

Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Partial Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2014

Meeting was called to order at the MTA Building in Palmer at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Stephen Darilek, Steve Bartelli, Jehnifer Ehmann, Andy Couch, Dan Montgomery, Max Sager, Todd Deland, Bill Folsom, Mel Grove, Jeff Tuttle, Mike Buige,

Members Absent: Erik Beckman, Rick Ellis, Tony Jones -- excused, Israel Payton--excused, Dave Young -- excused

Public Present: Denny Hamman, Kenny Barber, Patrick O'Connor, Neil DeWitt - Anchorage AC, Tim Peltier -- ADF&G Game Biologist, Todd Rinaldi--ADF&G Game Biologist, Frank Neumann - Anchorage AC Ron Tresham, George Rauscher, David Bostwick, Robert Buck, Garrit Dykstra

Discussion on Community Subsistence Hunt -- 17 draft Proposals are being considered by the Board of Game Subcommittee on Community Harvest. So this opportunity is for AC positions and what has been heard at Advisory Committee meetings.

Only representatives are allowed to speak and participate. Bill Folsom mentioned there is a lack of minutes from the meeting. He mentioned there seems to be an agenda to reduce the number of participants or groups in the subsistence community harvest opportunity. Bill thinks it, likely, the outcome of this process will produce a lawsuit.

Mel Grove mentioned that it should be considered as Rod Arno pointed out that there is a Federal Hunt that allows a rural preference already on federal lands. Additionally the case of native corporation lands allow specific people hunting use of that land so they have a preference over people not allowed to hunt on those lands. Same is true of private lands -- owners have more harvest opportunity. Bottomline, when ANS is being met a general hunt should be the option for everyone. Matanuska Valley AC members believe all Alaskans should have an opportunity to harvest when there is an abundance of animals to harvest. AOC position is that all Alaskans are subsistence hunters.

Max Sager said that the ANS can be changed and has been changed in the past.

Andy does not want to see opportunities for specific Alaskans be eliminated so that only certain Alaskans can have an exclusive opportunity.

Motion made by Mel Grove and second by Steve Bartelli to support proposal 4 H allowing general season opportunity for all Alaskans and a weighted drawing for up to 100 any bull moose and up to 25 antlerless moose when the moose number is above the moose (ANS) Amount Needed for Subsistence. Please follow the law and don't create have and have not groups of hunters. Motion passed Unanimously 12-0-0.

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Holum at 7:30 pm on April 15 2014.

Members present were: Don Holum, Caleb Holum, Armeda Bulard, Gordon Carlson, Lance Williams, Bruce Gore, and Jeff Burney

Members absent were: J. Marie Gore, and Ray Atkins.

Public present: Jim Elison from the Alaska State Troopers.

We discussed old business, with Don Holum giving a report on his trips to the Alaska Board of Game meeting's, and the CSH committee.

New business we discussed and voted on the CSH proposals our votes and comments are below.

proposal III-A

7-0 in favor, the AC was very much in favor of this proposal, allowing better opportunity for CSH hunters to take a Caribou.

proposal II-A

7-0 in favor, Makes good sense, better way to manage the game, better to help alleviate over harvest on the more popular areas.

Proposal II-B

7-0 in favor, with amendments, make concessions for back country campers, and would prefer 48 hour over 24, and definitely feels it is necessary if proposal II-A does not get approved.

Proposal II-C

4-3 In favor, those in favor liked the idea of limited time, those opposed felt it would be an enforcement nightmare.

proposal II-D

0-7 Failed, the AC members felt that this was a bad proposal, and did not like at all.

Proposal II-E

0-7 failed, the AC was very much opposed to this idea, and felt it would be an enforcement nightmare.

Proposal I-A

7-0 passed, liked the idea of eliminating the early portion of the CSH, and felt that it would help prevent meat spoiling from the heat, and poor care in the heat from inexperienced hunters, there was no reason that the moose needed to be hunted in early August.

Proposal I-B

7-0 Passed, the AC felt that the true Subsistence hunter would hunt the hunt over long terms, eliminating the grab and go hunters.

Proposal I-C

7-0 passed, people that participate in the CSH should only do the CSH in unit 13,11, and 12, if

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they want to sport hunt then they should sport hunt and not the CSH.

Proposal I-D

7-0 passed, the AC liked this proposal very much, and is in keeping with the spirit of the CSH.

Proposal I-E

7-0 passed, This proposal would help to stop random groups, and all groups need a common bond, and from the same geographical area.

Proposal I-F

1-3-3 failed, the AC felt this was an argumentative proposal, and was a mute point.

Proposal I-G

0-6-1 failed, the AC felt this was a great idea, but would put undue burden on the department of Fish and Game, and would not be enforceable, needed more info to vote on this.

Proposal I-H

2-2-3 Deadlock With most of the AC feeling it would be a waste of time, and almost impossible to get accurate info. on everyone.

Proposal I-J

5-0-2 Passed, this would assure that all groups meet the CSH requirements, there was concern over the time constraints on the board of Game, and whether they would have time to review all applicants.

Proposal IV-A

0-6-1 Failed, felt this could be a legal problem, and did not want to go back to a drawing system.

Proposal I-I

The AC did not take action on this proposal.