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Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, January 21, 2013 11:00 am

Offices of Ivanof Bay Tribe

7926 Old Seward Highway, Suite B-5

Anchorage, Alaska 99518-3263

Teleconference meeting was brought to order at approximately 11AM by Susie Jenkins-Brito

AC members present;

Don Bumpus, Chignik Lagoon

Alvin Boskofski, Chignik Lake

Rodney Anderson, Chignik Lagoon

Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay

Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay

Noah Shangin, Ivanof Bay

AC members attending via teleconference;

Harry Kalmakoff, JR., Chignik Lake

Don Lind, Chignik Lake

AC members absent;

Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon

With Board Support staff;

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Boards support section, Southwest Regional Coordinator

Monica Wellard - Executive Director with ADF&G Boards Support



Frances Leach – ADF&G Boards Support Publications Specialist

Guests;

Chuck McCallum, L&P Borough Fishery advisor, Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association

Bruce Barratt, Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association staff

Timothy Murphy, Chignik Lagoon

George Anderson, Chignik Lagoon

Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay

A quorum was established with 8 AC members present, 1 absent

1. Approval of Agenda

Rodney moves for an open agenda, Stephen seconds

Motion passes 8-0

2. Approval of Minutes

No minutes available for approval

George Anderson asked to take notes and send to Susie for final draft.

3. Introductions

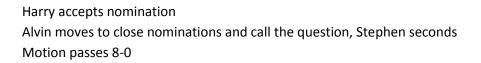
- Staff
- Guests

4. Election of Officers

Don nominates Jacob Shangin as Chair, Rodney seconds Jacob accepts nomination Rodney asks for unanimous consent Motion passes 8-0

Jacob Shangin takes the Chair

Stephen nominates Harry Kalmakoff JR. as Vice Chair, Don seconds



Secretary – Position Vacant – Taking minutes

5. Staff reports: No staff available for reports

6. New Business

Salmon Proposals 173-196

Proposal 173

Rodney moves to adopt, Alvin Seconds Discussion:

- The proposal would expand an interception fishery on sockeye stocks that are already fully utilized in terminal stock fisheries (Upper Cook Inlet/Kodiak/Chignik) and in the intercept fishery in Kodiak's Cape Igvak Section.
- An increase in the SEDM allocation would by default increase the harvest of Chignik bound sockeye salmon in the Cape Igvak fishery in as much as the 15% allocation to that fishery is calculated against the total combined Igvak, Chignik, and SEDM catch of assigned Chignik bound sockeye salmon, while the SEDM allocation is calculated solely on the Chignik harvest.
- The 300k harvest preference has historic standing as Chignik is exclusively managed as a terminal stock fishery unlike Kodiak and Area M. The 300k and 600k levels come into play only when Chignik sockeye runs are weak. Earlier Boards have held that these levels are justified to maintain the economic viability of the Chignik area which has no alternative economic resources other local fisheries stocks.
- Area M has no significant local stocks as evidenced in ADF&G's SP Management Plan. On the south side of Area M there is but one single stock that ADF&G manages being the Orzinski sockeye run with only a 15-20k escapement goal. Further ADF&G reports that the current SEDM plan has not caused any mismanagement or lost harvest opportunities on the Orzinski sockeye run.
- Chignik fishers through the Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association have contributed more than a million dollars over the last decade for management and conservation of the two Chignik lakes sockeye runs; it appears that Area M fishers are bent on capturing higher harvest levels on Chignik bound sockeye salmon at the cost of terminal stock and other fishers.

Rodney Calls question

Motion Fails 0-8



Proposal 174

Don moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The proposal would expand an already existing interception fishery. The result would be an increased harvest of Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet-bound sockeye salmon.
- The proposal is completely absent of any stock management and/or stock conservation responsibility.
- The proposal would likely over-exploit the only local Area M stock of management consequence in the SEDM-- that being the relatively small Orzinski Lake sockeye run having but a 15-20k escapement goal.
- The proposer of Proposal 174 says "no one would suffer." The applicant likely holds to the premise that there must be unutilized sockeye stocks migrating through SEDM water which according to ADF&G is clearly a misnomer.

Also noted from the public that an increase number of gill net marked fish are present after dates in proposal.

And Allocation is a target, not a guarantee. Author cites strong return for Chignik in 2011, but neglects to identify that Area M also had robust harvests.

Rodney calls question **Motion Fails 0-8**

Proposal 175

Stephen moves to adopt, Don seconds Discussion:

- All comments cited on Proposal 174 (above) apply here.
- SEDM fishers fell short of the allocation in 2011 as mentioned in the proposal. Not mentioned is that in 2010 they reached the 7.6% allocation, and in 2012 they achieved 7.7%. The existing 7.6% allocation is not a guarantee; it is a target and is based on a historic allocation and through its application ties the fishery to a stock-specific management responsibility.

Rodney calls question, Don seconds

Motion fails 0-8

Proposal 176

Stephen moves to Adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:



- If approved, the proposal would expand the NWSS into a greater interception fishery than already exists.
- Earlier Boards recognized that the NWSS fishery harvested non-local stocks more so than the sockeye salmon destine to Orzinski. They also recognized the legitimate need to harvest Orzinski sockeye salmon in the terminal waters of Orzinski Bay, and therefore provided the current management option for F&G to provide unlimited fishing time within the bay whenever such might be warranted to ensure no lost harvest opportunity on the Orzinski run.
- Non-local stock harvest in the NWSS well exceeds that of SP local-stock contribution in every year, and those non-local sockeye stocks include Chignik and east of WASSIP (Kodiak and Upper Cook Inlet) sockeye salmon.
- Expanding the NWSS fishery outside of Orzinski Bay is not necessary for optimal management of the Orzinski sockeye run with a 15-20k escapement goal.
- The current NWSS management plan is not broke- so no need to try to "fix it."

Rodney calls question

Motion Fails 0-8

Proposal 177

Harry moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The proposed plan has no biological merit or conservation requirement or burden. The proposal parallels how most AK fisheries were manage by the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries prior to statehood which caused over-harvest and diminished salmon production statewide.
- The proposal would be contrary to the Sustainable Fisheries Act given the absence of specific management guidelines or restrictions other than not being able to fish 2 days/week.
- There are no local sockeye stocks in SP waters post July that would justify such liberal fishing time.
- Most of the set-netters are fishing gear for traveling fish not local stocks. Therefore if the proposal were adopted, it would expand an already existing interception fishery.

Additional comments from public: Perryville and Ivanof Bay subsistence users will feel affects of this proposal if it passes. Proposal as written could have potential subsistence user impacts in the Western and Perryville Districts of the Chignik Management Area.



Stephen moves to adopt, Don seconds

Motion fails 0-8

Proposal 178

Rodney moves to adopt, Alvin seconds

Discussion:

- We are uncertain whether the proposal if adopted would have any management implications to Chignik, in particular to Perryville District Coho salmon stocks which have been problematic in some years in terms of meeting local village subsistence needs.
- We look for ADF&G to address the issue and whether the fishery might expand interception of non-local Coho and other salmon species.

Don calls for question

Chair does not hear question, discussion continues:

Additional comments: Subsistance users in Chignik Lake have noticed a decline in fish available for subsistence harvest in past 6-7 years.

Also, Departments seems to be well within range of escapement goals.

Don moves to table the Proposal 178, Rod seconds

Motion to table passes 8-0

Proposal 179-183

Don moves to consolidate 179,180,181,182 and 183 into a block, Noah seconds

Discussion:

Don moves for No comment, No Action on Block (179-183), Alvin seconds and calls the question

Motion for No comment, No action passes 8-0



Proposal 184

Alvin moves to adopt, Don seconds

Discussion:

 An ADF&G housekeeping proposal. If approved would repeal conflicting elements in the post July 25th management plan for the NWSS and in the management plan for the Stepovak Flats Section covering the July 26-28 period.

Potential Comments:

• This is a Fish and Game housekeeping action and no position is taken

Alvin moves for No action and calls question

Motion for No Action passes 8-0

Proposal 185

Stephen moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The current regulation is reasonably prudent in setting a threshold at 100 immatures per set.
- The proposal would make any closure or restriction of the harvest of immatures optional. ADF&G would have no clear direction on how to respond when a seine fishery or area is averaging 100 or more immatures per set.
- The proposal would be in variance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act as large scale wastage of rearing juvenile salmon would be likely.
- Liberalizing the current immature protection plan could deliver a "black eye" to the industry.

Rodney calls question **Motion fails 0-8**

Proposal 186

Alvin moves to adopt, Noah seconds

Discussion:

• This is a local-stock, terminal harvest strategy issue and has no bearing on Chignik. We defer to ADF&G.



Alvin moves for No action and calls the question

Motion for No action passes 8-0

Proposal 187

Alvin moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The current management plan permits 249 hrs of fishing time for the period of July 6-31. The proposal calls for the same total hours (249-h) but longer openings up to 36-h each.
- We understand that the intent is to save fuel and other costs by having longer but less frequent openings.
- The proposal does not seem unreasonable and is not expected to have any appreciable impact on migrant, non-local sockeye stocks including Chignik bound sockeye salmon.

Don moves to support 187, Alvin seconds

Motion passes 8-0

Proposal 188

Stephen moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- Currently the South Unimak and Shumagin Is. fishery management plan permits 177 hrs fishing time in the July 6-24 period. The proposal calls for a 40% increase to a total of 249hrs in the July 6-24 period.
- The proposal, if adopted, would effectively increase the interception of non-local sockeye by 40%. Stocks impacted of non-local origin would be Chignik, Kodiak and upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon.

Additional comments; Proposal asks for an increase in fishing time by 40% while Chignik Lake returns are present and targeted within Area M.

Noah calls question Motion Fails 0-8

Vice-Chair is excused approximately 2:50PM



Proposal 189

Noah moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The current management plan provides for 249 hrs. of fishing time in the July 6-31 period. The proposal calls for an additional 183 hrs. This would bring the total to 432 hrs. of fishing time in the July 6-31 period, a 73% increase.
- The proposal represents a blatant grab for an intercept fishery expansion.
- Stocks impacted, if the proposal were adopted, would include Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon. The impact to these stocks would expectedly be proportional to the increase in fishing time and therefore be in the range of 70+ percent.

Alvin calls the question

Motion Fails 0-7

Proposal 190

Alvin move to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The proposal calls for a major expansion of July fishing time in the SP. Presently the area is open for 177 hrs. in the July 6-24 period. The proposal asks for total of 252 hrs. or a 42% increase.
- Stocks impacted, if the proposal were adopted, would include Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon. The impact to these stocks would expectedly be proportional to the increase in fishing time and therefore be in the range of 40+ percent.
- If adopted the proposal would be an injustice to terminal stock fisheries.
- There is no local stock justification for an increase in July fishing time within the non-terminal waters of the South Alaska Peninsula.

Noah calls question

Motion Fails 0-7

Don Lind excused approximately 3:00 PM



Proposal 191

Alvin moves to consolidate Proposals 191, 192, 193, and 194 as a block (191-194), Noah seconds

Alvin asks for No comments and No action, calls question

Motion for No comments and No action Passes 6-0

Proposal 195

Don moves to adopt, Alvin seconds

Discussion:

- The proposal, if adopted, would expand an existing interception fishery on stocks destined for Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet.
- There is no historic basis for the proposed gear expansion into the SW District.
- Chignik sockeye are a dominate stock in the Southwestern District in July per the WASSIP study findings, and local sockeye production is limited to a single managed stock being the Orzinski run with a 15-20k escapement goal.

Don calls question Motion fails 0-6

Proposal 196

Alvin moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- Algae causes gear issues throughout the Westward Region including Kodiak and Chignik.
- The proposal would increase gillnet efficiency well beyond the current level.
- More interception would occur on stocks destine for Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet.

Additional comments: not legal anywhere else in the state.

Alvin calls question

Motion fails 0-6

Alvin makes motion to take no action on rest of proposals, Don seconds

Motion for No Action on remaining proposals Passed 6-0.

****Concludes Fin Fish portion of AC meeting

<u>Game Portion</u> King Salmon Area – Units 9 and 10

PROPOSAL NO. 52 Don B. **ACTION: Move to Adopt, Alvin. Second**

Motion to adopt 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Restrict nonresident hunting opportunity in Unit 9. **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.

PROPOSAL NO. 53 Alvin/M, Steve/S

ACTION: No Action, unanimous consent

Motion passed to take no action 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Establish caribou hunting seasons and bag limits for the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd in Unit 9D **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.

PROPOSAL NO. 54

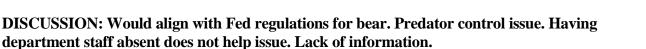
ACTION: Alvin/M, Don B/S adopt

Move to amend change dates to reflect changing SEPT to Oct

Question: 5 yea, 1 nea

Motion carries

DESCRIPTION: Modify the brown bear hunting regulations for Unit 9. **AMENDMENTS: Allow after Sept 21 after State moose season.**



With amendment 5-1, passed

PROPOSAL NO. 55ACTION:DESCRIPTION: Eliminate the village registration permit hunts in Unit 9, allow the taking of
nuisance bears, and/or open bear season.AMENDMENTS:
DISCUSSION:.

PROPOSAL NO. 56 Don question ACTION: Noah/M, Don/S adopt

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6-0 passed

DESCRIPTION: Increase the brown bear bag limit in Units 9 and 10 for the RB525 hunt. **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.

PROPOSAL NO. 57

ACTION: Motion Alvin. Don/S

Passed unanimously NO ACTION

DESCRIPTION: Modify the brown bear hunt area for the village registration permits (RB525) in Units 9 and 10. **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.

PROPOSAL NO. 58

ACTION: Alvin /m, Rod/s

No Action 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Establish a Katmai Preserve, specific registration hunt for brown bear in Unit 9. **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.



PROPOSAL NO. 59

ACTION: Alvin/m, Steve /s

No action 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Allocate brown bear permits in Unit 10 and establish limits for number of applications allowed per guide. **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.

PROPOSAL NO. 60

ACTION: Noah/M, Rod/S

Motion failed 0-6

DESCRIPTION: Exclude National Park Service lands from certain wolf hunting and trapping regulations. **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.

PROPOSAL NO. 61

ACTION: Alvin/M, Don/S

Motion carried 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Modify the intensive management plan for the North Alaska Peninsula Caribou herd. **AMENDMENTS: DISCUSSION:**.

Next Meeting scheduled for March 15th, 2013 in Chignik Lagoon, Alaska.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:45PM



Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

11/9/2012

Members Present:

George Heim, Gerald Neis, Robert Gibson, James Givens, Ed Holsten, Billy Coulliette, Kyle Kolodziejski, John Pearson

Call to order 7:00pm

Jeff Selinger, ADFG presentation 15A +C Wildlife Harvest and Survey Data

Steve Miller, KNWR presentation on refuge camping- proposed changes 100 yards from river, 3 night maximum, ¼ mile from road

Hunting Proposals

- 126 All in favor, the possibility of diseases spread to wild stock from domestic
 - **<u>143</u>** Amend: Sept 1 to Sept 20 3 brow tines 50 inch Allow cow hunt if resource can unanimous as amended
- No action on 144, 145, 146 based on 143
- 147 All in favor good for community, ethically
- <u>151</u> All in favor housekeeping
- <u>153</u> 2 opposed too hard to have a split hunt, 6 in favor more hunting opportunity people may prefer a spring brown bear over a fall for meat salvage
- 157 all opposed don't believe in wasting meat
- <u>158</u> 1 in favor, too many black bears should be allowed more, 7 opposed current regs allow for enough hunting opportunity
- 161 all in favor our ptarmigan population can sustain
- 165 amended to 7 days all in favor Alaskans should prioritize on our resource
- No action on 166 based on 165
- <u>173</u> all opposed no snaring of bears, you can't distinguish what you are going to get brown/black
- No action on 174, 175 based on 173
- 175 2 opposed coyotes do a lot of good controlling rabbit and small game, 6 favor

Meeting adjourned 11:20pm

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Meeting began at 7 pm at the PWS Aquaculture Association Corporate offices on First Street in Cordova.

