

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Regular Meeting: April 10, 2025
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Peter Probasco
Andy Couch
Gabe Kitter
Time Hale
Bill Gamble
Kendra Zamzow
Michael Bowles
Jim Sykes

Absent:

Marty Van Diest

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

GK moved to approve the agenda, seconded by AC

AC proposed an amendment to add a discussion for a letter of support for the Kink Tribe's Salmon Rehabilitation Project to the agenda as letter B under New Business, seconded by GK

No objection, motion passed as amended unanimously

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AC moved to approve March 13 minutes, seconded by MB

AC requested to include action items from last meeting

No objection, motion passed as amended unanimously

VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS (10 min)

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Borough Waterbody Setback Update (10 minutes)

Discussion on Waterbody Setback Advisory Board Presentation to the Assembly

The Clerk's office will advertise a possible FWC quorum at the presentation

- B. FWC Game Special Meeting – Draft Questions (20 minutes)

GK moved to approach the list of questions and send them to ADF&G, seconded by AC

Questions 6 and 10 are similar and can be combined, add Units 13, 14, 16

No objection, motion passed unanimously

AC point of clarification are we using questions 6 and 10 and including Units 13, 14, 16

PP Yes, we are combining the two and adding Units 13, 14, 16

- C. Kenai & Mat-Su Joint Fish Habitat Partnership Symposium (10 minutes)

AC is working with Stephen to review the presentation, which needs to be submitted by April 16. Maggie will submit it once she gets Andy's presentation.

- D. Juneau Trip Summary (10 minutes)

AC made a motion Request from the FWC for the Borough to create a funding priority sheet to track the cost of projects and types of projects (what is needed in the Mat-Su Borough issues and priorities), seconded by GK

No objection, motion passed as amended unanimously

- E. CAPSIS letter (15 minutes)

MB moved to accept the letter, seconded by JK

Request that the letter be sent to the Director Sport Fish, Director Com Fish, Commissioner, Valley Legislators, the Governor, and all the cc list from the draft letter.

No objection, motion passed as amended unanimously

F. SB 108 - finfish farms and finfish farm products discussion (10 minutes)

AC moved to accept the letter, seconded by GK

Edit the letter to add "...sport, personal, subsistence..." after commercial in the second paragraph
Edit the letter to delete "economic" from the second paragraph

Motion passed with KZ abstaining and PP, AC, GK, TH, BG, MB in favor

G. HB 93 - changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges discussion (5 minutes)

Set aside with no comments

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. North Pacific Fisheries Management Council action (10 minutes)

Meeting June 2-10 Newport, Oregon

AC moved that the NPFMC working group (JS, KZ, PP) draft a letter for the FWC to discuss at the May meeting, seconded by GK

No objection, motion passed as amended unanimously

B. letter of support for the Kink Tribe's Salmon Rehabilitation Project

AC motioned to approve and send the letter, seconded by GK

Vote Count

PP - Yes

AC - Yes

TH - Yes

GK - Yes

BG - Yes

KZ - Yes

MB - abstain

Motion passed with MB abstaining and PP, AC, GK, TH, BG, KZ in favor

PP Chair Privilege – Sue Mauger and Bill Gamble will work together to get the Deshka Land Designation presentation to the Assembly

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

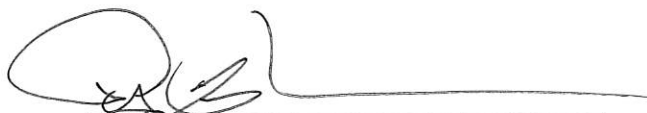
JS asked to add FWC meeting times to the May 8 meeting

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 8, 2025, 4:00-6:00 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

GK moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by MB.

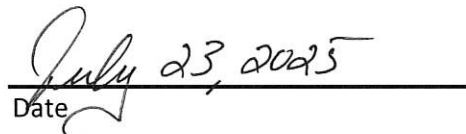
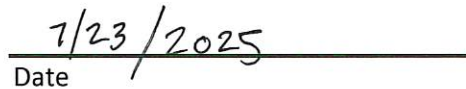
Meeting adjourned at 6pm



Peter Probasco, FWC Chair



Maggie Brown, Planning Division Staff


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