

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH Fish & Wildlife Commission

350 E Dahlia Ave., Palmer, Alaska 99645

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Peter Probasco

## VICE CHAIR

Andy Couch

## MSB STAFF

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Marty Van Diest

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Bill Gamble

Kendra Zamzow

*Ex officio:* Jim Sykes

## Regular Meeting

September 25, 2024

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**Physical Location of Meeting:** Assembly Chambers, DSJ Bldg, 350 E. Dahlia Ave., Palmer

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**Planning and Land Use Department - Planning Division**

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**  
**MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**  
**AGENDA**

Edna Devries, Mayor

Peter Probasco – Chair  
Andy Couch – Vice Chair  
Gabriel Kitter  
Tim Hale  
Bill Gamble  
Kendra Zamzow  
Michael Bowles  
Marty Van Diest  
Jim Sykes – Ex officio member

Ashley Stick – Staff



Michael Brown, Borough Manager

PLANNING & LAND USE DEPARTMENT  
Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director  
Jason Ortiz, Planning & Land Use Deputy Director  
Wade Long, Development Services Manager  
Fred Wagner, Platting Officer

Conference Room 203  
Dorothy Swanda Jones Building  
350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer

**September 25, 2025**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
4:00 p.m.

Ways to participate in MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings:

IN-PERSON: Back of Assembly Chambers, DSJ Building

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 8, 2025
  - B. May 15, 2025
  - C. June 17, 2025
  - D. July 16, 2025
- VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)
- VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
  - A. Staff Report
  - B. Chair's Report
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Waterbody Setback staff update and discussion
- X. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. North Pacific Fishery Management Council
  - B. Board of Fisheries work session October 28 & 29 @ Egan Center, Anchorage
    - Comment deadline October 13
- XI. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)
- XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 9, 2025, 4:00-6:00 PM
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Regular Meeting: May 8, 2025  
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers  
Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
  - a. Present:  
Peter Probasco  
Andy Couch  
Gabriel Kitter  
Bill Gamble  
Kendra Zamzow  
Michael Bowles  
Marty Van Diest  
Jim Sykes
  - b. Absent:  
Tim Hale
- III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
  - a. "We acknowledge that we are meeting on traditional lands of the Dena'ina and Ahtna Dene people, and we are grateful for their continued stewardship of the land, fish, and wildlife throughout time immemorial."
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**AC moved to approve the agenda, seconded by GK**  
**No objection, motion passed unanimously**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. March 13, 2025  
**AC moved to approve, seconded by GK**  
**KZ proposed an amendment to correct the date to April 10**  
**No objection, motion passed as amended unanimously**
- VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)
- VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS (10 min)
  - a. Staff Report
  - b. Chair's Report

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Waterbody Setback (20 minutes)
- b. FWC Game Special Meeting (20 Minutes)
- c. North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (20 Minutes)

**JS gave report - JS, KZ and PP are going to write letter**

**AC moved to approve, seconded by GK - deadline May 19 @8am**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**

- d. Kenai & Mat-Su Joint Fish Habitat Partnership Symposium Summary (10 Minutes)

## X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. HB 203 and SB 161 An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date. – Discussion (10 minutes)
  - i. Want this to remain on the agenda to reintroduce at the September meeting. Invite Senator McCabe to attend while this is being discussed.
- b. HB0191A and SB0174A - An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; and providing for an effective date. – Discussion (5 minutes)
  - i. Want this to remain on the agenda to reintroduce at the September meeting.

## XI. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

## XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: Meeting September 25, 2025, 4:00-6:00 PM, Back of the Assembly Chambers

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**AC moved to adjourn at 5:46pm, seconded by KZ**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**

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Peter Probasco, FWC Chair

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Date

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Maggie Brown, Planning Division Staff

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Date

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Special Meeting: May 15, 2025  
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

a. Present

Peter Probasco

Andy Couch

Grabriel Kitter

Bill Gamble

Michael Bowles

Marty Van Diest

Jim Sykes

b. Absent

Tim Hale

Kendra Zamzow

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

VI. INTRODUCTIONS

Todd Rinaldi

Manny Eichholz

Tim Peltier

Gerrit Van Diest

- A. FWC Opening Statement

- B. ADF&G Opening Statement

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

VIII. PRESENTATIONS (10 min)

A. Chair's Report

B. ADF&G

a. Game Season Summary Highlights

b. Emerging Issues Summary Highlights

IX. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. FWC/ADF&G Dialogue on Mat-Su Wildlife & FWC Questions

X. ADF&G/FWC FINAL COMMENTS

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 25, 2025, 4-6pm Back of the Assembly Chambers

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**JS moved to adjourn at 5:40pm, seconded by MVD**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Special Meeting: June 17, 2025  
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers  
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Peter Probasco  
Andy Couch  
Kendra Zamzow  
Michael Bowles  
Marty Van Diest  
Jim Sykes

Absent:

Tim Hale  
Gabriel Kitter  
Bill Gamble

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**AC moved to approve the agenda, seconded by GK**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Water Body Setback Presentation and Resolution of Support - Alex Strawn
- B. Discussion/Comments on the Waterbody Setback Ordinance

**JS moved to establish a subcommittee to draft a Resolution for review by the FWC, the subcommittee will consist of KZ (Chair), MVD and MB, seconded by AC**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**



VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: July 16 at 5pm, Back of the Assembly Chambers

X. ADJOURNMENT

**KZ moved to adjourn at 6:47pm, seconded by MB**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission  
SPECIAL MEETING: July 16, 2025**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Peter Probasco  
Andy Couch  
Gabriel Kitter  
Bill Gamble  
Michael Bowles  
Marty Van Diest  
Jim Sykes

Absent

Tim Hale  
Kendra Zamzow

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MB moved to approve the agenda, seconded by AC**

**JS made a motion to add a report on the NPFC before Member Comments**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Comments on the Waterbody Setback Ordinance

**JS moved to discuss, make edits, and accept the Resolution included in the packet, seconded by AC.**

**MB moved to eliminate Section 12 in the Ordinance, seconded by BG**

**PP – No**

**AC – No**

**GK – No**

**BG – No**

**MB – Yes**

**MVD – Yes**

**Motion fails with 4 – No and 2 – Yes**

**Vote on the main motion to accept the Resolution as edited**

**PP – Yes**

**AC – Yes**

**GK – Yes**

**BG – Yes**

**MB – No**

**MVD – No**

**IX. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**X. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 25, 2025, 4-6pm Back of the Assembly Chambers**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MB moved to adjourn at 6:48pm, seconded by BG**

**No objection, motion passed unanimously**

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Peter Probasco, FWC Chair

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Date

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Maggie Brown, Planning Division Staff

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Date

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