you may not be in a position to present – particularly on short notice, but I wanted to let you know there is space and I'm sure our partners would be very interested to hear what the MSB FWC has been working on.

I would need a talk title and abstract this week – submitted on the registration page <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-mat-su-salmon-science-conservation-symposium-tickets-708858925127?aff=oddtcreator>.

Thanks for considering. Regardless, I hope you can make it. I think you would enjoy our keynote Dr. Peter Westley – among other speakers.
Jessica

Jessica Speed (she/her)

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I live and work on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina and Ahtna people.

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Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership: www.matsusalmon.org
www.facebook.com/MatSuSalmon





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DATE: 2023

RE: BOF24 Booklet Planning Work Plan

Project Goal:

To produce a FWC BOF booklet that effectively conveys the interests of the MSB FWC for the BOF24 UCI finfish meeting. Moreover, this document might have additional information that supports other FWC priorities like fish habitat and weir funding.

FWC Adopted Goals for BOF 2024:

1. Maintain and enhance the Conservation Corridor in the drift gillnet fishery management plan.
2. Continue conservative management practices which provide protection for current and formerly identified Stocks of Concern.
3. Increase in-river returns of Coho salmon to Northern Cook Inlet river systems.
4. Review and evaluate the existing Chinook salmon management plans and strategies to determine if they adequately address the conservation of the early run king salmon in northern Cook Inlet.
5. Personal use fishery: maintain or extend personal use fishing use opportunity for Alaskan residents fishing the Northern Cook Inlet who choose to harvest salmon with net gear.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

BOF 2024 FWC Plan: adopted by FWC on 10/20/22.

FWC BOF Booklet Work Group:

- May 18 Approved Work Group: Larry Engel, Howard Delo, Andy Couch .
- Review content and design; suggest edits.

Other Resources:

- Kim Sollien as a reviewer.
- Add consultant (Mac Minard) as a reviewer.
- Public Affairs: develop image and video database updates for new BOF booklet; review FWC committee edits for comment.

Timeline - UPDATED:

- ✓ May 18 FWC Meeting: Get a work group approved for assisting with BOF booklet.
- ✓ September 1: Complete review of present BOF 20 booklet; identify strengths/weaknesses.
- ✓ October 5: route Ted's edits to Maija for creating VISME platform booklet.
- Early November (1-3?): FWC work group meetings start to review draft BOF Booklet.
- Public Affairs: review and comment on FWC work group edits.
- November 15: FWC BOF24 Booklet Draft Supplemental Handout for FWC review.
- November 16: FWC meeting; present first draft of BOF Booklet; comments – Due to staff by November 30; consider edits.
- December 1-13: FWC Work Group and Consultant) work on suggested edits.
- December 21 FWC meeting:
 - final draft of BOF booklet approved.
 - Public Affairs presents communication plan to push out FWC BOF policy recommendations.
- January 1, 2024: Get final print-ready draft to printers.
- January 15:
 - Mail/distribute final BOF booklet (6 weeks prior to BOF meeting).
 - Public Affairs implements BOF communication plan.
- Feb. 23: BOF UCI Finfish Meeting starts.

Supporting Work:

BOF24 Project Webpage

GIS StoryMaps



NOAA Fisheries Seeks Comment on Proposed Federal Management of Salmon Fishing in Cook Inlet

October 18, 2023

Amendment 16 to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan would implement federal management in Cook Inlet Exclusive Economic Zone for first time in history.



Sockeye salmon. Credit: NOAA Fisheries

NOAA Fisheries is seeking public comment on a proposed rule that would implement federal management of commercial and recreational salmon fishing in the Cook Inlet Exclusive Economic Zone. Previously, salmon management in these federal waters was deferred to the State of Alaska and fishing occurred without respect to the EEZ boundary.

This action—Amendment 16 and the proposed rule—would result in separate federal management of salmon fishing in the Cook Inlet EEZ. The State of Alaska would continue to manage all salmon fishing within state waters.

Federal management would implement new requirements for commercial drift gillnet vessels fishing in the Cook Inlet EEZ. Fishing in the EEZ would occur on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. beginning on or after June 19 each year until either the total allowable catch is taken or August 15. Commercial fishing vessels would have to obtain a federal permit, maintain a fishing logbook, and have a vessel monitoring system installed on their vessels. Commercial fishing vessels would not be allowed to participate in the federal fishery at the same time as participating in the state water fishery.

Processors and buyers receiving deliveries of salmon commercially caught in the Cook Inlet EEZ would have to obtain a federal permit. They would also need to report deliveries using the eLandings system.

Recreational anglers and charter operators fishing for salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ would have to check federal regulations to ensure they are in compliance with bag and possession limits.

NOAA Fisheries developed this action after considering input from all affected stakeholders and tribes. It adheres to all Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements.

If approved, this proposed action would be effective for the 2024 salmon fishing season.

We developed Amendment 16 to address a Ninth Circuit court ruling requiring federal management of salmon fishing in the Cook Inlet EEZ in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

The management measures proposed under this action are designed to address identified challenges and minimize burden to the extent practicable while comprehensively fulfilling all federal requirements.

How to Comment

A copy of the notice of availability and proposed rule to implement Amendment 16 is [available online](#). The public comment period on Amendment 16 is open for 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register. Comments must be received no later than December 18, 2023.

Address comments to Gretchen Harrington, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, and identified by FDMS Docket Number NOAA-

NMFS-2023-0065.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Electronic Submission: via the [Federal e-Rulemaking Portal](#)
- Mail: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668

We will respond to all public comments received on this action following the close of the 60-day comment period. We will make any required modifications prior to publishing a final rule.

Last updated by [Alaska Regional Office](#) on October 19, 2023

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Supplemental Handout #2

Regular Meeting

10/19.2023

Additional Fishery Questions for ADF&G Meeting Consideration:

1. What is the current stock status (population size) for the 5 species of salmon returning to the Eklutna River drainage? and how much would ADF&G expect those populations to increase if the proposed amount of water from the City of Anchorage waterline, was allowed into the Eklutna Riverbed downstream of the dam site?
2. Based on lake size, and in comparison to similar Upper Cook Inlet glacial systems like Chelatna Lake, Crescent Lake, Tustumena Lake, and Skilak Lake, what is the potential size of annual salmon returns to the Eklutna River drainage if water from Eklutna Lake was to once again flow downriver from the lake in sufficient volume to allow salmon passage and rearing throughout the entire year between the lake and Knik Arm?