Members Present: Tom Carpenter, Troy Tirrell, Vic Jones, John Renner, Ardy Hanson, John Greenwood, Bill Webber, Mark King, John Bocci, Dave O'Brien

Members Absent Excused: Torie Baker, Michael Collins, Jason Fode, John Wiese

Members Absent Unexcused: Brad Sapp, Daniel Nichols

Agency Staff Present: Milo Burcham (Forest Service), Tim Joyce (City of Cordova), Dave Crowley (ADF&G Cordova), Sherry Wright (ADF&G Anchorage)

Public Present: Christian Johnson, Bill Myers, Glenn Ijioka

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OLD BUSINESS

ANCHORAGE Last year, BOG proposal passed dealing with Tier I Unit 13 caribou – Tom wanted people to be aware of the limitation of even applying for any drawing harvest in Unit 6 if you put in for that hunt in Unit 13. The new permit handout is more clear about it this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held with the following results:

Nominees: John Wiese, Tom Carpenter, John Greenwood, Dave O'Brien, Chris Johnson, Dan Nichols, Brad Sapp

Members elected: John Wiese, Tom Carpenter, John Greenwood, Dave O'Brien, Chris Johnson

Alternates elected: Dan Nichols, Brad Sapp

Officers elected: Tom Carpenter - Chair Game; John Renner - Chair Fish; Jason Fode - Secretary

Update on deer harvest was provided by Dave Crowley. Concern of low deer numbers and conservation measures locals discussed to address those. Heavy snow from last year has had an impact on the local populations of deer. Bill Webber moved for an emergency closure on Unit 6 state deer hunting season effective December 7. 2nd by John Renner. One of the committee members had been at a processor who had commented there had been a lot less deer from PWS coming through recently. Couple active outfitters out of Whittier that is doing overnight operations. The department also has EO authority to protect the resource. December 7th date allows opportunity for people to make other arrangements and if there is a heavy snowfall prior, the committee can meet again to deal with the issue. Motion carried.



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Discussion continued to consider if they committee also wanted to see a closure on the federal subsistence hunt to conserve the population. Ducks would be an alternative source of food, if the deer season is shortened or closed. The advisory committee recommended the same December 7th season ending for the federal season. The district ranger in Seward can close the moose season in case of conservation concerns. Requested of the advisory committee's consideration of support for the district ranger to have authority to make those type of closures for conservation concerns. The committee would prefer if the district ranger has delegated authority, that it would also require them to have communications with the local people prior to implementation of any closure actions.

Fall Moose harvest – Dave Crowley gave information on the bull tag harvest as a total of 6 out of 7. In the federal side there were 21 bull tags issued with 10 harvested so far; and 40 cow permits -35 harvested and the season is over.

Southcentral Region Board of Game proposals Cordova Area - Unit 6

The area biologist had concerns of the winter overharvest of moose but could use emergency opening authority to take some of these moose. He requested support of the advisory committee for this concept. Last year there was concern expressed about people out with snowmachines, etc. There have been about 60 moose harvested and a need to take about 100. A later season open registration hunt was discussed in order to harvest additional moose. Concern of the ability of prosecuting an orderly hunt, or allowing the surplus to build and have more animals available next year were expressed. The possibility of utilizing those moose by Federal subsistence hunters was discussed. Shoot a bear get a moose tag, shoot a wolf get a sheep tag - earn your tag permits! Late November is a possibility as a time frame for a registration hunt to allow for some additional opportunity to harvest moose. Concern of waiting until there is deeper snow and having people out running those moose after the rut with snowmachines. The Forest Service also could shut down their management areas if they don't agree with the state's idea. There is the non-motorized area south of the road around the Alaganok area. John Renner moved to support emergency opening of antlerless hunt with the time to be determined in 2012. 2nd by Bill Webber. Approximately 25 - 30 additional moose would be taken and allow approx. 2 weeks. Motion failed 5 - 6.

Prop 127 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6A.

The biologist reported that he doesn't anticipate utilizing the antlerless moose season in Unit 6A and 6B. The committee took no action.

Prop 128 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6B. The committee took no action.

Prop 129 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C. Motion to support approved unaminously.

Prop 130 Modify the bag limit for hunting black bear in Unit 6D. Motion to support failed unanimously. Unit 7 has a similar proposal for goats and there is a noticeable decline in the black bear population in the Sound. This would be difficult to administer.

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Intensive Management on Salmon – request by Tom Payton was brought forward with a directive to the committee to keep an eye on it.

Migratory Bird – Call for proposals from the Flyaway Waterfowl Council to include new communities regarding spring hunting. Cordova is not one of the communities included. The shorebird festival is an established event that brings a lot of people to Cordova and is the primary reason they have not sought this. Winter harvest of sea ducks happens already and the season could begin November 1 and extend it into the spring. They used to take a few scoters on the way home from deer hunting, but now it's illegal. The closure are a pretty short time frame. Concern of going over the limit of dusky's if they added a spring harvest was expressed. There was no support of putting in a proposal for this.

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BOF PWS regulatory meeting - Notice to the committee that the BOF has listed Fairbanks as an alternative meeting site for the upcoming PWS meeting and requested the advisory committee send a letter to the Board of Fisheries reminding them of the statute and specifically press that the meeting be held in a community in Prince Williams Sound, if not in Cordova.

AC Questionnaire discussion – Sherry asked that committee members think about what their greatest training need is and let her know. There will be another version of the questionnaire forthcoming so you can wait till that comes out if you'd like to respond.

Draft Joint Board proposal discussion – The draft was provided for committee review and they had no changes noted. They will comment when the Joint Board proposal book comes out.

Subsistence applications are available at the Forest Service office – due by January 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee Position Statement on proposals restricting Non-Resident Hunting Opportunity

Due to the large number of proposals (109-117, 162-170) that are being submitted to the Board of Game restricting the opportunities for non-resident hunters, the DAC would like to issue this statement of our collective remarks on these proposals.

The Delta Advisory Committee, after researching and reading information on the contribution that non-resident hunters make to our state, the actual numbers of animals harvested compared to residents and the revenue generated by this small number of hunters, we do not see any reason to try and further restrict non-resident hunting opportunities in Alaska. There is no evident biological reasoning to restrict the season lengths, give resident hunters earlier access or place quotas on the number of non-resident hunters.

Our AC recognizes the level of scientific surveying and sampling we have now come to expect in order to provide the information needed to make sound biological decisions regarding management of our game species. This research activity is expensive and paid for mostly by nonresident hunters. Nonresident tag sales have been in decline since 2000 and passing these proposals, very likely, will cause further decline in nonresident hunter participation and, consequently, in our ability to properly manage our game resources.

The vote of the DAC on this letter is 9 in favor and 1 abstention

Delta Advisory Committee

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Delta Advisory Committee vote on Proposals Jan 16th, 2013

Proposal# 47, Motion and 2^{nd} 9 apposed 1 abstain, No reason for a guide to be required for this hunt.

Proposal #62 Reauthorize Antlerless moose hunt in unit 13 10 in favor unanimous

Proposal #64, Motion and 2^{nd} , 10 in favor with stipulation that hunt be once in a lifetime consistent with other youth hunts

Proposal #69 Motion and 2^{nd} , 10 opposed, Harvest quotas need to be based on biological data not personal wants

Proposal #71 Motion and 2nd, 10 opposed, Lacks rationale for support

Proposal #74-78, 80-83, Motion and 2nd, 10 in favor, Not opposed to brown bear baiting if the Department deems it necessary to support ungulate populations

Proposal #79, Motion and 2nd, 10 opposed, No need to change current regulations

Proposal #84-85, Motion and 2nd, 8 opposed 2 in favor, DAC does not support state funded predator control on private land

Proposal #86 Motion and 2^{nd} , 10 opposed, Buffer zones do not keep animals contained and no biological reason to implement them

Proposal #87 Motion and 2nd, 10 opposed, No motorized vehicles should be allowed at all.

Proposal #88Motion and 2nd, 10 in Favor

Proposal #89 Motion and 2nd, 10 opposed, No special interests seasons need to be added here.

Proposal #92, Motion and 2nd, 8 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstain,

Proposal #109, 110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117, Motion and 2nd, 9 in favor of the DAC position statement on non-resident hunting (refer to page 1) which **opposes these proposals**, 1 abstain



Proposal #108, Motion and 2nd, 10 opposed, No need to take management tools away from the Department Proposal #118, Motion and 2nd, 8 opposed 2 abstain, no reason to add regulation.

Proposal #119, Motion and 2nd, 8 in favor 2 abstain

Proposal #121, Motion and 2nd, 10 opposed, No biological reason to limit wolf harvest

Proposal #123, Motion and 2nd, 10 in favor

Proposal #124, Motion and 2nd, 10 in favor

Proposal #125, Motion and 2nd, 10 in favor

Proposal #126, Motion and 2nd, 10 in favor

Proposal #162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, Motion and 2nd, 10 in favor Refer to DAC position statement on limiting non-resident hunters

Proposal #171, Motion and 2nd, 9 in favor, 1 abstain, Refer to DAC position statement on limiting non-resident hunters

Proposal #173&174, Motion and 2nd, 10 opposed, Let the Department decide if the control methods need to be changed.

Proposal #175, Motion and 2nd, 7 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstain

Fairbanks AC Position on Central/Southwest Region Proposals

Dillingham Area—Unit 17

Proposal #50 Action: Support

Description: Allow the sale of brown bear hides and skulls from Unit 17.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

We agree with the comments of this Advisory Committee. Brown bears appear to be plentiful in this GMU, as evidenced by the liberalization of the brown bear bag limit, time and season. We also agree that they must be sealed before sale, to allow for adequate recordkeeping.

King Salmon Area-Units 9 and 10

Proposal #60 Action: Oppose

Description: Exclude National Park Service lands from certain wolf hunting and trapping regulations.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

We feel that the Board acted appropriately by extending the wolf hunting seasons on these lands, as the control of predation is necessary in order to meet intensive management goals for these units.

Glennallen Area, Units 11 and 13

Proposal #64 Action: TNA

Description: Establish a youth hunt for (cow) moose in GMU 13A.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

The Fairbanks AC supports the establishment of youth hunts, as evidenced by our support for Proposal #125. However, we cannot support this proposal unless Alaska Regulation 5 AAC 92.036 is changed. AAC 92.036 (a) (3), specifies that (youth hunt) "permits may not be issued for a species of big



game in an area where the species is hunted under a Tier II or drawing permit". There is already an antlerless drawing permit moose hunt in GMU 13 (DM325).

Proposal #65 Action: Oppose

Description: Modify the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt in units 11, 12, and 13

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

The crux of this proposal is that Ahtna is upset that "In both 2011 and 2012 seasons a large number of groups of 25 or more residents applied for the Copper Basin community subsistence moose and caribou hunts", as is allowed under the current regulations. As a result, they want the Board to change the rules of these hunts so that you must essentially live in that area permanently in order to be eligible to participate in those hunts. This AC has long held that the Board of Game illegally granted exclusive hunting privileges to a C & T game population when it established the community subsistence hunt program in the first place and that the Community Harvest program should be repealed completely.

Proposal #66 Action: Support

Description: Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and other changes.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous. See discussion of Proposal #65

Proposal #67 Action: Support

Description: Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt conditions and establish a weighted subsistence drawing hunt.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous. See discussion for Proposal # 65



Proposal #68

Action: Oppose

Description: Increase the number of people per group who can apply for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous. See discussion of Proposal #65

Proposal #69 Action: Oppose

Description: Increase the any bull quota for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

This is just another attempt by Ahtna to limit participation by other groups in the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Permit Hunt. In this case they are upset that other groups (of 25 or more hunters) are legally in that hunt and decreasing the number of moose (a resource that belongs to all the residents of the State) available for them to take. See comments for Proposal #65.

Proposal #79 Act	on: Oppose
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Description: Exclude NPS lands from brown bear tag fee exemptions.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

We believe these exemptions are an important management tool as they allow hunters to remove predators if encountered during other hunts on NPS lands.

Proposal #86 Action: Oppose

Description: Close an area near Denali National Park in Unit 13 to (the) taking of wolves.

Discussion: This proposal appears to be an attempt to establish another "buffer zone" for wolves near the boundary of the park, and manage a particular species by "pack" instead of by GMU. This unit has a harvestable surplus above the ANS. Therefore this proposal is in conflict with Alaska Statute AS 16.05.258 and the BOG must provide for a reasonable opportunity for subsistence.

Regional and Multiple Unit Proposals

Proposal #109 Action: TNA due to action on #114

Description: Open resident seasons 10 days before non-resident seasons and allocate 90% of the harvest to residents.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous. See discussion on Proposal # 117

Proposal #110 Action: Opposed

Description: Open resident sheep seasons 7 days before non-resident seasons.

Discussion: The Fairbanks AC vote on this proposal was 4 For, 8 Against, and 1 Abstaining.

Those testifying against this proposal indicated that during BOG hearings last year there was testimony from Joe Want and Wayne Heimer that the sheep population is not in danger—that there are plenty of sheep for both residents and non-residents, and that based on the research those two have done, they do not support a resident preference. They also, pointed out that 70% of the revenue for the Department of Fish and Game comes from nonresident tags, through Pittman-Robertson funds.

Those testifying for the proposal indicated that Alaska is the only Western State that does not give a clear preference to the Resident hunters for this State's big game resources. They felt that the non-residents would still be allowed to hunt under this proposal (just 7 days later), thus ensuring no loss in revenue to the State and/or big game guides. They also testified that the earlier start date would ensure a higher quality hunt for resident hunters.



Proposal #111

Action: TNA due to action taken on #110

Description: Open resident sheep seasons 7 days before non-resident seasons. (same as #110 except season dates)

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

Proposal #112 Action: TNA due to action taken on #110

Description: Open resident sheep season 5 days before non-resident season.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

If an early start date is to be established for resident sheep hunters we prefer 7 days over 5 days.

Proposal #113 Action: TNA due to action taken on #110

Description: Open resident sheep season 5 days before non-resident season (same as 112 except season dates)

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

If an early start date is to be established for resident sheep hunters we prefer 7 days over 5 days.

Proposal #114 Action: Opposed

Description: Open all resident hunting seasons in the Region 7 days before non-resident seasons.

Discussion: The Fairbanks AC Opposed this proposal. The vote was 3 For, 9 Against, and 1 Abstaining.

Those testifying against this proposal pointed out that due to subsistence, Tier I and Tier II hunts, the residents of Alaska already get many earlier start dates than non-residents, especially for species like deer, moose and caribou. They felt that this proposal was just too "broad brushed". Additionally, they felt that there would be a significant loss in revenue to the State due to the



loss of Pittman-Robertson funds, generated from the purchase of big game tags by non-residents.

