

SOUTHEAST SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Via tele-video conference

October 5 – 7, 2021

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum Establishment

The meeting was called to order Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Council members Donald Hernandez, Calvin Casipit, Michael Douville, Albert Howard, Ian Johnson, Harvey Kitka, Cathy Needham, Harold Robbins, Robert Schroeder, James Slater, and Frank Wright were present via tele-video conference. Larry Bemis, Jr. was not present and was excused. The Council has one vacant seat. A quorum was established with 11 of 12 seated Council members participating by phone/videoconference.

Attendees participating via teleconference:

- U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Juneau: *Dave Schmid, Brie Darr, Greg Risdahl, Terry Suminski, Susan Oehlers, Rob Cross, Jacob Musslewhite, Gregory Dunn, Melinda Hernandez-Burke, DeAnna Perry*
- Office of Subsistence Management (OSM): *Amee Howard, Katya Wessels, Brian Ubelaker, Robbin La Vine, Orville Lind*
- Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC): *Keenan Sanderson, Tony Gallegos*
- Sitka Kaagwaantaan: *Harvey Kitka*
- National Park Service (NPS), Anchorage: *Kim Jochum*
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS): *Jill Klein, Doug Cooper, Sara Markegard, Kevin Foley*
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G): *Benjamin Mulligan, Mark Burch, Lauren Sill, Ryan Scott, Tom Schumacher*
- Members of the Public: *Chris Carson, Bob Shorey, Patricia Phillips, Celeste Weller, Denny Corbin, Norm Carson, Scott Carson, Richard Carson, Karen Polley, Michael Murphy, George Phillips, James Phillips, Mike Allard, Rebekah Sawers-Contreras, Wanda Culp, Penny St. Claire, Jacob Mannix, Tony Gallegos, Frederick Olson, Jr. Brianna Walker, Ryan Beason, Joel Jackson, Nicholas Orr, Mike Allard, Terry Wirta, Ken Wolf, Phillip Spencer*

Welcome and Introductions

Dave Schmid, U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - USFS (Alaska Regional Forester and FSB member), thanked Council members for serving on the Regional Advisory Council, recognizing the challenges of the virtual participation required due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He explained the components of the 'Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy' (SASS), which will support a diverse economy, enhance community resilience and capacity, and conserve natural resources in Southeast Alaska. Mr. Schmid informed the Council that USDA is proposing to repeal or replace the Alaska Roadless Rule and then answered questions from the Council on a variety of Forest Service matters. Earl

Stewart also thanked the Council members for their service and provided some detailed information on the SASS element associated with ending large scale old growth timber sales across the Tongass National Forest. Mr. Stewart answered questions from the Council regarding exploratory mining work and plans for the transition to young growth timber management.

Review and Adopt Agenda

Motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the agenda as a guide with the following changes:

- *MOVE: 10e* - Fall 2021 Council application/nomination open season to first item under “9 Old Business”
- *ADD: Under Agency Reports: USFS d:* USFS Subsistence Program Report under Forest Service
- *MOVE:* USFS Tribal Report from ‘USFS c’ to be first, so that it follows WECAN presentation

The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Needham, seconded by Mr. Casipit, to approve the winter 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member and Chair Reports

Ian Johnson of Hoonah reported that stream restoration on Huna Totem land was completed this summer using a local work force. This model is promoted heavily through the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy (SASS). He shared local environmental observations of drastic changes in the Tongass National Forest such as: tree stress from spruce rust/ hemlock drought, pestilence outbreak – bud worms, and the impact climate change and other drivers are having on Southeast forests. There are concerns regarding the amount of rainfall this year and the resulting impacts from the scouring of rivers and landslides. There are concerns about the alarming King Salmon and halibut bycatch numbers and the effect that trawling has on fish populations. He and others are working on food sustainability and security initiatives in case there are food emergencies, changes in ferry service, and/or the demand for food goods in the future. He is supportive of co-management opportunities, which may be facilitated through the SASS and he looks forward to discussions on community investments.

