

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

Special Meeting on Copper Basin Area Moose and Caribou Hunting
Glennallen, AK | March 18-21, 2017

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**Anchorage Advisory Game Committee
February 9, 2017
Rabbit Creek Rifle Range
15222 Seward Hwy, Anchorage, AK 99515**

**** Update Minutes per Full Committee Meeting on February 21, 2017 at Cabela’s South Anchorage****

- I. The meeting was called to order: [6:32pm] by [Frank Neumann, Anchorage AC Game Subcommittee Chair]
- II. Roll Call: 4
Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann (Chair), Phillip Calhoun, Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Matt Moore.
Members Absent Excused: N/A
Members Absent Unexcused: Jim Bolgiano

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Public Testimony: None
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business: See notes below.

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1	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for moose.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed: discriminates by zip code, un-constitutional. Special interest hunt.
2	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
3	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
4	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
5	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
6	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Suggest clarifying what “subsistence hunt tags” mean.
7	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	Support eliminating the hunt. Confused by the proposer’s comments stating that people in Kodiak, Seldovia, and Homer are able to hunt in the Unit 13 community. Suggest removing this language.
8	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Suggest that more draw tags for any bulls be allowed as proposed.
9	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose and allocate permits within the Unit 13 subunits based on population.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
10	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
11	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
12	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
13	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. The second sentence of the description is irrelevant, if there are people who have problem judging 50-inch antlers, they shouldn’t be hunting.
14	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt and the December registration moose hunt, and modify the number of available drawing permits.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Also, support that more draw tags for any bulls be allowed as proposed.
15	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts, or change season dates and eliminate “any bull” tags.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal to eliminate the hunt altogether. No need to change seasons dates and eliminate the any bull language if the hunt is removed.



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16	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt, or modify the season and bag limit.		
Support	11	0	Support option 1: for reasons stated in the proposal to eliminate the hunt altogether. No need to change seasons dates and eliminate the any bull language if the hunt is removed. Opposed to the community hunt all together. Cannot support options 2 and 3. Option 2 and 3 were voted unanimously opposed.
17	Change the season dates for the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed: no late season should be allowed on the CHS. Anchorage AC is opposed to the community hunt all together and do not suggest changing the dates as it should go away.
18	Eliminate or change season dates of the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.		
Support	11	0	Support the elimination only. Oppose a late season hunt because want the hunt to be removed all together.
19	Modify the community subsistence harvest moose hunts.		
See Vote Tally in Notes	0	0	Oppose option 1, 11 to 0. Opposed option 2, 11 to 0. Support option 3 IF the community hunt continues, 11 to 0. Support option 4, 11 to 0.
20	Replace the community subsistence harvest moose hunt with a Tier II moose season.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed: Unit 13 is a Tier 1 + and there is no need to have a Tier 2 hunt. Reasonable opportunity exists in Unit 13.
21	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts and replace with a Tier II or registration moose season.		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose: object locally held registration. This removes the urban hunters from the equation and does not provide equal opportunity. Oppose unit 13 going to Tier 2.
22	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose, and adopt a resident "any bull" registration hunt.		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated: support every 3-regulatory year restriction after harvest of any bull. Support eliminating the community hunt. Favor a registration hunt over a community hunt.
23	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.		
Support	11	0	Support eliminating the community hunt for moose in Unit 13. Comment on the two-bag limit for grizzlies bears (hunt or baiting) is not relevant to proposal and Anchorage AC does not support or oppose this; did not discuss. Suggest making a new proposal for the brown bear tag by May 1, 2017 for the following year proposal book.
24	Clarify the communities eligible for the "100 bull" quota and extend the season.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed: discriminates by zip code, un-constitutional. Special interest hunt. Do not support additional hunting days on the beginning or the end. Anchorage AC does not support the community moose hunt in Unit 13.
25	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose, or require hunters to choose subsistence or general hunt and restrict the hunt area.		
Opposed	0	11	Support eliminating the hunt but do not support having people choose between



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			subsistence or general hunting. Anchorage AC is opposed to the community hunt all together and therefore did not support other suggestions.
26	Change the antler restrictions for the general seasons moose hunt in Unit 13.		
Opposed	0	11	Wants to remove the 50-inch restriction because of judging concerns. Oppose because one of legal harvest options is taken away. There are moose that are larger than 50 inches but do not have 4 brow tines.
27	Change the antler restrictions for the general season moose hunt in Unit 13.		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose: 50-inches is a standard measurement across the State. If a hunter is stressed due to the rule, suggest not hunting or becoming more educated.
28	Change the antler restrictions for the general season moose hunt in Unit 13.		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose: this antler size is too small. It is much easier because it is too easy and too liberal. Anchorage AC has biological and overharvest concerns with this proposal.
29	Close the nonresident moose season in Unit 13.		
Opposed	0	11	Oppose: Do not support the argument posed by RHA. Would like to maintain the ability for family to come along with resident family members and hunt the area. 115 tags do not put pressure on resident's hunts. Typically, non-resident hunters are hunting far from the road system.
30	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
31	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Tier 1 provides reasonable opportunity for all Alaskans, not just the 8 communities participating in the CSH.
32	Change the eligibility criteria for Tier I caribou and moose hunts in Unit 13.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed: discriminates by zip code, un-constitutional. Special interest hunt. Do not support a Tier 1 moose hunt.
33	Eliminate the caribou community subsistence harvest hunt, Tier I and drawing hunts, and the requirement to hunt moose in Unit 13; replace with a registration hunt period system.		
Support	11	0	Support: thoughtful proposal. Support removal of the subsistence hunt, support the removal of the Tier system in Unit 13, and support the uncoupling of caribou and moose harvest requirements. Support because it makes people register for a 7-day (summer) and 14-day (winter) time slot. Registrants must submit for a window to hunt.
34	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou, increase the number of caribou household Tier I permits, and shorten the season.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed because do not agree with Tier 1 two caribou per household and the removal of the fall draw caribou hunt and having winter only. Support eliminating the community hunts.
35	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt and remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.



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36	Increase the bag limit for the caribou community harvest hunt and clarify the communities eligible for receiving the 300 caribou quota.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed: discriminates by zip code, un-constitutional. Special interest hunt. Do not support community hunting. Do not support the extension of seasons should the community hunt unfortunately continue.
37	Lengthen the caribou season, increase winter caribou bag limit, and establish a youth hunting season.		
Support as Amended	11	0	Amended proposal: Keep same opening/closure dates (Sept 21-October 20 closure) that are in the current regulations. Allow a two-caribou bag limit for the time frame of October 21 -March 31 to coincide with the existing regulations. Open a youth hunt from August 1-10.
38	Eliminate drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 13, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed to removing the draw hunts. The draw hunt is not the way to remove the concerns of overcrowding of the area.
39	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.		
Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Support the ability to choose where to hunt moose outside of Unit 13 if wanted.
40	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.		
No Action	--	--	See comments on proposal #3; written better.
41	Shorten the season dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw hunt, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed because it does not address the overcrowding issue. Without reducing the number of tags, having draw hunters forced into a two-week period is only going to make overcrowding worse.
42	Change the dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw season.		
Opposed	0	11	Opposed: no biological concern. ADF&G has the option to EO close this hunt if needed. Do not support restrictions of caribou drawing permit holders.
43	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose, lengthen the general season and adopt an "any bull" registration permit.		
Support	11	0	Support: in lieu of a community subsistence hunt. Still provides for equal opportunity for Alaskans. Concerns over the registration in Glenallen only for the winter portion in the proposed CVPA. Suggest removing the language with requiring to pick up the permits for the CVPA hunt in Glenallen. This restricts Alaskans ability to access the hunt and area, especially urban hunters of which this AC represents. Would like to see the total number of moose draw tags be raised. Consider charging money for the application of these permits to generate money for the Department to further monitor moose populations and harvest in Unit 13. See it as another way for the Department to manage wildlife sustainably. Support the idea because if there are 500 surplus moose to harvest, opening it up to the masses may cause an under-harvest. There was also concern with rural,



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			Glenallen areas maybe having problems with accessing the internet and competing with urban hunters. Some AC members support the rural lifestyle and think that these people should have priority access to certain hunt and/or hunt areas.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00pm

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick

Minutes Approved By: Frank Neumann

Date: February 9 & 21, 2017



Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Date: 2/27/17

Location of Meeting: Glennallen School

- I. The meeting was called to order: 5:23 PM by Chuck McMahan
- II. Roll Call: Chuck McMahan
Members Present: Alysia White, Lee Adler, Aaron Bloomquist, Dave Sarafin, Don Horrell, Nick Jackson, Christopher Gene, Dave Sarafin

Members Absent Excused: Jim Oden

Members Absent Unexcused: David Bruss, Brad Henspeter, Mike Roscovius, Frank Hobson, Chad Gerlach

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

Approval of Agenda:

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher
- V. Guests Present: Marnie Graham, Becky Schwanke, Michelle Anderson, Shirley Smelcer, Bob Toby, Karen Linnell, Mark Schlinker
- VI. Public Testimony
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:



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1	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for moose.		
No Action			
2	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
support	7	1	<p>Community hunt is broken the way it is now.</p> <p>Like the way we wrote our proposal to show it is broken.</p> <p>We support Proposal 44 but if the board doesn't support proposal 44 as written then this is our preferred proposal that we would support.</p> <p>Wish board would enforce it the way it was originally intended with 8 criteria based for each community to meet, so that we could keep the community hunt. Manning case did not say all Alaskans would qualify it said they may be eligible. The Department should make the groups show they meet the criteria to be eligible. Ahtna had to meet the 8 criteria. All the other groups should have to meet the 8 criteria as well. If they do not meet the 8 criteria they don't get to hunt this area.</p> <p>We want some kind of local preference.</p> <p>We are putting up with all this for 12 to 15 moose that locals get under the state community hunt.</p> <p>Ok with getting rid of Community hunt, do we need special seasons for moose at this point anyways, just keep general season moose.</p> <p>We don't like the way it is currently managed.</p> <p>All the other groups were added to the hunt but the ANS of 100 any bull moose did not change. Even though more people were added to the hunt. We went from 1 group to 73 groups now.</p>
3	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
No Action			



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4	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
No Action			
5	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
No Action			
6	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
No Action			
7	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
No Action			
8	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
oppose	8		If we are going to get rid of the community hunt just keep it simple and don't have any additional drawing hunts with the general hunt. Draw hunts don't provide for subsistence
9	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose and allocate permits within the Unit 13 subunits based on population.		
No Action			
10	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
No Action			
11	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
No Action			
12	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		



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No Action			
13	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
oppose	0	8	If we are going to get rid of the community hunt just keep it simple and don't have any additional drawing hunts with the general hunt. Draw hunts don't provide for subsistence
14	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt and the December registration moose hunt, and modify the number of available drawing permits.		
No Action			
15	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts, or change season dates and eliminate "any bull" tags.		
No Action			
16	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt, or modify the season and bag limit.		
No Action			
17	Change the season dates for the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.		
No Action			
18	Eliminate or change season dates of the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.		
No Action			
19	Modify the community subsistence harvest moose hunts.		
No Action			
20	Replace the community subsistence harvest moose hunt with a Tier II moose season.		



