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Interior Region Meeting February 14-23, 2014**

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Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee 1/21/14, and 1/28/14
William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hactchery
941 N. Reeve Blvd.
Anchorage, Alaska

- I. Call to Order: 6:40PM By Chairman Bruce Morgan
II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bruce Morgan, Jim Stubbs, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Vince Baldauf, George Jacoby, Grant Klotz, Frank Neumann, Robert Caywood, Rob Peck, Kevin Taylor, Ehren Strahn, Joel Donner, Phil Calhoun, Neil Dewitt, Gary Brell.

Members Absent: Mark Campbell, Matthew Rogero.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None present

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 1/21/14....
V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Director Doug Vincent Lang, Jesse Coltrane, Dave Battle, Dave ?.
VI. Guests Present: Steve Flory
VII. New Business:

On 12/18/13, and 12/30.13, the Anchorage AC Game Subcommittee met. There were four members attending these two meetings, Robert Caywood, Robert Peck, Georage Jacoby, and Frank Neumann, to go over all Proposal for Region III. They forward their comments to the full AC on the meeting dates mention above. The full AC took action on all the following proposals

Table with 4 columns: BOG or BOF, Proposal Number, Number Support, Number Oppose, and Proposal Description. Includes a header row for 'Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form' and a section for 'REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS' with rows for proposals 39, 40, 41, and 42.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
	0	15	Same reason as stated in Proposal 41
BOG	43		Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region III.
	0	15	Same reasons as stated in Proposal 42
BOG	44		Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III.
	15	0	Favor Limiting Non-residents pressure, and harvest on the Sheep population. Would increase opportunity for Alaskan Hunters, and create a better overall hunting experience. .
BOG	45		Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents for big game hunts and distribute remaining permits in Region III.
	15	0	Favor setting a limit of, and not to exceed 10% allocation for ALL draw hunts for Non-residents.
BOG	46		Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten-year average for Region III.
	15	0	We would like to see the Board take some action on this proposal. With all the same proposals that are constantly being submitted to the BOG on Sheep allocation we would prefer limiting the nonresidents to 10% of historical harvest average.
BOG	47		Create a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in Region III.
	0	15	Opposed to early hunts, and other head start proposals. Adding length to the season could be adding stress to the Sheep population
BOG	48		Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 to drawing permit hunts.
	0	15	Would have liked more Data as to what this would equate into for numbers. We do favor restricting nonresidents Sheep tags to the 10% of historic harvest average.
BOG	49		Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.
	0	15	Not in favor of lengthening the Sheep season. We did talk about, and liked the idea that if we had to start the residents first, we would then have the nonresident's season start later.
BOG	50		Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd and determine whether there are customary and traditional uses; if so, establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.
			TNA
BOG	51		Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.
	0	15	We favor the lengthening of the season by 20 days, increasing a hunters opportunity to harvest a wolf.
BOG	52		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	53		Change the bag limit for black bear in Units 25C and 25D



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	15	0	<b>Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	54		Allow the Department of Fish and Game to offer permits for trapping bears under their discretionary authority in Region III.
			<b>TNA*** We did note that this proposal was submitted by the Area AC's.***</b>
BOG	55		Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region III.
	0	15	<b>We favor keeping this tool in the Departments tool box.</b>
BOG	56		Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Region III.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	57		Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	58		Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</b>
<b>MCGRATH AREA - UNITS 19, 21A &amp; 21E</b>			
BOG	59		Lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 21A.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	60		Modify moose hunt requirements in 21E.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	61		Reallocate moose drawing permits in Unit 21E.
	0	15	<b>Favored leaving as is.</b>
BOG	62		Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	63		Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	64		Extend the lynx trapping season in Unit 19.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	65		Establish a registration sheep hunt for residents in Unit 19C.
	0	15	<b>Against adding a winter hunt for Sheep. We would like the BOG to address the nonresident hunting pressure concerns. And absolutely against the taking of ewes, they are carrying tomorrows Sheep.</b>
BOG	66		Create a musk oxen hunt in Units 18 & 19.
	0	15	<b>We favor the creation of a Draw hunt open to ALL Alaskans.</b>
BOG	67		Modify the game management unit boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21.
			<b>TNA</b>
<b>GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D &amp; 24</b>			
BOG	68		Change the Unit 21D moose permit hunt, DM818, to a general season hunt.
			<b>TNA</b>



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BOG	69		Allow moose hunting guides in Units 21D and 24 to select a replacement client.
			TNA
BOG	70		Reauthorize the winter moose registration hunt in Unit 24B, RM833.
			TNA
BOG	71		Reinstate the previous dimensions of the Kanuti Controlled Use Area.
			TNA
BOG	72		Allow the taking of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 24C and 24D.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	73		Extend lynx trapping season in Unit 21.
			TNA
<b>NORTHEAST ALASKA – UNITS 25A, 25B, 25D, 26B, &amp; 26C</b>			
BOG	74		Increase resident-only hunting in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt.
	0	15	<b>Opposed as written. Author of this Proposal didn't state if this would be a youth only BOW Hunt, or if he is looking to create a rifle hunt in the corridor.</b>
BOG	75		Change the resident-only hunting periods in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt.
	15	0	<b>We favor giving Alaskan Residents a window to hunt without nonresidents being in the field. This would encourage Alaskan youth to participate in hunting. Favor restricting nonresident hunters along the road system.</b>
BOG	76		Allow sidelock muzzleloading rifles using round ball only in Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area.
	0	15	<b>Object to the idea of creating another special hunt.</b>
BOG	77		Clarify the subunit boundary between Unit 26B and 26C.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	78		Modify antler restriction bag limit for moose in Unit 25.
			TNA
BOG	79		Create a new hunt area for moose in Unit 25S and establish season dates and bag limits
			TNA
BOG	80		Allow harvest of brown bears over black bear bait in Unit 25D
	15	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
<b>TOK AREA – UNITS 12 &amp; 20E</b>			
BOG	81		Establish a nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area in Units 12, 13C and 20D, with conditions.
	15	0	<b>Support as Amended. Remove the Bullet Point #3, the limiting the second degree kin portion to no more than 50%, no limits to the number of Second Degree Kin Tags.</b>
BOG	82		Limit Glacier Valley Mountain Controlled Use Area to walk-in only for sheep hunting.
	4	11	<b>Those Opposed, thought that this area is difficult to access, and that horses</b>



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			<b>where a must, and makes this an attainable hunt. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	83		Limit guides to two black bear bait stands in Units 12 and 20E.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	84		Allow permits to use inedible game meat for bear bait.
	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	85		Establish a registration hunt for Nelchina caribou in Unit 12.
	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Not in Favor of establishing any more Tier I hunts.</b>
BOG	86		Modify resident bag limit for moose in portions of Units 12 and 20D.
	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	87		Reauthorize the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.
	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	88		Modify the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.
	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	89		Establish a wolf control program in Unit 12.
	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
<b>DELTA AREA – UNIT 20D</b>			
BOG	90		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	91		Modify the season and bag limits for DM795 in Unit 20D and change the qualification for disabled hunters.
	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Asking for too much in one Proposal. All members are strongly against the Nonresident Cow moose Hunt portion.</b>
BOG	92		Modify the bag limit for bison in Unit 20D to one per lifetime; limit one permit per household.
	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>The Majority Opposed because they didn't want to see the limit put in place on the Party Permit for a family. The Minority Supported the Proposal thinking that it would slightly increase one odds of drawing, and supported the idea of one Tag per household.</b>
BOG	93		Correct a discrepancy in bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd in Unit 12.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	94		Modify the season and bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd registration hunt in Unit 20D.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	95		Modify the Macomb caribou registration hunt season and bag limits in Units 12 and 20D, and require locking tags.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	96		Include Johnson Slough Island Unit in a portion of Unit 20D moose hunt boundary.
			<b>TNA</b>
<b>FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F &amp; 25C</b>			
BOG	97		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.
	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Those Opposed disliked the idea of Cow Hunts, and felt that in Unit 20A there</b>



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			has been an excessive over harvest of Cows in the past few years. A couple of AC members who have hunted in Unit 20A in the past share what they have seen there from their personal hunting trips. They express concerns that the Department has been over reacting in the killing of cows, that the area brows didn't show signs of over browsing. The Supporting votes wanted to keep the hunt on the books, and noted that the Department did suspended next Falls Cow hunts due to the lower than excepted winter survey results.
BOG	98	Change bag limit for moose in Unit 20A to any bull.	
	7	7 & 1	Committee was split over this. Those supporting this, thought it would help with the want and waste issues. Those Opposed like the Regs as is. When in doubt, don't shoot.
BOG	99	Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Giving Alaskans more access.
BOG	100	Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Giving Alaskans more access.
BOG	101	Create targeted moose hunts in Units 20A and 20B.	
			TNA
BOG	102	Allow the taking of any bull by utilizing two harvest tickets in Unit 20A and portions of Unit 20B	
	0	15	Opposed, thought the current Regs were sufficient. That this would be an impossible Regulation to enforce.
BOG	103	Allow a hunter to proxy hunt only once per year for moose in Units 20A and 20B.	
	4	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal
BOG	104	Allow incidental brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B.	
	4	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal
BOG	105	Allow brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B	
	4	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal
BOG	106	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.	
	7	6	Supported for reasons stated, the Opposing votes disagree with the idea of Cow hunts, and believe Department is allowing to many cows to be harvested in 20B
BOG	107	Create a nonresident moose season in Unit 20B within the Mint Flats Management Area.	
	0	15	Opposed to opening a new hunt for non-residents in the MFMA.
BOG	108	Allow the use of air boats for moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area.	
	13	2	We favor access for All Alaskan hunters. The Department comments show a positive Bull to Cow ratio, with a surplus for Moose. We would rather see Alaskans having access by Airboat before giving consent to nonresident hunters in the MFMA. The opposing votes view is that Airboats are just too noisy.
BOG	109	Change the Muzzleloader Draw Moose hunt in 20B to a Registration Hunt.	
	15	0	Support for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	110	Eliminate the muzzleloader hunt for bull moose in the Middle Fork of the Chena River and	



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			upper Salcha River in Unit 20B.
	15	0	<b>Supported as AMENDED. We favor the elimination of the Draw Hunt, and Amending it to a Registration Hunt. See Proposal 109.</b>
BOG	111		Lengthen the moose season in Salcha River Drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek in Unit 20B.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	112		Create a youth hunt drawing permit for antlerless moose in Unit 20B and a create a Unit 20B Youth Hunt Management Area.
	0	15	<b>Opposed because Young Hunters can already apply for a Antlerless Draw Hunt just like any other Alaskan. Also, some on the committee object to all Cow hunts, period.</b>
BOG	113		Create a drawing youth sheep hunt in Unit 20B Remainder.
	0	15	<b>Opposed to lengthening any of the Sheep seasons for any reason.</b>
BOG	114		Repeal the requirement for leaving evidence of sex (gender) on black bear until sealing has taken place in Unit 20B.
	15	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Make the reporting requirement the same for all of Region III</b>
BOG	115		Change bag limit and season for moose in Unit 20C.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	116		Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Nenana-Totchaket Resource Development Corridor.
	0	15	<b>This Proposal is a land lock proposal, denying Alaskans equal access due to suppositions that something unfavorable might happen. The Departments comments show that there is a harvestable surplus of moose in the area.</b>
BOG	117		Reinstate the Nenana Controlled Use Area.
	1	14	<b>The 1 support vote was due to a dislike for Airboats. Those who Opposed did so because they are Pro access for All Alaskans, and would like to see more access not less.</b>
BOG	118		Change season dates for fall moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
	0	15	<b>Opposed due to concerns that too many moose would be taken in the last 10 days of the season. Agreeing that extending the season by 10 days is excessive, and pushes the season into the rut.</b>
BOG	119		Change season dates for winter moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
	0	15	<b>Favor the current Regs, and dislike the season being extended another 5 days. There seems to be enough opportunity to harvest moose between the current fall, and winter openings.</b>
BOG	120		Require trophy value of moose to be destroyed in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
	0	15	<b>See no reason to destroy the Property of Hunters for Moose taken Legally.</b>
BOG	121		Create a Controlled Use Area along the Manley to Tanana road.
	0	15	<b>Opposed to denying Alaskans access. This road is not even built yet, and they are</b>





