

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
AGENDA

Edna Devries, Mayor

Peter Probasco – Chair

Andy Couch – Vice Chair

Gabriel Kitter

Bill Gamble

Kendra Zamzow

Michael Bowles

Vacant – Seat 3/Hunting

Marty Van Diest

Jim Sykes – Ex officio member

Paul Clark – 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

Assembly Chambers

Dorothy Swanda Jones Building

350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer

JANUARY 8, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
4:00 p.m.

Ways to participate in MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings:

IN-PERSON: Conference Room 203, DSJ Building (Limited Seating)

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Meeting ID: 234 006 359 176 90

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1-907-290-7880

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. November 13, 2025 (packet pg. 4)
- VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)
- VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Report

1. Post-Salmon Symposium Opportunities for Engagement – Susitna River Watershed Plan, Mat-Su Salmon Habitat Partnership Strategic Plan Update
2. BLM Preliminary EA – authorize ROW for construction vehicles on existing Routes in Knik River SRMA - [EA Glacier View Access](#)
3. Availability of ADF&G for Game Summary Meeting – April 9 Game Mtg. Supplemental Packet – Email confirmation from Todd Rinaldi (pg.6)
4. Upcoming State & Federal Meetings
 - Jan 22, 2026, 9:00am, Wrangell - [AK Board of Game work session](#)
ADF&G Notice of Public Meeting Email (pg. 7)
 - Feb 2-11, 8:00am -5:00pm, Anchorage – [NPFMC Meetings](#) – Opportunities to comment are open online
 - Feb 2-4 – NPFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - Feb 2-7 – NPFMC Advisory Panel
 - Feb 5-11 – NPFMC Council Meeting

B. Chair's Report

1. Response to Mayor's Letter from Governor's Office
Copy of letter (pg. 9)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board of Fisheries 2026 March Meeting Strategy

BOF Proposal 186 (pg. 11)
Vincent-Lang & Couch discussion summary (pg. 13)
Mac Minard interest email (pg. 15)
Mac Minard proposal (pg. 16)
KRSA 'war room' cost share email (pg. 20)

Approve funding for Minard proposal and KRSA cost share?

B. Prep for 2026-27 Board of Fisheries Cycle – Goals, Tasks, Budget

Proposal deadline announcement – April 10, 2026 (pg. 22)
Strategy document (pg. 25)
AAR from 2024 cycle (pg. 28)

C. Waterbody Setback Ordinance Staff Update and Discussion

D. Scheduling ADF&G Summary Meetings

Commercial fish summary (see pg. 8 of Dec 11 packet)

Response from Colton email (pg. 44)

2025 Sport Fish Summary (pg. 46)

E. Deshka Watershed Land Classification Resolution (RS 25-02)

Gamble-Metzger Email (pg. 63)

F. Other Follow-Up from Task List

- Gabe Kitter – Resource Development Council Email (pg. 66)
- Jim Sykes – North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (pg. 67)
- MSB – Subcommittee/Working Group Rules

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor's Offer for Follow-Up with Governor

Mayor email to Paul (pg. 69)

B. Letter or Resolution supporting [HB 203 / SB 161](#) (request from Rep. McCabe) – “An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date.”

HB 203 (pg. 71)

C. Changing Pike from Sport Fishery to Commercial Fishery (introduced by Mayor)

D. Inviting presenters from the Salmon Symposium – Kendra

(Ex. ADF&G Fish Pathologist sharing info on the Pacific Salmon Health Monitoring Initiative)

E. 2026 FWC Meeting Calendar and Officers

X. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: **TBD**, 4:00-6:00 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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