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21	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts and replace with a Tier II or registration moose season.		
No Action			
22	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose, and adopt a resident "any bull" registration hunt.		
No Action			
23	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.		
No Action			
24	Clarify the communities eligible for the "100 bull" quota and extend the season.		
Support As amende d	7	0	<p>Amend: Do not extend the season. Keep current season of Sept. 20</p> <p>Abstained: 1</p> <p>We do not like the extension of the season. See amendment</p> <p>Wish board would enforce it the way it was originally intended with 8 criteria based for each community to meet, so that we could keep the community hunt. Manning case did not say all Alaskans would qualify it said they may be eligible. The Department should make the groups show they meet the criteria to be eligible. Ahtna had to meet the 8 criteria. All the other groups should have to meet the 8 criteria as well. If they do not meet the 8 criteria they don't get to hunt this area.</p> <p>We want some kind of local preference.</p> <p>The 100 any bulls were allocated to the community hunt not the original</p>



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25	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose, or require hunters to choose subsistence or general hunt and restrict the hunt area.		
No Action			Illegal, obviously Why did this proposal even make the book. It is illegal and unconstitutional
26	Change the antler restrictions for the general seasons moose hunt in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	8	Reduces opportunity,
27	Change the antler restrictions for the general season moose hunt in Unit 13.		
No Action			
28	Change the antler restrictions for the general season moose hunt in Unit 13.		
No Action			More people will be able to get a moose. Easier to judge based with ear width. 36 inches easier to judge than 50 inch. We worry that we end up making $\frac{3}{4}$ of the moose legal. Being on the road system this could be really bad. Within 2 or 3 years you would end up having to put restrictions in place. Problem is now we have too many hunters in the field now. No other 36 inch hunt in Alaska.
29	Close the nonresident moose season in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	8	We are harvesting 1000 moose, ANS is 300 to 600. So there is 400 plus excess. Non-resident harvest is nominal, 25 moose. If they are going with guides they bring in revenue to the area.
30	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou.		
No Action			
31	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou.		
No Action			



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32	Change the eligibility criteria for Tier I caribou and moose hunts in Unit 13.		
oppose	1	3	<p>Abstain: 4 Creates a Tier 1 moose hunt Gets rid of the requirement to hunt moose in 13.</p> <p>Makes the criteria for Tier 1 caribou more restrictive than it is now by requiring a application be submitted that demonstrates the applicant is a subsistence user. What will the application be, a check in the box that they say they are subsistence?</p> <p>They are asking that the 8 criteria for a community hunt be applied to the Tier 1 hunt.</p> <p>To confusing.</p>
33	Eliminate the caribou community subsistence harvest hunt, Tier I and drawing hunts, and the requirement to hunt moose in Unit 13; replace with a registration hunt period system.		



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oppose	2	6	<p>Brought up want to amend to a 2 caribou bag limit if we are above the herd objective.</p> <p>Amend to Registration hunt with 2 seasons: during fall and 1 winter season. Hunt August 10-30 with half the quota dedicated to this period, Hunt September 1-20 with half the quota dedicated to this period. Hunt after Oct. 21 if there is quota left to be taken. . Half of quota dedicated</p> <p>Idea is if we get rid of community hunt, there is enough caribou to do a registration hunt. Trying to spread out all the folks in the field at different times. Give opportunity to people to go out during the time they want to go out initially, if they don't get animal can go after that initial period.</p> <p>Maybe have 2 to 3 seasons not 18. Allocate a certain number of animals taken for each hunt. Not have all the animals taken at the beginning seasons.</p> <p>When herd numbers go down then the hunt will be completed in a few days. It will be a shoot out.</p> <p>In the 90s there was a registration hunt out here that was over in 3 days.</p> <p>Hunt will get shorter or shorter as the number of caribou that could be taken goes down.</p> <p>Online to try to pick your date, some folks don't have access or use computers or go online.</p> <p>If you have to limit yourself to a particular time that would be detrimental for a lot of people who hunt all season. Most people don't want to just hunt for one week.] <p>Would be hard to enforce, how do they know who is in the right time frame.</p> <p>This would be hard to administer. If you don't get a caribou during the first period selected then how soon can you get approval to go in another time frame.</p> <p>Caribou are constantly moving so you will still have most people in one area, where the caribou are.</p> <p>Overcrowding is hard because we have very limited areas where you can take</p> </p>



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No Action			
35	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt and remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13.		
No Action			
36	Increase the bag limit for the caribou community harvest hunt and clarify the communities eligible for receiving the 300 caribou quota.		
Oppose	2	4	<p>As amended: Keep the caribou end of first season is the same as it is now. So keep Sept. 20th.</p> <p>We voted against the community harvest so we would not support this.</p> <p>Oppose extending the season to Sept. 30. Caribou are usually in the rut during this period and it is important that you have an undisturbed rut.</p> <p>Usually during this time the bulls are not palatable. This makes this time period a trophy hunt usually with wasted meat.</p>
37	Lengthen the caribou season, increase winter caribou bag limit, and establish a youth hunting season.		
oppose	0	6	<p>Shouldn't be hunting caribou during the rut in October. The meat is usually not palatable.</p> <p>Early August is usually hot, so hard to get meat of the field without going bad.</p>
38	Eliminate drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 13, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.		
No Action			
39	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.		
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40	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.		
No Action			
41	Shorten the season dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw hunt, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
No Action			
42	Change the dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw season.		
No Action			
43	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose, lengthen the general season and adopt an “any bull” registration permit.		



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oppose	2	4	<p>Amend to get rid of Corridor portion Amend to get rid of getting the registration permit online, instead get registration permit locally within communities in GMU 13, on a date to be determined by the department. Amend to leave the fall season dates the same as they are now.</p> <p>A early season start of the moose season of Aug. 20 would make it more likely that more people would come out early. A early season would draw more people here, thus diminishing the quality of the hunt.</p> <p>Board support put this in the book after taking out the non resident moose season in unit 11. It was not the intent to modify the nonresident moose season in Unit 11.</p> <p>This would start the general season early to Aug. 20 and keep the same bag limit. Also add a late season hunt with any bull quota Nov. 15- 30 registration hunt with corridor.</p> <p>Worried about trespass issues on Ahtna within the corridor. Get rid of the Ahtna lands corridor maybe. This will put a burden on Ahtna to go after people for civil trespass on their lands. The state hasn't been charging these folks criminally. If the person has a valid tag and takes an otherwise legal animal but it is on private property, they haven't been charging people.</p> <p>Take out the corridor portion.</p> <p>A winter any bull moose hunt Nov. 15-30 could conflict with trappers. Most of the trails are used by trappers. Also weather is hard to predict.</p> <p>Families could come out to hunt during the holidays.</p> <p>In December most of the bigger bulls have dropped horns so you would save some larger animals for genetics if the winter hunt was in December.</p>



44 Support
5 support 0 oppose

Abstain: 1

Discussion: We wish the board would enforce it the way it was originally intended with 8 criteria based for each community to meet, so that we could keep the community hunt. Manning case did not say all Alaskans would qualify it said they may be eligible. The Department should make the groups show they meet the criteria to be eligible. Ahtna had to meet the 8 criteria. All the other groups should have to meet the 8 criteria as well. If they do not meet the 8 criteria they don't get to hunt this area.

If the Board does not go with this proposal then we prefer our proposal number 2, getting rid of the community hunt all together.

We want some kind of local preference.

OTHER NEW Business:

Proposals for 2017-2018 GMU 11 and 13 cycle

1. Support 8-0

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Extend wolverine hunting and trapping season to the end of February in units 11 and 13. Currently ends the end of January.

Discussion: Coincide with other trapping seasons. Will allow trappers to keep wolverine that they incidentally catch that they would have had to turn into fish and game. Don't have to worry about types of traps you have out and worry about incidental catch. Per Hatcher with Fish and Game 85 wolverine taken in 2015 in unit 13.

2. Support 8-0

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Extend brown bear season to June 30 in unit 11.

Discussion: The season currently ends June 15. Would like to align brown bear seasons with other areas.

3. Support 5-2-1

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Remove Unit 13 Tier I caribou requirement to hunt moose in unit 13.

Discussion: We think that this requirement that we originally supported backfired on us and now we have more folks hunting moose in our area because of this requirement. As the number of Tier I permits increase to now 8500 permits, we have 8500 people who now have to hunt their moose in unit 13 and can't hunt in another unit.

Don't think that this will work and will actually make it worse with more people Applying for the Tier 1 caribou tag. So more people will be out in the field during moose season anyways.



This would then get rid of the resident caribou draw for unit 13 because you wouldn't need it if everyone who puts in for Tier 1 caribou can get a tag.

4.Support 8-0

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Extend ptarmigan season in 13 B to March 31.

Discussion: Make season consistent with other seasons.

If Rock ptarmigan haven't increased in number by now after having the shorter season for many years will it ever increase at this point? The AC agreed several years ago that as an experiment we wanted to try a shorter season to see if that would help the rock ptarmigan population, that has not been the case. Willow ptarmigan populations are up and we are missing the opportunity to hunt willow ptarmigan later in the season. There are more rock ptarmigan found in areas off the accessible routes so hunting later in the season should not impact there population.

5. Support 8-0

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Allow 2 total incidental furbear catch by trapping per licensed trapper.

Discussion: If all seasons are not aligned you will have incidental take.

You would still need to report to fish and game within 30 days of take to get animal sealed. We also looked at a 2 week reporting but thought this might be hard for trappers who are out on longer lines in remote areas.

6. Support 6-1-1

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Eliminate Unit 13 D remainder drawing hunt for goat and make it a registration hunt.

Discussion: This area is in a walk in only area. A registration hunt will allow people who really want to go into this area and know what they are getting into to be able to get a tag and hunt the area. Some folks are drawing the tag and not using it once they find out how hard an area it is to get into.

State wide proposals:

1. Support 8-0

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Allow 2 total incidental furbear catch by trapping per licensed trapper.

Discussion: If all seasons are not aligned you will have incidental take.

You would still need to report to fish and game within 30 days of take to get animal sealed. We also looked at a 2 week reporting but thought this might be hard for trappers who are out on longer lines in remote areas.

Fisheries Proposals:

1. Support 4-0-2

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Eliminate dip netting from boats as a method from the Glennallen sub district (up-stream from the bridge at Chitna)

Discussion: Dip netting out of boats above the bridge shouldn't be allowed. Boats are able to target pools during high water times and in areas the public from shore can't get to. Boats also have fish finders on



them that show them where the fish are. Dip netters are dipping kings and then after they struggle to get them out the fish usually die if you have to release them.

2. Support 5-0-1

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

Eliminate monofilament gill net mesh on dip nets on the Copper River.

Discussion: Gill nets snag everything. Kings get caught and it is hard to get them out of gill nets. It takes a long time to get them out if they get tangled and then if you need to release them the fish usually die.

3. Support 3-0-3

What issue would you like the board to address and why?

May not remove a King from water in a dip net fishery.

Discussion: Sport fishery already cannot remove a king from the water if you are not going to keep it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Alysia White

Minutes Approved By: Chuck McMahan

Date: Feb 28, 2017



**Denali Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 26, 2017
Cantwell School Library**

- I. The meeting was called to order: 7:00 pm by Don Holum, Chair
- II. Members Present: Don Holum, Caleb Holum, Gordon Carlson, Lance Williams, Harold Mowery, Ray Atkins, Bruce Gore
Members Absent Excused: J Marie Gore, Jeff Burney
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Approval of Agenda: Elections and Copper Basin Moose & Caribou Proposal
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Already done
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright, Boards
Dept Staff Present: Maggie Stang, AWT
- VI. Guests Present: Public Present: Justin Mason, Dan Wright
- VII. Public Testimony - none
- VIII. Old Business: none
- IX. New Business: The committee discussed and approved making four regular seats and no alternates this election.