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			requesting the BOG to deny other Alaskans equal access due to concerns that haven't taken place yet.
<b>ANTLERLESS MOOSE AND BROWN BEAR TAGS OUTSIDE OF REGIONS III &amp; V</b>			
BOG	122		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for Region IV.
	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	123		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Berners Bay and Gustavus in Unit 1C.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	124		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	125		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	126		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>After a long discussion, and with Input from the Department in this discussion, over the accuracy of the Moose population within 14C. Committee members do base their decision on the testimony of the Department. During this discussion the Department rebutted the testimony of a member of the public who stated the Department's sustainable harvest management level of moose is 5%. The Department stated that in our area the sustainable harvest is 15%, which includes hunting and "road" harvest. With a Moose population estimation of 1540 in 14C, and a total take of 227 Moose, including traffic kills, it works out to be 14.75%. Questions were raised as to what other areas of the State had a sustainable harvest level of 15% for Moose. Others opposed the Antlerless hunt because they do not believe in Cow Hunts period. Proposal passed.</b>
BOG	127		Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13.
	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>On our committee there are a lot of members who hunt Unit 13. For the year 2012, Anchorage hunters made up 43% of the total number of hunters in Unit 13. The Committee members didn't see the need for Antlerless hunts in the area. They express concerns that the Department was over reacting with the Cow hunts. Others would like to see a E.O. Registration winter type hunt, if the Moose in certain areas seem to be stressed due to heavy snow fall, and lack of feed. Those Supporting the Proposal want to keep the hunt in the tool box for the Department.</b>
BOG	128		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 14C.
	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Same comments and concerns as mentioned in Proposal 126.</b>
BOG	129		Reauthorize the drawing permit hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 14A and the targeted winter hunt for antlerless moose in Units 14A and 14B.
	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Proposal passed for reason stated in the Proposal. Those Opposed dislike Cow</b>



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			<b>hunts.</b>
BOG	130		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Proposal Failed, members of the committee who have hunted in 15C shared what their experience was like down there. The committee favored growing more Moose, and Opposed the Cow hunts. The supporting view was to leave the hunt in the tool box, and allow the Department to manage the population.</b>
BOG	131		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Again the Proposal failed because of the testimony of members who have hunted there, and their experience. Those supporting this wanted to keep the hunt on the books, and allow the Department to manage the hunt.</b>
BOG	132		Reauthorize the winter antlerless moose hunt in Unit 17A.
			<b>TNA</b>

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Sparrowgrove/Frank Neumann

Minutes Approved By: Bruce Morgan

Date: January 31, 2014

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## Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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January 28, 2014

State of Alaska  
Board of Game

Re; Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Representative

Board of Game,

The Anchorage Advisory Committee has issued authority to its member Frank Neumann to speak and represent our committee at the 2014 Board of Game meetings. Mr. Neumann is our Game Subcommittee Chairman and is well informed of the views of our committee membership and our area constituents'.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce R. Morgan", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Bruce R. Morgan  
Chairman  
Anchorage Advisory Committee



## Central Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes 11/11/2013

### Members Present:

Bill Glanz, Dean Willis, Jim Gelvin, Laurel Tyrrell, Stan Gelvin, Olee Arnold(alt)

### Members Absent:

Denny Cooper, Jim Wilde, Hannelore Wilde(alt), Julie Cooper, Jack Hendrickson

### Community Present:

Larry O'Conner, Ry Williams, Rick Tyrrell, Thomas Reynolds, Emmett Whitmore, Bill Nance, Linda Sue Smith, John Hendrickson, Dave Smith

Meeting called to order by Bill Glanz 4:15 P.M.

Minutes from 2/17/2012 meeting approved.

No guests due to road conditions.

Stan Gelvin, Dean Willis and Denny Cooper were reelected unanimously to three year terms.

Unanimous approval to restrict RC860 & RC867 to one day opening hunts to allow Fish and Game to tell if harvest quota has been met. If not, then only one day openings until quota has been met. With this schedule, the risk of over harvest is limited. As well, keep the subsistence hunt open even if the permit hunt is closed. This winter included. The subsistence harvest numbers are small enough not to significantly affect herd population. The over harvest from the fall hunt needs to be addressed and this is our suggestion on how to accomplish harvest control in the future.

Unanimous approval to limit potlatch permits to bull only within 5 years of death.

Unanimous approval to shut down Pollack fishery due to declining Yukon King Salmon population until the population is large enough to support spawning, subsistence and Pollack bycatch. Alaskan residents have first priority for Alaskan resources. Our view is the Yukon King Salmon bycatch from the Pollack fishery is not allowing enough salmon to return to spawn and maintain subsistence harvest.

Unanimous disapproval of Federal Proposal 14-48 to restrict hunter access to GMU 25A.

Unanimous approval of proposed changes to State regulations numbers 51, 52, 53, 54 and 144 in the August 2013 Fish and Game publication.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 PM



The meeting began at 7 pm at the Ninilchik School Library.

Members Present: Steve Vanek, David Martin (Chair), Robert Clucas, John McCombs, Mike Schuster, Norbert Miller, Gary Deiman, Greg Encelewski, Teague Vanek, Aaron Berger, Jeff Berger

Members Absent Excused: Tiffany Stonecipher – it was noted that Tiffany is moving out of state at the end of next month and so her seat was also filled at tonight’s election meeting.

Public Present: Madeline Thompson, Trent Chwialkowski, Joe Simpson

ADF&G Present: Jason Herreman, Sherry Wright

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved (that dealt with the UCI BOF proposals) and were submitted for Board Support.

Elections were held with the following results: Aaron Berger (2 year seat); Bob Clucas and Gary Dieman (3 year seats); Greg Encelewski (2 year seat); Mike Schuster (3 year seat); Joe Simpson and Madeline Thompson (1 year alternates).

These seats were approved by unanimous consent.

The AC approved the chair or his designee to represent the Central Peninsula AC at the upcoming Upper Cook Inlet, as well as the Statewide BOF & BOG meetings.

Chair Martin read a letter regarding the federal overreach on the Kenai National Wildlife refuge. He sought committee support of signing on to it. Unanimous consent.

The AC will send a letter of support for the reappointment of Board of Game member Ted Spraker. Unanimous consent.

**BOG Interior Region (Antlerless moose reauthorizations)**

<p><b>126</b></p>	<p>085.045 (5) Re-authorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C).</p>	<p>Support 13 – 0 Support because of the browse area that can support only a limited moose population. There is no conservation concern and a need for people to harvest food. The AC agrees with the department.</p>
<p><b>130</b></p>	<p>085.045 (13) Re-authorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15(C).</p>	<p>Support 9-4 There is no biological concern on this moose population. Concern about the actual counts and predator plans.</p>

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131	085.045(14) Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16(B).	<p style="text-align: center;">Support 13 - 0</p> <p>We have historically supported this hunt. It is a unique system with no predators and the primary harvesters help keep the population in check.</p>
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**BOG statewide proposals**

137	Establish definitions for subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.	<p style="text-align: center;">Oppose 0-13</p> <p>There should be rural subsistence areas. There is not enough animals for every Alaskan to harvest one.</p>
141	Specify where locking tags are to be affixed.	<p style="text-align: center;">Support 13 - 0</p> <p>This makes it clear for both the hunter and enforcement. Non-residents primarily have these so that they can prove the animal was legally harvested. Greg Encelewski left the meeting at this point (9:00 pm)</p>
142	Remove the requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.	<p style="text-align: center;">Support 12 - 0</p> <p>Amendment to remove the “any department employee” portion. Support amendment 12 - 0 Law enforcement must have some reasonable suspicion that illegal activity is being engaged in for them to ask for some type of identification. If a person is not engaged in hunting, there is no enforcement needed and there would be no law violated. Opposed for the inclusion of any department employee portion that was included. That could be a seasonal employee.</p>
144	Repeal the requirement for an export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals and fur bearers from Alaska.	<p style="text-align: center;">Support 12 - 0</p> <p>This is housekeeping as this regulation is not being used and is an undue burden on the public.</p>
145	Increase the number allowed to apply for party/group draw hunts to three hunters.	<p style="text-align: center;">Oppose 0 - 12</p> <p>Prefer status quo. Expanding the numbers pools it into one group more rather than spreading out the opportunity. Two is a party, three’s a crowd. Teague Vanek left the meeting at 9:25 pm.</p>



149	Clarify regulations regarding Muridae rodents.	Support 10 - 1 The committee supports the department's efforts to keep rats out of Alaska. Currently the Coast Guard has to go to the commissioner. The opposing vote believes they should have to go to the commissioner.
150	Clarify regulation prohibiting possession of a wolf or wolf hybrid.	Support 11 - 0 This takes a loop hole out of the regulations.
151	Require guides to keep migratory bird log books /questionnaires.	Oppose 0 - 11 Prefer status quo. This puts too much of an unnecessary burden on the guide.
152 - 154	Modify the definition of edible meat for wildfowl.	Oppose 0 - 11 This would include wild fowl the same as big game and is too burdensome. Current regulations are sufficient.
155	Modify the definition of possession limit for migratory birds.	Oppose 0 - 11 This goes too far to reduce harvest.
156 - 157	Modify the definition of processed for human consumption and salvage.	Oppose 0 - 11 Concern that a person will have to carry a thermometer while hunting to ensure proper processing. There are already wanton waste laws. Some customary and traditional use methods would be eliminated should this pass.
159	Remove the meat salvage requirement for brown bear taken over bait.	Support 11 - 0 They shouldn't have to salvage meat in an intensive management area. Believe in supporting harvest.
160	Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear to match black bear.	Support 11 - 0 This will be easier to enforce, easier for hunters to keep abreast of the requirements and applies an acceptable definition of edible meat.
162	Clarify that brown bear can be taken over bait under the conditions of a permit.	Support 11 - 0 This is considered housekeeping.
163	Allow use of bear meat and bones not required to be salvaged to be used as bait.	Support 11 - 0 Support making use of all the parts of the animal.



<p><b>164</b></p>	<p>Require the department to compile a yearly predator management/predator control report.</p>	<p>Support 0 - 11 This may provide more factual information for those that oppose predator control. This should not be in regulation, but do like the concept. This expects too much detail.</p>
<p><b>165</b></p>	<p>Repeal the special provisions in predation control areas concerning the sale of hides and skulls, and allowing airborne hunters to harvest black bear over bait.</p>	<p>Support 11 - 0 Puts the regulation in line with regulations passed throughout the state.</p>
<p><b>166</b></p>	<p>Establish a definition for transporter.</p>	<p>Oppose 0 - 11 This is impractical.</p>
<p><b>167</b></p>	<p>Establish a definition for guide and assistant guide.</p>	<p>Opposed 0 - 11 These are already defined.</p>
<p><b>168</b></p>	<p>Establish a definition for brow palm.</p>	<p>Support 8 - 3 Brow tines come off the brow palms. Prefer status quo because there is concern of making this more difficult for a hunter in the field if a brow tine is not coming from the palm, based on the new definition. Having this clearer in the regulations make the law more clear for the public and enforcement.</p>
<p><b>169</b></p>	<p>Establish a definition for broken, as it pertains to a full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.</p>	<p>Support 11 - 0 Clearly defining the regulations help both enforcement and the hunter.</p>
<p><b>170</b></p>	<p>Modify the definition for full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.</p>	<p>Support 10 - 1 If a hunter has an issue with the definition to bring it before the Board, they should be able to come up with something everyone can understand. Don't support changing the definition.</p>
<p><b>171</b></p>	<p>Modify the definition for full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.</p>	<p>Support 11 - 0 Full curl is clearly defined in regulations but there is inconsistency in how the law is written</p>





		and how it is enforced.
172	Remove black bears from the furbearer classification.	Oppose 0 - 11 There is no conservation concern. We spent years to get this listed under fur bearers. If a person doesn't like snaring, they can put a proposal in to remove that method.
175	Review and determine which ACs have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	Support as amended 13 - 0 The committee moved to amend for their support to retain jurisdiction in GMU 7, 16B (Kalgin Island), 15A, 15B and 15C as the most important. These are the areas that the AC is most familiar with and utilized. They have historically had jurisdiction in all of these areas. Kalgin Island is only 17 miles from Ninilchik. In terms of geography and game populations these are the most critical.