Those testifying for this proposal felt that all Alaska game resources belong to Alaskans first, and therefore Alaskans should get a priority for those resources, as every other Western State does for it's game resources. They pointed out that Pittman-Roberson funds would have to made up in higher tag fees for everyone, just like every other Western State does.

Proposal #115 Action: TNA due to action taken on #117

Description: Limit sheep drawing permits for sheep to 10% for non-residents.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

Proposal #116 Action: TNA due to action taken on #117

Description: Limit all big game permits/tags for non-res to 10% for non-residents.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

Proposal #117 Action: Opposed

Description: Allocate 90% of all drawing permits to residents and exclude non-residents in hunts with less than ten permits available.

Discussion: The Fairbanks AC opposed this proposal. The vote was 5 For, 7 Against, and 1 Abstaining.

Those testifying in opposition to the proposal felt that, if passed, this proposal would have a large impact on guides, guided hunts, and the resultant large reduction in the income generated by non-resident tag fees and the associated matching Pittman-Robertson funds. There was some testimony that a large percentage of residents, who do draw tags, do not hunt and/or use those tags, which is why the Department must offer a large number drawing tags for a particular hunt, to assure the take of a small number of target species. They felt that that was not the case with nonresident hunters—that, if drawn for an Alaska hunt, nearly 100% of them actually hunt that species. Additionally, there was considerable testimony from both sides in this issue, that Alaska needs a Preference Point System, as most Western States have and that would solve many of these issues.

Those testifying for this proposal felt that the Alaska game resources belong to Alaskans first and therefore Alaskans should have a priority over nonresidents for that resource. They also felt that if this, or a similar proposal, was implemented, it would produce a higher quality hunt for both residents and non-residents.

Proposal #118

Action: Oppose

Description: Develop a permit allocation formula for second degree of kindred hunters in Units 10, 13, and 14.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

As they freely admit in their proposal discussion, this is just an attempt by the guide industry, on behalf of their non-resident hunters, to garner more drawing tags, and thus income, for their personal business enterprises.

Proposal #119

Action: Support

Description: Open coyote hunting year-round in all the Region Units.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

If this proposal passes, as stated in the proposal discussion, it would standardize hunting regulations in this Region in regard to coyote.

Proposal #120

Action: Oppose

Description: Close the taking of coyotes on NPS lands during summer months and reduce the bag limit in the entire Region.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.



We feel it makes no difference whether a predator species is taken in the summer or winter, as far as the impact on the prey species—the result is reduced predation, and more caribou, moose, etc. for the residents of Alaska.

Proposal #122

Action: Support

Description: Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemption for the Region.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

We feel that these exemptions are important for the taking of brown bears, a prime predator of moose and caribou, during the regular hunting season.

Interior Region

Proposal #123

Action: Support

Description: Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in GMU 19D, 20A, 20B, and 20D.

Discussion: The Fairbanks AC supported this proposal. The vote was 12 For, 1 Against, and 0 Abstaining.

Those testifying for this proposal agreed with the Departments recommendation that only 120 antlerless be taken in GMU 20A through a drawing permit hunt to be held from August 15 to November 15, 2013. They also agreed that, if necessary, a registration hunt, RM764, could be held in GMU 20, Zone 5 only. They also agreed with the Departments recommendation to increase the "any bull" permits in GMU 20 from 800 to 1000. The AC supported the Departments recommendations for the other three GMU's.

There was some testimony from one member of the public, regarding GMU 20A, who indicated that he did not believe the Department's moose survey numbers and/or other biology put forth by the Department for that GMU. He felt that there have already been too many antlerless moose taken from that unit and that it may never recover.



Proposal #124

Action: Support

Description: Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

We feel that these exemptions are important, as they allow hunters to take a grizzly bear, a prime predator, if encountered during a moose or caribou hunt.

Proposal#125

Action: Support with amendment

Description: Create a youth hunt for 40 Mile caribou

Discussion: AC vote was unanimous.

In order to comply with Alaska Regulation 5 AAC 92.036 the youth hunters "must be between the age of 8 and 17". Additionally this Statute requires that the "permittees may hunt only during a four-day season beginning the first Saturday in August", which means that the proposed hunt dates in this proposal would have to be amended appropriately.



HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE December 04, 2012 Meeting began 6:05 Attn: Frances/Monica SUBOF Nissa/Kristy Words BOG AC Comments

BOF SW

 Members Present: Mar Peters (Chair) Trina B. Fellows (Sec), Tom Young, Michael Craig, Lee Martin, George Mats, Tabor Ashment, Gus Van Dyke, Thomas Hagberg, Skip Avril, Jim Meesis & Gary Sinn Huber, Pete Wedding, David Lyon.

Public: Beaver Nelson - Commercial Jason Harriman - Biologist ADF&G Game

Proposal 215 0 14 Oppose 0 Discussed cost recovery (Hatcheries)

Beaver gave us an informative talk on Hatcheries and cost recovery. No wild fish sense the 1960's – silvers mixed with pinks – resulted in no openings –loan- should be paid off by hatcheries within 2 years. Aquaculture Association can receive 100% where there are no significant wild stocks.

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Proposal 31 14 Favor 0 Discussion –Homer has a similar program on goat hunting.

Proposal 34 0 14 Opposed 0

Proposal 86 4 Favor 6 oppose 4 abstain

Discussion

A proposal is not the way to handle this problem- setting aside more land probably wouldn't help either. Do we need to trap and hunt wolves in this area?

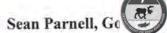
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To Whom It May Concern;

The Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee respectfully requests to withdraw Proposal #66, in which we are the author. When the Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee voted on the proposal it was opposed 5-8-1. I have cited the comments from the minutes of the December 19, 2012 meeting below in which the vote was taken.

December 19th, 2012 Meeting Minutes Pertaining to Proposal #66:

Proposal 66 -- ADF&G hesitates to support this proposal could have the opportunity to lower the bull cow ratio. Motion opposed 5-8-1. The Mat Valley AC proposal is complicated with lots of conditions -- some of which may be acceptable to the public if taken by themselves.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jehnifer Ehmann, Chair (907)354-0059 Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes of December 19, 2012



Meeting began at 7 pm at the MTA Building in Palmer

Members present: Stephen Bartelli, Tony Jones, Dan Montgomery, Max Sager, Jennifer Ehmann, Bill Folsom, Gerrit Dykstra, Keith Westfall, Israel Payton, Mel Grove, Dave Young (arrived shortly after 7 p.m.), Mike Buirge, Jeff Tuttle, Dane Crowley, Andy Couch

Members absent: Eric Beckman excused, Stephen Darilek,

ADF&G members present: Becky Schwanke from Glennallen, Frank Robbins Glennallen, Olin Albertson (Palmer) Lem Butler (area), Rick Merizon (small game)

Forestry staff present: Ken Bullman (Mat-Su Area Forester) and Chris Olson.

Motion to Accept Agenda --- Approval of minutes added -- motion approved with no objection.

Motion to Approve Minutes from last meeting -- Minutes approved with no objection.

Patrick O'Connor -- opposed to special use areas and opposed to all different methods of hunting (such as hunting restrictions requiring special weapons), and opposed to restrictions on the use of vehicles, and or pack animals, does not like to see further restrictions.

Ken Bullman and Chris Olson speaking on the Susitna Forest Plan -- Plan died in committee last year in legislature, but will be reintroduced by Governor. Will have a public meeting on the plan in January in Wasilla -- already had meetings in Talkeetna and Willow. All management since 1991 has been focused on East side of the Susitna River. Have a Forest Practices Act to maintain water quality and fisheries habitat. The plan would create the 4th state forest in the Alaska. 2.1 million acres where timber management is allowed in the Mat-Su Valley.

Mel Groves said there is nothing in the plan that guarantees access for the public -- and he is afraid that people could be restricted from using land for hunting and other activities. Mel wants such a guarantee in the plan that protects and allows public access to all state forest roads and lands for all user groups, and that any closures to such must be approved by the legislature -- and shall not be made by discretionary authority of DNR or DOF.

-- Ken Bullman mentioned that there will be an opportunity for the public to comment on how the plan should work if it is adopted by the Legislature. Bullman said they are not restricting access -- and that with a forestry plan the Division of Forestry will be the lead agency rather than DNR.

Stephen Bartelli wanted to know who would be the final authority on the plan if it is adopted by the legislature. Bullman said he thought it would be the Commissioner of DNR.

Israel Payton wanted to know what the size of the buffer around private lands would be.

Bullman said there are currently no buffers.



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Israel also wanted to know if additional settlement lands would be available to the public.

Bullman said the forestry lands would not be disposed of.

Dan Montgomery asked if roads were permanent roads or winter roads or ice roads.

Bullman's answer was that forestry uses each of those types roads.

Bill has not been introduced yet, but there is a high likelihood it will be introduced in the future.

Dane Crowley said he would be glad to be a resource for the AC if they needed information about forestry-- has been working for NCI out at Point Mackenzie on forestry issues.

Bullman mentioned he would be glad to talk with us again -- but before next month when he retires.

Committee comments on Game Proposals for Unit 13.

Proposal 62 -- Accepted by AC with no opposition. 2012 was the first year of antlerless permits issued only 10 permits were issued and 4 moose were harvested.

Proposal 63 -- Would create a different anterless moose hunt scenario with antlerless hunts restricted to October and March. Access might be better during these times of year.

Stephen Bartelli does not support winter moose hunts particularly with snowmobiles at this time of year. Would make it hard on moose the moose.

Andy Couch mentioned that moose would be of lower quality to eat in March and also that with an antlerless moose hunt in March a portion of the antlerless harvest would likely be bulls.

Dan Montgomery felt a winter hunt might be harmful to the moose herd. Motion opposed 10-14-1.

Proposal 64 -- Opposed 0-12-2. Some AC members are opposed to special hunts that may take some opportunity from the general public.

Proposal 65 Opposed 0-14-0. Some oppose community harvest permits. If each group had it's own requirements and amounts of animals needed with it's own rules it would create a nearly unmanagable scenario.

Proposal 66 -- ADF&G hesitates to support this proposal could have the opportunity to lower the bull cow ratio. Motion opposed 5-8 -

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Proposal 67 -- ADF&G neutral on allocation issue of hunting opportunity. Dan felt that there is an opportunity presently for everyone to participate in the hunt currently and he would be opposed because it would take away opportunity for some people or families. Other people disagree with the idea of the community harvest hunt. There is no direction as to what the weighted subsistence drawing would entail. Proposal passed 12 -1-1.

Proposal 68. Proposal opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 69. Proposal opposed 0-13-1. Some Committee members mentioned that they were opposed to special hunts for special groups of people. One member of the committee felt that the opportunity to harvest any antlered bull was a very positive situation that greatly decrease the likelihood of killing an illegal moose, and commented that any member of the AC or Alaskan resident had the opportunity to participate in the hunt if they so chose. Voting to take away the opportunity could remove some Alaskans most valued moose hunting opportunity.

Proposal 70. Proposal opposed 0-11-3.

Proposal 71. Proposal opposed 0-14-0. All nonresident hunting should not be focused all in one area. There are already significant number of resident hunter in Unit 13. One member described this proposal as an attempt to restrict nonresident hunting to areas "Not in my back yard."

Proposal 72. Proposal passed 9 - 5. ADF&G was uncertain how this would change the number of people wanting to hunt caribou in unit 13 -- but felt that numbers could go way up without this stipulation. Mention was made of much higher participation in the 1990's under a less restrictive registration hunt opportunity.

Proposal 73 Proposal passed 8-6 see comment on Proposal 72.

Proposal 74 Proposal would restrict harvest opportunity to only registered bait stations for the past 3 years. Proposal opposed 0-14-0. There is better proposals that would allow more people to participate.

Proposal 75 passed 14-0-0. would allow brown bear hunting over bait in Unit 13. Committee strongly supports the concept.

Proposal 76 passed 14-0-0. this would apply to just Unit 13D from April 15 - June 30,

Proposal 77 opposed 1 - 13-0. Committee preferred allowing longer bear baiting hunting season.

Proposal 78. passed 14-0-0 Unit 13 D is different than much of Unit 13 with low moose numbers and brushy hunting conditions -- where baiting brown bears may be particularly applicable. One member wanted to see this proposal go for all Unit 13. ADF&G position was that in Unit 13D there would likely be sufficient bear hunting opportunity for this hunt scenario.

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Proposal 79 opposed 0-14-0. Very few bears are taken on National Park Service lands according to ADF&G harvest data.

Proposal 80 opposed 0-14-0. ADF&G position is that there does NOT seem to be any nutritional stress on the Unit 13B moose population. One committee member stated that he preferred the present higher population and harvest objective for moose for Moose in Unit 13B with the thought of managing more for maximum sustained yield. Providing Maximum benefit for a maximum number of hunters should be stressed.

Proposal 81. opposed 3-9-1. Some members of the Committee liked the idea that the population objective Unit-wide would increase slightly under this proposal. Some members were concerned about harvesting for a more conservative static harvest objective even during times of abundant moose numbers, and that such management could cause the population to crash or result in management for significantly less than Maximum Sustained Yield. Under such a harvest strategy only a lower number of hunters may be able to benefit from the public resource. Of significant concern was the reduction in the Harvest objective top end of the range.

Proposal 82. opposed 0-14-0. Contradicts the current plan most Committee members prefer .

Proposal 83. opposed 0-13-1. Committee members prefer managing wolves in a fashion that would result in higher ungulate population numbers that could support larger human harvests of moose and caribou.

Proposal 84. Motion failed 4 -8-2. Some members felt that predator control should be done on a whole unit -- all state managed lands basis, and not on just Ahtna land. Other members felt that allowing predator control on Ahtna lands was a fine idea.

Proposal 85 Motion failed 4-8 --2 See discussion on proposal 84.

ADF&G mentioned that some predator control programs don't cost the state much money, but others cost the state a lot of money. With the checkerboard land pattern of this proposal it might cost a considerable amount to attain control program objectives. These would be public dollars that might benefit only a small portion of the moose and caribou hunting public.

Proposal 86 Motion failed 0-14-0. There is plenty of area within park boundaries closed to wolf harvest already. Expanding areas outside the park as closed to wolf harvest depresses moose and caribou populations in areas outside the park.

Proposal 87 Motion failed 1-11 -2. The only state park in Unit 13 is Denali State Park and much of the Unit 13 already provides hunting opportunities for elderly and disabled people to hunt using motorized vehicles. Some felt that allowing certain people special privileges within the park creates an enforcement nightmare. One member mentioned that the Board of Game may not have authority to regulate this in a state park.

Proposal 88 motion failed 4-8-2. Some members would prefer an expanded ptarmigan hunting opportunity of 4 months winter hunting in exchange for 10 days of August hunting. Others felt



that late winter and especially March hunting would likely once again depress the ptarmigan population -- as it had in the past. According to ADF&G, ptarmigan hunter success rates are already lower in Unit 13 than several other parts of the state. In this case protecting the resource from over harvest is a higher priority to Committee members than extending the season from nearly 4 months.

Proposal 89 motion failed 0-11-3. Most members opposed to restricting the sheep hunting opportunity to archery only.

Proposal 90 motion failed 1-10-3 Some members want to see a discussion of when we can get back to general hunt for resident Alaskan hunters rather than drawing only. Others felt sheep population was down and possibly not a good time to allow a general hunt.