Elections were held with the following results: Regular members Bruce Gore, Gordon Carlson, Lance Williams and Justin Mason.
Justin Mason was elected to fill the remainder of the secretary term.

Welcome to Justin and thanks for being willing to serve.

Committee discussed representative for the Copper Basin caribou and moose meeting. Lance moved to send Don Holum. Caleb 2nd. Approved by unanimous consent.

General comments on CSH: Puts a burden on administration to enforce, to manage. Prefer to keep it simple. If the BOG pulls the CSH, there needs to be something to take its place for those who are already enrolled in that program.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Vote Outcome	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
8	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
Support	6	2	<p>Support - Through the general season there is plenty of opportunity for the subsistence hunter. One of the problems is that it is out of hand. As a citizen of Alaska, some go up to Noatak to hunt. We have the liberty to hunt. We have enough moose to go around and shouldn't be in a subsistence hunt situation. Prefer a simple general season. Federal subsistence is available for the 8 original communities. Many of the people that signed up for community hunt won't show up – they would prefer someone else harvest. The number of “communities” has increased annually. Land belongs to everyone.</p> <p>Oppose - What will replace the CSH hunt – there is concern for those who have planned on that hunt. Biggest complaint is the early hunt. Community hunt is not being used as a community hunt – it is being abused (buddies forming up to say they are a community). That isn't depriving anyone of any other hunt – you still decide which hunt you want to participate in. They needed to define ‘community’. Concern is throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Similar to Obamacare – what are you going to replace it with. This was put together with the Tier II system for the elders to get any bull. If we had roads all over Alaska, it would disperse the pressure on the road connected areas. Another option would be to require to sign up for 5 – 10 years – would love to see it for fish, birds, everything. We hunt where we live.</p>
20	Replace the community subsistence harvest moose hunt with a Tier II moose season.		
			Tier II was corrupted and don't believe putting that back in place will change anything.
30	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou.		
Support as amended	7	1	<p>Referenced comments on Proposal 8.</p> <p>Support – Caribou hunting has gotten further out of hand than the moose. Unit 13 is locked – you either hunt Tier 1, CSH, or drawing. The Tier I meets all the subsistence opportunity required. The designated hunter has been viewed in a negative way. The intent of a designated hunter is good – but those coming may not be the best hunter. It's carnage.</p> <p>Oppose – You are taking away the designated hunter. Those that we hunt for are over 60 years old. With proxy hunt, you can only go hunting for other person besides yourself. If there was some designated hunter or proxy option (specify 65 years and older or handicapped). This meets the cultural and traditional aspect of the CSH.</p> <p>AMENDED: to include the option under Tier 1 to proxy for someone 65 or older or blind or disabled and not have that limited to only 1 proxy. 8-0 approved</p>
34	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou, increase the number of caribou household Tier I permits, and shorten the season.		
No action			<p>Oppose - There should only be one caribou per household, if subsistence has a maximum of one caribou per household. The herd take a long time to recover. Support young people hunting their own animal, but witnessed two sisters each take a caribou, apparently under a draw. This is not equitable. Shortening the season is essentially eliminating it for those that draw the hunt.</p> <p>Support - This hunt is only authorized as long as there is a population objective that is high. The drawing is taking a chance and it allows you to hunt in other parts of Alaska. If you are successful, you can't put in for it the following year. You have options as long as the population is there.</p>
37	Lengthen the caribou season, increase winter caribou bag limit, and establish a youth hunting season.		
No action			Early harvest allows for nice fat caribou – later they are in the rut and the meat is not edible. The month they allow for the rut has a reason. This proposal also contains



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			several items and should be submitted as separate issues. It makes it difficult to determine a vote. Don't feel this has any benefits to lengthening the season.
41			Shorten the season dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw hunt, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13
No action			This speaks to the overcrowding issue. This would squeeze the drawing into 2 week windows and shorten the season date. Much of the overcrowding has come from requiring people to choose Unit 13. December is the application deadline for signing up. We are under a 2 year obligation under CSH. If that is pulled, there is no other opportunity to take caribou for those who signed up for that hunt.

Next meeting will be around 2nd week of April in order to hear a report of BOG Copper Basin meeting in Glennallen and discuss proposals to submit for the upcoming Call for BOG proposals.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:55 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Justin Mason
Minutes Approved By: AC Minutes Approval Committee
Date: 2/2/2017



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 8, 2017
La Quinta Lodge in Fairbanks**

- I. The meeting was called to order: 6:20pm by Virgil Umphenour chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:

Virgil Umphenour, Mike Tinker, Larry Morris, Bill Larry, Mike Kramer, Warren Giuchici, Al Barrette, Jeff Lucas, Vince Holton, Chuck Derrick, Andrew Glasgow, Glen Holt,

Members Absent Excused: Valerie Baxter, Kirk Schwalm, Lee Hazen

Members Absent Unexcused:

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Yes quorum present.

List of User Groups Present: Resident Hunters of Alaska, Wild Sheep Foundation, AOC, BOF
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved 11-0
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved 11-0
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Fairbanks Area Biologist; Mike Potter, Trooper(AWT)
- VI. Guests Present: Reed Morrisky, (BOF); Richard & Lori Richards (RHA); Dave Lorring (self); Karen Gordon (WSF); Coke Wallace (self); Rob Arno (AOC)
- VII. Public Testimony:

Rob Arno, AOC; discussing the MOU between the USDA Dept of Interior BLM and AHTNA about game co-management in GMU 13 to manage caribou and moose on federal lands. The MOU proposed the creation of a separate Advisory Committee "if the local State AC process is found inadequate" the new AC would have 11 members allowing only one State of Alaska personnel (ADF&G?) member. Discussion ensued that this is counter to the Constitution of Alaska. Our current system has not been found inadequate. The MOU intends permits on Federal and private lands be administered as federal permits...the federal subsistence board refused to adopt this charter.... The intent of this MOU seems to nullify the State AC's and BOG.

The BOG issued 100 Community bull moose permits as requested locally in GMU 13 communities. Few bulls were actually harvested within the scope of these permits with plenty of time to harvest these bulls.



Mark Richards, with the Resident Hunters of Alaska asked to be included when we weigh in on the discussion concerning Glennallen hunting proposals.

Discussed the letter we (Kirk Schwalm wrote for us) submitted to the Interior RAQ teleconference meeting about the GMU 23 moose hunting closure.

Game Subcommittee meeting: nothing reported
Fish Subcommittee meeting: nothing reported.

Copper River fish proposals are due April 11 and we need to have looked at and approve etc. them in our March meeting. February 28 is the next Fish Subcommittee meeting See Nissa for time and place.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

ADF&G Fairbanks acting area wildlife biologist Tony Hollis reported:

- The 40 mile caribou counts are still being worked on.
- The Minto area moose kill reported at 120 bulls killed, with 20 in August and the rest later - down abit due to high water.
- No drawing hunts are planned for antlerless moosehunts in GMU 20B this year.

We intend to monitor Click Bishop’s SB11 legislation... “modified to say there would be no antlerless hunts unless there is an every year census of moose...” No action needed by us at this time.

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2	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	
3	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
Support	11	0	Treat all hunters equally
8	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.		
Support	11	0	
14	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt and the December registration moose hunt, and modify the number of available drawing permits.		
Support	11	0	Moved to support w/Mat-Su AC along w/additional provisions as provided
16	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt, or modify the season and bag limit.		
Oppose	1	10	
20	Replace the community subsistence harvest moose hunt with a Tier II moose season.		
Oppose	1	10	
22	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose, and adopt a resident "any bull" registration		



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			hunt.
Oppose	1	8	1 abstain Discussion as to adopting this as a starting point
24			Clarify the communities eligible for the “100 bull” quota and extend the season.
Oppose	0	11	Opposed on constitutionality issues
27			Change the antler restrictions for the general season moose hunt in Unit 13.
Support w/Am	7	3	1 abstain. Adopt as 3-brow tines on one side.
29			Close the nonresident moose season in Unit 13.
Oppose	3	6	2 abstain
32			Change the eligibility criteria for Tier I caribou and moose hunts in Unit 13.
Opposed	0	11	Opposed as an additional administrative burden on ADF&G
33			Eliminate the caribou community subsistence harvest hunt, Tier I and drawing hunts, and the requirement to hunt moose in Unit 13; replace with a registration hunt period system.
Support w/Am	11	0	Up to xxx permits could be issued per period to spread out quota throughout season. Divide in to two periods with first of 80% of permits up until Sept 20th and 20% beyond that for those that like the later season hunt.
36			Increase the bag limit for the caribou community harvest hunt and clarify the communities eligible for receiving the 300 caribou quota.
Oppose	0	11	opposed on constitutionality issues.
43			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose, lengthen the general season and adopt an “any bull” registration permit.
Oppose	0	11	We are not in favor of picking permits up in Glennallen. We should not have special registration permit subsistence moose hunts. Too many will be taken close to the road. A drawing permit would be better suited to harvesting the appropriate number of moose in each period.

Meeting adjourned at :

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee

February 15th, 2017 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

MTA Palmer

CALL TO ORDER — Meeting called to order by Mel Grove at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL — members present: Chris Watchus, Jehnifer Ehmann, Birch Yuknis, Steve Bartelli, Andy Couch, David Young, Mel Groves, Bob Marshall, Tom Deland, Darren Spano, Mike Buirge

Members absent: Jehnifer Ehmann (excused), Randi Talvi, Hans Nordstrom (excused), Chad Lipse (excused), Herb Mansavage (excused), Herman Griese (excused).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNIZE GUEST AND DEPARTMENT STAFF — Todd Rinaldi, Gino Del Frate — Regional Supervisor

Patrick O'Connor Arletta O'Connor, Bill Stoltze, Neil DeWitt, Trooper Jim Lindberg

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Patrick — thinks a bunch of the Unit 13 proposals are hogwash. He is in his 80's now and in order to participate he used motorized access.

Bill Stoltze — has a continual interest in opportunities for valley users — especially personal use fisheries. Would like to see the Advisory Committee positions go to our political leaders.

Neil DeWitt — went to the Federal meeting — and did not agree with the memorandum of agreement for federal oversight that could allow Ahtna special harvest opportunities. Such agreements could go all over the state.

MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA — Andy asked that approval of BOF materials of representatives to use occur. Mel added to the agenda, and agenda was approved with no objection.

Special Meeting on Copper Basin Area Board of Game Proposals - Motions to approve by Dave Young and second by Chris Watchus.