Frank Wright, Jr. of Hoonah reported that COVID-19 significantly impacted the community: there is a current spike in cases locally, schools have been closed, and the tourist ship industry was affected. The community appreciated the food received from different organizations outside Hoonah during the pandemic. He has observed changes in: the yield of trees and berries in recent years, amount of rainfall and early snow on the mountains, and wonders if these are indicative of climate change. He expressed concerns for the smoke generated by cruise ships and the effect this has on the environment.

Calvin Casipit of Gustavus reported that most of his community is vaccinated and people felt comfortable coming to Gustavus, especially independent travelers. The community saw a lot of tourists and many of those came to fish. He heard several opinions over the summer regarding the pending deer proposals. Moose season is going well with no illegal bulls harvested. Most people were able to get Coho Salmon, and he was able to get Sockeye Salmon at Neva Creek. The FRMP reports did not show great escapement numbers but it was better than those from the recent past.

Michael Douville of Craig reported that this was a very poor Sockeye salmon year with a little over 5,000 going into Klawock. Deer season is similar to last year's season with no observable significant change in populations. Healthy population of wolves and bears were observed in the area. There are concerns about the effect kelp farming may be having on subsistence sensitive areas and he expressed a need to make sure these permitted activities are not infringing on other long-established uses of the local resources.

Jim Slater of Pelican reported that this was a busy year for the cruise ship shore tours. Pelican has had no COVID-19 cases reported. The area's hydropower is now operating at full potential. Seaweed harvest was a success this year and people reported a decent berry year. Sockeye salmon reports have been mixed. Bears were seen early in the year but were gone by May/early June. There are small mining exploration activities across from town and drilling associated with that is expected next year. Ferry schedule has entered its winter schedule (one ferry a month), which is expected to extend into next summer as well.

Robert Schroeder of Juneau reported that with the change in national leadership, he would like to see the Council address some larger issues (in addition to its regulatory duties), such as climate catastrophes affecting subsistence use of natural resources and the need for co-management of natural resources with Southeast Tribes. He has observed the absence of cruise ships in the waterways this year and recognized that this decrease in tourism is economically tough on Southeast communities.

Albert Howard of Angoon reported low returns of Sockeye Salmon, and there is a concern for future runs. Subsistence users had to travel quite a distance to fish and meet their harvest needs. Resources should be open equally: King Salmon closures are occurring locally when other areas like Sitka and Lisianski are open. He has observed lots of Pink Salmon but not many Coho or Chum salmon. It would be beneficial to have monitoring on water quality, water temperature, and water flow to get a better idea of the health of various salmon species in Southeast Alaska. The community is concerned about COVID-19 effects on the ferry schedule and the impact this could have on access to resources. Environmental issues such as cruise ship smoke and pollution of Hawk Inlet should be addressed. There are concerns about mining in the area and the effect it may have on subsistence foods. Kelp farming is being commercialized and will have an impact on the local economy but economy is not necessarily money in the bank.

Donald Hernandez of Point Baker reported that he experienced a very poor Sockeye Salmon commercial season through July, resulting in reduced fishing time. There was a large influx of Sockeye Salmon in August, and though the commercial harvesters caught many, the local subsistence fisheries did not really benefit from those fish passing through the Straits. He observed that Pink Salmon were exceptionally

small and noted that it appears that all salmon species (King, Sockeye, Coho, and Chum) were smaller this year. When fish are smaller than the normal mesh gillnet size, this negatively affects harvest success. Run and escapements were not good for the Stikine River this year; however, it seems there was a decent amount of subsistence harvest despite the poor return. He shared observations about another sawfly outbreak and also spruce rust, which have both had significant impacts on the forest.

Harold Robbins of Yakutat reported that Sockeye salmon was abundant in the Alsek and East Rivers and escapement goals were exceeded on the Situk River by almost double. King Salmon also came in well. A record flood event created cuts across the East River and changed the fishery habitat, which creates concerns on the impacts this may have in future. The community activities have slowed due to COVID-19 but everyone is working through it.

Harvey Kitka of Sitka reported that there is a concern for Sockeye Salmon runs in the area; specifically, the collapsing of the fish harvest at Klagg Bay. There is hope that the State will allow subsistence harvests with a net at Redbout Bay. Coho Salmon was late and in fewer numbers this year. Goat harvesting is being closed and it is unclear if Sitka subsistence hunters or others are harvesting them. Due to increased bear-human interactions in the community, he would like to see restrictions reduced so that bear can be removed. He also has concerns about military site clean-up activities, exploratory mining sites, the Roadless Rule, and impacts of kelp farming in subsistence use areas.