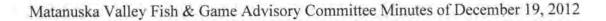
Proposal 91 failed 2- 9-3. Some members wanted to see a general sheep hunting opportunity for Alaskan resident hunters rather than a drawing hunt. This could possibly be accomplished with a full curl horn restriction. Others felt sheep population was low and it may not be a good time to allow additional hunting pressure.

Proposal 92 was voted on very late in the meeting as we were running out of time and passed 13-1-0. Dan Montgomery said that it was his opinion that ADF&G was issuing too many permits for the hunts in area 14A. That the population is too low -- less than half of what it was in the late 1990's -- and that by issuing this many "any ram" permits you could have an adverse effect on the population by harvesting too many young immature rams before they had a chance to breed and pass on their genetics.

Dan also stated if it was up to him, he would reduce the permits by half and make it full curl like all of the rest of the state that has open hunts He would also reduce the permits in Carpenter Creek Units (DS190,DS195, DS290 and DS295) by over half the number that is going to be issued in 2013, and that would have it low enough that there would be no non-resident allocation because he did not think there was a full curl sheep in the area after seeing only one while scouting this summer. Dan believes that one full curl was harvested in 2012.

Only one AC member (who wrote the proposal was allowed to speak before the vote was taken) even after the vote was taken no time was given to mention an opposing point of view -- the only chairman direction was that the one dissenting vote (myself) could write whatever he wanted:

Before the vote on Proposal 92 was taken the ADF&G position on the proposal was not heard -even though at least 5 ADF&G game biologists were in the room to speak to such issues. There was no mention to the fact that if the proposal passed there would undoubtedly be a larger illegal take of sheep in the area as hunters would make mistakes under the more restrictive full curl harvest strategy. There was also no information to back up what was presented as fact --- that ADF&G was issuing too many permits under the "any ram" scenario. According to ADF&G data ram numbers in Unit 14A have increased from 145 in 2007 to 173 in 2012 and the ram to ewe ratio has increased from 33 rams per 100 ewes in 2007 to 53 rams per 100 ewes in 2012 -so a much higher ratio of rams is now present since the inception of the present hunt scenario. There was no discussion to any desirability for maintaining a breeding component of





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large older rams in the population. There was no mention to the fact that the current drawing hunt strategy has worked so well that ADF&G was intending to increase the number of permits available by 50% during the 2013 season. There was absolutely no discussion of the satisfaction of hunters harvesting different sizes of rams. In my opinion this vote may have occurred at a public meeting, but it seriously lacked opportunity for public, ADF&G, or even AC participation before the vote was taken. Therefore, since there is plenty of time before the Game Board meeting at which this proposal will be heard, and since this proposal partially deals with Unit 14A sheep hunting opportunity (one of the next units where the AC will consider game proposals) I request that one of the AC members voting in the majority bring it up for reconsideration at that meeting.

Joel Donner brought a letter written by the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee to the Governor requesting an independent 3rd party review of ADF&G's management of Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries during the 2012 season. Joel was looking for support before both the Governor and Legislators to address the issue of Upper Cook Inlet salmon fishery management.

Dan Montgomery suggested Jan. 2nd as a next time possible meeting date for the Advisory Committee to consider additional game proposals. Also a possibility for the meeting would be action on the Anchorage AC's fishery letter and possibly more issues. Bill Folsom said he would look into the availability of a meeting room.

Bill Folsom mentioned that Jan. 9, 2013 7 p.m.at Wasilla High School would be the Matanuska Valley AC annual election meeting.

Meeting disbanded before lights were scheduled to be turned off.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch



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Meeting began at 7 pm at the MTA Building in Palmer

Members present: Tony Jones, Dan Montgomery, Max Sager, Jennifer Ehmann, Bill Folsom, Gerrit Dykstra, Keith Westfall, Israel Payton, Mel Grove, Dave Young, Mike Buirge., Dane Crowley, Andy Couch,

Members absent: Stephen Darilek, Mel Grove (excused), Jeff Tuttle (excused), Stephen Bartelli

ADF&G game biologists present: Olin Albertson (Palmer) Lem Butler (area), Tim Peltier (Palmer)

Alaska Outdoor Council -- Gary Stevens

Past chairmen Matanuska Valley AC present : Tony Russ and Wayne Kubat

Motion to Approve Minutes from last meeting -- Minutes approved with no objection.

Public Comments:

Wayne Kubat talked in support of proposal 99 (which he wrote) asking to align 16 B Moose season with the resident moose season (which would lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 16B). ADF&G data shows the population objective and bull to cow objectives for Unit 16B is currently being met --- amount of moose harvested is below objective level. According to latest ADF&G data the nonresident moose harvest in Unit 16 B is 6 moose. Israel Payton asked about low moose population numbers in Unit 16B North --- Wayne answered that the highest bull to cow ratios in the whole Unit 16B was in the North section -- and so he felt there was adequate bulls to harvest without impacting overall population numbers.

Brian Bohman talked in support of the Advisory Committee adopting a letter he wrote supporting ADF&G stocking coho and king salmon in the Little Susitna River. Over time the Little Susitna River has had up and down swings in salmon production -- but during times that the department has had nursery salmon enhancement salmon production has been more productive and sustainable. Andy Couch made a motion to have the Committee approve and submit the letter. 2nd by Israel Payton. Motion to table the vote on this motion until January 4 to be voted by e-mail made by Tony Jones, 2nd Mike Buirge.

Motion to Accept Agenda --- motion approved with no objection. Motion to add fisheries concern letter to Gov. Parnell written by Israel Payton. 2nd by Tony Jones -- approved with no objection

Proposal 92 was mentioned. Bill Folsom said it could be considered by a motion to reconsider by someone in the majority. Agenda Approved with no objection.

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Dan Montgomery made a motion to reconsider proposal 92. 2nd by Israel Payton. Committee agreed to rehear. Dan Montgomery spoke to the proposal he wrote which would modify the sheep bag limit to one full curl ram in Unit 13D and 14A. Dan said the idea of a drawing hunt was that we should result in more full curl rams -- but over time the number of full curl rams seems to have gone down. The total sheep population is down and Dan would like to see reduction in harvest of smaller rams and less overall sheep permits issued. Lem Butler with ADF&G said that either an "any ram" or a full curl bag limit is sustainable, and that an "any ram" bag limit allows for the harvest of some rams that may die naturally before they ever reach full curl. Andy Couch did not support a full curl restriction if the hunt was to be restricted in numbers by drawing. He said he could support a full curl restriction if the hunt were returned to an opportunity where all residents could participate on an annual basis. Motion passed 8 -4 - 0.

Proposal 93 --- Motion passed 13-0-0. approving cow --- Question was asked why ADF&G wanted to raise the amount of permits allowable. ADF&G has hunted up to the previous limit and would like to have discretionary ability for additional harvest as the population is above the objective range and may continue to grow.

Proposal 94 -- Motion failed 0-12-1. Committee members do not want to shorten the moose season and reduce harvest opportunity if the moose population is healthy. ADF&G position was that this proposal was submitted with the thought that last year's winter may have greatly reduced the herd, however, ADF&G counts this winter seem to show a healthy moose population in Unit 14A, and in fact the Department is requesting ability to harvest additional antlerless moose from the population in the previous proposal.

Proposal 95 -- Andy Couch spoke in favor of having some measurement of how many legal moose may be available in Unit 14A at the start of a hunting season -- and how many illegal bull moose may be taken during the SF 50 season -- at this point in time ADF&G does not have good information on either issue. Although there is evidence of many illegal moose either self - turned in by hunters or hunters with illegal antlered moose caught by troopers ADF&G has done nothing to evaluate or consider the percentage of moose that may be illegally killed on an average annual basis. ADF&G comment was that collecting this information would put a burden on successful moose hunters -- and that the information may not be very useful as hunters already self-report antler size and brow tines counts for each moose. Dane Crowley mentioned that negative effects from SF50 hunting have already likely occurred, but that requiring hunters bring in antlers and jaws for evaluation would likely result in low moose harvest numbers being reported. Bill Folsom was concerned that if hunters who killed bull moose were required to bring the antlers to ADF&G that whole illegal moose may be left in the field to rot, rather than brought home and used. Motion failed 1 - 11- 1.

Proposal 96 -- Keith Westfall was opposed to the hunt being restricted to shotgun or archery only. ADF&G used the hunt last winter and is using it again this season in Unit 14A. The hunt is used in high moose collision areas. People that have participated have enjoyed the opportunity to harvest a moose by hunting. Eric Beckman wondered how the hunt signup was

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done. ADF&G comment was that the hunt sign up occurred between Oct. 1- 31 and the hunt information is available in the regulation book. Motion approved 12 - 1-0.

Proposal 97 -- Motion 13-0-0. Would reauthorize the any moose limit for Kalgin Island proposed by ADF&G. ADF&G population data supports the ability to have the hunt.

Proposal 98 would change the moose season in Unit 16 A. Motion failed. Mike Buirge would not support as written, because ADF&G does not support extending season through Sept. 30, as it could jeopardize achieving the bull to cow objective. Writer of proposal talked in support for eliminating the August portion of the hunt. Andy Couch mentioned that while ADF&G's SF50 moose hunter survey indicated that hunters preferred to hunt later in the season, shortening the season by eliminating the August portion of the season would simply reduce hunting opportunity -- and some early hunting opportunity is preferred by specific hunters because it better fits their work or school schedules. Motion failed 0-10-3.

Proposal 99 passed 10-0-3. Wayne Kubat talked in support of proposal 99 (which he wrote) asking to align 16 B Moose season with the resident moose season (which would lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 16B). ADF&G data shows the population objective and bull to cow objectives for Unit 16B is currently being met --- amount of moose harvested is below objective level. According to latest ADF&G data the nonresident moose harvest in Unit 16 B is 6 moose. Israel Payton asked about low moose population numbers in Unit 16B North --- Wayne answered that the highest bull to cow ratios in the whole Unit 16B was in the North section -- and so he felt there was adequate bulls to harvest without impacting overall population numbers.

Proposal 100 motion failed 0-13-0. AC just voted to allow nonresident hunters to participate throughout the entire season in the previous proposal.

Proposal 101 motion failed 0- 13-0. ADF&G position was this is allocation issue with no identified biological concerns.

Proposal 102 motion --- Comment in favor if there is surplus harvestable caribou as determined by ADF&G, then would like to see a hunt. Others were concerned that ADF&G had not already determined if there was a surplus number of caribou. There was discussion that a Unit 14 A caribou hunt should be administered as part of the current 14B drawing permit hunt -- since it was a small population with some unknown number of caribou that may be available to part or all of the hunting season in Unit 14A. ADF&G mentioned it was the Department's intention to combine Unit 14A and B into one caribou drawing hunt. A motion was made with 2nd to amend the motion to a bag limit of one caribou as cows could have calfs and calf survival would decrease if the mother was killed. Dan felt that limiting harvest to bulls would allow more opportunity on a small herd hunt. Amendment passed 8-4-1. Amended motion passed 9-3-1.



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Proposal 103 Dave would like to continue the Intensive Management Plan pretty much as is. Eric does not want to see bear snaring or harvest of sows and cubs under the plan and feels that the plan is too broad. Eric would like to see ADF&G data as to what would happen if bear populations were reduced. Israel Payton wanted to know ADF&G what was suggesting. ADF&G answer was the Department would like to suspend bear reduction in Unit 16B, but the Department would like to see it remain as a tool in the plan. ADF&G has seen effectiveness related to reduction in wolf numbers. Dan Montgomery said the proposal was mostly just to review the Intensive Management Proposal. Andy Couch said the AC may want to take positions on the direction the Committee would like to see for Intensive Management in Unit 16 B. Motion passed 10-1-2.

Proposal 104 Motion failed 0-13-0. Bear snaring is a tool members would like to see available for use to take out specific bears or to reduce bear numbers.

Proposal 105 Motion failed 0-13-0. See proposal 104.

Proposal 106 Opposed does not want to expand brown bear hunting over bait to nonresident opportunity. Opposed would support for use by residents only. Motion to amend the motion with 2nd to exclude nonresident from participating. Motion to Amend failed 4-8-1. Motion passed as written 11-2-0. Dan felt the proposal without allowing nonresidents would see little increase in effort and harvest of bears which are abundant enough to provide provide such harvest. Some members believe that residents effort and harvest would increase with such an expanded opportunity for just residents. Dan mentioned that there is already an opportunity for residents to harvest brown bears over bait with very little effort and harvest. Dave mentioned that the road system where brown bear hunting over bait is currently allowed is very limited -- which point found disagreement with Dan. Both AC members have been involved with bear hunting / reduction in the area.

Proposal 107 Motion passed 13-0-0. ADF&G proposal to continue brown bear season as is and not sunset.

Proposal 108 Failed 0-13-0.

Proposal 109 Failed 0-13-0. One member commented that allocations should be done by total numbers of sheep rather than season length.

Proposal 110 Failed 0-13-0. See comment on 109.

Proposal 111 Failed 0-13-0. See Comment on 109.

Proposal 112 Failed 0-13-0. See Comment from 109.

Proposal 113 One Committee member wants to see some additional opportunity for resident sheep harvest. Most hunting in this area is open to hunting and not restricted to a draw. Resident percent of harvest per hunter is much lower than the harvest by guided and / or

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nonresident hunters. Since residents harvest is already low it will not likely greatly increase harvest if the season is extended for residents only. With only a 5 day increased opportunity this member felt there would likely be less impact by guides hunting on their own and before the guided nonresident season would start. Dan Montgomery felt that there were plenty of legal sheep available to harvest that were not being harvested so residents did not need an additional opportunity. Israel commented that the proposal is about creating a better and more pleasant hunting opportunity. It was mentioned the number of proposals dealing with this same issue. Motion failed 3 - 7- 3.

Proposal 114 Motion failed 0-12-1.

Board Comments:

Dave asked if any current AC members was not planning to run for re-election. No current board members indicated they were not willing to run for re-election. Bill Folsom mentioned that he would be traveling and intended to give up the chairman's position.

Jan. 9 election meeting is usually elections only, and may not see additional agenda items according to Bill Folsom. Bill suggested that Jehnifer Ehman could be a good chair, as she is president elect for the Palmer Chamber, member of the Matanuska -Susitna Borough Fish & Wildlife Commission, a hunter safety instructor along with her husband, and currently writes articles for Fish Alaska Magazine.

One of current vice chair Dan Montgomery mentioned that he would be greatly concerned about his difficulty hearing if he were to be considered for the AC chair position.

Announcement was made that the Anchorage Alaska Outdoor Council Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2013.

Max Sager mentioned that he would be willing to support Jehnifer as the new chair.

Meeting dissolved at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch



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ANCHORAGE

Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes Jan. 16, 2012 at MTA Building in Palmer 7 p.m.

Members present:

Tony Jones, Dan Montgomery, Max Sager, Gerrit Dykstra, Israel Payton, Dave Young, Mike Buirge, Stephen Bartelli, Jeff Tuttle, Bill Folsom, Stephen Darilek, Mel Grove

Members absent:

Jehnifer Ehmann (excused) Andy Couch (excused), Keith Westfall (excused), Eric Beckman, (excused), Dane Crowley (excused)

ADF&G Staff game biologists present: Lem Butler

Other guests: AK State Trooper Lanier, BOG Member Pete Probasco, Jim Breun, Earl Bragg

Public Comments: No Comments

Motion to put MOU on agenda, no second Discussion about it, write a letter, meet about it in the future.