1. Would allow all 8 Ahtna communities to apply with one subsistence proposal/application and would provide separate opportunity for their community. Does not allow for all Alaskans to participate equally. Motion opposed 0-9-0.
2. Birch asked Trooper Lindberg if 17 sub legal illegal were in fact taken taken. Would do away with the community harvest hunt. Andy like the opportunity to harvest an any bull, but there is getting so many people involved with this hunt, that there is not much any bull opportunity because the quota is taken so quickly. Mel mentioned that most AC members want to get rid of the community harvest hunt. Motion approved 9-0-0.
3. Would allow any antlered surplus bull moose to go to all Alaskans through drawing and otherwise just standard regulations for everyone. Motion approved 9-0-0.
4. Steve Bartelli mentioned if community harvest hunt goes away — what happens to the harvest of 100 any antlered bull moose. If this proposal is passed Steve would like to see the any antlered bull surplus go to a drawing hunt. Todd Rinaldi said that if community harvest were eliminated there would only be an individual hunt opportunity. 100 any antlered bulls is part of the subsistence opportunity — but drawing hunts do not qualify as subsistence opportunity. AC members mentioned that all Alaskans should qualify as subsistence hunters. Mel asked what the department sees as a viable opportunity for subsistence hunts? Gino Del Frate— "Mentioned this is a complex issue with first Tier II hunt in 1985 — 35 years of history attempting to find the prefect recipe of being constitutional and meets requirements and publicly



acceptable. Something that is acceptable for hunters from the Mat-Su may not be acceptable to hunters who live within the GMU. Board has realized there is a pattern of use that is necessary to provide harvest of any antlered bull moose — part of the customs and traditions of subsistence use. Needs to be open to access for all Alaskans.” People seem to be jumping through the hoops to get the subsistence opportunity. Went from one community to 1500 communities now. 100 any bull moose for 1500 hunters does not provide much opportunity nor does a one day opportunity meet the criteria for reasonable opportunity. Is there something acceptable to more residents? Is there a solution that passes the criteria and could withstand court challenges? Federal memorandum of agreement is between the Ahnna group and the department of interior on federal lands— but does not cover state lands. With this agreement the Federal government would need to figure out how to manage with competing uses or user groups. The board is looking for guidance. Mel mentioned that people do not like community harvest — but may not have a solution. Steve asked if the 100 any bull portion of subsistence is unique to Unit 13 or Copper Basin? Gino mentioned that the Board described how they came up with this determination in the first place. Prior to 1987 that was the tradition in most of Alaska. In Unit 16B there is a tier II hunt that is supposedly inaccessible during the regular fall season. Little moose are spikes and forks — while the larger moose are older — Gino sees that they are simply different age classes of moose. How are moose hunting opportunities provided in other areas of the state. Tier I or general hunts are provided in areas with more moose than necessary for subsistence. Steve wanted to know why those hunts are satisfactory in other parts of the state but not in Copper Basin. In order to get out of the present situation the Board may need to come up with some new findings — perhaps that they tried one approach, and it did not work to satisfaction. Motion passed 10-0-0 as Mike Buirge showed up during discussion.

5. Similar to 4. Motion approved 10-0-0.
6. This suggests a replacement for the 100 any bull — going back to regular subsistence hunt tags — we do not know what that means. We do not want to go back to Tier II. Without clarification people were not willing to support. Motion opposed 0-10-0.
7. Birch agrees with eliminate the community harvest opportunity. Andy mentioned the suggested solution of if we are going to have the hunt then provide it of all units. This is assuming the community harvest would likely be any bull if used in other units. Darren mentioned that this is a complicated proposal giving two different opposing options; one to eliminate community hunts, and the other to establish community hunts. He can not support this proposal as to he does not understand the intent of the author. Dave would support and likes the eliminate portion. Birch does not want to see this go everywhere in the state. Mel just want to get rid of the situation and will not support. Andy will support because he believes there should be opportunities where people can easily tell if animals are legal throughout the entire state. It was mentioned that most illegals are on the large size. Gino said there are also lots of illegals on the small size and it is a challenge to judge whether it is an illegal moose. Mel asked if spike -fork fifty inch was just to reduce the harvest of moose. Gino mentioned low bull to cow ratios on the Kenai peninsula and the department followed a practice used in British Columbia. Where there are surplus bull the Department has attempted to implement any bull permits. Mike will oppose. Motion failed 3-7-0.
8. Andy mentioned that most of the Advisory Committees seem to be favoring a similar approach to this one. Motion approved 10-0-0.
9. ADF&G mentioned some type of surveys are usually done every year, but that the more robust surveys are not as often. ADF&G believes the current number are accurate. Andy mentioned that closing down subsistence until population increases is not realistic if the general hunt continues since subsistence hunt is supposed to have the priority. Therefore he will not support. Todd Rinaldi mentioned that caribou permits also bring in additional moose hunters to Unit 13. There have already been lots of hunters participating in Unit 13 when there is opportunity to harvest. Spikes in moose hunter participation have occurred concurrent with good caribou opportunities. There was actually higher moose hunter participation from 1992 -1999 according to ADF&G data. There was also a large number of legal moose. Motion opposed 0-10-0.
10. Motion approved 10-0-0.



11. Motion approved 10-0-0.
12. Motion approved 10-0-0.
13. This would provide an opportunity for those who would like to hunt any bulls through any bull drawings. Chance of getting drawn would likely be low. Mike says there is really no additional proposal only a commentary that there could be more draw tags. Darren submits the proposal is to eliminate the community harvest hunt, sees no other element that should keep us from approving. Birch would support — but about any bull tags would have to be worked out by ADF&G. Nothing is in regulatory language like many of the proposals. Steve believes intent is clear. Motion passed 10-0-0.
14. This is the AC's own proposal. Written in regulatory language discussed with the Department ahead of time. Designates that antler restricted hunt is the subsistence option along with the regular hunt. AC would like drawing hunts to provide a portion of subsistence opportunity — but part of the subsistence opportunity would be provided by the antler restricted hunt. It is AC's intent that the antler restricted hunt would provide subsistence opportunity in light of the large number of Alaskan subsistence users of this resource. In order to provide opportunity for so many that opportunity needs to be limited. Board of Game likely needs to revisit their older findings in crafting a new solution. Motion passed 10-0-0.
15. Steve did not like the aspect of eliminating any bull tags. Nor did he like the mention of some specific vehicle possibly eliminating someone as a subsistence hunter. Motion failed 0-10-0.
16. This leaves the option to do one thing or something else. Motion opposed 1-9-0.
17. Birch comment if it is kept this would be better than what we have , but would prefer the community harvest go away. Steve will oppose the different approach from what the Committee has worked on. This would allow regular hunters opportunity before the community hunt. Steve opposed winter hunts in Unit 13. Motion opposed 0-9-1. Birch likes having general harvest dates different than subsistence dates.
18. Suggests having a community hunt after the general season — could be a season for any antlered bulls. Would put additional pressure on stressed moose after the season. Subsistence hunt usually occurs first — but this would provide a priority opportunity after the regular hunt. Andy like that people would not have to put their money into a drawing and then most of the time not get drawn. would provide opportunity for a lot of people. Birch opposed based on rationale of no suggested dates. Motion opposed 0-10-0. Tom Deland had to leave as did Steve Bartelli. Committee agreed to continue the meeting to 9:30 p.m.
19. Birch mentions that the modifications of the Community Harvest Hunt do not work. Darren says it might be good for the AC to consider some suggestions other than just elimination. Therefore it might be good to consider something else and not put all our eggs in one basket — the elimination basket that the board may not support. Dave does not want to send mixed messages and supports our AC proposal. Andy does not think a reasonable number of legal moose would likely survive the proposed August 10 - 25 community harvest season. Motion opposed 0-8-0.
20. Birch wondered what the proposal was saying. ADF&G believes this would eliminate community harvest and then provide a Tier ii hunt for any bull. Most Alaskans would be general hunters because they would not get a permit. Same households would likely get the permits every year. This is hard for new people to get into. Most household or hunters would not have a chance to participate. Birch will not support. Motion opposed 0-8-0.
21. A registration hunt might eliminate hunters through where the permits were issued. There could be an unlimited number of permits. The permits might be limited to a low number — eliminating anyone who was not in line early enough. Motion opposed 0-8-0.
22. Everyone could get a registration permit — they would be unlimited. Hunt would close when the any bull harvest reached 100. 5-days to report would allow a sure over harvest according to Mike. Darren felt it would create a new season and new enforcement challenges. Darren prefers a drawing that could aid



with revenue to support. Birch feels Fish and Game could limit the amount of permits. ADF&G comment they try not to limit registration permits — because of the completion to get them. Dave feels this is an option he could support — although there are some problems with it. Mel talked about having the option of 5-day permits. ADF&G says this would be a coveted permit that a quota of permits would go very quickly. Darren does not think the registration hunt is the right solution. He sees too many competing if the permit numbers were limited. Preseason scouting might be intense. He would prefer something that would be more predictable and easier to enforce. One permit every 3 years might be difficult for ADF&G to check while hunters are standing in line waiting to get a permit. Mel will support — this would put another option out for consideration. Registration might satisfy subsistence. Motion passed 5-3-0.

Andy Couch made a motion that the Advisory Committee provide: Approval of Board of Fisheries materials that AC representative(s) may use before the Board— in addition to our minutes , Alaska Department of Fish and Game Data, including new information that becomes available at the meeting— Department Reports that were not available until on or after February 9, 2017, the Advisory Committee's 2016 letter requesting emergency king salmon restrictions to the Northern District set net fishery and the Commissioner's response letter, Past Board Findings, Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission Report to the Board. 2nd by Dave Young Motion approved 8-0-0

Member Comments: None

Next Meeting: March 1st

ADJOURN at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch



Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee

March 1st, 2017
MTA Palmer

CALL TO ORDER: Jehnifer Ehmann, AC Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the MTA Building in Palmer.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Jehnifer Ehmann, Bob Marshall, Dave Young, Hans Nordstrom; Herb Mansavage; Herman Griese; Mel Grove; Mike Buirge, and Stephen Bartelli.

Members Not Present: Andy Couch (excused), Tom DeLand (excused), Randy Talvi, Birch Yuknis (excused), Chad Lipse (excused), Chris Watchus (excused), Darren Spano (excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNIZE GUEST AND DEPARTMENT STAFF: Those in attendance included Gino Del Frate, Region IV Wildlife Conservation Division Regional Supervisor; Todd Rinaldi, Region IV Wildlife Conservation Division Regional Management Coordinator; AST Trooper John Sears; Dan Montgomery, past AC member, and Danny Lewis.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Dan Montgomery spoke in opposition to proposal #29. Hunter harvest of moose from last 5 years in Unit 13 showed that non-resident harvest was less than 9%, and the harvest level was within population sustainability. He noted that while he did not support Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH) for moose he thought CSH for caribou should remain. Mel Grove added that state income from non-residents was important component of state Fish and Game budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Jehnifer E. noted that she had received edits and would include Herman G.'s edits received today. No objections were heard to accepting the minutes as corrected.

MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Jehnifer E. wished to add the discussion of a Fish Board nomination to "Other Business". No other objections were heard and the agenda was adopted.

1. Copper Basin Area Board of Game Proposals #23 - #44

Alaska Board of Game Special Copper Basin Area Moose and Caribou Meeting Matanuska Valley AC Comments Mar. 18-21, 2017, Glennallen			
#	Proposal Description		
Action	Support	Oppose	Comments, Discussion, Amendments to Proposal
23	Eliminate the CSH moose hunt in Unit 13.		
Support	9	0-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Hans N. and Bob M.: Spoke in favor of supporting this aspect of moose hunting regulations as it mirrors our intent and reasoning in our AC proposal #14.