**BOF Statewide proposals**

334	<b>5 AAC 35.408. Registration Area H Tanner crab harvest strategy.</b> Modify the harvest strategy for Registration Area H Tanner crab	Support 11 - 0 Pollock are wiping out the crab in Cook Inlet. There are only 3 year old and this will allow for a better real time assessment of the stocks.
335	<b>5 AAC 35.410. Fishing seasons for Registration Area H; 5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area; 5 AAC 77.516. Personal use Tanner crab fishery.</b> Change season dates of the fisheries to October 15 through March 31.	Support 11 - 0 This opened in July for sport fishing and then there were issues with ones being thrown back having too soft of shells. This will allow the crab shells to become harder so they will have better survivability. It will possibly allow us to have a personal use fishery. It's been about 3 or 4 years since this was.
336	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Modify sport fishing season, pot size requirements, pot limit, and bag limit for Cook Inlet Tanner crab.	Oppose 0 - 11 This imposes a season in regulation that should be done by the department through their stock assessments. There should not be a sport fishery until the stocks can rebound.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.



**Copper Basin Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**12/5/2013**  
**Glennallen High School**

- I. Called meeting to order by Chuck McMahan, Chair at 6:10 pm.
- II. Roll Call      Members Present: Chuck McMahan, Chair, Gakona; Don Horrell – Tazlina; Alysia White – Copper Center; Christopher Gene – Gakona/Gulkana; Elmer Marshall – Tazlina; Jim Odden – Lake Louise; Dave Sarafin – Tazlina; Brad Henspeter – Copper Center; Mike Roscovius - Glennallen  
  
Members Absent Excused: Bruce Dickerson – Tolsona; Nick Jackson – Gakona/Gulkana; Karen Linnell – Kenny Lake; David Bruss – Chitina; Dale John – Glennallen; Katherin McConkey – Alternate; Leif Sorlie - Alternate  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
  
List of User Groups Present:
  - III. Approval of Agenda was done
  - IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....
  - V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Becky Schwanke, Frank Robbins, Sherry Wright,
  - VI. Guests Present: Bruce Cain, Kathryn Martin, Dale John, Dennis Tietzel, Carol Teitzel, tim Hand, Mark Schlenker
  - VII. New Business:

Chuck McMahan gave a brief overview of the Community Hunt meeting held in Anchorage December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will hold the next meeting January 27. Chuck solicited ideas from the group to bring to the next committee meeting. Don Horrell had some comments and will write them up. Mike Roscovius also offered to assist with that.

Elections were held with the following results: Jim Odden – Lake Louise; Dave Sarafin – Tazlina; Gakona/Gulkana – Nick Jackson; Glennallen – Leif Sorlie; Kenny Lake – Karen Linnell; Undesignated - Chad Gerlach (which are all three year seats); Darin Gene and Katherine McConkey were elected as one year alternates.



Officer elections was held with Chuck McMahan elected as Chair; David Bruss – Vice Chair; and Karen Linnell as Secretary.

<b>Comments on Board of Game proposals</b>			
All motions must be made in the affirmative.			
<b>BOG</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
	81		Modify the nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area
<b>Support</b>	11	0	There are some local guides that this would benefit. Some people have hunters apply for the hunts, then the guides apply for the area. This would eliminate some of that.
	85		Change bag limit of moose for residents in Units 12.
<b>Support</b>	11	0	This will not hurt the local area because the hunt won't take place unless there is extra quota. The caribou go right through Tetlin's back yard and they don't get a chance.
	127		Unit 13 antlerless moose re-authorization
<b>Support</b>	11	0	This requires the majority of the AC support to remain on the books. The committee spoke about harvesting in an earlier time and discussion about moose hunting generally. When you only shoot bulls, you end up with an abundance of cows which affects the bull: cow ratios. This is an area that has an abundance of cow moose. The goal is to cap the moose population before they reach their carrying capacity, rather than see them crash because of over-population. The use of this management tool needs to be closely monitored. People remember the 1960's open season mentality and the crash that occurred afterwards. This is managed by a limited draw. 10 does not accomplish the desired objective and this committee believes anything less than a harvest of 50, if 10 only took 2 this past fall. There was some discussion of doing this as a registration antlerless hunt.
	133		Requires IBEP certification for all big game bow hunters, statewide.
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	This would limit rural hunters where training is not easily accessible.
	134		Modify IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait statewide
<b>Support as amended</b>	11	0	The committee supports Option 1 – because it would simplify the bowhunting opportunities and make it easier on rural residents that don't have any opportunity for training. Amended to removed Option 2 and Option 3
	139		Remove harvest ticket requirement and require harvest reports for certain non-permit hunts
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	This would leave opportunity for multiple harvest if you don't validate your harvest ticket.
	140		Require each harvest report or permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide a wild food harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational values.
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	Harvest ticket is used for biological purposes to determine where the harvest is occurring. Recreation occurs up until you shoot the animal, then



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			it becomes a subsistence hunt. It appears they are implying if you don't live in an area that you hunt you are a recreational hunter. Most people would indicate subsistence hunting. It's too vague.
	142		Remove the requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.
<b>Support</b>	8	0	Improves the wording of the regulation to match the intent of the law. 3 Abstained because they were not clear what was going to be gained.
	143		Repeal the requirement for raw fur shipping permits
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	The blue card provides good information on non-sealed harvest. There are tanneries that require them. Concern of not being able to get the forms and needing them. Most of the committee that traps don't mind filling them out. The form could be posted on the ADF&G web site and biologists should use the data. This committee would like the form be made available somewhere.
	144		Repeal the requirement for raw fur shipping permits
	0	11	Reference comments on Prop 143
	146		Remove the reference to a proof of guide contract and guide use area registration at the time of application for drawing hunts.
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	If this is not the department's issue, whose is it? People who have the knowledge of the guide client agreement are more likely to actually use their permit. This helps in the efficiency and logistics of the hunt for those long term guides that utilize the same area.
	159		Remove the meat salvage requirement for brown bear taken over bait.
			There will probably be a lot of bait stations this spring. If you shot a bear and left it, it would make a pretty good bait for the next bear. Most likely the salvage requirements are more about public perception than biology.
	160		Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear taken over bait.
<b>Support</b>	11	0	Most brown bear taken over bait are near an ATV so you are able to get that meat out. This doesn't clarify brown bear over bait, but any brown bear harvested. The committee supports this for a brown bear harvested over a bait station, but not in any other hunt scenario. The definition for brown bear has always been different. If you are going to get the ribs you have to gut the bear. If you just take the four quarters, you don't have to do that. This would reduce the amount of brown bear meat required.
	161		
<b>Support</b>	11	0	Reference comments on Proposal 160.
	164		Require the department to compile a yearly predator management/predator control report.
<b>Oppose</b>	0	11	This is already happening and would require excessive additional work for



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			staff.
	<b>167</b>		Establish a definition guide and assistant guide.  In the past, this was defined as someone in the field assisting in the take. Remove the word “present” from and add the words attempting to take somewhat as follows: Guide and assistant guide means those assisting or directing in the actual attempt to take for compensation that are not a paying client. Committee gave several examples of people who might be present, but not a guide. The horse wrangler is not an assistant guide, the camp cook is not an assistant guide. If everyone present had to be licensed, it would greatly add to the expenses incurred by the guide.
	<b>169</b>		Establish a definition for broken, as it pertains to a full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.  This issue needs to be addressed. A horn that has been broken and rubbed smooth over the years is clear that it has been broken. When both sides look the same it is harder to judge. The vast majority of sheep that are sealed are 95% legal. The 5 – 7 year sheep and trying to say they are double broomed is the problem.
	<b>174</b>		Allow nonresident falconers to capture raptors  Concern of setting a bad precedent. Concern of additional pressure on the resource. If any capture occurs, they would prefer it be very limited. Nonresidents bring a lot of money to the state. There was some support for this proposal. Abstain doesn’t know enough about it.
<b>Oppose</b>	3	7	
	<b>175</b>		Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.  Unit 11 is right in our back yard. Unit 12 borders Unit 13C and along the Nabesna Road – Copper Basin AC has always. Concern of larger sizes may also open the door for other areas to also speak to this area.  13A,13B, 13C, 13D and Unit 11 would be the priority for Copper Basin AC.
<b>Support</b>	7	4	

**Federal Subsistence Proposals**

WP 14-01 Parks Service has a trapping – checking, marking snares, identifying traps

Oppose – 0 – 11 Six day trap checks in our area is not realistic. Weather has as much concern of trap checks as anything. Valdez is starting something like this because of a problem with a local dog running loose. Once this type of thing starts it never stops and only gets more cumbersome. People are getting out on the trails more – trapline signage that states “Active



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Another proposal about winter moose hunt is still pretty much in the discussion stage. The folks in McCarthy are asking for some kind of winter moose hunt with limited permits in December. They have moose pretty far out and a difficult Unit to hunt, but the moose come out of the river in the winter time. They would like to harvest a few of those animals. The Resource Commission supported it, but there have never been any surveys by the Park Service or the state. They are asking for a registration hunt that would be eligible for the resident zone communities. Because of the time of year and where it’s at, will self-limit those that are interested in participating.

Ruth McHenry 5 year land permit Southcentral Region Butte Lake – Susitna winter road DOT comment (would be open to the public). Think it will be restricted to no hunting. Application for use of state land – crews will be grooming cross country trail. Early November when things aren’t frozen too hard, perhaps narrowing the time frame.

Barbara Cellarius provided a map of the federal hunt area for moose caribou.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Sherry Wright  
Minutes Approved By: Chris McHenry  
Date: 1-24-14



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**Committee Action: Passed 10-1**

**Proposal 125**

**Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6C**

**Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.**

**What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.**

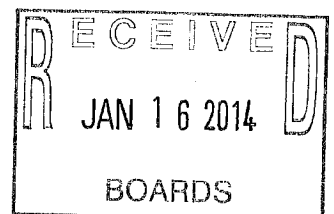
**Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: Yes**

**Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.**

**Who is likely to suffer:**

**Other solutions considered: Population objectives for GMU 6C is 400. The carrying capacity which was last completed in the early 1990's using all the available information suggests the habitat on the west delta was good enough that the herd could range from 400-1200 animals. The lower herd carrying capacity was chosen because of concern that during a severe winter, 400 would be easier to manage. There is an ongoing study to update the carrying capacity, with results being released in the fall of 2014. ADFG latest estimates conducted in 2012 put the herd at about 600, with 21% being calves. The 2013 bull cow ratio at 40-50 bulls-100 cows. In 2012, the USFS did a sample estimate on the west delta and found that due to large bull harvests in 2008,2009, that the bull to cow ratio in dropped to about 10-100, far below the preferred range of 20/25-100. The 2013 bull to cow ration has shown the west delta is very productive, with a speedy rebound in the bull to cow ratio that would make most managers jealous. Currently all of the antlerless harvest takes place under federal regulation in 6c, but the AC recommends the board reauthorize the antlerless season in 6c under state regulation, this is a tool managers can continue to use if**

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**Delta Jct Advisory Committee**  
**12/18/13**  
**Delta Jct City Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Don Quarberg Chairman
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Don Quarberg Chair, Tim Webb, Carl Taylor Secretary, Jeff Lipscomb, Tony Williams, Vern Aiton Vice Chair, Don Bunselmeier, Ross Baker, Alternates, Rusty Craig, Mike Rogers  
  
Members Absent or Excused: Jacob White, Jeff Mason, Will Koehler, Alternates absent, Jack Windsor, Mike Bender  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from Nov motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, ADF&G,
- VI. Guests Present: Elizabeth Niepert, DTA, Richard Barth FGA, Paul Dudgeon, public, Jim Cummings Public, Art Cummings, AST
- VII. Old Business: DAC draft letter in support of Richard Barth Purple Heart hunt on Greely land. Letter of support almost complete in support of Macomb caribou draw hunt. Should be complete at next meeting.
- VIII. New Business:  
Election of members, The floor was opened to nominations by anyone in attendance. Rusty Craig recorded the nominations and vote counts. Everyone in attendance was asked to vote for the top 3 candidates they wished to put in the member seats. The following people were nominated for the 3 member and 1 alternate positions. Vern Aiton, Jeff Lipscomb, Rusty Craig, Mike Rogers and Paul Dudgeon. Votes were taken by ballot and counted. The top 3 vote recipients were appointed to member seats and the other 2 to alternate positions. The votes were counted as follows, Vern Aiton 14, Jeff Lipscomb 14, Rusty Craig 7, Mike Rogers 4 and Paul Dudgeon 3, Vern Jeff and Rusty are members and Mike and Paul are alternates.  
  