Cathy Needham of Juneau reported that she has been working on Prince of Wales Island and observed a dismal Sockeye Salmon return in the area, which had an impact on subsistence users' harvest. She has been spending time talking to non-Federally qualified users in the Juneau area regarding some of the pending wildlife proposals.

Chair's Report – Don Hernandez reminded the Council that the Federal Subsistence Board reviewed and reinstated the closure around Makhnati Island (in deference to this Council's recommendation). He reported that the indigenous management working group has met a few times to discuss food security/sovereignty and a full report is scheduled for this meeting. As the Council representative, he has attended several planning meetings for a 'deer summit' to discuss issues related to deer harvesting on Prince of Wales Island.

Old Business

2022 Council Member Nomination/Application Season

Council Coordination Division Supervisor, OSM, Katya Wessels, thanked all Council members for serving on this Council, recognizing that their knowledge and experience is of great value to the Federal Subsistence Management Program. She announced that the 2022 Council application and nomination season is open and closes on February 28, 2022. She encouraged interested persons in the Southeast Region to apply and said that fillable applications are available on the Program's website. She requested the help of Council members in reaching out to the rural communities in the region to recruit new applicants.

2021 805(c) Report Summary

Ms. Katya Wessels, OSM, provided a summary of the Board's 2021 805(c) Report to the Council. This report, which outlines the actions taken by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board), was printed in the meeting books. The Board adopted the Council's recommendation to maintain status quo of FCR21-22 – closure on Makhnati Island Federal public waters in Sitka Sound to the harvest of herring and herring spawn except by Federally-qualified subsistence users. Council took no further action.

Alaska Board of Fish Proposal Comment Update

Vice Chair, Cathy Needham, reminded the Council of its drafted letter (printed in meeting book) to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF), which contained comments on numerous BOF Proposals and asked if the Council would like to make any additions. The Council then discussed three previously-identified proposals and elected to add: Proposal #133 – Support and Proposal #170 – Support, by unanimous vote. Motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Mr. Howard, to finalize the Council's comment letter with the addition of comments on two discussed and to submit to BOF for consideration. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Amended motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to identify two members (Chair, Don Hernandez and Vice-Chair, Cathy Needham) to attend the BOF meeting in January, 2022, to provide the comments on the Council's behalf and to identify an alternate (Cal Casipit). The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Unit 2 Wolf Update

Endangered Species Petition: USFWS Ecological Service Program Supervisor Doug Cooper presented a status report on the Ecological Service's response to the petition to list the Alexander Archipelago wolf as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The next stage in the listing process is to complete a species status assessment report. This is anticipated to be completed no later than September, 2023. Mr. Cooper then answered questions from the Council on this issue.

Population Estimate: ADF&G Regional Supervisor Tom Schumacher presented information to help explain how his agency estimates the abundance of wolves in Unit 2. He advised that COVID-19 has delayed the return of DNA data from the laboratory and that an estimate is expected in early November. Mr. Schumacher also provided information on the Board of Game's action for new sealing requirements: 15 day sealing period, requires tag with a unique number, report harvest within 7 days. Mr. Schumacher fielded questions by the Council.

Board's FY2020 Annual Report Reply Summary

Council Coordinator DeAnna Perry provided a summary of the Board's FY-2020 Annual Report Reply, which was printed in the meeting book. The Council had no follow up questions or requests.

New Business

*Wildlife Proposals and Closure Reviews*¹

Regional:

WP22-04: Establish an Elk hunt with a year-round season (Units 1, 2, 3, and 4, with exceptions)

Motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Ms. Needham, to **support WP22-04**.

The Council submitted this proposal to create subsistence harvest opportunities while avoiding restrictions to non-Federally qualified harvesters or harvest closures. The Council recognized local knowledge of elk existing outside of the elk management area and believes that a Federal season would control the spread of elk. The proposed Federal elk season is in line with established fish and wildlife principals and would stop elk from spreading to neighboring islands and outcompeting deer. There are no conservation concerns and this opportunity would be beneficial to subsistence users.

