

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
MINUTES

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Bill Gamble
Kendra Zamzow
Michael Bowles
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Marty Van Diest
Jim Sykes – Ex officio member

Paul Clark – Staff



Michael Brown, Borough Manager

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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 29, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING
4:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

AC called meeting to order at 4:00pm

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Andy Couch (AC)
Gabel Kitter (GK)
Bill Gamble (BG)
Kendra Zamzow (KZ)
Michael Bowles (MB)
Marty Van Diest (MVD)
Jim Sykes (JS)

Absent

Pete Probasco

Quorum is confirmed

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GK moves, KZ seconds, no objections, agenda approved

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

Stephen Braund
Oliver Querin
Margaret Stern
Mac Minard

VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Staff Report
- B. Chair's Report

VII. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Board of Fisheries 2026 March Meeting Strategy

1. [Comments](#) (Deadline – March 2, 2026)

GK moves that Mac draft a letter for the FWC in support of Proposal 186, KZ seconds, no objection, motion passes

2. FWC Member Level of Participation & Tasks

Gabe will work with Paul and Mac to develop a slimmer version of It Takes Fish to Make Fish, maintaining statement about habitat work/fish passage, expectations of productivity, preservation of conservation corridor, able to provide some assistance on updating and slimming down the book

Andy will write a plain-language one pager to make proposal clear

Kendra moves that the FWC members bring a list of invitees to participate in the BOF meeting to the next FWC meeting, GK seconds, no opposition, motion passes.

3. Mayor's Response to Governor's Letter

GK moves to send the letter as written to the Mayor, MVD seconds.

BG moves to amend to go to the state delegation as well - passed

GK moves to amend to send it to DVL and BOF chair - passed

Motion as amended passes.

B. 2026-27 Board of Fisheries UCI Cycle

1. Goals, Tasks, Budget

Jim will update 2027 BOF goals to better depict the dire nature of our fisheries

2. [Proposals](#) (Deadline – April 10, 2026)

FWC members will develop proposals and bring them to the next meeting

C. North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Meetings

GK moves to have Kendra, Jim and/or Pete represent the commission at the NPFMC meetings, MVD seconds, no objections, motion passes

GK moves to have Paul submit the 2025 comment letter to the NPFMC with a comment that updates will be made during oral testimony due to insufficient time to update our written comment, KZ seconds, no objection, motion passes. (Submit comments prior to 12:00pm on 1/30).

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

MVD – no comments

KZ – spoke about the possibility to collaborate on work and goals with Chickaloon, but goodwill is probably not currently there.

GK – Excited about the public outreach and engagement that FWC will be doing in the near future

BG – Spoke about the importance of finding agencies and groups as allies. Need to get the word out more about what we are doing as a commission

MB – Wanted to let the FWC know that lake management plan policy will be discussed soon

AC – Stocking plan. Israel Payton suggested that when we have our summary meeting with ADF&G, we could come up with questions about the plan to be able to make informed comments about it. Add agenda item to include stocking plan in state fisheries summary meeting in Nov-Dec 2026

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: Regular Meeting, February 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

KZ moves to adjourn, GK seconds, no objection, meeting adjourned at 5:39pm



Pete Probasco, FWC Chair

3/12/26

Date



Paul Clark, MSB Staff

3/12/26

Date

