

MEETING AGENDA
BRISTOL BAY ADVISORY GROUP
2 PM - 4 PM, August 27, 2018
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| 2:00 | Call to order and roll call | Chair |
| 2:05 | Lightening round of member introductions. Members will: | Members |
| | ➤ Say a few words about themselves | |
| | ➤ State one or two objectives for service on BBAG | |
| 2:25 | Review public meeting notice and agenda | Chair |
| 2:30 | Discuss draft Bristol Bay Advisory Group charter | Moderated by DNR Staff |
| 3:00 | Discuss initial scope of work | Moderated by DNR Staff |
| 3:30 | Next meeting date and agenda items | Chair |
| 3:45 | Member comments | Members |
| 4:00 | Adjourn | |

Bristol Bay Advisory Group Charter
DISCUSSION DRAFT

Statement of Purpose

The Bristol Bay Advisory Group (BBAG) has been reestablished by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a forum to foster dialog on potential land uses and other matters under the department’s purview in the Bristol Bay region. The advisory group is charged 1.) to work cooperatively to identify resource management issues and potential solutions in the Bristol Bay region, and 2.) to develop and provide consensus-driven recommendations to DNR and other state agencies as appropriate.

Article VIII, section 1 of the Alaska Constitution establishes “the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.” Other sections in Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution recognize the important public interest in sustainable management of the State’s natural resources. As members of the public who rely on the natural resources in Bristol Bay, members of the BBAG are uniquely situated to provide input to DNR and other state agencies – within the context of existing statutes – on resource management issues and solutions in the Bristol Bay region.

Administrative Procedures

The BBAG is composed of up to 11 voting members who represent overlapping and diverse interests throughout the Bristol Bay region. Members should have direct knowledge of and/or reliance on the region’s natural resources. Members are expected to:

- 1.) Present and review information in a respectful manner;
- 2.) Listen to and understand other points of view;
- 3.) If representing formal entities or stakeholder groups, keep these organizations or groups briefed on the process; and
- 4.) Strive for consensus in making recommendations.

Voting members are appointed to a three-year staggered term, and straws will be drawn among the initial appointed members to determine when individual terms will expire.

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources chairs the group as an *ex officio* member and serves an indefinite term. The Commissioner may appoint up to three additional *ex officio* members to the group. The Commissioner, either by his or her own initiative or at the

request of the group, may enlarge or reduce the number of *ex officio* members. *Ex officio* members do not vote on issues being considered by the group.

The DNR Commissioner's Office provides administrative support services to the advisory group. The DNR Division of Mining, Land and Water's Resource Assessment & Development Section, the DEC Division of Water, and the ADF&G Division of Habitat provide technical staffing and information as needed.

The BBAG meets at least three times per year, with a goal of rotating meetings between different hub communities in the Bristol Bay region. While in-person meetings are preferred, teleconference-only meetings may be held as necessary.

In advisory group deliberations, BBAG voting members strive to achieve consensus. A formal BBAG recommendation requires an affirmative vote by all but one of the voting members present. A quorum requires that no fewer than all voting members less two be present.

All Bristol Bay Advisory Group meetings will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310 - 44.62.319. DNR will post advance public notice of meetings and ensure all non-protected materials considered or generated by the group are publicly posted. All meetings will be open to the public, and outside of an open meeting, more than three members should not gather to consider a matter upon which the advisory group is empowered to act.

Records of the BBAG are subject to inspection and copying as public records under AS 40.25.110 – 40.25.220 (Alaska Public Records Act).

The Commissioner may at any time remove a member for significant lack of participation or noncompliance with the BBAG charter. The Commissioner may, but is not required, to solicit applications from the public to replace a member who has resigned or been removed by the commissioner. The Commissioner may at any time appoint a new member to maintain balanced representation.

The role of the BBAG is advisory in nature and its input does not modify or supersede any other public process set forth in statute or regulation or the authority of the DNR commissioner.

The public members of the BBAG receive no compensation or other remuneration from the State as members. DNR is not authorized to pay travel expenses or per diem for the BBAG.

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Resource Management Issues

The following information is intended to assist Bristol Bay Advisory Group members in providing input to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the advisory group’s initial scope of work. On May 29, 2018, DNR hosted a public meeting in Dillingham to gather input from stakeholders on the advisory group’s scope of work. The list below includes examples of resource management issues brought up by the public during the meeting as well as potential issues identified by state agency staff prior to the meeting. We ask that you review the list, add issues you believe appropriate, and rank the top ten issues in order of importance – with “1” being most important. Your ranked list should be returned to DNR by September 3, 2018. DNR staff will review member rankings and develop an initial list of issues to be addressed by the advisory group.

Issue	Rank
Review the Citizens’ Alternative Bristol Bay Area Plan and consider adopting its recommendations in the Bristol Bay Area Plan	
Communities are impoverished	
Review land use classifications and designations, mineral orders	
Review whether additional state/federal land use designations (parks, refuges, wild and scenic rivers, etc.) are appropriate	
Cooperative planning for the Bristol Bay Area Plan between federal agencies and State of Alaska	
Review regulatory framework for resource development projects	
Use advisory group as a sounding board for mitigation requirements	
Preserve culture and incorporate traditional ecological knowledge of local residents	
Habitat for caribou, moose, salmon/anadromous stream habitat	
Opportunities for subsistence, personal use, commercial, and sport fishing	
Opportunities for subsistence and sport hunting	
Food security	
Commercial fishing and bycatch	
Oil and gas leasing	
Commercial guiding, transport, and outfitting	
Coastal and riverine erosion and flooding in communities	
Climate change	
Municipal entitlement land conveyances	
Regional hydro and biomass energy projects, opportunities for lower-cost power generation	
Access to communities	
Native allotments	
State land sales	
Shore fishery leases	
Federal issues or actions such as BLM’s Resource Management Plans	

Other Issues?	Rank