Biologist reports, Brandy Baker, The new ADF&G stocking plan is due out soon and there will be a copy available at the office. Can also download it and we are in region 3 to save looking through unwanted materials. Delta Clearwater coho escapement was 6220 which was above the min number wanted. There was a late commercial chum harvest which usually has some coho bycatch that may have had some impact. Brandy also noted that anyone seeing fish in an





abnormal place should report it to F&G for investigation. Any waters containing spawning salmon can be added to the anadromous waters catalog.

Don Quarberg briefed us on the antlerless moose meeting that was held in Fairbanks with the politicians. He stated there was much emotional testimony and feelings about the hunts but that it didn't seem like there had been very many of those people that had participated in the management data meetings or that actually believed Fish and Games statistics anyway.

Announcements- Joint GMU 20 A&B moose management meeting to be held Jan 4 at UAF.

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<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	39	Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents in Region III.	
op			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	40	Allocate a small percent of game harvest for nonresidents in Units 24, 25 and 26B	
BOG	41	Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in Region III.	
op			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	42	Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region III.	
op			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	43	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region III.	
op			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	44	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III.	
Opp			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	45	Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents for big game hunts and distribute remaining permits in Region III.	
Opp			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	46	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten-year average for Region III.	
Opp			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	47	Create a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in Region III.	
Opp	0	9	We do not feel a bow only season is needed
BOG	48	Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 to drawing permit hunts.	
Opp			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	49	Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.	
Opp			See DAC position statement letter
BOG	50	Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd	



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			and determine whether there are customary and traditional uses; if so, establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.
BOG	51		Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.
Opp	0	8	No biological reason to extend wolf season
BOG	52		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
Sup	9	0	
BOG	53		Change the bag limit for black bear in Units 25C and 25D
BOG	54		Allow the Department of Fish and Game to offer permits for trapping bears under their discretionary authority in Region III.
Sup	9	0	
<b>TOK AREA – UNITS 12 &amp; 20E</b>			
BOG	81		Establish a nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area in Units 12, 13C and 20D, with conditions.
Opp	0	9	This reg is in place and needs to be enforced
BOG	82		Limit Glacier Valley Mountain Controlled Use Area to walk-in only for sheep hunting.
-	0	3	6 abstain
BOG	83		Limit guides to two black bear bait stands in Units 12 and 20E.
-	0	3	6 abstain
BOG	84		Allow permits to use inedible game meat for bear bait.
Opp	0	9	Difficult to regulate and prove that meat is legal
BOG	85		Establish a registration hunt for Nelchina caribou in Unit 12.
Sup	7	1	1 abstain
BOG	86		Modify resident bag limit for moose in portions of Units 12 and 20D.
Opp	0	9	Not needed as bull to cow ratio
BOG	87		Reauthorize the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.
Sup	7	0	2 abstain
BOG	88		Modify the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.
-	0	1	8 abstain
BOG	89		Establish a wolf control program in Unit 12.
Opp	0	9	Wold control does not need to be implemented with no biological reason
<b>DELTA AREA – UNIT 20D</b>			
BOG	90		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D.
Sup	10	0	
BOG	91		Modify the season and bag limits for DM795 in Unit 20D and change the qualification for disabled hunters.
Sup	10	0	
BOG	92		Modify the bag limit for bison in Unit 20D to one per lifetime; limit one permit per



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			household.
Opp	2	5	3 abs Changing this reg will have no effect on draw percentages
BOG	93		Correct a discrepancy in bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd in Unit 12.
Sup	10	0	
BOG	94		Modify the season and bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd registration hunt in Unit 20D.
Opp	1	9	The issue to be resolved by this proposal is that the caribou in the eastern part of the hunt area are inaccessible until the first part of Sept. Harvest records show indicate that 40-42% of the current caribou harvest occurs east of the Johnson River. This issue appears not to exist. There is no need to lengthen the season primarily for one user group.
BOG	95		Modify the Macomb caribou registration hunt season and bag limits in Units 12 and 20D, and require locking tags.
Sup	9	0	DAC supports this proposal with the following amendment that the season also be extended until the Sept 20th
BOG	96		Include Johnson Slough Island Unit in a portion of Unit 20D moose hunt boundary.
Opp	0	10	There is no reason to change the hunt area boundaries for one small piece of land to accommodate a small user group.
<b>FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F &amp; 25C</b>			
BOG	97		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.
Sup	11		
BOG	98		Change bag limit for moose in Unit 20A to any bull.
Opp		10	1 ab, Antler restrictions are needed to control moose harvest and bull to cow ratio until such time as the biologist recommends otherwise.
BOG	99		Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.
BOG	100		Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.
BOG	101		Create targeted moose hunts in Units 20A and 20B.
Sup	7		4 abs, Good tool for F&G to take care of problem moose.
BOG	102		Allow the taking of any bull by utilizing two harvest tickets in Unit 20A and portions of Unit 20B
Opp	0	11	Unnecessary and would make management very difficult. Very hard to enforce.
BOG	103		Allow a hunter to proxy hunt only once per year for moose in Units 20A and 20B.
Sup	11		
BOG	104		Allow incidental brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B.
Opp	1	6	4 abs, Various comments both for and against.
BOG	105		Allow brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B
BOG	106		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.



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All motions must be made in the affirmative.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Sup	11		
BOG	107	Create a nonresident moose season in Unit 20B within the Minto Flats Management Area.	
Opp	0	8	3 abs, We do not want to see special allocations for guides.
BOG	108	Allow the use of air boats for moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area.	
Opp	0	11	Why were the airboats banned in that area to begin with. Everyone agreed that there is no hunting loss as it can still be accessed by regular boats and by foot.
BOG	109	Create a muzzleloader registration hunt in DM 782, Unit 20B and modify season dates and hunt area.	
BOG	110	Eliminate the muzzleloader hunt for bull moose in the Middle Fork of the Chena River and upper Salcha River in Unit 20B.	
Sup	7	0	4 abs,
BOG	111	Lengthen the moose season in Salcha River Drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek in Unit 20B.	
BOG	112	Create a youth hunt drawing permit for antlerless moose in Unit 20B and a create a Unit 20B Youth Hunt Management Area.	
Sup	11		
BOG	113	Create a drawing youth sheep hunt in Unit 20B Remainder.	
Opp	0	11	We did not agree with that reasoning that a youth hunter can't compete with an adult hunter as a youth hunter would be accompanied by an adult anyway. Concerns we voiced about the area requested and impacts to sheep with a very early youth hunt and where there would even be sheep hunting opportunities.
BOG	114	Repeal the requirement for leaving evidence of sex (gender) on black bear until sealing has taken place in Unit 20B.	
Opp	0	7	4 abs, After discussion with area biologist it was mostly felt that if the data from having evidence of sex attached to the animal was needed by someone for analytical studies and the fact that it is actually harder to remove evidence that this requirement should remain in place for now.
BOG	120	Require trophy value of moose to be destroyed in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.	
Opp	0	8	3 abs, No need for one user group to try and force another to hunt somewhere else for their convenience sake. Subsistence hunters should not be worried about antler size.
BOG	121	Create a Controlled Use Area along the Manley to Tanana road.	
<b>ANTLERLESS MOOSE AND BROWN BEAR TAGS OUTSIDE OF REGIONS III &amp; V</b>			
BOG	122	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for Region IV.	
Sup	11	0	
BOG	127	Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13.	



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Sup	11	0	

Old Business:

Adjournment: Adjourn, 8:50pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carl Taylor

Minutes Approved By: DAC with 2 amendments, 11 in favor, amendments were made

Date: 1/16/14



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

*November 20/13*

Due to the large number of proposals (39 - 46, 48, 49) that are being submitted to the Board of Game restricting the opportunities for non-resident hunters, the DAC would like to issue this statement in regard to these proposals.

Referring to Alaska Statutes we find:

**Alaska Statutes. Title 16.05.255. Regulation of the Board of Game; Management Requirements.**

**(a) The Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers advisable in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for**

**(10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of game;**

**(13) promoting hunting and trapping and preserving the heritage of hunting and trapping in the state.**

**(d) Regulations adopted under (a) of this section must provide that, consistent with the provisions of AS 16.05.258 , the taking of moose, deer, elk, and caribou by residents for personal or family consumption has preference over taking by nonresidents.**

**Note: (d) does not include sheep or bear.**

**AS 16.05.258. Subsistence Use and Allocation of Fish and Game.**

**(1) if the harvestable portion of the stock or population is sufficient to provide for all consumptive uses, the appropriate board**

**(B) shall adopt regulations that provide for other uses of those stocks or populations, subject to preferences among beneficial uses; and**



**(C) may adopt regulations to differentiate among uses:**

The Delta Advisory Committee, after researching and reading information on the contributions 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 see no 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 predominately by nonresident hunters. Over the past 6 years nonresident hunters have comprised 10 – 15% of the total hunters in the State; yet these nonresident hunters have generated 70 – 75% of the License and Tag revenue for the Department. Passing these proposals, very likely, will cause a decline in nonresident hunter participation and, consequently, in our ability to adequately manage our game resources; unless resident hunters are willing to increase their financial contributions to ADFG.

The vote of the DAC on this Position Statement is: Support 9, Oppose 0 Abstain 0

Dated 11/20/2013

Delta Advisory Committee Chair



January, 15, 2014

To: Alaska Board of Game  
Board Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fr: Delta Advisory Committee  
P.O. Box 605  
Delta Junction, AK 99737

RE: **RATIONALE FOR CHANGING THE HUNTING SEASON AND BAG LIMIT  
FOR THE MACOMB CARIBOU HERD – (PROPOSAL # 95)**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- 1971** – Delta Junction Controlled Use Area was established to meet sheep hunter demand for uncrowded hunting conditions and for a walk-in hunting opportunity free of motorized vehicles.
- 1973** – Bag limit for Macomb caribou changed from 3 caribou to 1 caribou
- 1974** – Macomb Plateau Management Area (MPMA) was established to protect a small area of critical caribou habitat on the Macomb Plateau for the Macomb caribou herd and to regulate hunting by restricting motorized vehicles from 10 August through 30 September. The herd size was 700 – 800 caribou. Hunting pressure increased 72% from 1974 to 1975 and another 70% in 1976. Harvest exceeded recruitment
- 1977** – 15 day harvest cancelled by emergency order after 8 days (93 caribou harvested)
- 1978** – Bag limit reduced from 1 caribou to 1 bull by drawing permit. With this change, harvest declined from 93 in 1977 to 16 in 1978.
- 1981** – Macomb Plateau Management Area renamed the Macomb Plateau Controlled Use Area (MPCUA)
- 1987** - The Alaska Board of Game made a customary and traditional (C&T) use determination for the Macomb Caribou Herd; the amounts necessary to meet subsistence needs were determined to be a harvest of 40 caribou. The C&T finding was based on use by residents of Dot Lake, Tanacross, and Tok, and other residents outside of these communities.
- 1988** - The Board of Game established a population objective to increase herd size to 1,000 caribou by 1993.
- 1990** - The hunt was changed from a drawing permit hunt to a Tier I registration permit hunt because C&T use determinations precluded conducting the hunt as a drawing permit hunt.
- 1992-1996** – The hunting season was closed because the herd was below the population





objective. ADF&G was concerned that a registration permit hunt alone was not allowing adequate control of harvest because of relatively high hunter interest and low harvest quotas.

**1995** - The Board of Game established a new objective to reverse the decline of the MACH and increase the fall population to 600–800 caribou with a harvest of 30–50 caribou annually by 2002.