Motion to Approve Minutes from last meeting - Minutes approved with no objection.

Motion to approve agenda, approved

Central SW Region BOG

Proposals 115-139

Motion to group 115-117 as one. Passed 12 -0-0 115-117 Vote Failed 0-11-1

Discussion- Bartelli-what is dept. comments, what is the hunter allocation? ADFG Lem-Varies 10-20 % to Non -Res. Most area open to all hunters.

118 Vote Failed 4-8-0 Discussion- Bartelli- Gives guiding industry favor, over non-res who have 2nd kin in Alaska. Dan Montgomery- Some 2Nd of kin draw on hunts and don't go hunting, permit goes to waste that could have gone to the guide industry.

119 Vote Passed 7-5-0

Discussion- Mike Buirge - coyotes would be wasted if you kill in the summer, hide no good. ADFG Lem- not a lot of coyotes around, would not benefit sheep population. Jeff Tuttle- not a big population in the area. Dan Montgomery- Seen big packs of coyotes, thinks they kill sheep.

120 Vote Failed 0-12-0

121 Vote Failed 0-12-0

Motion to amend wording of Fees to Fee exemption Motion passed 12-0-0 122 Vote Passed 12-0-0

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Discussion – Bartelli- Why do you have to get register for a hunt only at certain ADFG offices and not at all. ADFG Lem-Local influence seems to dictate this.

123 Vote Passed 11-0-1

124 Vote Passed 12-0-0

125 Vote Failed 0-11-1

Discussion- David Young- would be good for kids so they won't miss school. Mel Grove- Season was open to all on Aug 10th but caribou where near hwy, and there was too much harvest and the hunt would get closed very soon. Kids could kill all the quota of caribou.

126 Vote Passed 12-0-0 Discussion- Dan Montgomery- we need to protect wild sheep from disease from domestic animals.

Motion group 127-129, Vote Passed 12-0-0 Motion, to take no action on 127-129, Motion Retracted 127-129 Vote Passed 9-0-3

Southcentral Region BOG

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130 Vote Failed 1-9-2

Discussion- Mel Grove, knows proposer, reason for this proposal is because area might go draw hunt only, would rather see open hunt with this restriction. Bartelli – people can't tell the difference between sow and boar. Jeff Tuttle- People will lie about where they shot a bear. ADFG Lem- No recommendation, sow harvest is in the recommended quota. Hunt would go to registration before draw hunt.

Motion group 131-135 as one. Passed 12-0-0 Vote 131-135 Passed 12-0-0

136 Vote 0-11-1 Discussion Dan Montgomery – ADFG already has the power to modify hunts

137 Vote Passed 9-0-3

138 Vote Failed 2-5-5

139 Vote Passed 12-0-0

Discussion on when to have next meeting- No meeting scheduled

Motion to adjourn- Passed 8:30pm

** Dan Montgomery has been voted to be the Mat Valley Fish and Game Representative for the BOG meeting February 8-15th **

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Fish and game Adivory Board Meeting – Middle Nenana AC

11 December 2012

Tri-Valley Highschool

In absence of Brent Keith, Chariman, John Basile, Vice Chair, call the meeting to order

Roll Call

All Members present Brent Keith

Approval of Minutes

Approved with amendments John Basile: Only people that should have a say in 20A should be the AC, *if this is correct in the statue* Typos corrected

Approval of Agenda

To be added: Discussion of Park meeting Taking Volunteers to go to joint meeting

New Business

Agenda Item: Election of Healy Seats: Healy B – John Basile nominated, appointed

Unanimous decision

Healy C – Coke Wallace appointed

Coke Wallace and Matt Nustvold. Josepoh Chattfield nominated but would like to remain the in an Alternate seat.

Coke WallaceNearly unanimaousMatt NustvoldFew votes went to Matt

Nan Eagleson abstained from voting. Would like to see more diversity on the AC committee

Healy E – Matt Nusvold and Jason Reppert nominated

Jason Reppert appointed unanimous decision

Agenda Item: Park Service meeting

Nan willing to speak on our behalf

Brief discussion on subsistence and how subsistence users would be affected by the compendium.

Don: If not addressed to a compendium subsistence users can bait for bears.

Office Elections

Chair - Nan Eagleson

 John Basile – Nominated – declined
 Leroy Sutton – Nominated – declined
 Nan Eagleson – Nominated - 1 abstained from voting all others approved.

 Vice Chair – John Basile – Unanimous decision
 Secretary – Jason Reppert – Unanimous decision

Agenda Item: Volunteers to attend Joint AC meeting in Fairbanks 5 Jan. 2013

Robert – does not feel we need to send anyone.

Don:	Initial meeting was for information
	Format still to be deteremined
	Always new info to share
	Todd Brinkman will present on surveys on hunting and antlerless hunts sent out
	early this season
	Information will be presented on browse removal
	Antlerless hunts needs to be re-authorized
	An opportunity for all Advisory Committees to get the same information at the
	same time.

Robert - Is a decision going to be made at this meeting?

Don – Committees can decided to make a decision Ultimately the BOG will decide BOG meets early Feb.

Jason and Nan plan to attend and bring back information.

John – Even if we have a quorum we will not vote

Robert – Majority of members need to live in the subunit to make majority vote. Attorney General decided one way and BOG decided the other



John – restated comment from last meeting: Only people that should have a say in 20A should be the AC, *if this is correct in the statue*.

Joe – Comes down to simple grammar

Don – The ambiguity has always been in the unit or sub-unit jurisdiction.

It appears the BOG goes with the braoder context. They have been using "reside in the unit", because two of the affected AC's majority don't reside in the subunits.

Leroy – Since Don's appointment the interpretation has changed

Robert – Attorney general asks how is it being managed?

Public – What can be done?

Don – Lawsuit – get Attorney General's opinion.

- John Could it be brought before the BOG? Could it be a proposal?
- Robert No legal action the committee can take
- Don Feels we should send people to Joint meeting because we have legitimate concerns.
 Major changes made to antlerless hunts this year.
- Myron Delta really isn't in 20A.

Agenda Item: Continue Commenting on BOG proposals

Proposal 69 Community Harvest hunts

- Jim Ellison 25 Anchorage residents filed a lawsuit. Resulted in: If a community of 25 said their subsistence came from that area and can historically show they have hunted there they are granted permission.
- Leroy Feels we should comment Motion to support John Second

Robert – Does not like raising the community number.

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Proposal 90 (Support)

Alan – Allows for trophy rams to grow to full Potential (Motion to support) Paul – 2^{nd}

John – Not sure about eliminating draw permit

Leroy - disagree because its become eaiser to access the area

10 support – 2 oppose 1 – abstain

Proposal 86

John - would like the state to comment for our records

- Don This is an allocation issue, not a biological issue. The state takes no position
- Paul Incidental survey by gift shop worker said everyone wants to see moose
- Nan Its not just about allocation Abstaining from voting
- Don Oversimplified
- Alan His research for a report for school showing lots of opposition.
- Joe Soci-political aspect Buffer zone is encroachment of federal government on state lands. People outside of Alaska don't understand

Did we Vote?

Propsal 18 Support (10 support – 1 oppose – 2 Abstain) Discussion initiated by Alan Robert (motion) Nan 2nd

Proposals 109,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117 - Discussion only

- John These proposals tend to put Alsakan's first Will they ever pass?
- Don Board stays neutral
- Alan Limiting non-residents to drawing would be a good step to allowing Alaskans more opportunities
- Leroy Most Alaskan sheep hunters don't put in the effort.



Proposal 71 Opposed (Support – none; Opposed – Unanimous)
Nan – Susbsistence Hunters are experiencing great difficulty. Is this true?
Coke – 75 non-resident permits unit wide.
Jim Ellison – Picked up many sub-legal bulls coming out of unit 13

Proposal 79 Oppose (Support -1; Oppose -12; Abstain -1)
Paul – Does not like the Federal government changing things
Nan – Will always support the National Parks
Coke – Non issue, probably no bears taken in a park
John – Feels it facilitates the harvest
Don – Haven't been able to show a correlation between tag exemption and take.

Proposal 124 Support (Support - 11; Opposed - 2, Abstain - 1)

Proposal 126 Support (Support – Unanimous) Nan motion, John 2nd Paul – Proposed by Fish and Game will likely pass

Decisions on proposals completed.

Agenda Item: Should we send someone to attend BOG meeting?

Table till next meeting

Agenda Item: Commenting on 2012 – 2013 BOF proposals

No commenting Decisions on Proposals complete

Agenda Item: Memorandum of understanding

No discussion

John – Motion to end meeting, Pat 2nd

Next meeting Tuesday Jan. 22nd 6:00 pm Anderson



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Partial minutes for: Middle Nenana AC 1.22.2012 Anderson Lions Club, Anderson

2012-2013 BOG proposals

Proposal 86 – Oppose
Alan motion to support, Paul 2nd - All present oppose (Pat Owen – Abstain)
Comments:
Alan – taking one or two wolves will not affect the pack
Joe – seems like an incremental approach to banning trapping and taking wolves

Proposal 90 - Support

Alan – Allows for trophy rams to grow to full potential (Motion to support) $Paul - 2^{nd}$

John – Not sure about eliminating draw permit Leroy – disagree because it's become easier to access the area

10 support – 2 oppose 1 – abstain

Proposal 18 - Support (10 support – 1 oppose – 2 Abstain) Discussion initiated by Alan Robert (motion) Nan 2nd

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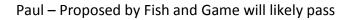
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Proposal 126 - Support (Support – Unanimous) Nan motion, John 2nd



Re-Authorization of Antlerless hunt

Middle Nenana AC supports re-authorizing the Antlerless Hunt in 20A Support: 7 Oppose: 4 *Two members not present to cast vote

Don Young presented the slide show he presented at the Jan. 5 joint meeting in Fairbanks to the Middle Nenana AC as requested by some of the members.

Discussion topics:

-Distribution of pressure across the unit, less pressure on areas that get over harvested.

-Alternating closures of cow hunt areas.

-Conditional permits. (i.e. primitive weapons harvest)

Supporting members: Felt the biology and techniques used by fish and game would good. Fish and game is doing a good job. Results from other surveys are supported by the results from the aerial surveys

Opposing members: Feel Fish and game could be using better techniques to do surveys. Don't trust the numbers. Not seeing as many moose as they use to Not willing to vote against what the community members want, no antlerless hunts.

NAKNEK/KVICHAK AC MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by William (Sonny) Regan at 7:05 PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken Pulice and seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2012 was made by Everett Thompson and seconded by Brian Cato. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Quist, ADPS was in the audience, by teleconference we had Lem Butler ADFG, game biologist, Chris Peterson, ADFG, game biologist, and Susie Jenkins-Brito, ADFG board support southwest regional coordinator.

Richard Wilson expressed his appreciation for the efforts that Susie has gone through in providing the necessary materials for our meetings. We all agreed that it is much improved from the recent past.

Elections- Seats up for election were Sonny Regan, Everett Thompson, Marc Watson, and Fred Pike. All four members ran for election unopposed and a motion was made by Dan O'Hara to elect said members by unanimous consent and seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Marc Watson made a motion to maintain status quo with the co-chairman of Sonny Regan and Everett Thompson, seconded by Ken Pulice. Motion passed unanimously. Richard Wilson made a motion to retain Fred Pike as the secretary, seconded by Everett Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Game Report- Lem Butler

The **brown bear** harvest has remained about the same even with the new RB525 registration hunt. Bear numbers remain at approximately 8000 bears in Unit 9. **Mulchatna Caribou Herd** has not had a good aerial count since 2008 when 30,000 animals were approximated. Recently various problems have enabled a similar "belly-mounted camera aerial count but through other means the department has estimated the number to still be around 30,000. Bull to cow ratio has improved, mostly in the western region; thought to be do to the intensive management efforts on the wolves. The eastern region is not doing as well. Cows continue to lose calves primarily due to predation of brown bears and some black bears and wolves.

Northern Peninsula Caribou Herd is still struggling and remains somewhere in the 2500-3000 animal range. Some improvement is being seen with 22 pregnant cows/ 100 cows ratio is reported.

Moose- There has not been a population count for the last few years but it is felt that the numbers remain relatively stable. Permit reporting indicates hunter success is declining from 31% in the 2000's to 27% most recently. The number of hunters in Unit 9 is also

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decreasing, most dramatically in 9-E were there were 244 hunter in 2000 and only 140 in 2012.

Lem ended his report by letting the AC know that Dave Crowley has been hired to be a new area game biologist for King Salmon.

Richard Wilson spoke of his concern for the lack of recent and accurate moose count for Unit 9. He feels there are far fewer animals than ADFG is willing to admit. Dan O'Hara asked about the possibility of contracting out the survey flying to private entities? Several members spoke to the use of local pilots trained in survey techniques that would be available more easily and on shorter notice. Scott Quist stated that they are willing to help out when possible but the DPS plane is not always available for surveys.

Department of Public Safety (DPS)- Scott Quist reported that there has been a drop in non-resident hunters in both Units 9& 17. Four troopers have logged 700 hrs. of flying, made 594 hunter contacts and have written 30 citations which dealt mostly with not validating harvest tickets and failure to harvest all meat. There was not a bear season this fall so that may have some bearing on the reduction in hunter effort.

Everett Thompson had a concern that some area hunters felt the DPS has been over zealous in their enforcement efforts recently. He asked how it was determined that DPS would stop and check individuals? Scott stated that it was not always easy to see what was going on or the identity of individuals from the air as they patrol and that sometimes-different personnel may check the same individual unintentionally.

Board of Game Proposals-

45:Motion to approve Fred Pike, 2nd Richard Wilson; Ken Pulice questions the necessity of the registration hunt, stating that the law-abiding hunters will be forced into this and poachers will continue as is. Richard Wilson was concerned with the requirements and availability of forms in villages. He went on to state that he knew of individuals that lost their privilege to hunt for failure to turn in reports. **Passed 6-2** minority opinion was that it was unnecessary paperwork.

46:Motion to approve Richard Wilson, 2nd Marc Watson; Scott Quist would rather see October remain open as it may cause more problems for DPS with uninformed hunters. Brian Cato was concerned about the undue stress on pregnant cows during the extended period. **Passed 5-3** minority opinion was the makers of the proposal voted their own proposal down.

52:Motion to approve Marc Watson, 2nd Richard Wilson; Joe Klutsch stated that this proposal was about allocation and not science. **Failed 0-8**

54:Motion to approve by Fred Pike, 2nd Marc Watson; Fred Pike stated that he put this in due to frustration with the amount of bears in unit 9. Lem Butler felt that this would increase pressure on the moose when non-residents bear hunt they would also put in for a moose hunt, as this would overlap the moose season. Brian Cato thought that this was too broad. **Passed 5-3 minority** opinion too broad and seasons' overlap.

55: Motion to approve by Marc Watson, 2nd Ken Pulice; We were opposed to this proposal as we felt that RB525 was necessary to eliminate problem bears. **Failed 0-8**



56: Motion to approve by Marc Watson, 2nd Brian Cato; There was support for this as sometimes it is necessary to eliminate more than one problem bear. **Passed 7-1** minority opinion was that it was more a people problem than bear problem.

