

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Special Meeting: February 5, 2024
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andy Couch called meeting to order at 2:03 PM

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Andy Couch

Peter Probasco

Gabe Kitter

Bill Gamble

Larry Engel

Jim Sykes – arrived at 2:10 pm

Howard Delo – arrived at 2:24 pm

Absent:

Kendra Zamzow

Tim Hale

Quorum was established

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Andy Couch read land acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge that we are meeting on traditional lands of the Dene people, and we are grateful for their continued stewardship of the land, fish, and wildlife throughout time immemorial."

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

LE moved to approve the agenda, seconded by PP

No objections, motion approved unanimously

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mac Minard – BOF consultant

Alex Pfoff – N Dist Setnetters

Stephen Braund – N Dist Setnetters

Gary Swan – Aquaculture Cook Inlet – N Dist Setnetters and Wasilla resident

Pete Imhoff – Sportfisherman, lifelong fisherman

Bill Stoltz – MSB
Stefan Hinman – MSB Public Affairs
Lacie Olivieri – MSB staff

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board of Fisheries Planning

Mac Minard presented final draft of FWC comments on proposals for review; draft incorporated comments from commission members

**LE Moved to approve final draft comments on BOF proposals, seconded by PP
Amendment: Proposal 210 – strike last paragraph
Main motion: No objections as amended, motion passes unanimously**

B. ADF&G Legislative Project Funding

There was discussion on priority projects to be funded and the importance of gathering additional details and cost estimates from ADF&G. BG will continue discussions with the MSB Manager.

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

PP – thanks for the meeting, appreciate the work

JS – thank committee on all of their work, barely dipped toes in, but team dove deep; thanks to Mac, thanks to Andy as chair ; happy to be plugged in anywhere during BOF

HD – looking at comments, shows a tremendous amount of time – insights from Larry and Pete and Gabe’s new insight; Mac has been doing this longer than most, brings a lot of knowledge, appreciate the strategizing; meeting will be fun, want to protect and not lose anything on the corridor, if so it will be a successful meeting

GK – thanks for the hard work

LE – thanks to Mac for the heavy duty work; thanks for sharing Ray’s information – hits on basic concepts on how to manage a mixed stock fishery like ours in Cook Inlet; this is the issue the fed government is ignoring

Mac Minard – expect additional communications; next thing to consider, waiting on response from John Wood regarding agenda lineup; have to consider signup/participation at the board meeting (who is coming, who is talking, etc.)

BG – starting to understand a little bit of what is going on, hoping it will come along

AC – thanks to Pete, Larry and Gabe for work group support; didn’t participate as much, but doing other things; might want to approve funding that was mentioned previously

**LE moved for full funding of proposed projects as identified (all weirs in Susitna drainage, coho genetic testing, mark recapture, and staffing), seconded by PP
No objections, motion passed unanimously**

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 4:00 pm – Assembly Chambers

X. ADJOURNMENT

HD moved to adjourn, seconded by LE
No objections, motion passes unanimously

Meeting stands adjourned at 3:48 pm



Andy Couch, FWC Chair

March 21, 2024

Date



Maija DiSalvo, Planning Division Staff

3/22/24

Date