**1997-98** – The hunting season dates were 10-20 September by registration permit..

**1999** – Hunting season closed.

**2000-01** - The hunting season dates were 10-20 September by registration permit.

**2002** – The caribou season dates were changed to 15–25 August to separate the season from the moose hunting season. And the boundary of the Delta Controlled Use Area (DCUA) was moved from the Richardson Highway, west to the Delta River. The goal of the boundary and season change was to maintain the reasonable opportunity to hunt (at least 10 days as per C&T use determination) without exceeding the harvest quota. The hunt was closed by Emergency Order.

**2003** -The hunting season was closed by emergency order and the harvest quota was exceeded.

**2004** - ADF&G used discretionary permitting authority to move the western boundary of the Macomb caribou hunt area from the Delta River to Jarvis Creek.

**2005-07** – Hunting season dates were 15-25 August by registration permit.

**2008** – Tier I Registration hunt from 10-28 August. Quota was 50 bulls. There were 3 days of motorized access (26-28 August). At their March 2008 meeting, the Alaska Board of Game passed regulation proposal 22, which increased the allowable harvest quota of Macomb caribou from 50 to 100 beginning in RY08.

**2009** - Tier I Registration hunt from 10-27 August. Quota was 50 bulls. There were 2 days of motorized access (26-27 August).

**2010-12** - Tier I Registration hunt from 10-27 August. Quota was 70 bulls. There were 2 days of motorized access (26-27 August).

### **CURRENT HARVEST PARAMETERS:**

**Resident Open Season:** (Subsistence and General Hunts) – 10 Aug. – 30 Sept.

**Bag Limit:** 1 bull by registration permit – up to 100 bulls

### **Intensive Management Macomb caribou**

IM Population Objective: 600-800 caribou

IM Harvest Objective: 30-50 caribou

### **Customary & Traditional Use Macomb caribou**

Amounts Necessary for Subsistence: 10-40 caribou

### **5 AAC 99.025 Customary and Traditional Uses of Game Populations:**

**Species & Unit Finding Amount Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses:**



**(4) Caribou: Unit 20(D), that portion south of the Tanana River, except that portion within the Fairbanks Non-subsistence Area (Macomb herd) positive 10 – 40.**

**AS 16.05.258. Subsistence Use and Allocation of Fish and Game.**

(f) For purposes of this section, "reasonable opportunity" means an opportunity, as determined by the appropriate board, that allows a subsistence user to participate in a subsistence hunt or fishery that provides a normally diligent participant with a reasonable expectation of success of taking of fish or game.

**The current motorized restriction period for the subsistence portion of this hunt (RC835) is August 10 – 25 (inclusive) or 16 days. The Delta AC believes that 16 days provides a diligent person with ample time to reasonably expect to harvest a Macomb Caribou. These subsistence hunters have harvested between 21 and 41 animals during this period over the past 7 years. This serves as evidence that the current season provides a reasonable opportunity to harvest a caribou.**

**Macomb caribou hunt structure and harvest, 2006-2012.** These are the years of similar dates for this hunt.

Year	Dates of Hunt	Total Days of Hunting Opportunity	# Days Motorized Hunt	Registration Quota	# Caribou Harvested (% in Walk-in)	Total Harvest (% of Quota)
2006	10-25 Aug	16	0	20	21 (100%)	21 (105%)
2007	10-25 Aug	16	0	20	27 (100%)	27 (135%)
2008	10-28 Aug	19	3 (26-28 Aug)	50	30 (62.5%)	48 (96%)
2009	10-27 Aug	18	2 (26-27 Aug)	50	24 (42.9%)	56 (112%)
2010	10-27 Aug	18	2 (26-27 Aug)	70	41 (60.3%)	68 (97.1%)
2011	10-27 Aug	18	2 (26-27 Aug)	70	27 (40.0%)	73 (104.3%)
2012	10-27 Aug	18	2 (26-27 Aug)	70	35 (49.3%)	71 (101.4%)

Note: total harvest for the 2008-12' season (walk-in plus motorized) has ranged from 96% to 112% of the quota.

**Proposal for Change to Existing Hunt Structure**

- Eliminate the portion of the existing hunt (RC835) that occurs outside of the dates of the Delta Controlled Use Area motorized restrictions. This would remove 26-27 August from the RC835 hunt.
- Provide 16 days of hunting opportunity in the RC835 Registration Hunt.



- Implement a Drawing Permit Hunt that begins on 26 August.

### **Other pertinent information**

- The east end (east of the east bank of Bear Creek) of the RC835 hunt is open to motorized access the entire season.

### **Concerns of the Delta AC mitigated by this Proposal**

- The non-motorized (walk-in) portion of this hunt has been very popular and successful.
- The motorized access portion of this hunt has also become very popular, resulting in difficulties in managing the harvest quota, with an increasing potential for overharvest of this small population of caribou.
- The increasing competition among motorized hunters has resulted in:
  - 1) Significant **degradation of habitat** by ATV's unfettered access.
  - 2) Increased hunter **harassment of the caribou** (refer to definition on page 27 & 30, 2013-2014 Alaska Hunting Regulations) by attempts to intercept caribou escape movements, taking longer shots with increased wounding potential.
  - 3) Significant **decrease in the quality of the hunt** by increased hunter participation.
  - 4) **Negative impact** of unlimited number of motorized caribou hunters **on sheep hunters** in the area.
  - 5) Increased **concern for hunter safety** from intense competition among aggressive motorized caribou hunters.

### **PROPOSAL GOALS:**

Provide reasonable hunt opportunity and the C&T amounts necessary for harvest for subsistence needs from the Macomb Caribou Herd.

Reduce the negative impacts of the current registration hunt during the motorized portion Of RC835.

Provide the Department with a more controllable method of managing the harvest of the Macomb Caribou Herd.

Provide a limited drawing hunt of high quality by reducing the number of motorized hunters and lengthening the hunting season, thereby improving the reasonable opportunity for success.

**Note: It is the intent of the authors/sponsors of the proposal that this hunt not be offered via proxy.**

**ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS WITH THIS PROPOSAL:**

Local Wildlife Enforcement professionals indicate that this proposal would have a positive effect on enforcement efforts.

**SUMMATION:** Based on the information presented above, the Delta AC supports Proposal # 95. This proposal will eliminate many of the negative effects of the current, late season, registration hunt (RC835). It also improves the enforcement ability of our Alaska Wildlife Troopers, while providing a more effective harvest management tool for the Department. Finally, it will provide a quality hunt for the late caribou season and reduce the level of conflict with sheep hunters. The Delta AC strongly recommends that you pass Proposal # 95.

Signature

Date

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Don Quarberg, Chair of the Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee

**Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2013**



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm Don Holum (presiding officer)

First Name	Last Name	Profile	Interests	Term Expires	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Ray	Atkins		1-2, 4, 7	12/12	P
Marty	Caress	Chair-Resigned	1-4, 6, 8-10, 12	12/12	AE
Bruce	Gore		1-4, 8-10	12/13	P
Jeff	Burney		1-4, 8-10, 12	12/14	A
Gordon	Carlson		3-4, 9, 12	12/13	P
Lance	Williams	Vice Chair	1-4, 6, 8-10, 12	12/13	P
J Marie	Gore		3-4, 6, 8-10	12/12	P
Armeda	Bulard	Alternate	1-4, 6, 9-10	12/12	P – left after elections
Don	Holum	Secretary	1-4, 6, 9-10, 12	12/14	P
Caleb	Holum		3-4, 6, 9, 12	12/14	P

**INTERESTS REPRESENTED**

- |                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Trapping           | 7 - Guiding                  |
| 2 - Sport Fishing      | 8 - Processing               |
| 3 - Subsistence        | 9 - Personal Use             |
| 4 - Hunting            | 10 - Outdoorsperson          |
| 5 - Commercial Fishing | 11 - Association/Corporation |
| 6 - Photography        | 12 - Conservationist         |

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Approval of Agenda: Elections, preparation of comment on BOG Interior and Statewide proposals, and discussion of the Community hunt in 13.

Minutes of the February 17, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright

New Business: Election of AC members and officers were held with the following results:

Ray Atkins, J Marie Gore and Armeda Bulard were elected for two year terms that will expire 12/15; Bruce Gore, Gordon Carlson and Lance Williams were elected for three year terms that will expire 12/16. Elections were done by unanimous consent for the member seats. Officer elections were held as follows: Chair – Don Holum, Vice Chair – Lance Williams, Secretary – J Marie Gore.

Don would like the AC to be more active and spoke to the committee about having informational meetings, as well as voting on proposals. One of the issues is fish stocking plans that are currently being reviewed. The closest stocked lake is Otto Lake in Healy. There were some closer lakes that used to be stocked – criteria for a stocked lake are that it must have public access, be a closed system and offer opportunity. Don asked about suggestions for possible local

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lakes that they could request be stocked. There is a lake on the hill before you get out to Lilly Lake that is BLM land with a trail to it off the road. There's a little lake behind the air strip that is fairly deep and is encompassed by state land. Area they discussed was north of the Susitna River. Summit Lake doesn't go quite to the tracks and there is an old gravel road that may provide access that would not interfere with Ahtna land acquisitions process that is going on. Walking easement to the lake across from Gas Lake (would need Ahtna permission for a foot path). There was some discussion of Drashner Lake, but there is no public access to it either. Ray moved and Gordon 2<sup>nd</sup> that the AC proceed with locating some ponds to be stocked by the state. Approved unanimous 7 – 0. Don asked the committee to email him any other ideas they may have and to send them as soon as possible. This will take some time to put together a proposal and work with ADF&G.

<b>BOG or BOF</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Support or Oppose</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F &amp; 25C</b>			
BOG	99		Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.
Oppose	0	7	Terrain wise there is nothing to keep vehicles from driving in this area and the sheep would get hammered. Prefer that it stays the way it is.
BOG	100		Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.
Oppose	0	7	Same comments as Proposal 99. We need places that everyone can hunt but at the same time we need some places that are limited.
BOG	115		Change bag limit and season for moose in Unit 20C.
Oppose	0	7	Concern of the federal subsistence hunt changing based on any changes that the state might make on this hunt. There is no biological reason to change this hunt. This is a limited access area, really and there are lots of moose.
<b>ANTLERLESS MOOSE AND BROWN BEAR TAGS OUTSIDE OF REGIONS III &amp; V</b>			
BOG	122		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for Region IV.
Support	6	1	This proposal includes Unit 13. There are still plenty of bears in this unit. Oppose feels that the grizzly is a magnificent trophy and \$25 for a tag fee and is a valuable resource.
BOG	127		Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13.
Support	3	2	The department intends to limit to 10 permits in Unit 13A and there will not be antlerless permits issued for Unit 13E. 2 Abstained. Oppose were because they don't favor hunting cow moose and this proposal doesn't limit only to 13A or to 10 permits.
BOG	175		Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.
Support	7	0	The priorities of the Denali AC for antlerless moose reauthorization are: 13B and 13E and 20A. These are local and/or adjoining units.

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Old Business: The push for an extended boundary of the Stampede Trail for wolf protection is going on. The AC reaffirms that they are in strong support of leaving the boundaries where they are and leaving the buffer zone alone. The park already has boundaries and 6 million acres should be enough protection. If the wolves were managed in the park, they would stay in the park.

The Denali AC approved Don Holum to represent them at the Interior Region and the Statewide BOG meetings. Approved unanimous.

The committee talked about the BOG Unit 13 Community hunt meetings. The Denali AC feels that they should have representation on the BOG Unit 13 Community hunt meetings as 13E is in our area and request the Board of Game offer them a seat at the table. There is a need for the community to be defined as an actual community with verification. Overtaxing of the local area by the sheer volume of hunters flooding the area. Harvest data of each group would be important. When a report is given are they using all the parts (including hides, antlers, etc) and/or giving that to someone who will use that and is it recorded? All meat should be left on the bone when they bring it out of the field. Deboning in the field generally causes wanton waste, which is especially offensive in a subsistence hunt. Residency should be more than one year, unless they live in the unit. The resource will get maxed out and with so many people out there someone is going to get hurt. Like the idea of making it per household – 25 households, rather than 25 individuals.