The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

WP22-05: Establish an Elk draw permit hunt in Etolin Island area (Unit 3)

Motion by Mr. Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to **support WP22-05**.

The Council submitted this proposal to create a meaningful subsistence priority; however, based on the information contained in the analysis, the proposal, as written, would not meet its intent. The Council suggested that to provide a meaningful priority for Federally qualified users, any future proposals on this issue should include a registration hunt to allow for subsistence harvest on Federal public lands.

The motion **failed** on a unanimous vote.

WP22-06: Establish quota and place restriction on Moose harvest limit (Unit 3)

Motion by Mr. Douville, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to **support WP22-06**.

The Council concluded that the increased opportunity would benefit subsistence users and create a meaningful subsistence priority for moose in Unit 3 without harming the overall population. This proposal would not cause flood of competition because it is still logistically difficult to participate in this hunt. Further, the proposal would allow the USDA - Forest Service flexibility to issue up to 20 Federal moose permits each year, providing the in-season manager flexibility to reduce the number of permits if a conservation concern is identified.

The motion **passed** with 7 votes in favor to 4 against.

WP22-07: Deer, Admiralty Island – closure to non-Federally-qualified users (Unit 4)

¹ For complete testimony/comments/written comment summaries on wildlife proposals by the public, agencies, and interested parties/entities, please review transcripts for October 5-7, 2021

Amended motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Mr. Howard, to **support WP22-07 with modification** to remove USFS wildlife analysis areas 4044 and 4043 from the closure area.

This proposal changes seasons for certain users with no particular effect on fish and wildlife management principles. It is supported by substantial evidence of biological or traditional ecological knowledge, as harvest data have shown a decline in deer harvest by subsistence users, and the local Council member testified that Angoon residents are having a hard time getting deer. The decrease in competition from other deer harvesters will be beneficial to local subsistence users. The proposed closure is not necessary for conservation purposes, but it will be necessary to ensure continued subsistence uses by residents of Angoon whose harvest levels have fallen in recent years. Based on the data presented, the Council's proposed modification more closely aligns with the areas that local hunters utilize and it will reduce adverse impacts on non-subsistence users.

The amended motion **passed** with 8 votes in favor to 2 against.

WP22-08: Deer, NE Chichagof – harvest restriction on non-Federally-qualified users (Unit 4)

Motion by Ms. Needham, seconded by Mr. Howard, to **support WP22-08**.

The Council believes that, based on public and written testimony from residents, the restriction is necessary for the continuation of subsistence uses and that claims are supported by the evidence and local and traditional knowledge. This proposal benefits Federally qualified subsistence users because it: reduces the harvest limit and restricts the harvest to bucks only, which would reserve does for Federally-qualified users; it provides additional harvest opportunities; and it may help limit hunting competition around Hoonah during the hunting season. Limiting non-Federally qualified hunters to three bucks would not be an inconvenience as these users rarely take more than two deer.

The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

WP22-09: Deer, Lisianski Strait – closure to non-Federally-qualified users (Unit 4)

Motion by Mr. Douville, seconded by Mr. Howard, to **support WP22-09**.

The Council felt the issue of addressing hunting competition in this area would be better addressed through a harvest limit. A closure is not necessary for the continuation of subsistence uses and there is no conservation concern for deer. This proposal is not supported by a majority of Pelican residents and the needs of the community can be better met by proposal WP22-10.

The motion **failed** on a unanimous vote.

WP22-10: Deer, Lisianski Strait – closure to non-Federally qualified users (Unit 4)

Motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Mr. Howard, to **support WP22-10 with modification** to add language "*In drainages flowing into Lisianski Inlet, Lisianski Strait, and Stag Bay south of a line*

connecting Soapstone and Column points and north of a line connecting Point Theodore and Point Uray, non-Federally qualified users may harvest up to 3 bucks”

The restriction is necessary for the continuation of subsistence uses based on public and written testimony from residents and it is supported by the evidence and local and traditional knowledge. It benefits Federally qualified subsistence users because it reduces the harvest limit and restricts the harvest to bucks only, which would reserve does for Federally qualified users. There are concerns that residents are not getting their deer subsistence harvest needs met. Predators are focused more on deer because of recent failed fish runs and warm winters. Limiting non-Federally qualified users to three bucks would not be an inconvenience as these users rarely take more than 2 deer.

