

MINUTES

Heli-Ski Map Committee

Meeting Date: October November 1, 2016

Date of Approval: _____

Call to Order: A meeting of the Haines Borough Heli-skiing Map Committee was held at Assembly Chambers on November 1, 2016. The meeting convened at 5:33 p.m. Ron Jackson presided.

Members in Attendance: Ron Jackson, Sean Brownell, Meredith Pochardt, Lori Smith, Scott Sundberg.

Members Not in Attendance: None.

Meeting Notes & Motions:

AK-1: Brownell requested the that AK-1 be represented with boundaries that follow the ridgeline, applied to both the proposal and the borough approved area, which would reduce Heli area.

S-1: Sundberg noted that this proposal was part of the original approved map of 2014, but was somehow left off.

Motion: Smith moved to make proposal S-1 part of the BLM approved lands (green) and **Brownell** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AH-2: Brownell proposed this amendment because it allows for safe landings – AK Heli has been fined for landing in safe spots not approved on the map. This allows a extra room. He also noted that the boundary should delineate ridgetops – the current boundary is arbitrary. Dana **Hallett** and Cary **Weishahn** commented that they and other Klehini River Valley Neighbors live in close proximity to the proposed area and are concerned about noise. **Brownell** proposed working with **Weishahn** to reduce the proposed area. Carl **Koch** and Stephanie **Sell** noted that there is data showing brown bear den activity, but cannot share point data due to State Statute regulations.

Jackson and **Smith** requested that **Brownell** and **Sundberg** work with the Borough Planner to reduce map errors before next meeting.

Next Meetings and Review Schedule:

November 3, 2016	5:00pm	Library Conference Room	S3-7 & AH3-7 (alternating)
November 7, 2016	5:00 pm	Library Conference Room	Anything else

Meeting Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Holly Smith, Haines Borough Planner