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Action	Support	Oppose	Comments, Discussion, Amendments to Proposal
24	Clarify the communities eligible for the "100 any bulls" quota and extend the season		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. pointed out that this proposal would continue to restrict hunting opportunity to an even smaller select group, as intended by proposer. The opportunity should be available to all AK residents.
25	Eliminate the CSH for moose, or require hunters to choose between subsistence or general hunt and further restrict the hunt		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. - opposed because of the difficulty in applying this approach to moose hunting in Unit 13.
26	Change the antler restriction for general moose hunting in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. - will not support but requested ADFG comments. Todd R. spoke to the general antler structure pattern of bull moose in Unit 13 and indicated that the current bull:cow ratio was acceptable with the current antler restriction. This change could reduce potential harvest. Herman G. reiterated that the ADFG antler structure evaluation in the 1990s suggested that even in unit 13 some bulls could reach much larger width without growing 4 or even 3 brow tines.
27	Change the antler restriction for general moose hunting in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. opposed for the same reason as in #26, there is currently an adequate bull:cow ratio with the current antler restrictions. Todd R. concurred.
28	Change the antler restriction for general moose hunting in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Herman G. is opposed because ADFG antler studies found some yearling bulls met this minimum antler restriction that led to low bull:cow rations prior to the change to spike-fork 50, 4 brow tine. Using 36 inch minimum still relies on the hunter to make a measurement estimate.
29	Close the nonresident moose hunt in Unit 13		



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Action	Support	Oppose	Comments, Discussion, Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. will oppose. He agrees with the testimony of Dan Montgomery that the restriction on non-residents is unnecessary, and not justified. Mel G. agreed and reminded that the funds from nonresidents produced much needed management funds.
30	Eliminate the CSH for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	9	0-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. - agreed with the proposer and questioned ADFG staff if they understood why a Unit 13 AC would not support the CSH. All the more reason to support eliminating it.
31	Eliminate the CSH for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	9	0-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. supports the elimination of the CSH system. Mike B. supports this as a better alternative to #30.
32	Change the eligibility criteria for Tier I caribou and moose hunts in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. was opposed because the new criteria were contrary to our views of equal access by all residents. Herman G. noted it would be difficult to apply and that it seemed to be self serving by placing the 5-year history, since the proponents have that history. One member stated all AK residents were subsistence users.
33	Eliminate the CSH for caribou, the Tier I and drawing hunts, and eliminate the requirement to hunt moose only in Unit 13; replace with registration hunt period system		
Oppose	1	8-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd ADFG staff reported it would be difficult to manage this type of registration hunt and may be unfair to remote residents with slow internet service. They also reported allowable harvest may not be reached. Herman G. noted the late season harvest could potentially eliminate that population segment that has adapted to staying in Unit 13 during late winter. Steve B. - questioned the options for changing findings (600-1000 caribou for community harvest). Herman G. will oppose, though a good idea, it would take too many amendments to fix it.
34	Eliminate the CSH for caribou, increase the number of caribou household Tier I permits and shorten the season		



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#	Proposal Description		
Action	Support	Oppose	Comments, Discussion, Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	1	8-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Hans N. will not support because it increases the Tier I allocation and decreases the drawing permit. Steve B. is opposed because it puts drawing permit hunters late and reduces their hunting opportunity.
35	Eliminates the CSH hunt for moose and remove the restriction for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	4	5-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. supports this proposal because it eliminates the 2 most egregious aspects of these hunts. He stated our goal is to cause the Board to reach new findings. Wants to eliminate the required hunting of moose and caribou in unit 13. Some of us want more moose in Unit 13. Mel G. - why can't we manage it like the 40-mile heard where you are not allowed to hunt both species at once? Gino D. - The required moose hunt for Tier I was set to reduce attractiveness and to reduce hunter density. Steve B. will not support.
36	Increase the bag limit for caribou CSH and clarify the communities eligible for receiving the 300 caribou quota		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Hans N. is opposed because the CSH does not to take more of the harvest allocation because those communities have plenty of hunters to take advantage of state and federal bag limits.
37	Lengthen the caribou season, increase winter caribou bag limit, and establish a youth hunting season		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Dave Y. is opposed, though he supports youth hunts, they should not be for big game where he believes there is abuse. Steve B. is opposed to having the season go through the rut when meat will likely be wasted.
38	Eliminates the drawing hunt for caribou and remove the restriction for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	1	8-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B will oppose for the reason in comments previously stated. Eliminating drawing hunts eliminates regular Alaskan hunters.
39	Eliminate the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose only in Unit 13		



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#	Proposal Description		
Action	Support	Oppose	Comments, Discussion, Amendments to Proposal
Support	5	3-1	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Steve B. supports because he believes there is too much pressure on the moose population. (Note: After completing votes on the proposals Steve Bartelli requested a clarification on the Tier I restriction to require moose hunting in Unit 13 only since there seemed to be disparity in support for proposals that seemed similar. On lifting that restriction only the straw poll was 4-5-0, but with some additional restriction to reduce over-crowding by caribou hunters, the straw vote was 8-1-0 to eliminate the requirement.)
40	Eliminate the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	4	3-2	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Confusing but similar to #39.
41	Shorten the season dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw hunt, remove the requirement that Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	4	4-1	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Mel G. asked for departments view. ADFG stated this would probably reduce harvest opportunity. Herman G. likes the idea and questioned whether manipulating permit numbers could make this work. Hans N. does not like the shortened season for drawing permit winners. Herb M. will support.
42	Change the dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw season		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Herman G. will not support for lack of detail. Hans N. and Steve B. will not support because it restricts non-Tier hunters.
43	Eliminates CSH for moose, lengthens the general season and adopts an "any bull" registration permit		
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Herb M. cannot support due to extreme levels of management and unfairness of "first-come-first serve". Herman G. will not support this proposal in deference to our support of our own proposal #14.
44	Modify the permit conditions for the CSH hunt permit conditions for the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Hunt		



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Action	Support	Oppose	Comments, Discussion, Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	9-0	Mel G. to the floor, Steve B. 2nd Hans N. is opposed because it clearly intends to eliminate equal opportunity for all Alaskans. Mel G. will not support because though it makes getting the permit harder it does not stop it. Heman G. stated that the intent is clearly to eliminate all other communities.

2. Other business that may come before the AC:
 - a) Jehnifer E. asked if the Committee was willing to provide a letter of support for Board of Fish member Reed Morisky whose term expires. She stated he has supported our efforts to help Upper Cook Inlet stocks in our area. Herman G. made a motion to provide letter of support. No objections were hears and Jehnifer offered to write the letter.
 - b) The question was asked about not supporting Ted Spraker for the Board of Game. Though it has been discussed no decision for an AC generated letter has been approved. Topic will be discussed at the next meeting.
3. Member Comments: Steve Bartelli requested a clarification on the Tier I restriction to require moose hunting in Unit 13 only. On that change only the straw poll was 4-5-0, but with some additional restriction to reduce over-crowding by caribou hunters, the straw vote was 8-1-0 to eliminate the requirement.
4. Next Meeting: March 15th

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted by: Herman Griese



Re: Special Glennallen Board of Game meeting March 18-21st.

The Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee would like to reiterate that we are opposed to the Community Hunt in any format. We believe there is adequate opportunity for local residents to harvest moose and caribou under current regulations.

Federal regulations allow rural residents a better step-up than the State driven community harvest. Additionally, given the federal mandate to allow local native corporations to set regulations on privately held corporation lands, the chance to harvest moose and caribou with no outside competition will be greatly increased.

Our Committee would like to return hunt regulations to a more equitable format.

Our Advisory Committee supports proposals which ask that moose hunting not be tied to caribou hunting. We feel that the regulation requiring hunters to harvest moose in Unit 13, because they hold a caribou tag for that unit, puts unnecessary pressure on the area moose population.

We favor proposal #37 as a good starting point for caribou. This proposal will spread the hunt pressure for caribou and improve the quality of the hunt for all participants.

Paxson Advisory continues to favor the present general season for moose. We would ask the Board to look at proposal 43 as a starting point to tweak the general moose hunt and provide additional opportunity. It is worthy of note that our Advisory members are not convinced that the present moose population in Unit 13B is as healthy as ADF&G numbers seem to indicate. Claude and Jennifer Bondy, (residents at Alpine Creek Lodge), concur.

Thank you.

Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee
John Schandelmeier, chair.



Tok-Cutoff/ Nabesna Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2/10/17
Slana School

- I. The meeting was called to order: 2:00 p.m. by Ernie Charley
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Ernie Charlie, Cole Ellis, Christy Ellis, Wayne Shaffer, Eddie Green, Keith Webster, Amanda Abraham
Members Absent Excused: Robert Herrington

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: accepted Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: accepted unanimously
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher
- VI. Guests Present: Seth Wilson, James Abraham, Karen Linnell
- VII. Public Testimony - none
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:

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March 18 – 21, 2017 in Glennallen, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for moose.		
No Action			No action based on proposal 2
2	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.		
support	7	0	The community hunt has become a disaster and everyone should just use the



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			General hunt.
3			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
4			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
5			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
6			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
7			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
8			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
9			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose and allocate permits within the Unit 13 subunits based on population.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
10			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
11			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
12			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
13			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
14			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt and the December registration moose hunt, and modify the number of available drawing permits.
oppose	0	7	Not better, just different
15			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts, or change season dates and eliminate “any bull” tags.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
16			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt, or modify the season and bag limit.
No action			No action based on proposal 2
17			Change the season dates for the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.
oppose	0	7	Easier access to get moose
18			Eliminate or change season dates of the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.
oppose	0	7	Moose in deep rut/ full rut
19			Modify the community subsistence harvest moose hunts.
oppose	0	7	Too early in season
20			Replace the community subsistence harvest moose hunt with a Tier II moose season.
oppose	0	7	Trying to eliminate one type of hunt for another one
21			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts and replace with a Tier II or registration moose season.



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No action			No action based on proposal 20
22	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose, and adopt a resident "any bull" registration hunt.		
oppose	0	7	Conflicting information
23	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt.		
No action			No action based on proposal 2
24	Clarify the communities eligible for the "100 bull" quota and extend the season.		
No action			No action based on proposal 2
25	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose, or require hunters to choose subsistence or general hunt and restrict the hunt area.		
oppose	0	7	Don't like the 50 mile restriction
26	Change the antler restrictions for the general seasons moose hunt in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	7	Most 50 inch bulls don't have 4 brow tines
27	Change the antler restrictions for the general season moose hunt in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	7	Nothing to gain. Not entirely true that 3x3 brow tines are greater than 50 in antlers
28	Change the antler restrictions for the general season moose hunt in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	7	Don't want to liberalize the area and increase hunting pressure.
29	Close the nonresident moose season in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	7	Nonresidents have minimal impact on moose season
30	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou.		
No action			No action based on proposal 2
31	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou.		
No action			No action based on proposal 2
32	Change the eligibility criteria for Tier I caribou and moose hunts in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	7	It will bring in more people
33	Eliminate the caribou community subsistence harvest hunt, Tier I and drawing hunts, and the requirement to hunt moose in Unit 13; replace with a registration hunt period system.		
oppose	0	7	Too complicated. Don't know when caribou will cross during the year, will increase traffic and increase impact on caribou
34	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou, increase the number of caribou household Tier I permits, and shorten the season.		
oppose	0	7	Under normal conditions winter caribou season is closed
35	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunt and remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13.		
oppose	0	7	Take away the link or everyone can apply.
36	Increase the bag limit for the caribou community harvest hunt and clarify the communities eligible for receiving the 300 caribou quota.		
No action			No action based on 2
	Lengthen the caribou season, increase winter caribou bag limit, and establish a youth hunting season.		