The motion **passed** with 7 votes in favor to 3 against.

WP22-11: Rescind the Goat harvest quota (Unit 5 remainder)

Amended motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Mr. Howard, to **support WP22-11 with OSM modification** to remove the language “the harvest quota will be announced prior to the season. A minimum of 4 goats in the harvest quota will be reserved for Federally-qualified subsistence users.”

The proposed action is consistent with fish and wildlife management principles. Delegated authority to the in-season manager, who coordinates with local tribes, local users, and local Fish and Game offices in considering options, allows for resources to be managed by local decision makers. The proposal is supported by substantial evidence. The proposal is beneficial to subsistence users because it clarifies regulations and there is no closure of harvest opportunity.

The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

WCR22-01: Deer – closure and harvest quota for non-Federally qualified users (Unit 2)

Motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Mr. Howard, to **support maintaining the status quo of WCR22-01**

This seasonal closure has been in place for a good number of years. It was originally recommended by a stakeholder’s group that sought solutions to Federally qualified subsistence users’ needs for deer not being met in Unit 2. This closure is one of the solutions crafted by that group, which was comprised of both Federally qualified subsistence and non-Federally qualified hunters. This closure is in line with recognized principles of fish and wildlife management. It doesn’t exclude non-subsistence hunters; they still have opportunity, but it does provide a meaningful priority for subsistence users.

In addition to the seasonal closure, there is a harvest limit restriction for non-Federally qualified users that was implemented several years ago. The harvest limit restriction has resulted in less hunter effort from non-Federally qualified subsistence users, most of whom live in Ketchikan. Ketchikan is in Unit 1, which has a greater harvest limit as well as good success rates for deer hunters, so the harvest limit restriction in Unit 2 may have shifted some of the effort to Unit 1.

All of this has worked towards solving a problem in Unit 2 where there was a lot of competition, which was resulted in subsistence users having a hard time meeting their needs. The seasonal closure and harvest restriction, collectively, have been a good, successful strategy in ensuring that subsistence needs are being met.

The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

WCR22-02: Moose – seasonal closures to non-Federally qualified users (Unit 5)

Motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Mr. Howard, to **support maintaining the status quo of WCR22-02**

The Council is in favor of maintaining the closure since it is working as it was intended. The Council noted that several people from Pelican and Juneau, who have personally hunted the area for moose, agree with the closure because there is a significant amount of hunting pressure, which, without this closure, would negatively affect the subsistence opportunity of Yakutat users. The Council agreed that the closure is effective in providing a meaningful priority to Federally qualified subsistence users.

The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

Crossover:

WP22-14 Bear – Increase harvest limit (Unit 6)

The Council heard the presentation on this proposal but took no action.

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to **take no action on WP22-12, WP22-13, and WP22-14**, due to limited time left in the meeting and the amount of required action items the Council had yet to address. The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

Statewide:

WP22-03: Modify wolf sealing requirements

Amended motion by Ms. Needham, seconded by Mr. Casipit, to **support WP22-03 with modification** to remove the seven-day phone reporting requirement.

The Council was concerned that the numerous changes in regulations applied to hunters/trappers may result in regulatory fatigue and confusion. Double reporting of data is an unnecessary burden on the subsistence user and may produce inaccurate information. The Council recommends removing the seven-day phone reporting requirement, recognizing that hunters and trappers will still be required to provide date and location of wolves within 15 days to help address the need for collecting this information. This reporting helps successfully manage wolf populations within Unit 2 to prevent the need to list the Alexander Archipelago wolf as an Endangered Species.