57: NO ACTION

58: Motion to approve by Fred Pike, 2nd Richard Wilson; Harvest numbers are reportedly decreasing, bear numbers remain stable- no reason to support. **Failed 0-8**

59: NO ACTION

60: Motion to approve by Brian Cato, 2nd Marc Watson; no numbers to justify this. **Failed 0-8**

61: Motion to approve by Marc Watson, 2nd Richard Wilson; We have been working toward this for years! **Passed 8-0**

114: Motion to approve by Richard, 2nd Marc Watson; considered to be too broad. **Failed 0-8**

119: Motion to approve by Joe Klutsch, 2nd Marc Watson; There is no biological concern for coyotes. The proposer is concerned with lambs. **Failed 3-5**

120: Motion to approve by Everett Thompson, 2nd by Brian Cato; We attended a NPS meeting and are opposed to this. **Failed 0-8**

121: Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2nd Marc Watson; oppose for the same reasons as 120. **Failed 0-8**

122: Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2nd Marc Watson; This is housekeeping. **Passed 8-0**

126: NO ACTION

Board of Fish Area M Proposals

179-181: NO ACTION -Enforcement problems and wasted fish (chum chucking) 182: Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2nd Marc Watson; We support some sort of limit in light of the WASSIP report. **Passed 7-1** minority opinion is that they felt it should be less than 8.3%.

196: Motion to approve by Brian Cato, 2nd Ken Pulice; This would exasperate the present interception problem of Bristol Bay salmon. This gear is presently illegal for salmon in Alaska. **Failed 0-7**

201-202: Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2nd Marc Watson; We have heard of subsistence problems for villagers in that area and the WASSIP report identifies interception problems on the north peninsula. **Passed 7-0**

203: NO ACTION- Not enough information.

205: Motion to approve by Fred Pike, 2nd Marc Watson; We support all reductions to present fishing regulations in Area M due to the results of the WASSIP report.

Passed 7-0

208-210: NO ACTION -See 211

211: Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2nd Ken Pulice; Based on the results of the WASSIP report we ask the BOF to take appropriate action to limit the interception of Bristol Bay bound salmon through all means available to them. Furthermore we ask the Commissioner of Fish and Game to direct both Area M and Bristol Bay ADFG



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staff, to work together and develop a plan that is a workable compromise to achieve this goal; keeping in mind that salmon is a state resource which they are in trusted to manage for the benefit of all state residents. Passed 7-0

We will try and have an AC member at both the BOG and BOF Area M meetings who will be determined after everyone's schedule is figured out.

No Old Business

Our next meeting will tentatively be scheduled for October 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34PM by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Fred Pike, Nak/Kvi AC Secretary

AC Members:Co-chairs Sonny Regan (2015), Everett Thompson (2015), Secretary Fred Pike (2015), Marc Watson (2015), Joe Klutsch (2013), Joey Klutsch (2013), Richard Wilson (2013), Ryan Willson (2014), Ralph Zimin (2014), Howard Nelson (Level Rep), **Alternates:** Ken Pulice (2013), Brian Cato (2014).

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Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2013

Meeting began at at 6 pm at the Slana Community Hall.

Members Present: Bill Albaugh, Ole Bates, Wayne Schafer, Ernie Charley

Members Absent Excused: Cole Ellis, Thumper Williamson, James Beeter

BOG Member - Teresa Sager Albaugh

ADF&G Staff: Jeff Gross and Torsten Bentzen both of the Tok ADF&G office, Sherry Wright of Anchorage ADF&G office

Elections were held with the following results: Ole Bates, Cole Ellis and James Beeter were reelected for three year Undesignated seats.

Torsten Bentzen brought information about Unit 11 moose. Interior Region BOG proposals are due by May 1st. Federal Subsistence Wildlife proposals are due by March 15. Jeff also spoke about the Tok Forestry public comment period for an electric companie's plans to use wood fuel. Forestry roads would create greater access. This would need to be a 25 year plan for the use of wood in order to be feasible.

Park Service compendium rules regarding shooting grizzly bears at black bear bait stations. Park Service opposed that and has imposed restrictions on federal lands.

Central / SW Region Board of Game proposal comments

Glennallen Area - Units 11 and 13

PROPOSAL NO. 62 ACTION: 3-1 Support DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13. DISCUSSION: Want to retain the management tool for use as needed. Opposing view doesn't believe in hunting cows.

PROPOSAL NO. 63

DESCRIPTION: Modify the cow moose drawing hunt for Unit 13. DISCUSSION: This is more acceptable than 62 because of the specifics, but still against cow hunts. With a winter like this and poor habitat, you could lose the whole herd. The moose currently look good. This is a management tool.

PROPOSAL NO. 64 ACTION: 0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Open a youth hunt for moose in Unit 13A. DISCUSSION: This would create another specialty hunt and complicates the biology.

PROPOSAL NO. 65

ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Modify the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt in Units 11, 12 and 13.

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Attn: Aissa /Knisty Central SW BOG AC comments



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DISCUSSION: The hunt is kind of a circus. Not sure how anybody kept track of it.

PROPOSAL NO. 66

0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and other changes. DISCUSSION: This is basically setting up a road hunt.

PROPOSAL NO. 67

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DESCRIPTION: Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and conditions and establish a weighted subsistence drawing hunt.

DISCUSSION: This is too vague - what is meant by the weighted subsistence drawing hunt? No details were provided. Would prefer to know what they are voting for.

PROPOSAL NO. 68

DESCRIPTION: Increase the number of people per group who can apply for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt.

DISCUSSION: Not sure why we need a community harvest. There are all kinds of opportunity. If the board was going to keep the community hunt, it would be better to increase the number of participants to be closer to a community.

PROPOSAL NO. 69

DESCRIPTION: Increase the any bull quota for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt.

DISCUSSION: This won't change anything and is not based on biological factors. We need to base the harvest on biology. 30 more bulls could impact recruitment.

PROPOSAL NO. 70

DESCRIPTION: Establish general harvest moose hunts for nonresidents in Unit 13. DISCUSSION: Need to base these decisions on biology. The drawing permit seems to be working.

PROPOSAL NO. 71

DESCRIPTION: Establish a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 13B; close the other Unit 13 subunits to nonresident hunting.

DISCUSSION: This is kind of another specialty hunt. Prefer to keep the drawing hunts the way they are and there's room for subsistence among it all. This doesn't fix or gain anything.

PROPOSAL NO. 72

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13. DISCUSSION: There's no reason to repeal the exclusive hunting and concern of the hunt becoming like it used to be was expressed. Some people feel more people are harvesting moose here. Caribou are migratory and you hunt them where they are. Prefer to keep the regulation as it is and see how the numbers work out.

PROPOSAL NO. 73

No action DESCRIPTION: Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13. DISCUSSION: The committee took no action based on their action on Proposal 72.

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ACTION: No action

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PROPOSAL NO. 74

DESCRIPTION: Allow the taking of brown bear over registered black bear bait stations in Unit 13D.

ACTION:

No action

DISCUSSION: If brown bears have already been taught to come to the bait station, it might as well be harvested. There was committee support for this, but they didn't like some of the restrictions in this one.

PROPOSAL NO. 75 ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13 to brown bear baiting. DISCUSSION: The committee took no action based on their action on Proposal 77.

PROPOSAL NO. 76 ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13D to brown bear baiting. DISCUSSION: The committee took no action based on their action on Proposal 77.

PROPOSAL NO. 77 ACTION: 4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13 to brown bear baiting. AMENDMENTS:

DISCUSSION: The committee did not approve of targeting brown bear with bait stations, but rather harvest of brown bear incidentally over black bear bait station. There is opposition of baiting trophy animals. It's the most expensive tag you can buy. Registration of the bait station would be "bear" bait station and not specifically black or brown bear stations.

PROPOSAL NO. 78 ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13D to brown and black bear baiting. DISCUSSION: The committee took no action based on their action on Proposal 77.

PROPOSAL NO. 79 ACTION: 0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Exclude National Park Service lands from brown bear tag fee exemptions. DISCUSSION: The park service can do this if they choose.

PROPOSAL NO. 80 ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13B. DISCUSSION: The committee took no action on this based on Proposal 81.

PROPOSAL NO. 81 ACTION: 4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13. DISCUSSION: The department needs some guidelines to implement triggers for the predator control regulations and this helps accomplish that. **PROPOSAL NO. 82** ACTION: No action

DESCRIPTION: Modify the wolf population objective under intensive management for Unit 13.

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DISCUSSION: The committee took no action based on Proposal 83.

PROPOSAL NO. 83

ACTION: 4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13. DISCUSSION: This was submitted to go along with Proposal 81 and the committee supports having triggers for when to suspend the predator control management.

PROPOSAL NO. 84

ACTION: 1-3 Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Establish a predator control program in Units 11 and 12.

DISCUSSION: The same intensive management has been in predator control for years. There is a chunk of land in Unit 11 that isn't covered. The checkerboard would be problematic, but Ahtna would know which lands are their lands. Predator control allows other means than trapping regulations that would give additional harvest opportunity. Access is an issue.

PROPOSAL NO. 85

DESCRIPTION: Establish a predator control plan in Unit 11. DISCUSSION: This is just for Unit 11 and this pertains to moose. The harvest is probably low because of the access issues.

PROPOSAL NO. 86

DESCRIPTION: Close an area near Denali National Park in Unit 13 to taking wolves. DISCUSSION: This is another buffer zone proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 87

DESCRIPTION: Allow use of off-road vehicles for elderly and/or disabled to hunt caribou in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: Concern of how a person is going to care for the harvested meat if they are too disabled.

PROPOSAL NO. 88 ACTION: 4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Modify the hunting season open date and bag limit for Ptarmigan in Unit 13. DISCUSSION: The committee supports the local advisory committee's recommendation.

PROPOSAL NO. 89

DESCRIPTION: Establish and muzzleloader and archery hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 13A. DISCUSSION: Once again, this is a special season for special interests. They can use these methods in the regular season.

PROPOSAL NO. 90 ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Modify the resident sheep hunt and bag limit for Unit 13. DISCUSSION: This is not in our area.

PROPOSAL NO. 91 ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Change the Dall sheep bag limit to full curl, convert the draw hunts to general hunts for Units 13 and 14A, and limit nonresident allocation.

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ACTION: 0-4 Oppose

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DISCUSSION: The committee took no action based on action on Proposal 90.

PROPOSAL NO. 92

ACTION: No action

DESCRIPTION: Modify bag limit to full curl in Units 14A and 13D. DISCUSSION: The committee took no action based on action on Proposal 90.

Regional and Multiple Units

PROPOSAL NO. 109 ACTION: No action DESCRIPTION: Open resident hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons, allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents; remove guide requirements, and increase tag and permit fees for Central/Southwest Region Units.

DISCUSSION: Don't see any reason to change the current regulation.

PROPOSAL NO. 110

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DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for the Central/Southwest Region Units

ACTION:

DISCUSSION: This discriminates against non-residents who should be given the same opportunity. They are already limited to how many permits are available. The hunts are established based on biological principles.

PROPOSAL NO. 111 ACTION: 0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units. DISCUSSION: Same discussion as Proposal 110.

PROPOSAL NO. 112 ACTION: 0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep seasons five days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units. DISCUSSION: Same discussion as Proposal 110.

PROPOSAL NO. 113 ACTION: 0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep hunting seasons five days before nonresident seasons for the Central/Southwest Region. **DISCUSSION:** Same discussion as Proposal 110.

PROPOSAL NO. 114 ACTION: 0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Open resident hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units. DISCUSSION: Same discussion as Proposal 110.

PROPOSAL NO. 115 ACTION: 0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Limit sheep drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents for Central/Southwest Regions.

DISCUSSION: The historical argument was that if you don't limit the drawing permits outside interest groups will flood the applications and residents will be restricted from hunting and

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harvesting. Residents also have a hard time getting a permit. The local AC felt their pain. This attempts to discriminate against non-residents. If there is a situation, maybe it should be 100% resident hunt.

PROPOSAL NO. 116

DESCRIPTION: Limit drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents for Central/Southwest Region Units.

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DISCUSSION: Same discussion as Proposal 115.

PROPOSAL NO. 117

DESCRIPTION: Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region hunts and exclude nonresidents in hunts with less than ten permits DISCUSSION: Same discussion as Proposal 115.

PROPOSAL NO. 118

0-4 Oppose DESCRIPTION: Develop a permit allocation formula for second degree of kindred hunters in Units 10, 13, and 14. DISCUSSION: The second degree of kindred is a statue not a regulation. This is discriminatory.

PROPOSAL NO. 119

4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Open coyote hunting year round in the Central/Southwest Region Units. DISCUSSION: There are plenty of coyotes and the season is already open 2/3 of the year. Not many people will harvest when the hide is of poor quality.

PROPOSAL NO. 120

DESCRIPTION: Close the taking of coyotes on National Park Service lands during summer months and reduce the bag limit in the Central/Southwest Region.

DISCUSSION: This is in direct opposition to comments on Proposal 119. The National Park Service already has the ability to take action.

PROPOSAL NO. 121

DESCRIPTION: Prohibit the taking of wolves March through November in the Central/Southwest Region. DISCUSSION: This would eliminate two months of trapping season.

PROPOSAL NO. 122

ACTION: 4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.

DISCUSSION: This has been in place for years.

Interior Region

PROPOSAL NO. 124 ACTION: 4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska. DISCUSSION: This has been in place for years.

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ACTION:



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PROPOSAL NO. 125ACTION:0-4 OpposeDESCRIPTION: Create a youth hunt for Fortymile caribou.DISCUSSION: The committee opposed specialty hunts.0-4 Oppose

Statewide

PROPOSAL NO. 126 ACTION: 4-0 Support DESCRIPTION: Prohibit some pack animals from being used for big game hunting. DISCUSSION: It has already been demonstrated that sheep and goats can spread disease.

The committee approved Wayne Schafer to represent them at the Board of Game meeting in Wasilla.

Sherry Wright spoke to the AC about the Federal Subsistence Board MOU and the request for AC comment on it to Jennifer Yuhas, the ADF&G liaison.

The AC will plan a meeting first week of March to discuss FSB wildlife proposal, receive a report from Wayne on the BOG meeting, review JB proposals, and prepare BOG proposals, as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm,

Paxson Advisory Meeting 10-25-2012

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm

In attendance were: Frank Robbins, John Schandelmeier, Lee Harper, Gary Alcott, Mark Schlenker and Alan Echols.

Board discussed how local advisory boards make a difference and if ADf&G decisions are impacted by what we have to say. Board sent out questionnaire about what they could do to make things better. Our opinions are:

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As concerns the board questionnaire; the discussion centered around the premise that these questions did not apply to us or probably any of the smaller advisory committees. In The small communities everyone knows each other and thus our discussions are conducted on a different level. Roberts Rules seem far too pretentious for Paxson.

John brought up the access routes to the proposed Susitna damn project, P.A.C would like to see NO roads be built before approval of the project. Tangle Lakes mining may go away as company does not appear to be finding enough to make it worthwhile.

Millrock Mining Company is looking into the area between the west fork and main fork of the Maclaren River.

BOG Central/Southwest Region Proposal Comments:

#62 PAC is OPPOSED to any cow hunt until accurate moose and wolf counts can be done. We do not feel like we have good enough counts on wolf right now to make this hunt feasible. The cow hunt idea is to showcase how well the predator control is working. All members felt strongly that wolf control has gone too far and all of the discussion centered around getting better wolf numbers.

#63&64---OPPOSED unanimously felt that the federal subsistence program is adequate to meet local community needs. The unintended by-product of " manufactured" communities far out -weighed the local benefits.