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37				Lengthen the caribou season, increase winter caribou bag limit, and establish a youth hunting season.
oppose	0	7		No special hunts and should be extended through the rut because there will be an increase in wasted meat.
38				Eliminate drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 13, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.
oppose	0	7		Trying to do away with draw hunts
39				Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.
No action				No action based on proposal 34
40				Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters shall hunt moose in Unit 13.
No action				No action based on proposal 34
41				Shorten the season dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw hunt, and remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13
No action				No action based on proposal 35
42				Change the dates for the Unit 13 caribou draw season.
oppose	0	7		They should hunt entire season like tier 1 hunters
43				Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose, lengthen the general season and adopt an "any bull" registration permit.
opposed	0	7		Complicates it more than it already is and will pigeon hole hunters into one corridor

Voted to send Wayne Shaffer to March 18-21 meeting.
Meeting adjourned at : 4:40 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham

Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*

Date: 2-11-17



Upper Tanana Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Interior Region Fish and Game Advisory Committees

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Central	Middle Nenana River
Delta Junction	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

At the Upper Tanana Fortymile Advisory Committee’s February 28, 2017 meeting, the AC drafted these comments for the Special Meeting on Copper Basin Area Moose and Caribou Hunting Meeting :

The following comments apply to each individual proposal (Proposals 1-44) in the BOG Copper Basin Area Moose and Caribou Hunting Proposal Book and Proposal 90, which was deferred from the February 2017 Interior Region BOG meeting.

We are opposed to any changes to seasons and bag limits for moose in Unit 12. The current seasons and bag limits in the unit are necessary to maintain moose bull:cow ratio at or above the management objective and at a high enough level to allow for reasonable opportunity to harvest a moose in this heavily treed area, with its limited access and low density moose population. Alaska hunters, including local hunters, have long met their subsistence needs for moose in Unit 12 with the current seasons, bag limits and antler restrictions.

We are opposed to any changes in the caribou seasons or bag limits in Unit 12, due to conservation concerns for the small Mentasta (near the Nabesna Road) and Chisana (in the Chisana area) herds. Current Unit 12 caribou regulations are in place to provide for the conservation of these herds.



**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Game Subcommittee
January 31, 2017
William J Hernandez Hatchery, 941 Reeve Blvd, Anchorage**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair Joel Doner
- II. Members Present: Joel Doner, Phillip Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano, Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Kevin Taylor, Brian Nelson, Matt Moore, Gerold Gugel, Bryce Eckroth, Martin Weiser
Members Absent Excused: Ernie Weiss, Art Nelson, Dino Sutherland, Trevor Rollman, Willow Hetrick
Members Absent Unexcused: Kenny Rogers

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 – 11 present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved without objection
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2016 Approved with changes without objection
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: David Battle, Cory Stantorf, Sherry Wright,
- VI. Guests Present: Rod Arno, Gary Olson, George Jacoby, Stephen Bartelli (Mat Valley AC), Richard Persons, Martin Miegs, Joe Schuster, Tyler Loken,
- VII. Public Testimony – Joel Doner offered several opportunities for members of the public that wished to address the committee. The following people did.

Rod Arno – AOC – Heads up on the CSH proposals (Fish & Wildlife Service posted documents regarding the MOU between Ahtna and Feds. Common Use clause in State should be considered. Ahtna is seeking a Charter for Ahtna Intertribal community to represent their communities and have authority for allocation and co-management through the Federal program. The majority of would take place on state lands (9+ million acres) that may be put in trust with the federal government. Would be up to the BOG to capitulate to give them what they have been unable to get through the state process. The 3 documents are: Charter, Memorandum of Understanding, and a Traditional Use Map.

AC Questions / Discussion – Wondering if the feds has the authority to take over in this way? Right now there is not. State could lose management authority which was put into place during ANSCA. Response re: 2009 BOG actions – not any board intent to authorize a native or rural preference. The purpose was to allow issuing permits, available to anyone in the state. Wonder if the AC should even bother taking up the GMU 11 – 13 proposals coming up if there is something else underway that may take away state management? Depends on what the BOG is willing to give away. Rod Arno asks that the public make comments available for the board regarding this matter.

Richard Person – Setnetter on East side Cook Inlet. Spoke about a few proposals already – Prop 175 was put in by his son. 105 fathoms of gear is allowed. In 2014 when this was written up, they went to the local biologists to ensure they could fish their full complement of gear. ACR was taken up in Juneau that didn't pass. This is the second attempt to clear this up so they can



fish their full complement of gear. Anchorage AC proposal to do away with this altogether would also be good.

VIII. Old Business:

BOG member Ted Spraker was invited to attend the meeting. He has been in Alaska 42+ years and started working with Dept of Fish & Game in 1974 as Assistant Area Biologist in Glennallen. He was moved by ADFG to Soldotna in 1978 till his retirement in 2002. Murkowski requested he serve on the BOG and has ever since. This would be his 6th term and last. His desire is to complete his original purpose for coming on the Board - to fix Unit 13. There are still issues to deal with there and there are a couple of proposals in the upcoming meeting that may do that.

Past attempts at addressing subsistence hunting opportunities have failed miserably. The other thing that has been changed is the 2004 implementation of predator control, which has been without a doubt a very successful program. Have to deal with the high number of people that like to hunt caribou. The number interested is not acceptable for a quality hunt.

Spraker was thankful for the committee taking the time to address the Interior Region meeting. Really would like to see everyone (AC) testify at the Board meeting. He indicated he allows additional time for testimony and does not hold the public to a 3 minute limit. Listening to the public is very important. As area biologist, he worked with the Kenai Peninsula ACs, and would be at Central Peninsula AC meeting tonight, if he wasn't here. He still attends meetings on the Peninsula. He is available by phone if anyone wants to discuss anything. He asks for your support for one more go-around.

Phillip Calhoun *Question / Discussion – Should Boards submit board generated proposals?* Ted believes they should – they are not trying to avoid public proposals. Some of the proposals that come through are not totally focused – a bit here, a bit there. The board proposals provide that focus. The Board ensures there is still time for the public to participate. They could make a motion at the table and pass it, but they don't do that.

Prop 207 was one that was opposed by most of the ACs and still went through and passed. Many people were frustrated by the feeling of not being heard. They spend time away from their families to participate in the process, then come away feeling frustrated. The Board listens to all the testimony. Many comments were supportive of Prop 207 and this proposal had a long public review process. Strong supporter of ethical hunting and many people complained of people buzzing them when they had packed in and then got planes flying over them. Some have been appreciative of hunting being quieter. Spraker supported proposition 207 and still does.

Neil DeWitt *How much weight do you give FSB or Western Arctic Caribou meetings?* They have requested feds to back off and give them time. There used to be an incredible number of caribou and at one time they considered 200,000 would be a good number. Hunters need to stick together, not be divisive among ourselves. Problem is that this will put more people in other areas. Many of the people formerly from those areas also will have an adverse impact by closures.

Kevin Taylor *Back to the sheep issue – what do you think needs to be done?* His answer was personal – doesn't believe we need to do anything. Spraker is more of a long term guy, when looking at populations. Guide concession program on BLM/state lands is an answer to our problems. Letter to legislators to that effect is underway. 10 year leases promote stewardship,



limits number of animals that can be harvested, keeps them from moving. There's always a few guys that move in and disrupt things, and also disrupts the residents. Can look forward to that, especially when it comes to sheep.

Frank Neumann *Unit 13 intensive management – returning to general hunting practices – would that mean doing away with IM on wolf?* Wouldn't get rid of IM – that should be a tool available to the department as needed. General seasons – might be able to some sort of registration hunt for caribou and do away with subsistence hunting. That way, we could limit the number of hunters in any given week. As far as moose – way above ANS and could provide special provision later in the season for any bull, but the 100 bull has not been working. Different direction – even local AC wants to do away with it. MOU gives away the farm for the state.

Steve Bartelli *(with Mat Valley AC) 207 was a hard pill to swallow for many AC members. There was not the support around the AC system and meetings that have been spoken of. One user type was severely restricted through that proposal. Was tempted to put in a bunch of restrictive proposals for specific types of hunting. They volunteer for their community and it was very unpopular. Just don't understand what was so compelling to cause the vote to go the other way?* Declining sheep numbers, and more and more competition for sheep hunters were some of the compelling reasons. Majority of residents don't have airplanes was another reason and the ethics of fair chase. One of the things about serving on the Board of Game is you will find out how many people hate you. If you look at his record overall, he has made a lot of decisions. He looks at the resource first, and opportunity, ethical hunting around the state. There will always be some issues people don't like.

Joel Doner *What can the Anchorage AC do to be better?* Anchorage AC is respected by BOG. When the committee voted against every cow hunt in the state – the BOG felt it was being driven more by one person, not a consensus of the group. Franks does a good job representing the committee.

Motion to support the letter written by Homer AC was made and 2nd. Prop 207 was a difficult pill to swallow – with AC opposing as a majority and felt they were not listened to. Joel Doner Commented: regardless of who is being considered, a committee that sends this type of letter is undermining their own future dealings with the BOG. The motivation for this letter seems to do more with anti-predator control than anything. We need to be careful that we don't lose the board in that regard. **3 – 6 – 2. Failed.**

Anchorage AC made a motion to support the Game Subcommittee recommendations with the following list of proposals reviewed by the full committee at tonight's meeting: 146, 151, 152, (122, 125, 130, 143 – 145, 147 – 150 were taken up under one vote and noted for the record), 47, 49, 52, 61-62, 68 – 69, 71 – 72, 87-88, 94, 116, 131-132. There was no objection on the motion.

Dave Battle spoke to the committee about the local moose populations. Dave Battle spoke to the committee about the local moose populations. The 2013 moose survey in the 20 Mile Creek drainage recorded a total of 155 animals. The bull cow ratio was 23/100 and a calf to cow ratio of 27/100. The recent 2016 aerial survey was conducted with 155 animals being recorded with a bull to cow ratio of 31/100. Dave Battle commented that the bull population number was probably higher than the survey count. He also commented that the population appears to be stable at this time. He also replied to the question of optimum bull to cow ratio as being 1 to 4.



Asked if the recent snow falls could lead to a new winter survey, and along with that the chance of increasing the number of tags if a new survey showed an increase in the population down there? The answer was not at this time. The number of permits requested for the hunt was submitted and accepted previously.