The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

WP22-12: Deer – Revise hunt areas and season dates (Unit 6D)

WP22-13: Deer – Add deer to designated hunter list (Unit 6)

As noted above under crossover proposal WP22-14:

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to **take no action** on **WP22-12, WP22-13, and WP22-14**, due to limited time left in the meeting and the amount of required action items the Council had yet to address. The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

WP22-01: Define participants in a community harvest program and effects on harvest limits

WP22-02: Rescind restrictions for designated hunters in areas with community harvest systems in place

Motion by Mr. Casipit, seconded by Mr. Douville, to **take no action on WP22-01 and WP22-02.**

There are very little community harvest programs in Southeast Region, if any, and the Council defers action on these proposals to those communities that would be effected by these proposals. The Council may choose to consider a community harvest proposal for Sockeye Salmon in future if such a proposal could set aside a resource for emergency purposes for some Southeast communities.

Identifying Issues for FY2021 Annual Report

The Council identified the following topics for inclusion into the FY21 Annual Report:

- Transboundary River Mining - impacts to subsistence users
- Information Sharing Policy - between agencies
- Public Testimony and Public Comments Policies
- Mariculture – Kelp Farming Permitting – effects on subsistence sensitive areas
- Analyses Content - should incorporate local observations; cumulative effects
- Co-management of Subsistence Resources – indigenous management
- Continued support for 2001 Roadless Rule – the Council expects to submit a letter during the open public comment period
- Southeast Fish/Wildlife Report - status updates

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Casipit, to **support and adopt the topics** discussed for the annual report. The motion **passed** on a unanimous vote.

Public Testimony (*for complete testimony, please review transcripts for Oct 5-7, 2021*)

Chris Carson, requested clarification of conflicts of interest and the recusal of Council members for voting on proposals.

Harvey Kitka, Sitka Kaagwaantaan, commented on herring concerns regarding the stocks in Sitka Sound.

Wanda Culp / Rebekah Sawers-Contreras, Tongass Women for Forest (Women's Earth and Action Climate Network, International), commented on resource closure issues and indigenous management of resources.

Fredrick Olson, Jr., Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission, spoke of a fish consumption rate project, and he expressed concerns about the impact transboundary mining is having on water quality in Alaska.

Brianna Walker, Campaign Coordinator, Salmon Beyond Borders, thanked the Council for its past leadership and action in defense of shared Transboundary Salmon Rivers and advised of current campaigns for indigenous peoples' rights and international agreements on watershed protection.

Tony Gallegos, Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC), informed that KIC received a grant to enhance their studies of eulachon/salmon on the Unuk River to help determine effects of mining on the water quality/indigenous food supply.

Jacob Mannix, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, commented on Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy and reminded the Council of his comments on certain pending proposals.

WP22-05: Public Testimony: *Ryan Beason*, Territorial Sportsmen

WP22-06: Public Testimony: *Joel Jackson*, President, Organized Village of Kake

WP22-07: Public Testimony: *Nicholas Orr; Ryan Beason*, Territorial Sportsmen

WP22-08: Public Testimony: *Nicholas Orr; Ryan Beason*, Territorial Sportsmen

WP22-09 and/or WP22-10: Public Testimony: *Mike Allard; Richard Carson; Patty Phillips (individually and as Chair of the Pelican ADF&G Fish and Game Advisory Committee); Celeste Weller; Scott Carson; Denny Corbin; James Phillips; Wanda Culp; Rebekah Sawers-Contreras; Terry Wirta; Chris Carson; Karen Polley; Michael Murphy; Ken Wolf; Nicholas Orr; Ryan Beason*, Territorial Sportsmen; *Phillip Spencer*

Agency Reports:

Agency reports were not presented at this meeting due to the amount of time required to complete the Council's required action items on the agenda. Efforts will be made to reschedule those presentations for the Council's winter meeting in March, 2022.

Future Meeting Dates:

Winter 2022 meeting to be held March 22-24, 2022, in Sitka.

Fall 2022 meeting to be held October 25-27, 2022, in a location to be determined.

DeAnna Perry, Designated Federal Officer
USDA Forest Service

Don Hernandez, Chair
Southeast Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

These minutes will be formally considered by the Southeast Subsistence Regional Advisory Council at its winter 2022 meeting, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes at that meeting.

A more detailed report of this meeting, copies of the transcript, and meeting handouts are available upon request. Call DeAnna Perry at 1-800-478-1456 or 907-209-7817, email deanna.perry@usda.gov.