

Dear Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition Members,

This is a reminder notice that we will be conducting our annual membership meeting on November 10, 2021, 5:30-7:30pm. If you would like to participate in the Conference Call that evening, please let us know. Between now and then, we welcome you to vote to retain the following Board Members for another 2-year term. Please email president@alaskaquietrights.org with your vote, plus let us know if you would like to join the November meeting. We will send you a call-in phone number the first week of November if you choose to join us.

AQRC Board of Directors two year term 2022-2024

Dale Bingham Yes ___ No ___

Mike Boylan Yes ___ No ___

Dan Elliott Yes ___ No ___

Brian Okonek Yes ___ No ___

Other issues we will be discussing and/or voting on at the annual meeting include:

1. Proposal to Amend AQRC Bylaws, Article VII. Meetings, Section 2 Regular Meetings of the Board. At present this article reads "The Board of Directors shall hold no less than nine regular meetings each year. The Board shall set the time, date and location of such meetings." The board recommends changing the meeting's provision to "no less than six regular meetings each year." Amend Article VII, Section 2 to "The Board of Directors shall hold no less than six regular meetings each year. The Board shall set the time, date and location of such meetings."

Yes ___ No ___

2. Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival. AQRC will once again host this popular fundraiser film festival online from January 15 – 30, 2022. As well as presenting films of motor free outdoor adventures this film festival is a fundraiser for non profit organizations working to preserve quiet places to recreate in the backcountry. 80 percent of the ticket sales go to AQRC and 20 percent to WWA to continue our work on advocating for motor free areas to recreate and protect the soundscape.

3. 2021 Actions that were taken by the Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition included:

- a) Joining three other organizations to sue the State of Alaska over its decision to appeal the long-standing ban on jet ski use in the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area. The case is ongoing.
- b) Hosting an online Soundscape Workshop on Zoom with the AK Museum. Presentation details can be found at our website www.alaskaquietrights.org
- c) Commenting against Wrangell-St. Elias National Park's decision to allow electric bikes on trails.
- d) Commenting in opposition of the State's proposal to allow ATV's and snowmachines on roads with 45 mph or less speed limit.
- e) Requesting DNR to construct noise barriers around the shooting range in the Knik River Public Use Area and close the range for a second day each week to allow for other user groups to enjoy the region.
- f) Joining other groups and individuals in a successful effort to keep the Montana Creek Trail in Juneau a non-motorized trail.
- g) Sending in scoping comments on the DNR Copper River Basin Area Plan.
- h) Commenting on the Alaska State Parks proposed regulations that would deteriorate the natural soundscape.
- i) Signing onto a letter to Alaska's U.S Senators and Representatives objecting to BLM's proposal to open almost all of its lands near Haines to heliskiing.
- j) Signing onto the Winter Wildland Alliance's comment on the Chugach Wilderness Study Area objecting to the USFS changes to their management and monitoring of the wilderness.

Don't forget that you can make a donation or renew your membership on our website or by mail. We're also looking for new board members committed to our mission with some time on their hands.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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