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#69 all vote OPPOSED (same discussion as Prop 63 and 64)

#70 Support II Oppose II Abstain I -yes votes felt that if there are enough moose to consider a cow hunt, then it was obvious that we are no longer in a subsistence scenario. No votes felt that in reality, our bull/cow ration is not good along the road system, and more hunting pressure would add too much addition pressure.

#71 Support I Oppose IIII ---OPPOSED 1 member felt that everyone should be allowed to hunt, no matter where. The rest of the committee felt that this was a poorly defined proposal that only addressed a tiny portion of the hunt areas.

#72 all vote SUPPORT This proposal was our original proposal concerning this hunt. It makes no sense to tie the moose hunt to a caribou hunt.

#73 all vote SUPPORT (same discussion as Prop 72)

#74-79 all vote OPPOSE too difficult to enforce the difference between baiting grizzlies exclusively and baiting black bear. We had some local problems at Paxson with brown bears breaking into cabins. Felt this might be accentuated by baiting in the area around communities.

#81 all vote SUPPORT; the committee felt that as a rule, population objectives for moose in much of unit 13 was too high. We felt that major browse studies should be implemented in an effort to help determine carrying capacity of the winter moose range.

#83 all vote SUPPORT; as with our proposal concerning the same issue. We feel that wolf management should betide to hard numbers within the IM area, not unit wide. The wolves from 13D do not come into the intensive management area, yet are counted as part of the IM program. Very low wolf numbers are having a big impact on the health of unit 13 as a whole.

#84 No Commit

#85- 87, 89-90 No Commit

Proposal 88. This is important to us. Why shoot ptarmigan for fun? You can't eat baby ptarmigan shot on August 10 under the current reg.

Meeting adjourned at 11pm



Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, January 10, 2013 10:00am Togiak Traditional Council Building Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:23am.

II. Roll Call

Jonathan Forsling - Chair Frank Logusak - Vice Chair Gust Bartman - Togiak Julius Henry - Twin Hills Peter Lockuk - Togiak

John Bavilla - Togiak Excused - Peter Lockuk alternate for John Bavilla. Moses Kritz - Togiak Excused John Nick - Togiak resigned from the Togiak AC, therefore his vacated seat will be up for election.

III. Approval of Agenda

Frank Logusak moved to approve the agenda with the recommended addition of New Business III. Bristol Bay Finfish Board of Fish Actions from the December 2012 meeting. Gust Bartman seconded the motion. Adopted by unanimous consent.

IV.Approval of Minutes October 23, 2012

The minutes from the October 23, 2012 were reviewed. Peter Lockuk moved to approve the minutes as written, Frank Logusak seconded the motion. Adopted by unanimous consent.

V. Introduction of Staff and Guests

All staff members and guests in attendance introduced themselves and who they represented. Susie J. Brito, ADF&G Dillingham, Sarah Evans ADF&G Dillingham, John Parker, Leroy Fox, Andrew Franklin, Ronald Oertwich, Danielle Stickman, BBNA, Patrick Walsh, Togiak NWR, Tevis Underwood, Togiak NWR, Ted Krieg, ADF&G Dillingham, Julius Henry, Moses Ayojiak, Jimmy Coopchiak, Teo Pauk, Frank Woods, BBNA, Gayla Woods, BBNA, Gust Bartman Sr., William Snyder, Marie Snyder, Peter Lockuk, Sr., Jim Woolington ADF&G AWC, Frank Logusak, Jonathan Forsling, Andy Aderman, Togiak NWR, Moses Toyokuk, Sr., Wassillie Tugatuk, Sr., Roger Wassillie.



VI. Elections for Officers and the following seats:

*Seat Manokotak Representatives

The Manokotak Tribal Council selected the following individuals as the Manokotak representative on the Togiak AC: Moses Toyukak, Michael Gloko, Sr., Christian Gloko and Wassillie Tugatuk, Sr. as the Alternate.

*Seat Twin Hills Representatives

The Twin Hills Tribal Council selected Julius Henry as their representative on the Togiak AC.

Gust Bartman moved to seat the Manokotak and Twin Hills representatives. Frank Logusuk seconded the motion. Adopted by unanimous consent.

*At Large Seat - John Nick vacated seat 1 Year term *At Large Seat - 5 vacant seats (varying terms)

Motion to open up the floor for nominations. Motion seconded.

The following people were nominated:

Frank Woods moved to nominated John Parker. Sarah Evans seconded. Frank Logusak moved to nominate Leroy Fox. Peter Lockuk seconded. Jonathan Forsling nominated Teo Pauk. Gust Bartman seconded. Jonathan Forsling nominated Roger Wassillie. Frank Logusak seconded. Jonathan Forsling nominated Jimmy Coopchiak. Frank Logusak seconded. Moses Toyokuk nominated Wassillie Tugatuk, Sr. Frank Logusak seconded.

Frank Logusak moved to close the nominations, Peter Lockuk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moses Toyokuk motioned to accept and seat all nominations on the floor. Peter Lockuk seconded the motion. Adopted by unanimous consent.

The seats will be filled as follows:

3year term - Roger Wassillie
2year term - Leroy Fox Wassillie Tugatuk, Sr.
1 year term - John Parker Teo Pauk Jimmy Coopchiak



*Alternates

Moses Toyokuk moved to open the floor for nominations. Gust Bartman seconded.

Jonathan Forsling nominated Arlandra Upton. Gust Bartman seconded. Frank Logusak nominated Walter Kanulie, Peter Lockuk seconded.

The alternates were voted in with unanimous consent.

*Officers:

*Chairman

Moses Toyokuk moved to open the floor for nominations for chair. Frank Logusak second with unanimous consent. All were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Logusak moved to nominate Jonathan Forsling. Moses Toyokuk seconded the motion.

*Vice-Chair

Gust Bartman moved to open the vice-chair. Moses Toyokuk seconded the motion.

Frank Logusak moved to nominate Moses Toyokuk by unanimous consent. Peter Lockuk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Secretary

Gust Bartman moved to open the floor for secretary. Frank Logusak seconded the motion.

Jonathan Forsling moved to nominate Teo Pauk by unanimous consent. Moses Toyokuk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. Staff Reports: Jim Woolington ADF&G Wildlife Conservation; Unit 17A Moose Management Plan; WASSIP Information Availability

Jim Woolington provided the Togiak AC with the harvest numbers for 17A. For the Fall 2012 registration moose hunt, there were 135 hunt permits were issued, 29 moose were harvested. The winter hunt occurred in December 2012, after the hunting season a request was submitted to extend the hunting season. A two week extension for 17A was granted for January 9-22, 2013. Jim reminded everyone that new permits will need to be issued as well as hunters obtaining a 2013 hunting license. Alaskans over the age of 60 do not require a hunting license.

The proxy hunting permits are available as well as the federal designated hunting permits. The TNL Lands are considered State land. The federal designated hunter



permits is only for use on Federal Lands. However, the State of Alaska proxy permits can be used on all lands.

Q: Explanation regarding tribal consultation districts were asked for US Fish & Wildlife and whether or not TNL Lands are being qualified for Federal land? A: Conservation easements on tribal land would not trump State rules. Tevis Underwood will work with Jonathan Forsling to help with the process for land identification for Federal lands and hunts.

Q: Do people 60 and older require a hunting permit? A: 60 year old and over do not require a license, but a moose permit would be required.

MULCHATNA CARIBOU: Caribou have not been too present in the 17A area. The caribou herd has declined slightly. The herd are tracked with collars as well as by aircraft. The herd has traveled into unit 18. Jim explained where the caribou migrate throughout the year and were they have their calfs. Bull:Cow ratio is starting to increase. Calf:Cow ratios are improving. The radio collars are put on 10.5 month old female calfs, the age of calving is being monitored. The caribou have good nutrition, and the things are looking positive. Total population estimates have not been determined since 1998, and getting a good number count has been difficult to obtain due to the herd being spread out over a large area. However, Jim is encouraged with the numbers he's been seeing in the Mulchatna caribou herd.

Q: Have there been any caribous taken with collars on them? A: Yes, people can harvest a collared caribou and the collars can be turned into the State of Alaska office throughout Alaska.

Discussion regarding the mapping regarding the Caribou.

Q: What was the reason for the decline in the herd, was it because of the split? A: No definitive answers are available as to why there is a decline in the caribou population. An explanation about the wintering of the caribou and the separation of the caribou, some wintered on the west side and east side. However, they are starting to see the mix back again amongst the caribou.

Q: Mulchatna herd in the GNB drainage, is it open now? A: The hunt is open August 1-March 15. After January 31, you can get two caribou.

The traditional council also helps people get a hunting license online and permits are available at the tribal council. The Federal designated hunting forms are also applicable for moose and caribou.



WOLF Harvest: The wolf harvest information was presented for the wolf taken in Unit 17. The wolf control program monitoring system was presented and briefly explained about the wolf control area.

Discussion regarding the harvesting of beavers.

Q: Do subsistence beavers need to be reported? A: Yes, beavers taken for subsistence usage requires tagging.

Pete Abraham is available for tagging of wildlife harvested.

Q: If we did submit a proposal to stop tagging beavers, would we still need a tag to get the beaver tanned? A: Jim Woolington will have to look into the answer to this question to find out if a beaver would be required to be tagged.

BROWN BEAR HARVEST:

Jim Woolington gave the brown bear harvest report. For units 17A, B, C 94 bears were taken in the Fall. Last Board of Game meeting, the brown bear August 20-May 31hunt \$25.00 tag was eliminated and residents and non-residents could get a two bag limit. This did result in the taking of more bears.

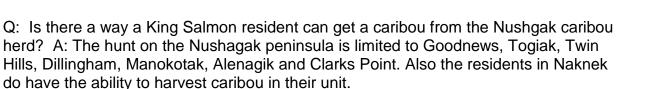
Q: If we submitted a proposal to reduce or eliminate DLP requirements on moose hunts? A: Unknown, a proposal would have to be submitted and decided by the board.

Note: There are a lot of bears in 17A. When moose hunting you do attract bears when you are harvesting your moose. If you have to do a DLP on bears, it requires a lot of extra work. In order to not salvage the hide, a proposal would have to get submitted to the Board of Game for consideration.

Q: Wolverine harvest, what's required? A: Hunting or trapping license is required to harvest a wolverine.

Permit hunting identification cards are available at the age of 60. The permanent ID card process was explained and the State statutes were explained.

Andy Aderman sated the Nushagak caribou herd has increased in the last number of years. Andy went over the Nushagak caribou harvest, the herd is healthy at a carrying capacity of 750, 152 caribou is the targeted harvest rate each year. The season is currently open until the end of March, or until the targeted harvest rate is achieved before the hunting closure. This is a Federal hunt, therefore a federal permit card is required. Two caribou are allowed during the hunting year, the designated hunter option is also available to those who have caribou permits.



Q: Is there any declining of the caribou herd on the Naknek side? A: The caribou herd is increasing on the south side. The state does have a wolf control program now.

MOOSE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Tevis Underwood, Acting Togiak Refuge Manager gave an overview on the Moose Management Plan. Discussion on the moose management and habitat.

Andy Aderman gave a presentation on the distribution and colonization in Unit 17A. Habitat quality and quantity. Carrying capacity and future projections as to what the herd might do.

Distribution and Colonization:

1989-2011 migration of moose slide presentation was shown. Over the years the moose are populating by 32 moose. The average over 13 years is 64% twinning rate. The number of calfs in the spring is 128 calves per 100 cows. Over the last few years it is showing a little bit of a decline.Fall recruitment 63 per 100 cows is the average for November. A decline is also present for the Fall recruitment. The moose calf weight (10.5 months old) is averaged at 470, recently however the average weight is 420. The age of the females having their first calf in 17A and 20C is when the moose are 2 years old, everywhere else the moose are at least 3 years old. Togiak moose are the only ones that produce twins at two years of age. Unit 17A, have bigger moose that grow fast and breeding age quicker due to the food they are eating. These studies have been in conjunction with the State of Alaska on the vegetation of the moose. The vegetation in the area is fresh to the moose and the plants have not adapted to having moose browsing on the plants. 13% of the area of 17A is moose habitat for winter.

Carrying Capacity:

How many moose can an area hold over time without damaging the habitat? What number is that? 2 moose/square mile is 900. 3 moose/square mile is 1350. These are the numbers that wouldn't create any adverse affects.

If we were to harvest 55 bulls and 25 cows, we would be able to retain a stable carrying capacity.

Non-resident hunt. Corridor, Togiak river, upper Togiak lake and along some rivers off of the Togiak river, no airplanes allowed within a two mile radius for fall moose hunting. Plus, hunters would not be allowed to be dropped off at a lake and moose hunt and be picked up within this two mile radius.



Discussion on General Hunt. The hunts follow the local seasons and rules. It would have to go through the Board of Game for any type of corridors or other rules outside of the current rules.

Discussion on the Antlerless Hunt.

Comparisons on the old plan and the new plan.

Comments on the Moose Management Plan:

Jonathan Forsling stated this plan in its current state isn't something that is being brought to us, we have worked on this plan for up to 28 hours negotiating all of the changes that were on the table. Proposal 48 is before the board to open up the area to a non-resident hunt, last board of game cycle 3 out of the 4 board members voted for having a non-resident hunt. There will be a three year phase in for a non-resident hunt.

Explanation on the thresholds were presented and explained. The goal is to have more than 900 moose and less than 1350 moose in unit 17A.

Discussion regarding the non-resident hunt and the resident hunt and who is currently allowed to hunt in unit 17A.

Discussion on the years of abundance. The non-resident hunt is only allowed as a phase in period and up to 5 permits will be issued the first year and up to 10 permits issued in the second year. This is a dually managed hunt. This is considered a State hunt as well as a Federal hunt.

Frank Logusak is happy with this new plan and the information presented. No objections to this new plan.

This plan can be visited as needed and will be reviewed annually.

Q: At the board of game, do we need to present this plan? A: yes, this plan

Frank Logusak moved approve this moose management plan. Moses Toyokuk seconded the motion. Adopted by unanimous consent.

WASSIP (Western Alaska Sockeye Salmon Identification Project) INFORMATION:

The Nushagak AC has formed a committee to review the WASSIP information on January 17th to understand the results from the study. Jonathan is on the committee with the Nushagak AC. If Togiak AC would like to attend the committee, it is open to the public. Michael Link will be giving the presentation on January 17th regarding the genetic information. Contact Susie if you would like further information on WASSIP.



VIII. New Business

I. Board of Game - Comment Deadline January 25, 2013, Meeting February 8-15, 2013

Jim Woolington provided information regarding the Board of Game proposals as well as a copy of the Preliminary Analysis and Recommendations for Board of Game proposals.

PROPOSAL 45:

Gust Bartman made a motion to adopt proposal 45. Frank Logusak seconded.

Proposal 45 was read and explained. The proposal is to go from a general hunt to a registered hunt. It would be a permit specific for Mulchatna caribou. The department is in favor of Proposal 45.

Discussion: This proposal would make it about the same as the moose for the process on the hunting side. The current process doesn't have consequences for not reporting catch, tag issuance and overall participation. The registration moose hunt participation requirements are easy enough to follow.

Vote: 10/0. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL 46:

Frank Logusak moved to adopted proposal 46. Julius Henry seconded the motion.

