

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP FROM 8 VOTING MEMBERS TO 7 VOTING MEMBERS.

AGENDA OF: July 21, 2026

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	6 / 24 / 2026 X N S for M a y o r D e V r i e s Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Attorney	6 / 24 / 2026 X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Manager	6 / 24 / 2026 X M i c h a e l B r o w n Signed by: Mike Brown
Borough Clerk	7 / 2 / 2026 X L o n n i e M c K e e . . . Signed by: Lonnie McKee

ATTACHMENT (S): Ordinance Serial No. 26-077 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance is sponsored by Mayor DeVries to reduce the voting membership of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission ("FWC") from 8 members to 7 members.

A board with an even number of voting members can result in tie votes which means action fails when votes are evenly split. It is not a recommended practice to have an even number of voting members on a board or commission. The FWC originally had 7 voting members, but in 2015, an extra Assembly seat was added and a non-voting member was added as well.

The ordinance here would restore the board to 7 voting members to avoid tie votes, but leave the non-voting member in place. In addition, as a matter of course, the words "as feasible" are being added to the makeup of the board. Words of this type are added into the ordinances any time there is a change so that it is clear that the Mayor in making appointments and the Assembly voting to

confirm or reject those appointments always retain authority over who to appoint and confirm. The language of the preferred classes of membership is aspirational.

There will be no change in the current makeup of the board because there is a current vacancy for one of the Assembly spots and it will simply not be filled.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Adopt ordinance.