Next meeting will be after the Interior Region BOG meeting early March to report on BOG actions and Community hunt and discuss Southcentral Region BOG proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Sherry Wright  
Minutes Approved By: Don Holum  
Date: 12/23/2013



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
January 8, 2014 at 1830  
Glacier Room, Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: 1837 by Chair Virgil Umphenour

II. Roll Call:

	Skip Olsen	Lee Hazen	Dave Machacek	Bob Moloney	Andrew Glasgow	<b>CHAIR</b> Virgil Umphenour	Mike Kramer	Bill Larry
Present	x	X late	x	X late	x	x	x	
Absent								
Abs/excused								X
	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan	<b>VICE-CHAIR</b> Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	<b>SECRETARY</b> Valerie Baxter	Jeff Lucas	Michael Volsky	
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Absent								
Abs/excused								

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 - quorum present

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimous vote to approve

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 12/11/2013 meeting

Amendments and/or discussion: The Chair had corrections to the December minutes as follows: Under New Business, VII, chair reported on salmon passing into Canada and the border passage goals. The original minutes stated that "we have made our border passage 5 of the last 7 years." This was incorrect and is changed to, "We have made our border passage goal 1 of the last 4 years."

The minutes were then approved as amended by unanimous vote.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Don Young, Area Biologist Unit 20, Tony Hollis, Asst Area Biologist Unit 20, Nissa Pilcher, Board Support ADF&G (left shortly after meeting began), Justin Rogers and Chuck Daggert from AWT.

VI. Guests Present (include any user groups represented): There were several members of the public in attendance but introductions were not performed. A partial list: Tom Lamal, Deb Curnow, Leonard Jewkes, John Giuchici, and Smokey Don Duncan.





## VII. Chair Comments and AC Member Comments

Chair: Virgil mentioned that the BOG meeting in Kotzebue was coming up soon, January 10-13.

### Subcommittee Chairs:

Mike Kramer (Fish): Next meeting for this subcommittee would be for committee comments/recommendations on proposals for Upper Cook Inlet. Comment deadline for this meeting is 01/17/2014. This BOF meeting is Jan 31-Feb 14, 2014 in Anchorage.

Other things on the horizon for the fish subcommittee: April 10 is the deadline for proposals to the BOF for Prince William Sound/ Copper River area. This area includes Chitina dipnetting, Klutina River fishing, and etc. This is our only chance for proposals for this area for the next 3 year cycle. Subcommittee Chair Kramer encouraged the public to participate in this process and give feedback on their interests in this area.

Skip Olsen (Game): Comments deferred to later in meeting when we go over comments on proposals.

No comments from Trapping subcommittee.

### AC Member Comments:

**Al Barrette:** Mentioned an upcoming moose work group meeting at Tanana Valley Sportsmens Association (TVSA). Presentations would be given by Todd Brinkmann, UAF, on the antlerless hunting survey, habitat presentations by Tom Paragi, ADF&G, and Nate Turner, BOG. Info – Meeting is at 7pm on 01/14/2014 at TVSA.

Al also mentioned that he heard that Senator Pete Kelly was introducing a bill to the Senate this session on Take A Child Hunting.

**Valerie Baxter:** Informed the AC that as the new secretary, there would be a binder kept for the record of the AC that would contain: all the minutes, raw and transcribed; any paperwork received at the meetings, correspondence, etc. Any AC member was welcome to request seeing the binder. Valerie asked that AC members review the draft minutes that would be sent out and make additions/deletions so the record could be as accurate as possible.

Valerie also expressed her concerns about the Game subcommittee meeting schedule that precluded new AC members from being able to comment and participate in an official capacity versus as a member of the public. New AC members were not officially on the committee until January 1 and all of the game subcommittee meetings were in December. She requested consideration of another Game subcommittee meeting that might organize and prepare all of the AC comments to the BOG and the potential for finalizing the comments to the BOG by email. Valerie also made the point that in future the AC and the subcommittees need to be cognizant of new members and ensure that everyone has time to participate in an official capacity.



Valerie also discussed the need to have clear minutes from subcommittee meetings so that all of the members of the full AC can understand what was discussed at the subcommittee level. In the case of the subcommittee comments on the BOG proposals for the Interior region, the AC was provided with very little information as to why the subcommittee voted to support or not support various proposals. This makes it difficult for those AC members who could not attend the subcommittee meeting to make an informed decision on whether or not proposals should be supported.

**Chuck Derrick** mentioned that he has been tracking what looks to be an important upcoming issue: what affects the Fukushima nuclear disaster will have on Alaska salmon. He would like to know about and support any research efforts that may occur on tracking radiation and contamination of salmon, particularly in the Copper River system.

VIII. Comments from the Public

**Tom Lamal** voiced his concerns on various subcommittee comments to the BOG. He feels strongly that the AC needs to support AK residents and the proposals that provide support or preference to residents.

**John Giuchici** reported on his attendance at the January 4 moose management workshop and talked about the data presented there in relation to 20A. He voiced his concerns that ADF&G did not curtail any antlerless hunts this past fall after they had data showing poorer than normal yearling recruitment and a higher loss of older aged animals following the late 2013 spring.

**Deb Curnow** asked that the committee take up BOG proposals #99 and #100 for discussion as she wanted to express her concerns on these.

**Smokey Don Duncan** asked that the committee discuss BOG proposals #104, #105, #107, and #115.

IX. New Business:

A. ADF&G Presentations

**Don Young**, ADF&G Area Biologist for Unit 20 went first and reported on GMU subunit 20A. Information: 2013 moose survey yielded a population estimate of 10,100 moose, which is lower than the 2012 estimate of approx 12,100 moose. The Intensive Management (IM) population objective (changed in 2012) is 12,000 to 15,000 moose so the 2013 estimate marks the population below that objective. Don presented and discussed a Decision Framework (see attached printout) that contains many different variables of moose ecology that should be considered when deciding on whether or not to engage in antlerless hunts. His final recommendations for 20A for 2014 were to have no general, drawing, or registration antlerless hunts, to have the ability to do, "targeted moose hunts (see proposal 101)," and to allow the potential of the western Tanana flats subsistence hunt near Nenana. In order to allow for the targeted hunts and the subsistence hunt, antlerless reauthorization would have to be approved.



Tony Hollis, ADF&G Assistant Area Biologist for Unit 20, followed Don Young and gave the committee the report for GMU subunit 20B. A full moose survey for 20B had not been conducted since 2009, when the population estimate was 18,000 to 20,000 moose. In 2013, the full survey estimate was 14,000 moose. This estimate is within the current IM population objective of 12,00 to 15,000 moose. Tony went over several population indices for the three main subareas of 20B, the Central, Western, and Eastern sections. He went over bull:cow ratios, cow:calf ratios, twinning rates, browse removal estimates, and calf weights. Not all data are available for all of the subareas. 2013 fall harvest numbers in 20B are down from previous years and below the average. His recommendations for 2014 are to reduce the antlerless hunts to a level of 1% of the population in order to stabilize the population at its current number. His antlerless harvest goal is about 140 antlerless moose. He recommends that the rest of the harvest stays where it has been. In order for the 20B antlerless hunts to continue, the committee must vote to reauthorize.

\*\*\*The committee stood down and took a break following the ADF&G presentations at 20:11\*\*\*

B. Discussion of BOG Proposals for the Interior, Region III meeting

The committee began the process of considering BOG proposals and started with the proposals that the members of the public who were present wanted to comment on. The following table represents all of the proposals that were discussed in detail by the full AC.

The following are the votes of support, opposition, proposed amendments, and comments of the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC) to the proposals under consideration at the February 14-23, 2014, Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks. It is to be noted that the full FAC considered and discussed a subset of these proposals at their meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, while the Game Subcommittee reviewed all of the proposals and drafted comments at their meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup>. The full FAC took up and considered Proposals 39-43, 45, 49-50, 59, 74-75, 81, 90, 92, 95, 97-99, 100-101, 103-106, and 115. The rest of the proposals were considered by the Game Subcommittee and the FAC voted to support and accept the recommendations of the subcommittee.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPLE UNITS</b>			
BOG	39	Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents in Region III.	
Oppose	1	13	The author of this proposal testified as to why he submitted this proposal. There was discussion about the current drawing permit system and some confusion and desire to have data to review before being able to weigh the impacts of this proposal. Discussion was not in favor of this allocation method. One member did support it, supporting preference for residents.
BOG	40	Allocate a small percent of game harvest for nonresidents in Units 24, 25 and 26B	



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TNA			Take no action based on the action from 39.
BOG	41		Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in Region III.
TNA			Take no action based on the results of proposal 42 changes.
BOG	42		Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region III.
Support	10	4	There was a great deal of discussion on this proposal and similar proposals 41 & 43. The AC Chair voiced his opposition to this proposal due to the large financial contribution non-residents make to ADF&G funding. His concern is that the revenue would decrease for ADF&G if this proposal, and others like it, were to pass. Members of the public, including the author of the proposal, testified on behalf of their support of giving residents extra days at the beginning of the sheep season, before non-residents can hunt. After hearing all of the comments, Andrew Glasgow moved an amendment forward that would give residents and non-residents the same number of hunting days but residents would start earlier and non-residents would end later. The amendment was: Resident season for Dall sheep in Region III = August 3 <sup>rd</sup> –September 20 <sup>th</sup> . Non-resident season = August 10 <sup>th</sup> – September 27 <sup>th</sup> . Andrew made the point that leaving the non-resident season starting the 10 <sup>th</sup> keeps the date the same to allow for guides that have already booked clients and hunts. The amendment passed with 10 yes and 4 against votes. The amended proposal passed with the same vote. It is to be noted that the author of proposal 43, Leonard Jewkes, was also present and agreed to support the amended version of 42.
BOG	43		Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region III.
TNA			Take no action based on the results of proposal 42 changes.
BOG	44		Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III.
Oppose	0	14	Do not adopt, we understand the BOG is working on sheep hunting concerns.
BOG	45		Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents for big game hunts and distribute remaining permits in Region III.
TNA			Take no action based on the action from 39.
BOG	46		Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten-year average for Region III.
Oppose	0	14	Do not adopt, we understand the BOG is working on sheep hunting concerns.
BOG	47		Create a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in Region III.
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: It would create a special hunting area and bowhunters have the Dalton Highway corridor and Fairbanks Management Area already.
BOG	48		Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 to drawing permit hunts.
Oppose	0	14	Do not adopt, we understand the BOG is working on sheep hunting concerns.
BOG	49		Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.
TNA			Take no action based on the results of proposal 42 changes.
BOG	50		Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd and determine whether there are customary and traditional uses; if so, establish amounts



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			reasonably necessary for subsistence.
Support	14	0	Al Barrette brought this proposal up to discuss. He wanted to be sure that the AC weighed in on what the amount necessary for subsistence should be for the Teshekpuk caribou herd. He recommended that we support the proposal and suggest that the ANS be 900-2800 caribou.
BOG	51		Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.
Support	14	0	Support: sounds like a good idea.
BOG	52		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	53		Change the bag limit for black bear in Units 25C and 25D
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	54		Allow the Department of Fish and Game to offer permits for trapping bears under their discretionary authority in Region III.
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	55		Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region III.
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: We believe snares should be an available tool.
BOG	56		Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Region III.
Support	14	0	We think it should be consistent with black bear baiting regulations.
BOG	57		Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.
Support	14	0	We think it should be consistent with black bear baiting regulations.
BOG	58		Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D.
Support	14	0	We think it should be consistent with black bear baiting regulations.
<b>MCGRATH AREA - UNITS 19, 21A &amp; 21E</b>			
BOG	59		Lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 21A.
Support	11	3	There was not much discussion on this proposal, not many members are familiar with moose hunting in 21A. The committee asked ADF&G what the department's recommendation was and they were told that the department is neutral as there is no conservation concern with lengthening the season. The committee voted to support.
BOG	60		Modify moose hunt requirements in 21E.
Support			Did not consider
BOG	61		Reallocate moose drawing permits in Unit 21E.
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	62		Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program.
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	63		Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program.
Support	14	0	Support