When asked what happens to survey funding if they aren't flying moose surveys in 14C for the last 3 years – the answer was they used it for other surveys, for sheep and goat

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46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	Support the Department for reasons stated.
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	1	10	Same proposal as Proposal #17. ½ of the State will have definition and the other ½ a different definition. Difficult for enforcement. It's not illegal to take more meat than you want if you so choose. Supporters don't want not taking certain parts illegal. See action/comments on Proposal #17.
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	11	0	Include language only in special weapon hunts with the addition of cross bows. As long as there is a specific hunt for crossbow only. Refer third paragraph, last sentence. Wouldn't change how State Troopers does enforcement.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	8	2	AAC supported Proposal #19; see comments and vote from full committee. In favor for reasons stated. Oppose: do not like second degree of kin. Purely allocative shift of harvest away from residents. Would be fewer second degree/next of kin hunters. Think this is an important proposal to support. Impacts residents more than non-resident hunters. Opposed: doesn't like second degree/next of kin in general. All non-residents use guides. State of Alaska is getting revenue from each hunter, but only one tag is punched. Handcuffing resident hunters more than non-residents. 1 abstain.
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Support	11	0	See comments on Proposal 19 & 49.
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	11	0	See comments on Proposal #8. Suggest amending language to be clarified per certain species (i.e. moose or caribou; suggest adding the word "certain" instead of "any" of first sentence. Any prey species, this proposal is not clear that the proposer wanted, for example, moose to stay open for harvest if caribou went under IM. Would have



75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: any proposal that discusses predator control is good for the ungulate population. Believe that the Department will do it correctly.
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: a lot of moose in the area, don't see a biological issue with extending the days. Would like to see both the State and the Feds attempt to align their seasons. This is registration permits only, not the general hunt.
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: ungulates population would presumably increase.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support as amended: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates. Proposal as written: would like to amend proposal to include 19B. Amendment failed 2, 5. Support: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates.
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates.
81	Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: clarification of questionable language is good.
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: residents from McGrath do not have trouble accessing sheep, they have a winter sheep hunt for any ram.
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: without data, cannot support. 1 abstain.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: aligning state and feds; support predator management.
85	Open a resident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 20E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: currently a registration hunt. Number of caribou available for harvest is regulated by ADFG as is, and can change by EO as determined. Would not like to see resident restricted from hunting. 1 abstain.
86	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: there is already a restriction to shooting from the highway. If things are happening that are illegal, enforcement will take over. Things addressed in this proposal are already illegal, this is an enforcement issue.
87	Lengthen the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area hunting season		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	5	Oppose: vehicle restrictions are restrictive enough as is across the State. Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
88	Clarify the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Oppose: do not support antlerless moose hunting at all.
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: not running experiments on game; would like to see science supporting idea. Bull/cow ration has improved since antler restrictions were put into place. 1 abstain.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: oppose the CSH hunting completely, will not support. Restricts resident hunters.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.

Board of Fisheries UCI proposal comments:

Prop 110 - Proponent was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. If ADFG allows a person to own two permits, you should be able to fish them both. This is almost a housekeeping issue to clarify.

Vote: 11 – 0 Support

Prop 135 – Proponent’s father was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. East side is divided by Kenai / Kasilof sections. There are 7 – 8 miles between the two rivers, and the division is called the Blanchard line. The proposal seeks to add a third section – K-Beach. Also the opening time for some of these sections would change. South K-Beach currently opens when Kasilof opens, even though it is quite far away. North K Beach and South K Beach would begin July 1. They would gain 7 days roughly of fishing time. Kasilof would open June 20. South K Beach would lose around 10 days of fishing. If we are worried about early run king salmon South K-Beach would be the primary harvesters. North of the Kenai River would stay the same. Blanchard line is arbitrary any time you discuss moving it. Kasilof River has a habitual over-escapement issue. This would help. There is a concern of sport and personal use people not getting opportunity to harvest. June 20 is able to open right now (so this doesn’t move the date earlier than already in regulation. A concern exists that not enough information is available to support this. Encourage the Board to give this a good look and consider all the options. May be a good king conservation measure. Getting a period during the heart of the season, in light of king conservation may be a benefit. This represents lost opportunity for those fishing further south, when Kasilof fish come early. The July 1 date will need to really be looked at critically because of the second run of kings.

Vote: 4- 2 – 5 Support.

Prop 14 & 34 should be included in UCI BOF comments (discussed during LCI meeting).

New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Matt Moore
Minutes Approved By: Joel Doner
Date: February 3, 2017



**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
12/14/2016
Glennallen High School Library**

- I. Call to Order at 5:20 pm by Chair Chuck McMahan
- II. Members Present: Christopher Gene, Don Horrell, Nick Jackson, Chuck McMahan, Jim Odden, Mike Roscovius, Dave Sarafin, Bradley Sinyon, Alysia White
Members Absent: David Bruss, Chad Gerlach, Brad Henspeter, Shirley Smelcer, Leif Sorlie
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: All
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: not needed
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Heidi Hatcher, Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Frank Hobson, Josh Heibaugh, Becky Schwanke, Bruce Cain, Gloria Stickwan, Lee Adler, Karen Linnell
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Elections were held with the following results:

Frank Hobson elected to fill the Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/18
Chad Gerlach elected to fill the Undesignated seat with term expiring 6/17 (to correct 1/3 turnover)
Aaron Bloomquist elected to fill Kenny Lake seat with term expiring 6/19
Nick Jackson elected to fill Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/19
Jim Odden elected to fill Lake Louise seat with term expiring 6/19
Dave Sarafin elected to fill Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/19
Brad Sinyon elected to fill Alternate seat with term expiring 6/17
Lee Adler elected to fill Alternate seat with term expiring 6/17

The Undesignated seat with term ending 6/18 and the Glennallen seat with term ending 6/19 were left vacant at this time.

These were done by unanimous consent.

Officer elections were held with Chuck McMahan to continue as Chair and Alysia White to continue as Secretary. The Vice Chair position was left vacant.

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/ Western Region

Motion to adopt 8 and 51 - Horrell , 2nd Gene, discussion (see below), Question: McMahan

Proposal 8: non resident in areas with IM program Oppose vote: 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non



residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal.

Proposal 51: non resident in areas with IM program Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal.

Motion to adopt 9,10,12,13,14,16, 52,57-62 – Bloomquest, 2nd Gene, Question: McMahan

Proposal 9,10,12,13,14,16: non resident percentage based hunt proposals Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal. Already doing percentage based in some areas that saw the need.

Proposal 52,57-62: non resident percentage based hunt proposals Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal. Already doing percentage based in some areas that saw the need.

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63				Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
Support	11	1		This seeks to repeal the effect of Proposal 207 that was taken up by the Board of Game. The use of aircraft for spotting Dall Sheep is unenforceable. There have been no successful prosecutions on this. It creates a crowding problem because people want to go at the beginning of the season now. The commercial services board passed a rule that says that aircraft used by professional guides can't be used with multiple consecutive passes over game animal.
64				Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years



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Support	10	1	1 vote abstained. There are a lot of sublegal sheep harvested, people who take sublegal get to hunt next year. Might make people think twice before taking the shot. This should be a state wide regulation.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	The committee prefers to keep this as it is and proposed one every four years.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	This committee opposes special seasons.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
Support	7	5	Between April 15 and May 1 it's pretty nasty with break up. If you prepare your bait station on April 1, there won't be many bears on the sites anyway. This would still allow people to get out on a snowmobile. Some conflict with trapping season, and some generally don't like bear baiting. Some have seen more bears in areas they hike due to bear bait stations.
69	Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20		
Opposed	0	12	This would be during the rut. Committee doesn't support special season hunts.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support as amended	12	0	Federal law prohibits this unless it is under predator control. Amended to require a hunter be 300 ft from the plane before shooting.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
Opposed	0	12	This would only expand the problem. We want to see the community subsistence hunt as it currently is ran taken off the books until it can be re worked.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Support as amended	12	0	There are people that are overharvesting with a large group of hunters. Five per day should be enough for anyone. Ruffed grouse are just getting a toe hold around here but by Spring were gone. Not sure what was getting them. Amended to include Unit 11 and 13 by Wrangell St Elias Subsistence Resource Commission. There was some discussion of the committee whether they could amend at this time to add Unit 11 and 13. They would like to amend at this time, but intend to submit a proposal for the Central /SW BOG region meeting. This may be more of a social issue. People harvesting grouse while hunting moose, especially with children in tow could be a hardship if the bag limit was reduced. The bag limit is pretty liberal, and there was some thought that reducing the



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			bag limit, might make it less appealing for groups that come out and take a large quantity, which creates some local depletions. Ptarmigan hunting used to be abundant and has been depleted. Amended to leave the existing end of season March 31.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
Support	12	0	Supported to keep it on the books. Used as a tool to keep moose populations down to a good number for the health of the population. This gives the opportunity for the animal to be used rather than just die when populations are high.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		

Committee had some discussion about the upcoming BOG meeting, seasons and required retention of moose taken in the community hunt and a few of the proposals they know about.

There was no one that wanted to represent them at the BOG Interior/NE Region meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alysia White
Minutes Approved By: Chuck McMahan
Date: 12-20-2016



Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
14/12/2016
ADF&G Conference Room

- I. Call to Order: 6:34 PM by Carl Taylor

- II. Roll Call:
MEMBERS PRESENT: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, ,
Regular Members: Jeff Lipscomb, Vern Aiton, , Elizabeth Neipert, Paul Dudgeon, Tony Williams
Ross Baker, Robert Matthews
Alternates:, Don Bunselmeier, Jack Windsor

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Regular Members: Rusty Craig – Vice Chair (excused, Jacob White (excused), Tim Webb
(excused),
Alternates: Don Quarberg (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present
List of User Groups Present: None

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No minutes have been provided as yet.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandi Baker, Bob Schmidt

- VI. Guests Present: Kim Jochum (Colorado State University Biologist for Donnelley Training Area)

- VII. Correspondence to the AC:
 - a. Letter of support from Fairbanks ADF&G Moose Biologist Don Young for BOG proposals on reauthorizing cow moose hunts.
 - b. Ahtna Tribal Resources Proposal (attached)
 - c. Federal Subsistence proposal for Unit 23 to exclude hunters on federal land unless they are federally qualified subsistence hunters for that area.

- VIII. Fishing Report by Brandi Baker: 18” of ice on Lisa and Quartz lakes. Lisa Lake trail has light snow cover. Donna Lakes Trail has good snow cover. George lake – still open water on the Tanana. Volkmar Lake crossings good.
Wildlife Report by Bob Schmidt: No moose surveys in the area due to not enough snow cover. 22 bison have been harvested so far.

- IX. Old Business: NONE



X. New Business: Delta AC action on BOG Proposals

Proposal #	Supported	VOTE	COMMENTS
46	YES	10-0-0	
66	YES	7-1-2	
68	YES	10-0-0	
72	NO	1-5-4	
73	YES	8-1-1	
87	YES	10-0-0	
90	YES	10-0-0	
117	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
118	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
119	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
120	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
121	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
122	Yes	10-0-0	
123	NO	0-6-4	
130	YES	10-0-0	
141	NO	0-9-1	
142	NO	0-9-1	
153	YES	10-0-0	

XI. Next meeting set for 18 JAN 2017

XII. Meeting Adjourned : 7:57 pm

Meeting Adjourned at PM.

Minutes Recorded By: _Jeff Lipscomb_____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
December 7, 2016
MTA Palmer**

- I. **Call to Order:** Herman Griese/Acting Chair: 7:03 PM

- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Steve Bartelli, Tom DeLand, Herman Griese, Mel Grove, Herb Mansavage, Bob Marshall, Terry Nininger, Hans Nordstrom, Darren Spano, Randy Talvi, Birch Yuknis

Members Absent: Andy Couch, (excused), Jehnifer Ehmann, (excused), Chad Lipse, (excused), Chris Watchus, (excused), David Young, (excused), Mike Buirge, (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 11 members present/quorum met

Department Staff/Guests: Tim Peltier, ADFG Palmer area biologist, Rick Merizon, ADFG small game biologist, Chris Brockman, ADFG wildlife biologist, Neil DeWitt, Mary Lockman, Frontiersman

- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Birch moves to adopt agenda as amended, seconded by Steve: no objections-agenda approved

- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** motion to approve by Birch, seconded by Steve: no objections-minutes approved.

