

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**  
**MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**  
**March 12, 2026**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

**Meeting called to order at 4:01pm**

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

**Present**

**Pete Probasco**

**Andy Couch**

**Kendra Zamzow**

**Gabe Kitter (virtual)**

**Marty Van Diest**

**Michael Bowles (virtual)**

**Jim Sykes (arrived at 4:10)**

**Bill Gamble (joined virtually at 4:47)**

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Agenda was approved with no objection**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 8, 2026 – **AC moves to approve, KZ seconds, no objection, approved**

B. January 29, 2026 – **AC moves to approve, KZ seconds, no objection, approved**

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

**Jonah Profeta**

**Stephen Braund**

**Stefan Hinman**

**Margeret Stern**

**Andrew Traxler**

**Ed Soto**

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Report

B. Chair's Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board of Fisheries 2026 March Meeting Strategy\*

- **Role of commission is participation during public testimony**
- **Proposal 186 is a conservation-based regulatory action and concern – goal is to get enough fish into the river to meet escapement goals”**
- **Mac needs an email of all people for oral testimony**
- **We will share some of the more detailed information during the Committee of the Whole**
- **Have 25 copies available of It Takes Fish to Make Fish**

B. Prep for 2026-27 Board of Fisheries Cycle

**Andy described a draft proposal regarding inriver escapement goals**

**AC moves to submit the proposal with amended language in the solution establishing an SEG 13450-18700 of as a FWC proposal, MVD seconds**

**No – PP, GK, BG, MB, MVD**

**Yes – AC**

**Abstain – KZ**

**Motion fails**

C. Waterbody Setback Ordinance Staff Update and Discussion

**Bill - Assembly has decided to work on this themselves beginning in late spring / early summer.**

D. ADF&G Summary Meetings

1. Questions for ADF&G Annual Game Meeting (April 9)

- **What were the dates for most recent moose census and/or survey?**
- **What is the most recent data for moose?**
- **How best do moose surveys in low snow years?**
- **Nelchina caribou – status report on the herd, what are they seeing in their habitat studies, what have they learned about ability for the herd to rebound based on what they learned from other herds.**
- **Same for Dall sheep, as sheep are declining statewide**
- **Introduction of new game biologist. Are there management things we could do better in the Mat-Su?**

2. Cook Inlet salmon genetics presentation

- **Paul will reach out to Jayde Ferguson to schedule a presentation at the May 13 regular meeting.**

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

- **Bill will follow up with Joe Metzger**

F. **Letter of support for HB304 –**

**AC moves to approve submission of the letter of support for HB304, KZ seconds**

**Letter was amended to strike language about possible metrics to use in the study.**

**Motion to submit the letter, as amended, passes**

**MVD moves to extend meeting to 6:15, GK seconds, no objection, approved**

H. Pike Mitigation Ideas

IX. NEW BUSINESS

**A. 2026 FWC Officer Elections\***

**AC nominates PP to continue to be chair**

**No objections, PP will be chair in 2026**

**PP nominates AC to continue as vice-chair**

**No objections, AC will be vice chair in 2026**

X. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: 4:00-6:00 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**MVD moves, AC seconds, no objection, meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.**



Pete Probasco, Chair

May 18, 2026  
Date



Paul Clark, MSB Long Range Planner

MAY 18, 2026  
Date

