

Meeting Minutes
Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Haines Borough Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call: 10:02 a.m.

Members Present: Jan Hill (Haines Borough Mayor), Derek Poinsette (Upper Lyn Canal F&G Council), Bill Thomas (Chilkoot Indian Association), Brian Willard (Chilkat Indian Village), Steve Lewis (USFWS), Rich Chapell, Nicole Zieser (ADF&G), Andy Hedden (Business & Industry), Travis Russell, Preston Kroes (DPOR), Sidney Campbell Conservation Organization, Greg Palmieri (Forestry)

2. Agenda Approval:

Derek Poinsette made a motion to strike agenda item 6. (b); due to no further action taken by the legislature on the item. Andy Hedden seconded the motion, a vote was taken, the motion carried; agenda approved with the amendment.

3. Public Comment:

No public comment.

4. Minute Approval:

Andy Hedden made a motion to approve the agenda, Derek Poinsette seconded the motion; a vote was taken, the motion carried.

5. Old Business:

- a) Liz Cornejo of Constantine Metals gave a presentation on the proposed Palmer Project, with material provided to Advisory Council members. Liz Cornejo responded to questions from the Advisory Council about the proposed project.
- b) Jim Stanford presented his proposal for a Haines Winter Recreation Memorial at 25 mile Haines Highway. Material was provided to Advisory Council members containing the final design for the project. Jim Stanford responded to questions from the Advisory Council. Andy Hedden made a motion to support the project as proposed, Derek Poinsette seconded the motion; a vote was taken, the motion carried.
- c) Pam Randles gave a presentation about the annual bald eagle count within the CBEP, with her data beginning in 2007, also citing prior data back to 1980. Pam Randles responded to questions about her methodology and stated the data of bald eagle counts directly correlated with fish numbers.

6. New Business:

- a) Steve Lewis expanded on Pam Randles presentation, addressing the letter sent to the USFWS dated February 2, 2019 requesting USFWS resume aerial bald eagle counts. He discussed the reasons and methods of data collection. He stated that USFWS does not have

the budget to conduct aerial bald eagle counts annually and that following the departure of two previous biologists, he has had to fill in for those vacant positions. Steve Lewis took questions from the Advisory Council.

- b) Letter from DMLW had not been received at the time of the meeting; agenda item deferred until the following meeting.
- c) Rich Chapel with ADF&G responded to how ADF&G plans to restore chum salmon stocks in the Chilkat River. He also provided the numbers of the current chum stock. In response to comments from Bill Thomas stating the problems were related to issues further south, Rich Chapel responded, stating working with regional planning teams would address the issues outside of the Chilkat River.
- d) Preston Kroes gave an update on the land exchange between ADOT&PF and DPOR within the CBEP concerning Phase 2 of the Haines Highway Project. DPOR would give up 2.2 acres of the CBEP and in return receive 7.6 acres of ADOT&PF right of way for the Haines Highway realignment.
- e) Moved to following meeting by agenda approval
- f) Preston Kroes advised Advisory Council members of term expirations and advised those wishing to continue to submit a letter of interest.
- g) Preston Kroes also mentioned to Advisory Council members a reminder of the Ethical Conduct Webpage Review as required for all boards and commissions working under the Executive Branch with appointments made by the governor. Advisory Council members were advised to review the webpage and submit any required forms by the time Advisory Council meetings began in the fall. Bill Thomas stated he had not received the email, Travis Russell advised he would forward the email.

7. Updates:

- a) Greg Palmieri advised that the Haines State Forest had 3 active negotiations of timber sales with 3 smaller negotiated timber sales being worked on. There would also be work on Sunshine Mountain Road in the summer of 2019.
- b) Rich Chapel and Nicole Zieser gave updates with 1,000 king salmon projected as the forecast for the Chilkat River, restrictions for kings would remain in place with no spring troll fishery. Chum projection did not meet 2018 escapement, expecting to meet escapement in 2019. The past 6-7 years of king salmon numbers have not met escapement goals.
- c) Preston Kroes stated that State Parks was still receiving commercial use applications for the 2019 season.

8. Next Meeting: TBA

- a) Agenda item 6. (e) moved to following meeting
- b) No agenda items requested
- c) No motions or actions deferred

9. Member Comments:

Sidney Campbell proposed a meeting in May to continue discussion of topics that Advisory Council members had received new information on during the meeting. Derek Poinsette stated he would distribute the letter to Advisory Council members concerning proposed SB51.

10. Adjourn: 11:37 a.m.