

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**  
**MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**  
Special Meeting: January 30, 2024  
DSJ Building, Conference room 203/TEAMS

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Andy Couch called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.**

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Andy Couch (AC)

Howard Delo (HD) – arrived at 2:35

Larry Engel (LE)

Peter Probasco (PP)

Gabe Kitter (GK)

Kendra Zamzow (KZ)

Jim Sykes (JS)

Bill Gamble (BG) – arrived at 2:35

Absent:

Tim Hale (TH)

Quorum established.

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairman Andy Couch read the land acknowledgment:

*"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

**Moved by PP; seconded by LE**

**No objections, Motion passed unanimously**

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jason Solsvig, Island Lake resident

Dan Hall, Island Lake resident concerned about float plane slips

Chennery Fife, Trout unlimited interested in Rec rivers  
Mac Minard, fisheries advisor  
Melissa Heur, Susitna River Coalition calling about Rec rivers  
Neil D, public interested in Rec rivers  
Stephen Braund  
Jessica O, Island lake resident  
Dan Page, going to board of fish meeting has proposals to go over  
Bill S.  
Lane R.  
Samantha Oslund, Department of Fish and Game  
Camden Yehle  
Don  
Gene Sandone

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Staff Report – Kim Sollien
- B. Chair’s Report - AC

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Board of Fisheries Planning
  - i. Priority Proposals -  
**LE moved to approve letter as written to John Wood; Seconded by HD  
No objections, motion passed unanimously**
  - ii. UCI Finfish Meeting Feb 23-Mar 6 –  
**PP Moved to table until next meeting LE seconded, No objections motion  
approved**
- B. North Pacific Fishery Management Council
  - i. Cook Inlet Stock Assessment and Fishery Eval. (SAFE) Report –  
Kendra wrote a letter to the council regarding EEZ, discussion about the  
letter ensued  
**PP moved to approve letter with suggested changes; LE seconded  
No objections, motion passed unanimously**
  - ii. SSC, AP, and Council Meetings – Seattle, WA – Feb 5-12

Jim and Kendra will be attending these meetings on a split schedule

1. Comment Deadline – Feb 2/Oral Testimony during meetings  
**PP moved to approve Kendra’s letter with suggested changes;  
LE seconded  
No objections, motion passed unanimously**

C. Susitna Basin Recreational Rivers Plan Update

i. Executive Order 134

Dunleavy requested to remove the Susitna Rec Rivers Advisory Board. Waiting to see if the legislators agree. The legislators have 60 days to submit a letter to oppose the executive order. Executive order does not go into effect until June. B.G. is working on getting more info. No action, Keep on Agenda for next meeting

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Island Lake Float Plane Development

**KZ moved to write a letter opposing the float plane development, BG Seconds.  
No objection, motion approved**

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

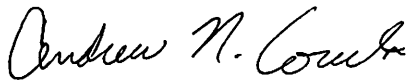
Jim thanks everyone, Kendra and Pete have been incredible  
Gabe enjoys working with Larry, Pete, and Mac and he appreciates the efforts

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

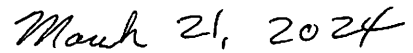
XII. ADJOURNMENT

**KZ moved to Adjourn PP seconds  
No objections, motion approved**

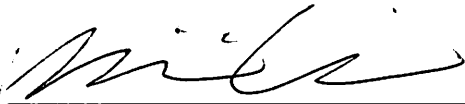
**We stand adjourned at 5:01 pm**



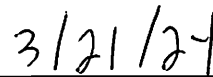
Andy Couch, FWC Chair



Date



Maija DiSalvo, Planning Division Staff



Date