

Mike Wood

Member and Chair of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission

Mike Wood moved to the Mat-Su in 1989 at the age of 19. His goal was to guide and teach climbing/mountaineering. After a 20-year successful career in the mountains, he moved into carpentry and added commercial fishing later. Mike has served on the Fish & Wildlife Commission for eight years, and as Chair for four years. His firsthand experience commercial fishing in Cook Inlet have provided a balance to the Commission as it looks ahead to the 2024 Alaska Board of Fish Meetings.

Mike and his wife live remotely in Chase Alaska along the Susitna River.

Pete Probasco

Member of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission

Peter J. Probasco grew up in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. He attended the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries Biology. In 1975, he worked as a fisheries technician for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and was eventually promoted to a Regional Supervisor before retiring from the State in 2000. The majority of his “first career” focused on management and research programs for commercial, and subsistence use fisheries of the Western Gulf of Alaska, Kodiak Archipelago, the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands and the shellfish and groundfish fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea.

In 2000, Pete began working with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in the Office of Subsistence Management. In 2006, he was promoted to Assistant Regional Director where he exercised program management and line authority in the direction and operation in the management of subsistence harvests by rural Alaskans on Federal Public Lands. Pete became the Assistant Regional Director 2013 for the USFWS, Region 7 Migratory Birds/State Programs.

Pete and his wife currently live just outside of Palmer, AK.