- V. **Persons to be heard:** Herman asked Department staff to comment on proposals 146, 147, 151, 152, (antlerless moose hunts) and 153, (brown bear tag exemption renewal). Tim Peltier, on Unit 14, the Department supports this hunt. Herman asks: have there been any surveys done? Tim-unfortunately no. With the lack of survey data the department has to look at population modeling. (Tim then distributes 4 spreadsheets: % of browse offtake vs. % twinning, Unit 14 twinning surveys, Unit 14A moose population projections, and moose road kill in the Mat-Su Valley-Cumulative Summary). Tim indicates that they believe the Unit 14 population is still growing at 1-3%/yr. The last couple of years there has been a heavy roadkill; last year well over 150 animals. The department will start placing moose collars (60) to go on in February-they are good for a couple of years: the distribution will be 45 cows/15 bulls. Herman asks when the last survey was done? Tim: 2014. Tim talked about the relationship between browsing and twinning rate. They will continue to see twinning go down as the browse utilization rate goes up. Mel: how can you determine the twinning rate without a survey? Tim: we fly the route along the Kink River during calving. Tim continues: regarding 14C, Dave Battle, (not present), looked at the 20 Mile area-there was the same amount of animals as his survey in 2013; the population there has been pretty consistent. Dept. supports antlerless hunts in Units 7 & 14C. In Unit 13, the department supports proposal #119.



Department staff conducted Unit 13 surveys recently but the results are currently unavailable

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
64	Hunting season and bag limits for Dall sheep: required permit hunt conditions and procedures		
No action	Birch Yuknis brings the proposal to the floor/seconded by Steve Bartelli Hans Nordstrom: The ADFG has a hard-enough time permitting what is legal, so Hans is opposed. Birch: this is almost identical to proposal #15, which we took no action. Chris Brockman, ADFG: he doesn't know what the Department position is on this proposal; Mel Grove: what is the current trend in punishment for this type of violation? Tim Peltier: if there is an illegal kill then it is turned over to the troopers. AC agrees to take no action		
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	1	9-1	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Tim: The Dept. has no position-this is an allocation issue. Herb- is this pertaining to just this region? Tim-yes. Steve: any biological concern? Tim: very few people come up to hunt in this area so it won't have a major impact. Steve opposes -he believes the Dept. should take their Pitman-Robinson money. Herman doesn't see it as necessary to begin with but should be a statewide proposal. Birch-they are addressing the next of kin issue. Mel abstains-he would like to see the data before he has a position.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	1	10-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch-he is generally opposed. Tim: this is an allocation issue so no Dept. position. Herb-this could decrease the harvest-it takes away from hunts of the general seasons. Herman: guides could use it to set up camps earlier.



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Support	7	4-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve (see next page) Steve-this removes the resident harvest potential. Hans-doesn't appear it would actually do anything. Birch: the author is worried about other areas going non-resident. The author just wants to cap this hunt. Steve-we have just voted on other sheep proposals on the 90-10 rule. Darren-the author is trying to halt non-residents taking over 80 sheep. This will keep non-resident hunters where it is currently.
86	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Herman-a ¼ mile buffer is very difficult to enforce. Steve is opposed. He says everything they identify in here is already against the law. Birch concurs with Steve-it is an enforcement issue.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Hans-is opposed to the community hunt so he is opposed. Steve concurs.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Rick: We have been able to document an increase of grouse. Unit 12 is pretty remote. Most of the harvest occurs right in Tok. Rick says there is no current distinction between grouse species in the regs for Unit 12. Rick also notes that the total population are nearing or at the peak this year. We don't have a conservation concern. Herb: what is your formal position? Chris: we are still working that out. Darren: the proposal contains no data to support it. Current regs are unlikely to lead to slaughter of too many grouse: he will oppose.
97	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B		



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Support	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/second by Steve. Herman-this is a high density human area as well as a high density animal area. Herman will support.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/second by Steve. Randy: this also means you don't need to have a tag in the field. Randy will support the proposal. Chris: The Dept. is not going to do any predator control in Unit 16 next year nor any wolf control. Steve: in light of tag fee increases that are coming up, no tag in this unit is to increase the harvest? Chris: it was to encourage folks to go out to take bears-it was done to create more interest in these areas. Steve will support the proposal.

Discussion of letter to Board of Game regarding the upcoming Glennallen meeting: All members indicated that they had read the final draft. Herman asks who should sign the letter? Birch said Jehn signed the last one so she should probably sign this one. No objection from AC members. Birch makes a motion to adopt the letter, seconded by Steve. No objection from AC members so the motion passes.

Herman notes that the Anchorage AC game working group is meeting at the Pro Bass Shop on 12/13/16. Herman suggests that Valley AC members might want to attend to see how the Anchorage AC approaches things we have acted on.

Member Comments: Mel states that the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council is meeting this week in Anchorage. One item that will be discussed is the possible quota buy-back on sports caught charter halibut. There is discussion for a 2 day weekly closure for halibut charters for this year-up from 1 day last year. Mel indicates that this is just killing the operators in Valdez. The NPMFC will be taking public testimony on Friday morning.

Next Mat Valley AC meeting is scheduled for 12/21/16.

Adjournment: 9:20 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Terry Nininger

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road Fish & Game Advisory Committee
12/15/2016
Slana School



- I. Meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Cole Ellis.
- II. Roll Call: All member terms are expired, so the purpose of this meeting is to re-activate the advisory committee.

Previous Member Roster: Bill Albaugh, Ole Bates, James Beeter, Ernie Charley, Cole Ellis, Wayne Schafer, Thumper Williamson.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

Public Present: Robert Herington, Brenda Herington, Wayne Shafer, Ernie Charley, Eddie Green, Bob Medinger, Cole Ellis, Brad Garitt, Christy Ellis, Beverly Weterdall, Keith Webster, Amanda Abraham, Karen Linnell

- III. Approval of Agenda: Committee is meeting for the purpose of re-activation and discuss Interior Region Board of Game proposals.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Heidi Hatcher, Sherry Wright
- VI. Old Business: none
- VII. New Business: Elections were held with the following results: Ernie Charley, Wayne Shafer & Cole Ellis elected for terms expiring 6/19. Bob Herington, Christy Ellis elected for terms expiring 6/18. Eddie Green and Keith Webster with terms expiring 6/17. Amanda Abraham and Ole Bates as alternates with terms expiring 6/17.

Officer elections were held as follows: Ernie Charley as Chair, Cole Ellis as Vice Chair, and Amanda Abraham as Secretary.

Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting			
Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
No action			No action based on Proposal 50
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Oppose	0	7	Keep it the way it is so if a guy brings his brother up to guide him, he has to punch his



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			tag.
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	7	0	There is trouble with enforcing this. This creates conflict with resident hunters and those flying in with others on just what they are doing. It's a ridiculous law.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	7	Prefer status quo to maintain our sheep population.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	7	This seeks a special season for a select user group and they could hunt in the regular season.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
Support	7	0	Favor the opportunity to harvest more wolves.
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
Oppose	0	7	Concern of ability to determine the brow tines. This seems to be a proposal to allow the larger moose to survive for breeding purpose. Would prefer this just say any bull.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
Oppose	0	7	Lot of communities that could put too much pressure on a condensed area.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Support as amended	7	0	There has been recent increase of local depletion of these animals by large groups hunting them. Would recommend this is applied to Unit 11 and 13 as well. Amend end of the season to March 31.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
Support	4	3	There was some positive and some negative comments, some just don't agree with cow harvest. Some agree with the department that it is a useful tool for the department to use if needed.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	7	0	Need more brown bear harvest, prefer a bounty.

Wayne Shafer was approved to represent the advisory committee at the Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks. He will contact Sherry Wright regarding his travel.

Next meeting will be in early February in order to discuss the caribou and moose in Units 11 – 13. The BOG meeting is tentatively in Glennallen March 18 – 21.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham
 Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley
 Date: 12/20/2016



01/03/2017 Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:12PM at the Tok Fish and Game conference room. Board members present were: Leif Wilson (Chair), Lyle Cronk, Frank Entsminger, Matt Snyder and Jake Combs. Guests included: Bob Gingue and Jeff Wells from the local ADF & G office, Shawn Bayless and Ross Flagen from the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge and Barb Pine.

Agenda was approved with no additions. November 22, 2106 meeting minutes had not been distributed to the Board yet, so no motion to approve.

Staff Updates – Report on the Fortymile winter hunt. There were 567 caribou taken in Zone 1, the Steese Highway and just 1 caribou in Zone 3 on the Taylor Highway by Eagle. Quota is at 100.

Shawn Bayless stated the Nelchina herd is headed towards the refuge and some in the Black Hills. Hunters may take 2 caribou on the refuge this year but only 1 may be a cow.

Jeff Wells also reported on the moose survey in the Upper Tok River Area where they were able to do about 50% of the units. 41/100 ratio bull/cow where in 2012 it was 33/100 and back in 2006 it was approximately 20/100 and that is when the 4 brow tines as added to the regulations.

Hunting Access Project – The department has money to spend on hunter access. Some ideas were to improve the road into the burn area down the south road and also make better access to the board ramp along the Tanana. Forestry will probably do the work since they have the equipment.

Comments on Interior Board of Game Proposals – Leif suggested that the AC go through the proposals, in order, making it easier to follow.

Proposal 5) Nothing to comment

Proposal 6) All Alaskans to be included as residents – Let the Board deal with it.

Proposal 16) 90/10 resident/non-resident for draws, no comment, and discussion was to go with what the Board decided at the last meeting. The AC has been through all this and is worn out. In certain cases, this might make sense but not everywhere.

Proposal 47) Edible meat must be salvaged from large game birds. Jake mad a motion to support and Frank seconded. Call to vote. 0 – 4 Failed

Proposal 48) Crossbow as 4th approved hunting tools in general hunts, not in areas of archery only. No motion made.

Proposal 49 & 50) Bag limits with kindred. Frank moved to support and Matt seconded. 0 – 4 Failed.

Proposal 51) To limit non-resident in IM areas. Frank moved to support, Lyle seconded. 0 – 4 Failed.

Proposal 63) Aircraft used for spotting dall sheep which repeals 207. Jake made motion to support and Frank seconded. 0 – 4 Failed. After more discussion, Frank agreed to write a letter to include youth



season in 207 to clarify date vs. open season. Frank made motion to modify proposal 63 to take away date and make it any open sheep season. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 67) Permit for hunting bear with use of bait or scent lures. Frank moved to support and Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 68) Change any bull to any antlered bull. Frank moved to support, Jake seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 69) To extend archery season. Jake made a motion to support, Frank seconded. 0 – 4 Failed.

Proposal 70) Disabled Veterans hunt. Let the Board decide.

Proposal 71) Hunters over 60 to be able to use crossbow in archery areas. Frank moved to support, Jake seconded. 0 -4 Failed.

Proposal 72) Land and shoot wolf or coyote for trapping license holders. Matt moved to approve, Jake seconded. This enables a trapper using his aircraft to be able to get ahead of a pack, land and establish cover to shoot. As well as spotting a kill site from the air and be able to land and shoot. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 86) Establish ¼ mile corridor from each side of the Taylor Highway. Frank moved to support, Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 88) Boundary in GMU12 within the Tok River drainage. Frank moved to support, Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 90) Community subsistence harvest hunt area. This might be moved to the BOG March meeting. Jake moved to support, Frank seconded. They should still need to follow restrictions and hunt seasons and should be added to the proposal. How will this be enforced? 0 – 3, 1 abstained Failed.

Proposal 91) Shorten the season and bag limit on grouse. Jake moved to approve, Matt seconded. After discussion Frank moved to amend by leaving the season alone by change the bag limit. Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 117 – 121) Brown bears over bait. Matt moved to support, Jake seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Jake nominated Frank to represent the AC at the Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks, February 17 – 25. All were in favor and Frank will attend.

No next meeting was scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14PM