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BOG	64	Extend the lynx trapping season in Unit 19.	
			Did not consider
BOG	65	Establish a registration sheep hunt for residents in Unit 19C.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	66	Create a musk oxen hunt in Units 18 & 19.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: If there is a hunt, it should be made a drawing hunt so that all Alaska residents can participate in it.
BOG	67	Modify the game management unit boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21.	
TNA			Take no action
<b>GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D &amp; 24</b>			
BOG	68	Change the Unit 21D moose permit hunt, DM818, to a general season hunt.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	69	Allow moose hunting guides in Units 21D and 24 to select a replacement client.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	70	Reauthorize the winter moose registration hunt in Unit 24B, RM833.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	71	Reinstate the previous dimensions of the Kanuti Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	0	14	Do not adopt
BOG	72	Allow the taking of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 24C and 24D.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	73	Extend lynx trapping season in Unit 21.	
Support	14	0	Support
<b>NORTHEAST ALASKA – UNITS 25A, 25B, 25D, 26B, &amp; 26C</b>			
BOG	74	Increase resident-only hunting in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt.	
TNA			Take no action based on action on Proposal 75 (see next).
BOG	75	Change the resident-only hunting periods in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt.	
Oppose	2	12	The author of this proposal testified as to why he is in favor of youth hunts. The AC members discussion was not in favor in general, some members concerned that this would be a hunt where youth would have to be certified bow hunters. Valerie Baxter stated that she had mixed feelings about youth hunts in general but could not support one that came with a bow certification requirement. A youth hunt should be simpler and easier. Other members did not support stand alone youth hunts, expressing that parents should just take their kids out during regular seasons. The expression of support for youth hunts centered around declining numbers of hunters overall and using these special hunts as encouragement and support of youth hunting.
BOG	76	Allow sidelock muzzleloading rifles using round ball only in Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area.	
TNA			Take no action



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BOG	77	Clarify the subunit boundary between Unit 26B and 26C.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	78	Modify antler restriction bag limit for moose in Unit 25.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	79	Create a new hunt area for moose in Unit 25S and establish season dates and bag limits	
Support as Amended	14	0	Amend to have no antler restrictions for residents, non-residents remain the same.
BOG	80	Allow harvest of brown bears over black bear bait in Unit 25D	
Support	14	0	Support
<b>TOK AREA – UNITS 12 &amp; 20E</b>			
BOG	81	Establish a nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area in Units 12, 13C and 20D, with conditions.	
Support	8	6	The authors of the proposal are commercial guides in the Tok area and seek to create a more clear system for non-resident hunters for the Tok Mgmt Area sheep drawing permits. The discussion among AC members focused on guide-client agreements and how they are supposed to be required for drawing permit applications but the reality is that ADF&G does not have a way to accept and track these documents at the time of drawing application. There was some discussion about the Guide Use Area (GUA) registration requirement in this proposal. GUA registration is conducted by the DCCED and there was discussion on the complexity of ADF&G being able to fully track all of the requirements in this proposal when there would be multiple state agencies involved – access to the GUA data could be problematic. There was also discussion about tasking an area ADF&G office with additional work as that is where the guide-client agreements would be filed. Overall, it is not a simple proposal and while some members support the guide/client agreement and GUA requirements, as it benefits the guides in a specific area, others don't support the idea unless it is enforceable.
BOG	82	Limit Glacier Valley Mountain Controlled Use Area to walk-in only for sheep hunting.	
TNA			Take no action
BOG	83	Limit guides to two black bear bait stands in Units 12 and 20E.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	84	Allow permits to use inedible game meat for bear bait.	
Support	14	0	Support the use of meat for bear baiting that is unfit for humans.
BOG	85	Establish a registration hunt for Nelchina caribou in Unit 12.	
TNA			Take no action
BOG	86	Modify resident bag limit for moose in portions of Units 12 and 20D.	
TNA			Take no action
BOG	87	Reauthorize the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	88	Modify the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.	



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	0	0	Take no action because we support proposal 87.
BOG	89		Establish a wolf control program in Unit 12.
TNA			Take no action because of action on 87.
<b>DELTA AREA – UNIT 20D</b>			
BOG	90		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D.
Support	14	0	It is usual for the Fairbanks AC to support the Delta AC in their actions on the reauthorization of antlerless hunts in 20D. The committee voted unanimously to support proposal 90.
BOG	91		Modify the season and bag limits for DM795 in Unit 20D and change the qualification for disabled hunters.
TNA			Take no action
BOG	92		Modify the bag limit for bison in Unit 20D to one per lifetime; limit one permit per household.
Oppose	1	11	2 members abstained in the vote. The author of this proposal is a member of the AC. He stated his reasoning for this proposal is to increase the chances of drawing a delta bison permit and to prevent some individuals from being able to draw multiple times or for one household to draw multiple permits on a party application. There was very little support from other AC members, especially those who have drawn the permit and would face never being able to hunt bison again. The committee voted to not support the proposal.
BOG	93		Correct a discrepancy in bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd in Unit 12.
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	94		Modify the season and bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd registration hunt in Unit 20D.
TNA			Take no action based on support of 93.
BOG	95		Modify the Macomb caribou registration hunt season and bag limits in Units 12 and 20D, and require locking tags.
Oppose	0	14	This is a proposal from the Delta AC. The discussion focused on the requirement of a locking tag for this hunt and for the change to a drawing permit for the motorized part of the season. Many AC members were opposed to the locking tag and to having another hunt go to a drawing permit. The committee voted to not support the proposal.
BOG	96		Include Johnson Slough Island Unit in a portion of Unit 20D moose hunt boundary.
TNA			Take no action
<b>FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F &amp; 25C</b>			
BOG	97		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.
Support	10	3	There was a lot of discussion on this proposal. Most of it centered around the 2013 population estimate and that ADF&G was recommending no antlerless hunts for 2014. There were some feelings that we shouldn't reauthorize for that reason. Then there was discussion that we would have to reauthorize in order to allow the potential of the targeted moose hunt permits to be issued within that





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			section of 20A from Nenana to Clear. It was asked by a public member that if the AC reauthorizes, even though ADF&G is recommending no harvest, would the BOG be able to insist that antlerless hunts occur anyway? While that is technically true, Don Young, ADF&G, had never seen that happen and thought the likelihood was extremely low. Predator control for 20A was also discussed. There seems to be general support for liberalizing bear seasons and allowing the take of grizzlies over bait but it is more mixed as to wolf control. Some members expressed concerns that any additional predator control could allow the moose population to grow too much and we would once again exceed the capacity of the habitat and be back where we started. The committee supported reauthorization with 10 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 1 abstention.
BOG	98	Change bag limit for moose in Unit 20A to any bull.	
Oppose	6	8	There was a great deal of discussion on this proposal. Some members strongly support returning 20A bull moose bag limits to any bull while others realize the benefits of leaving the antler restrictions in place. ADF&G does not support the proposal because it does not propose to shorten the season as well as go back to any bull. Don Young stated that a return to the, "any bull," bag limit with the current season length would not be sustainable for 20A. There was discussion of amending the proposal to shorten the season length (like back to Sept. 1-15) but several members were opposed to that amendment and prefer a longer season. There was discussion about potential social consequences of going to the any bull bag limit, including a large influx of hunters from other areas where antler restrictions are prevalent. There was discussion about the potential of antler restrictions resulting in less wounding loss and wanton waste as hunters have to take more time observing bulls and getting closer to ensure legality (anecdotal theory only – no data looking at this). There is the general feeling as well that antler restrictions lead to smaller bull moose overall due to the pressure on larger bulls once they cross the 50" threshold. In the end, the committee voted to not support the proposal with 6 yes votes and 8 no votes.
BOG	99	Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	1	13	Deb Curnow testified her opposition to this proposal based on current use levels and the potential for habitat destruction if it were to pass. Many committee members agreed. One member voiced though that increasing access to hunting areas is one thing he supports.
BOG	100	Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	1	12	Deb Curnow also testified against this proposal for similar reasons. Same discussion as with 99 above. One member abstained from the vote.
BOG	101	Create targeted moose hunts in Units 20A and 20B.	
Support	13	1	This is an ADF&G proposal. Don Young gave a short verbal presentation on what the department is seeking to accomplish with this proposal, namely the ability to allow the harvest of problem or nuisance moose on an as needed basis by permit. There were a few questions asked for clarity so that the AC members



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			fully understood what the department was considering and how and where the permits would be issued. There was discussion about the proposed method of take restrictions to only shotgun or bow and arrow. Many members felt like that was too restrictive, that there could be instances when the use of a rifle would be acceptable or potentially a handgun. Al Barrette moved forward an amendment to remove the specific method of take language. The intent is that the department can use its discretion in what method(s) to allow in a given situation. The amendment passed with 9 yes votes, 4 no votes, and 1 abstention. The proposal as amended was supported with 13 yes votes and 1 no vote.
BOG	102	Allow the taking of any bull by utilizing two harvest tickets in Unit 20A and portions of Unit 20B	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	103	Allow a hunter to proxy hunt only once per year for moose in Units 20A and 20B.	
Support	11	3	This was an AC proposal and committee members were mostly in favor. Everyone acknowledges the issues in the Interior with proxy hunting and its potential abuses.
BOG	104	Allow incidental brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B.	
Support	14	0	This is an AC proposal stemming from reports of more and more grizzlies at bait stations.
BOG	105	Allow brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B	
Support	13	1	Proposal is the same as 104 except requires salvage of meat of grizzlies. Al Barrette amended this proposal to remove salvage requirement. That amendment passed 13 for, 2 against. The opposed members felt like salvage should be required. Proposal passed as amended.
BOG	106	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.	
Support	12	2	There was not as much discussion on the 20B proposal. After some discussion on the ADF&G proposed reduction of antlerless hunt permit numbers, the committee voted to support reauthorization with 12 yes votes and 2 no votes.
BOG	107	Create a nonresident moose season in Unit 20B within the Minto Flats Management Area.	
Support	14	0	An amendment was put forward to this proposal. Because moose are not a mandatory guided species, the discussion was in favor of awarding the 8 drawing permits to any non-residents, contracted or not. The proposal passed unanimously as amended.
BOG	108	Allow the use of air boats for moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	109	Create a muzzleloader registration hunt in DM 782, Unit 20B and modify season dates and hunt area.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	110	Eliminate the muzzleloader hunt for bull moose in the Middle Fork of the Chena River and upper Salcha River in Unit 20B.	



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Support	14	0	Support
BOG	111	Lengthen the moose season in Salcha River Drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek in Unit 20B.	
Support	14	0	We support ADF&G's amendments.
BOG	112	Create a youth hunt drawing permit for antlerless moose in Unit 20B and a create a Unit 20B Youth Hunt Management Area.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	113	Create a drawing youth sheep hunt in Unit 20B Remainder.	
TNA			Take no action
BOG	114	Repeal the requirement for leaving evidence of sex (gender) on black bear until sealing has taken place in Unit 20B.	
Support	14	0	Support
BOG	115	Change bag limit and season for moose in Unit 20C.	
Support As Amended	14	0	The author of this proposal was present at the meeting and explained why he submitted the proposal. There was discussion about the antler restrictions for residents. Skip Olsen stated he was against this proposal as he is not in favor of antler restrictions for residents. Mike Kramer then moved to amend the proposal to strike the antler restrictions for residents but keep the non-resident lengthening of the season as per request of the author, Smokey Don Duncan. Amendment passed unanimously and the amended proposal passed unanimously.
BOG	116	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Nenana-Totchaket Resource Development Corridor.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	117	Reinstate the Nenana Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	118	Change season dates for fall moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.	
Support	14	0	Support with comments from ADF&G
BOG	119	Change season dates for winter moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	120	Require trophy value of moose to be destroyed in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
BOG	121	Create a Controlled Use Area along the Manley to Tanana road.	
Oppose	0	14	Oppose
<b>ANTLERLESS MOOSE AND BROWN BEAR TAGS OUTSIDE OF REGIONS III &amp; V</b>			
BOG	122	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for Region IV.	
Support	14	0	Support

C. Election of Officers for the next term.



The office of Chair of the AC: Two nominees were put forward and confirmed – Virgil Umphenour (sitting Chair) and Mike Kramer. The vote was 9 in favor of Virgil so he is the Chair of the AC for the next term. The Vice-Chair nominee was Mike Kramer and that was a unanimous vote in support. The position of Secretary has traditionally been that person with the lowest number of votes in the election and that position is filled by Valerie Baxter for the next term.

- X. Old Business:  
None brought forward.
  
