

**Joint Special Meeting Western Region Fish and Game Advisory Committees****Monday, March 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.****Bethel ADF&G Conference Room & Via Web Conference****BETHEL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee**

This meeting was a joint session of multiple Alaska Advisory Committees (ACs) convened to vote on two recurring wildlife management proposals. Savannah Hollingworth facilitated the meeting and conducted roll call for each AC group to establish quorum, including Bethel AC, Coastal Lower Yukon AC, Mid-Lower Yukon AC, Central Bering Sea AC, and Lower Kuskokwim AC.

The first proposal, Proposal 254, sought to reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 18, allowing residents to continue hunting cow moose on the Yukon, Kuskokwim, and Good News river drainages. The second proposal, Proposal 251, aimed to reauthorize the resident tag fee exemption for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26, which waives the standard \$25 locking tag requirement if hunters encounter a brown bear while moose hunting.

Bethel AC, Coastal Lower Yukon AC, and Mid-Lower Yukon AC all achieved quorum and voted unanimously in favor of both proposals. Central Bering Sea AC did not achieve quorum due to members dropping off the call and other technical difficulties, but several members including Janet, Stan, Susie Walter, and Jackie provided comments supporting both proposals, emphasizing the importance of subsistence hunting opportunities and the financial burden that additional fees would place on low-income hunters. Savannah noted that three of the five ACs within GMU18 had approved the proposals, meeting the minimum requirement, and thanked all participants for attending.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Bethel AC</b>	<b>Total: 7</b>	<b>Needed For Quorum: 7</b>	<b>Met? Yes</b>
Sam Hancock	X		
David Humphrey			
Alissa Rogers			
Lucinda Alexie	X		
Jon La Valle	X		
Michael Glore	X		
Jeremy Brink			
Seth Madole	X		
Travis Burks	X		
Cole Nance	X		
Avery Hoffman	X - late		

**1) Welcome****2) Approval of Agenda****3) Reports**

- a) Boards, reason for being here
- b) DWC (Wildlife)

**4) Public Comment** – Keep to 3 mins; related to agenda only – No public comment occurred at this

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**5) New Business**

a) Board of Game Antlerless Moose and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Reauthorization Proposals

i) [Proposal 254: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 18](#)

- Bethel AC
  - Motion made by Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Hancock. Unanimous Approval.

ii) [Proposal 251: Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A](#)

- Bethel AC
  - Motion made by Jon LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Hancock. Unanimous

**6) Other Business - NONE**

**7) Adjourn**

a) ACs left meeting as their groups finished on proposals.

b) Meeting was adjourned at 7:00

Approvals were made by email.

Minutes Recorded By: Zoom AI generated Summary

Minutes Approved By: Bethel AC Mike Glore

Date: 3/18/2026