Discussion: Modifying caribou hunting seasons for unit 17. Frank Woods, chair of the Nushagak AC chair explained why they wrote this proposal. Predator control is more important than a 2 week extension. Nushagak AC voted down the proposal. The intensive management objective is in the works.

Vote: 0/10. Motion failed unanimously.

PROPOSAL 48:

Moses Toyukak moved to adopt proposal 48. Leroy Fox seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jim explained proposal 48 and stated The department will be submitting an amended proposal during the fall to establish hunt with the dates of August 25-September 20, the winter hunt would change to a bag limit of up to two moose, so you could take an antlerless moose, as well as to change the winter hunt to a 31 one day season. Discussion regarding the dates for the fall season, now would be the time to amend the proposals. Written comments could also be submitted to the Board of Game to adjust the hunt dates. Togiak AC can submit the comments to request an amended proposal. Discussion on whether or not we want to keep it a floating season or have set dates.

Moses Toyokak made a friendly amendment to proposal 48 to manage the non-resident hunt as stated in the moose management plan, increase fall to a 31 day hunt and set



the harvest dates between august 25-september 25 and request the board to keep the winter hunt to a 31 day floating season. Frank Logusak seconded.

Discussion on the September 25 date. After discussion, it was agreed upon the current dates are most acceptable and the best dates possible.

Vote: 0/10. Motion failed unanimously.

Moses Toyokak moved to make an amendment to proposal 48 to manage the nonresident hunt as stated within the moose management plan, and request the board to increase to a 31 day floating winter hunt and have up to two winter bag limit. Gust Bartman seconded the motion.

Amendment passed unanimously.

Vote: 10/0. Motion carried as amended unanimously.

Proposal 51:

Frank Logusak moved to adopt proposal 51. Peter Lockuk seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jim Woolington read the proposal.

Moses Toyokuk requested to take no action.

Unanimously in favor of no action.

II. Board of Fisheries - AK Pen/Aleut. Is. (Area M) Comment Deadline Feb. 12, 2013, Meeting February 26-March 3, 2013.

Nushagak AC formed a sub committee to address the proposals after the presentation by Michael Link on January 17th. Togiak AC can form a sub committee to attend the meeting on January 17 and address the proposals. Jonathan would like to appoint Frank Logusak and Peter Lockuk to the sub-committee. The Nushagak AC will have teleconference capabilities during the January 17th meeting.

Moses Toyokuk moved to appoint Jonathan Forsling, Frank Logusak and Peter Lockuk to a Sub-committee to address the Board of Fish Area M and Statewide fin fish proposals with the authority of the entire AC. Gust Bartman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

IX. Old Business

I. Representation at Central/Southwest Board of Game February 8-12, 2013 Historically the chairman is sent by the State of Alaska to the Board of Game. The current chair is willing to attend the Board of Game. Discussion on the Board of Game and the dates and process.



Julius Henry made a motion to appoint two additional people to go to the Board of Game, if funding is available. Peter Lockuk seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

X. Bristol Bay Finfish Board of Fish follow up

Jonathan Forsling gave follow up information from the 2012 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting.

Members talked about forming fisherman task force. It would be best to send at least 7 people to the next Board of Fish meeting.

XI. Set date of next meeting

The next meeting for the Togiak AC will be sometime in the Fall or early September **2013.**

Adjournment - 4:30pm.

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On December 13, 2012 the Anchorage Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee reviewed the Central/Southwest Region game proposals. Participating members included Grant Klotz, Robert Caywood, Kevin Taylor, George Jacoby, and Frank Neumann.

On January 8, 2013 the Anchorage Advisory Committee (AAC), with 15 members present, reviewed proposals 45-126. The AAC votes are recorded on each proposal below. Atto: Aissa on time AC to

On January 22, 2013 10 members of the Anchorage Advisory Committee reviewed and voted on proposals 62, 93, 96, 123

Dillingham Area - Unit 17

PROPOSAL NO. 45 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Change the hunting regulations for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd in Units 9, 17, 18 and 19.

DISCUSSION: Support only if hunters are able to register online or at any Fish and Game office statewide.

15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE PROPOSAL NO. 46 ACTION: Support; DESCRIPTION: Modify the caribou hunting season dates in Unit 17. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 47 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Open a nonresident caribou season in Unit 17B with certain conditions. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal because the Board of Game does not have authority to change tag fees.

15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE PROPOSAL NO. 48 ACTION: Support; **DESCRIPTION:** Establish a nonresident registration hunt in Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 17A. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC supports for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 49 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Decrease the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 17B. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The AAC supports current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 50 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Allow the sale of brown bear in Unit 17. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 51 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Change hunting regulations for black bear in Unit 17 to a bag limit of three bears per year and no closed season.

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DISCUSSION: The AAC supports for reasons stated in the proposal.

King Salmon Area - Units 9 and 10

PROPOSAL NO. 52 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Restrict nonresident hunting opportunity in Unit 9. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal because there is no current data presented to support this proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 53 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Establish caribou hunting seasons and bag limits for the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd in Unit 9D

DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 54 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Modify the brown bear hunting regulations for Unit 9.

DISCUSSION: The AAC does not support this proposal as written. This proposal is too broad for entire game unit. Regulations need to be broken down by subunits. Perhaps there should be predator control in some subunits.

PROPOSAL NO. 55 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Eliminate the village registration permit hunts in Unit 9, allow the taking of nuisance bears, and/or open bear season.

DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 56 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Increase the brown bear bag limit in Units 9 and 10 for the RB525 hunt. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 57 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Modify the brown bear hunt area for the village registration permits (RB525) in Units 9 and 10.

DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 58 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Establish a Katmai Preserve, specific registration hunt for brown bear in Unit 9.

DISCUSSION: The AAC does not support this proposal. They support the Board of Game's prior decision regarding this issue.

PROPOSAL NO. 59 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Allocate brown bear permits in Unit 10 and establish limits for number of applications allowed per guide.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

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PROPOSAL NO. 60 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Exclude National Park Service lands from certain wolf hunting and trapping regulations.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The AAC supports actions taken by the Alaska Departments of Fish and Game concerning this issue.

PROPOSAL NO. 61 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Modify the intensive management plan for the North Alaska Peninsula Caribou herd.

DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

Glennallen Area - Units 11 and 13

PROPOSAL NO. 62 ACTION: 5 SUPPORT; 5 OPPOSE; ____ ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC both supports and opposes this proposal. Some members support this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal; however, others strongly oppose any cow hunts.

PROPOSAL NO. 63 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Modify the cow moose drawing hunt for Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal because the members don't agree with shooting pregnant cow moose this late in the year. It should be noted that some of the members strongly disagree with any cow hunt.

PROPOSAL NO. 64 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Open a youth hunt for moose in Unit 13A.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal because youth have plenty of opportunity to hunt. No need for a special hunt.

PROPOSAL NO. 65 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt in Units 11, 12 and 13.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The members don't support community harvest hunts.

PROPOSAL NO. 66 ACTION: Take no action DESCRIPTION: Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and other changes. DISCUSSION: Take no action.

PROPOSAL NO. 67 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and conditions and establish a weighted subsistence drawing hunt.

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DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 68 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Increase the number of people per group who can apply for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The members don't support community harvest hunts because they are illegal according to our constitution.

PROPOSAL NO. 69 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Increase the any bull quota for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The members don't support community harvest hunts because they are illegal according to our constitution.

PROPOSAL NO. 70 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Establish general harvest moose hunts for nonresidents in Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal. Currently there is too much demand on the resource from resident hunters. This proposal would only increase the hunting pressure in this area. The AAC supports maintaining current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 71 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Establish a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 13B; close the other Unit 13 subunits to nonresident hunting.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal because there is currently too much demand from resident hunters. This proposal would only increase the hunting pressure in this area. We support maintaining current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 72 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 73 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 74 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Allow the taking of brown bear over registered black bear bait stations in Unit 13D.

AMENDMENTS: Remove [ONLY THE HUNTER WHO HAS REGISTERED ACTIVE(ACTUALLY REGISTAERED, BAITED, AND HUNTED) BLACK BEAR BAIT STATIONS LOCATED IN UNIT 13D FOR EACH OF THE PRIOR THREE REGULATORY YEARS MAY TAKE BROWN/GRIZZLY BEARS OVER THAT BLACK BEAR BAIT STATION IN UNIT 13D]

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DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal with some reservations regarding the 3 year requirement.

PROPOSAL NO. 75 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13 to brown bear baiting. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 76 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE
 DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13D to brown bear baiting.
 DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 77 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE
 DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13 to brown bear baiting.
 DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 78 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 13D to brown and black bear baiting. DISCUSSION: The AAC Supports this proposal with a closure during the moose season to reduce conflicts with moose hunters.

PROPOSAL NO. 79 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Exclude National Park Service lands from brown bear tag fee exemptions. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal. The committee agrees with the Board of Game's brown bear tag fee exemptions and their justification behind this decision.

PROPOSAL NO. 80 ACTION: Take No Action

DESCRIPTION: Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13B. **DISCUSSION:** N/A

PROPOSAL NO. 81 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal, because we don't agree with increasing the wolf population.

PROPOSAL NO. 82 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Modify the wolf population objective under intensive management for Unit 13. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, because we don't agree with increasing the wolf population.

PROPOSAL NO. 83 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, because we don't agree with increasing the wolf population.

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PROPOSAL NO. 84 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Establish a predator control program in Units 11 and 12. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC does not support state funded IM programs on private property that is closed to public hunting. The AAC would support an area wide IM program, which includes Units 11 and 12.

PROPOSAL NO. 85 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Establish a predator control plan in Unit 11.

DISCUSSION: The AAC does not support state funded IM programs on private property that is closed to public hunting. The AAC would support an area wide IM program, which includes Unit 11.

PROPOSAL NO. 86 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Close an area near Denali National Park in Unit 13 to taking wolves. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC doesn't see a need to increase the area in which wolves are protected.

PROPOSAL NO. 87 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Allow use of off-road vehicles for elderly and/or disabled to hunt caribou in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The AAC would like to this area open to off road vehicles for all residents.

PROPOSAL NO. 88 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Modify the hunting season open date and bag limit for Ptarmigan in Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 89 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Establish and muzzleloader and archery hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 13A. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC doesn't see a need to give special preference to hunters using archery or muzzleloader weapons to pursue Dall sheep.

PROPOSAL NO. 90 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Modify the resident sheep hunt and bag limit for Unit 13. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 91 ACTION: Support with amendment 11- SUPPORT; 4 OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Change the Dall sheep bag limit to full curl, convert the draw hunts to general

hunts for Units 13 and 14A, and limit nonresident allocation.

AMENDMENTS: Nonresident tags would be limited to 10 by drawing permit only. **DISCUSSION:** Support proposal as written with above amendment.

PROPOSAL NO. 92 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Modify bag limit to full curl in Units 14A and 13D. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

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Palmer Area - Units 14A, 14B, and 16

PROPOSAL NO. 93 ACTION: 5_SUPPORT; 5_OPPOSE; ____ABSTAIN DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 14A. DISCUSSION: The AAC both supports and opposes this proposal. Some members support this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal; however, others strongly oppose any cow hunts.

PROPOSAL NO. 94 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Modify the season and/or bag limit for moose hunting in Unit 14A. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 95 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Require moose hunters in Unit 14A to submit jaw bone and antlers to ADF&G.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations. The department could make a proposal if they view this requirement as necessary and or beneficial.

PROPOSAL NO. 96 ACTION: 8 SUPPORT; 2 OPPOSE; _____ABSTAIN DESCRIPTION: Establish a winter antlerless moose hot-spot hunt in 14B and reauthorize the

winter antlerless moose hunt in Unit 14A. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC both supports and opposes this proposal. Some members support this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal; however, others strongly oppose any cow hunts.

PROPOSAL NO. 97 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 98 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Modify the moose hunting season dates in Unit 16A. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 99 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Align the resident and nonresident moose season dates in Unit 16B. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 100 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Close the nonresident season in the Unit16 intensive management area. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 101 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

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DESCRIPTION: Prohibit hunting with off road vehicles in Unit 16B until after 3:00 am following the day riding.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal because they don't agree with restrictions placed on 4-wheeler and other off road ground transportation. No need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 102 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Establish a drawing permit hunt for caribou in Unit 14A and a winter season that can be offered if harvest opportunity exists.

DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 103 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Review and modify the Unit 16 intensive management program and the progress that has been made towards meeting the program's objectives. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 104 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Prohibit the snaring of bears in the Central/Southwest Region. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC opposes this proposal. The committee supports current IM policy and procedures concerning bear snaring.

PROPOSAL NO. 105 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Prohibit the snaring of bears in the Central/Southwest Region.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The committee supports current IM policy and procedures concerning bear snaring.

PROPOSAL NO. 106 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Open Unit 16 to brown bear baiting for residents and nonresidents in the spring and fall.

DISCUSSION: The AAC Supports this proposal with a closure during the moose season to reduce conflicts with moose hunters.

PROPOSAL NO. 107 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Retain the current no closed season for brown bear in the remainder of Unit 16B. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 108 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Suspend/relax the intensive management of wolves in Unit 16. DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The AAC supports current regulations.

Regional and Multiple Units

PROPOSAL NO. 109 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

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DESCRIPTION: Open resident hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons, allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents; remove guide requirements, and increase tag and permit fees for Central/Southwest Region Units.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 110 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for the Central/Southwest Region Units

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 111 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 112 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep seasons five days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 113 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Open resident sheep hunting seasons five days before nonresident seasons for the Central/Southwest Region.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 114 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Open resident hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 115 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Limit sheep drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents for Central/Southwest Regions.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal because we don't agree with moving all Dall sheep hunting in Region IV to drawing permit only.

PROPOSAL NO. 116 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Limit drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents for Central/Southwest

Region Units. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 117 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region hunts and exclude nonresidents in hunts with less than ten permits

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DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 118 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Develop a permit allocation formula for second degree of kindred hunters in Units 10, 13, and 14.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal because a nonresident should be considered as a nonresident regardless of whom they hunt with.

PROPOSAL NO. 119 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE

DESCRIPTION: Open coyote hunting year round in the Central/Southwest Region Units. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 120 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Close the taking of coyotes on National Park Service lands during summer months and reduce the bag limit in the Central/Southwest Region.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal. The committee agrees with the Board of Game's current regulations concerning taking of coyotes on National Park Service lands. No need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 121 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE;

DESCRIPTION: Prohibit the taking of wolves March through November in the Central/Southwest Region.

DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations.

PROPOSAL NO. 122 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize the brown bear tag fees for the Central/Southwest Region. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

Interior Region

PROPOSAL NO. 123 ACTION: 5 SUPPORT; 5 OPPOSE; ____ ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 19D, 20A, 20B and 20D. **DISCUSSION:** The AAC both supports and opposes this proposal. Some members support this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal; however, others strongly oppose any cow hunts. Additionally some members question the departments management of these antlerless moose hunts.

PROPOSAL NO. 124 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.

DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 125 ACTION: Oppose; 0 - SUPPORT; 15 - OPPOSE; DESCRIPTION: Create a youth hunt for Fortymile caribou.

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DISCUSSION: The AAC opposes this proposal, no need to change current regulations. The AAC feels that youth in Alaska have plenty of opportunity to hunt.

Statewide

PROPOSAL NO. 126 ACTION: Support; 15 - SUPPORT; 0 - OPPOSE DESCRIPTION: Prohibit some pack animals from being used for big game hunting. DISCUSSION: The AAC supports this proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

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