

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH Fish & Wildlife Commission

350 E Dahlia Ave., Palmer, Alaska 99645

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Ex officio: Jim Sykes

Regular Meeting

September 25, 2024

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Physical Location of Meeting: Assembly Chambers, DSJ Bldg, 350 E. Dahlia Ave., Palmer

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
AGENDA

Edna Devries, Mayor

Peter Probasco – Chair
Andy Couch – Vice Chair
Gabriel Kitter
Tim Hale
Bill Gamble
Kendra Zamzow
Michael Bowles
Marty Van Diest
Jim Sykes – Ex officio member

Ashley Stick – 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

Conference Room 203
Dorothy Swanda Jones Building
350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer

September 25, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
4:00 p.m.

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IN-PERSON: Back of Assembly Chambers, DSJ Building

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- 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
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 8, 2025
 - B. May 15, 2025
 - C. June 17, 2025
 - D. July 16, 2025
- VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)
- VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Staff Report
 - B. Chair's Report
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Waterbody Setback staff update and discussion
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. North Pacific Fishery Management Council
 - B. Board of Fisheries work session October 28 & 29 @ Egan Center, Anchorage
 - Comment deadline October 13
- XI. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)
- XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 9, 2025, 4:00-6:00 PM
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Regular Meeting: May 8, 2025
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers
Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
 - a. Present:
Peter Probasco
Andy Couch
Gabriel Kitter
Bill Gamble
Kendra Zamzow
Michael Bowles
Marty Van Diest
Jim Sykes
 - b. Absent:
Tim Hale
- III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 - a. "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

AC moved to approve the agenda, seconded by GK
No objection, motion passed unanimously
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. March 13, 2025
AC moved to approve, seconded by GK
KZ proposed an amendment to correct the date to April 10
No objection, motion passed as amended unanimously
- VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person*)
- VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS (10 min)
 - a. Staff Report
 - b. Chair's Report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Waterbody Setback (20 minutes)
- b. FWC Game Special Meeting (20 Minutes)
- c. North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (20 Minutes)

JS gave report - JS, KZ and PP are going to write letter

AC moved to approve, seconded by GK - deadline May 19 @8am

No objection, motion passed unanimously

- d. Kenai & Mat-Su Joint Fish Habitat Partnership Symposium Summary (10 Minutes)

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. HB 203 and SB 161 An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date. – Discussion (10 minutes)
 - i. Want this to remain on the agenda to reintroduce at the September meeting. Invite Senator McCabe to attend while this is being discussed.
- b. HB0191A and SB0174A - An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; and providing for an effective date. – Discussion (5 minutes)
 - i. Want this to remain on the agenda to reintroduce at the September meeting.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: Meeting September 25, 2025, 4:00-6:00 PM, Back of the Assembly Chambers

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

AC moved to adjourn at 5:46pm, seconded by KZ

No objection, motion passed unanimously

Peter Probasco, FWC Chair

Date

Maggie Brown, Planning Division Staff

Date

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Special Meeting: May 15, 2025
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

a. Present

Peter Probasco
Andy Couch
Grabriel Kitter
Bill Gamble
Michael Bowles
Marty Van Diest
Jim Sykes

b. Absent

Tim Hale
Kendra Zamzow

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- A. "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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS

Todd Rinaldi
Manny Eichholz
Tim Peltier
Gerrit Van Diest

- A. FWC Opening Statement
B. ADF&G Opening Statement

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

VIII. PRESENTATIONS (10 min)

A. Chair's Report

B. ADF&G

a. Game Season Summary Highlights

b. Emerging Issues Summary Highlights

IX. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. FWC/ADF&G Dialogue on Mat-Su Wildlife & FWC Questions

X. ADF&G/FWC FINAL COMMENTS

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 25, 2025, 4-6pm Back of the Assembly Chambers

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

JS moved to adjourn at 5:40pm, seconded by MVD

No objection, motion passed unanimously

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Special Meeting: June 17, 2025
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Peter Probasco
Andy Couch
Kendra Zamzow
Michael Bowles
Marty Van Diest
Jim Sykes

Absent:

Tim Hale
Gabriel Kitter
Bill Gamble

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AC moved to approve the agenda, seconded by GK

No objection, motion passed unanimously

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Water Body Setback Presentation and Resolution of Support - Alex Strawn
- B. Discussion/Comments on the Waterbody Setback Ordinance

JS moved to establish a subcommittee to draft a Resolution for review by the FWC, the subcommittee will consist of KZ (Chair), MVD and MB, seconded by AC

No objection, motion passed unanimously

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: July 16 at 5pm, Back of the Assembly Chambers

X. ADJOURNMENT

KZ moved to adjourn at 6:47pm, seconded by MB

No objection, motion passed unanimously

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
SPECIAL MEETING: July 16, 2025**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Peter Probasco
Andy Couch
Gabriel Kitter
Bill Gamble
Michael Bowles
Marty Van Diest
Jim Sykes

Absent

Tim Hale
Kendra Zamzow

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

IV. "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.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MB moved to approve the agenda, seconded by AC

JS made a motion to add a report on the NPFC before Member Comments

No objection, motion passed unanimously

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Comments on the Waterbody Setback Ordinance

JS moved to discuss, make edits, and accept the Resolution included in the packet, seconded by AC.

MB moved to eliminate Section 12 in the Ordinance, seconded by BG

PP – No

AC – No

GK – No

BG – No

MB – Yes

MVD – Yes

Motion fails with 4 – No and 2 – Yes

Vote on the main motion to accept the Resolution as edited

PP – Yes

AC – Yes

GK – Yes

BG – Yes

MB – No

MVD – No

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 25, 2025, 4-6pm Back of the Assembly Chambers

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MB moved to adjourn at 6:48pm, seconded by BG

No objection, motion passed unanimously

Peter Probasco, FWC Chair

Date

Maggie Brown, Planning Division Staff

Date

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