- XI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 23:23

Minutes Recorded By: Valerie Baxter  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy Cross Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
1/28/2014  
David Louis Memorial School, Grayling, AK**

I. Call to Order: 12:05 by Ken Chase

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Gabe Nicholi Sr- Grayling

Ken Chase- Anvik

Arnold Hamilton- Shageluk

Kathy Chase- Holy Cross

Bruce Werba- Undesignated

Members Absent:

Harry Maillelle- Grayling

Cliff Hickson- Anvik

Vacant- Shageluk

Vacant- Holy Cross

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

III. Approval of Agenda: Yes

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved with 3/20/13 & 4/23/2013(teleconference) approved

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Josh Peirce, DWC; Roger Seavoy, DWC; Tom Seaton, DWC; Rita St. Louis, DWC; Caroline Brown, SUBS; Seth Wilson, SUBS; Breena Apgar-Kurtz, DCF; Nissa Pilcher, BDS

\*Please note all ADFG staff was attending via teleconference

VI. Guests Present: Paul Howard, Carlson King, Kyle Anthony, Dennis West, Wayne Nicholai, Phillip Nicholai, Margie Walker, Mike Hamilton, Billy Nicholi, Edne Deacon, Mary Deacon, John R. Deacon, Louie Freirich, Curtis Nicholai, Tim Deacon, Lawrence Jr.; Orville Huntington\*, TCC; Jerry Hill\*, USFWS; Eugen Paul\*, Holy Cross Chief; Alfred Demientieff\*, Holy Cross Council Member,

\*Attending via teleconference

VII. New Business:

**Wood Bison Update-** Tom Seaton, ADFG

Members were given an update on the Nonessential Experimental Population Rule pending the release of the bison, as well as an update on the planning process for after this step is complete. Update on the current herd status given, and information on Wood Bison Curriculum being developed, including a full skeleton and a hide. Members were informed about a graduate student who should be in the Shageluk



area this summer to conduct some field work involving public perception through the University of Alaska.

Questions asked about where exactly the bison will be released, how many bison are expected to be moved initially, what will happen if Minto or Yukon Flats decide they would like some, and how the herd is expected act once they are released, including how they will interact with people who are also utilizing the land when they are released. AC members noted to members of the public that these are a different species than the Farewell Bison herd.

STATEWIDE BOARD OF FISHERIES 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	371		Remove the dip net size restrictions for the Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.
Comment			<p>The AC asked the Department on when this gear type is used, and its effectiveness.</p> <p>Members stated that the GASH AC has to protect the resources of this area for the people who use it, and we use the resource for subsistence and commercially. If too many fish are taken in Districts 1-3, then there is less for us. This is why it is so important to properly document the resources that people use so there is a record of what we actually need, and protect the resources that we currently have. We would hate to do nothing here, and then have issues related to this fishery hurt us in the future.</p> <p>One member noted he had been in a boat with others who were commercially fishing this way and it seemed pretty effective.</p> <p><u>The AC requests that if the board takes action on this, to defer the proposal until it comes up in the regular AYK meeting to insure it gets proper vetting by all people who depend on this resource.</u></p>
BOF	372		Define and allow use of a lead for commercial fish wheel gear.
Support	5	0	<p>The AC discussed with the Department if anyone had been sited, or there was any enforcement issues, as well as if it would be necessary to remove the leads from a fish wheel when a person switched from utilizing the fish for subsistence verses commercial.</p> <p>AC discussed the efficiency of gill nets vs. fish wheels, and in what river type each can be used.</p>
BOF	373		Remove the exception for a dead king salmon to be taken, but not retained, in the Yukon Area districts 1-3 dip net and beach seine commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.
Support	5	0	AC discussed the expected mortality from the dip net and beach seine fisheries.
BOF	376		Establish monofilament purse seines as a new legal gear for the Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.



STATEWIDE BOARD OF FISHERIES 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Comment			<p>Monofilament is pretty nasty gear to be using for this fishery- it can damage fish, Chinook included, pretty fast, and we don't think too much of this idea. It is also asking a pretty big order to be dipping the Chinooks out fast enough.</p> <p><u>The AC requests that if the board takes action on this, to defer the proposal until it comes up in the regular AYK meeting to insure it gets proper vetting by all people who depend on this resource.</u></p>

**Additional comments and discussion on the Yukon Drainage-** Breena Apgar-Kurtz

Discussion of the expected regulations for the 2014 subsistence fishing season held, including the current system for releasing the subsistence schedule. Concerns with how it is currently done with the trend of the unpredictable springs.

The Commercial fishery in Y4 discussed- there was once a lucrative commercial fishery operation until the last time the salmon numbers crashed, then we weren't allowed to do it. Now we could harvest Summer Chum, but there is no longer any buyers for our fish. We believe that the state should help us out in these hard times. Currently, we are required to renew our commercial fishing licenses yearly or we lose them. We would like to find out if there is a way to reduce the fee, or for that fee to be forgiven since we cannot actually do any commercial fishing with no buyer. The state has some obligation to look at this issue to help us out.

**Update on Biological Data in GMU 21E-** Josh Peirce- ADFG

We are planning a moose survey for 2015- the last one was completed in 2012. We were not able to collect any composition data in either 2012 or 2013. The Innoko Refuge was able to get out and get a twinning rate survey done while we were down working on the bear project around Sleetmute. We will be continuing the collaring project this March. We will be capturing the moose that have the satellite collars on and replacing them with VHF. In 2010 54 collars were initially deployed, 30 cows and 24 bulls, and there are still 40 out there. Eight of those have VHF collars, and the rest have satellite collars, which are the one that will be replaced before they stop working.

INTERIOR BOARD OF GAME COMMENTS 2014			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	51	Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.	
Support	5	0	If someone wants them during this time, let them have them.



<b>INTERIOR BOARD OF GAME COMMENTS 2014</b>			
<b>BOG or BOF</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
BOG	52	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.	
Support	5	0	No discussion
<b>MCGRATH AREA - UNITS 19, 21A &amp; 21E</b>			
BOG	59	Lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 21A.	
Oppose	5	0	<p>Members noted that with the warmer weather, the rut is coming later- most hunters are getting their moose at the end of the season.</p> <p>Members also noted that Grayling and Shageluk uses 21A the most, but there is still is not enough moose in the lower Iditarod area to fill their freezers, so the residents have to go farther to find moose, which means more fuel and more money.</p> <p>We would like the see the population increase before increasing the nonresident season.</p>
BOG	60	Modify moose hunt requirements in 21E.	
Support	5	0	<p>We need mandatory reporting requirements for GMU 21E. going to a widely available registration permit with a reporting requirement will held determine the current harvest levels, as well as document the subsistence needs that are needed by the community. For last year, it looks like the GASH region only needed 30 moose, since that is all that was reported. This is not true, and we need more moose then this.</p> <p>We need to help spread the word that accurate reporting is needed to help safeguard our subsistence needs, and members commented that they wish that the Subsistence Division was able to do more subsistence surveys in the region- we need current documentation of what we need.</p>
BOG	61	Reallocate moose drawing permits in Unit 21E.	
Oppose	0	3	<p>AC discussed how much it costs for a nonresident to hunt moose in Alaska, as well as the money that is generated for the Division of Wildlife Conservation through nonresident hunting, as well as other areas of the state that get an economic boost from nonresident hunters coming to Alaska. Members also discussed the limitations that transporters have in dealing with clients, as well as guided hunters tend to take care of the game meat better, and are more ethical.</p> <p>Members expressed concern with attracting more guides into the area. The guides that currently operate in the area make sure to stay away from traditional hunting grounds, but that is not saying that if a new outfit started operating in the area they would do the same. Ideas discussed included proposing a subsistence buffer around villages.</p> <p>2 members abstained, including the author of the proposal, and one member</p>





<b>INTERIOR BOARD OF GAME COMMENTS 2014</b>			
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<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
			who used to guide
BOG	62	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program.	
Support	5	0	Members noted that is interesting that the TKC isn't allowing 100% access to their cooperation lands in order to conduct this project to bolster their moose populations, while their residents are then coming to our lands to hunt moose (referencing federal registration permit FM2104).
BOG	63	Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program.	
Support	5	0	Members noted that is interesting that the TKC isn't allowing 100% access to their cooperation lands in order to conduct this project to bolster their moose populations, while their residents are then coming to our lands to hunt moose (referencing federal registration permit FM2104).
BOG	67	Modify the game management unit boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21.	
Oppose	0	5	Oppose- their issue statement is incorrect. There are three different GMU affected, and different hunts and hunt types in those GMUS. Someone will be impacted by this change in how they are legally able to hunt either via bag limit, season, or type of hunt. We give our AC representative the ability to discuss this with the other effected AC representatives and reach the best solution for everyone at the BOG meeting.
<b>GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D &amp; 24</b>			
BOG	73	Extend lynx trapping season in Unit 21.	
Oppose	0	2	Lynx caught at the end of march has very bad quality pelt. This isn't a good idea.  3 members abstained

<b>STATEWIDE BOARD OF GAME COMMENTS 2014</b>			
<b>BOG or BOF</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	
Support	5	0	The GASH AC supports the BOG's clarification of the antlerless moose jurisdiction regulations. We would also like to have jurisdiction over all of GMU 21 to reauthorize these hunts.



**Innoko Refuge Update- Jerry Hill, USFWS**

Briefly discussed 21A moose survey conducted by the refuge this summer. Also asked questions about proposed relocation of the Innoko Refuge HQ to Galena.

**ACTION ITEM:** Draft letter in support of retaining Innoko Refuge in McGrath with the following reasons;

- Would restrict or eliminate the refuge staff being able to coordinate and work together with McGrath ADFG staff on surveys and other projects
- Local support staff who reside here, who are from here, will either be laid off, or forced to move. We have heard that no local support staff will be able to continue to work for the Innoko Refuge.
- Nonlocal hunters who utilize this area mostly come through McGrath. This allows them the opportunity to visit the refuge office for information on the land as well as for meat care.
- This will mean a loss in jobs and revenue in McGrath, which will trickle down into the community itself, including the school district. Our schools are managed out of the Iditarod School District, which is based in McGrath. This move could negatively effect our children and their schools.
- The summer Science Camp that is important to the children of the GASH region will no long be able to be conducted.
- Students have been recruited from the area to conduct field work on the refuge, and this has inspired some to attend college in the sciences, even returning to work for the refuge after schooling is complete.
- Galena underwent massive flooding in the spring of 2013. The Fish and Wildlife Service building was severely damaged, and they are still in the process of rebuilding. This office already houses the Koyukuk and Nowitna NWR.
- The cost savings that this is to create, by leaving buildings and competent staff, and moving to Galena does not make sense.

**FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD GAME PROPOSAL COMMENTS FOR 2014**

**WP14-32 Modify the boundary for the Paradise Controlled Use Area**

AC discussed the implications of having a different federal regulation then a statewide regulation, and what it would mean for federal qualified hunters. Concern expressed by extending the boundary by 2 miles, instead of using drainages for boundary's.

**NO ACTION-Unanimous**

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 3:55

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Members Present: Dave Lyon (President), David Bayes (Substitute Secretary),  
Joey Allred, Gus VanDyke, Marvin Peters, Tom Hagberg, Tom Young, Jim Meesir,  
Lee Martin

Others Present: Carol Kirkvliet, ADFG Staff, Jason Herreman ADFG Staff,  
Nancy Hillstrand, Roger McCampbell State Parks

**-Motion to approve previous meeting's minutes.**

1<sup>st</sup> Tom H

2<sup>nd</sup> Joey A

**Approved Unanimously**

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**Proposal 74 Lower Cook Inlet proposal**

- Carol of ADFG provided run-down of Lingcod habitat, age distribution, and population estimates.
  - o Exploitation of lingcod currently considered low by ADFG
  - o Habitat and Age distribution considered healthy
  - o Said that ADFG would oppose this proposition based upon decreased angler access to the resource.

Lee M 1<sup>st</sup>

Joey A 2<sup>nd</sup>

**In Favor 3 Opposed 6 Abstentions 1**

-Jason of ADFG provided and discussed a 2013 Brown Bear harvest map for the Kenai Peninsula.

-Jason of ADFG discussed Mtn Goat numbers: 52 total taken in 2013, 26% female, overall population appears to be increasing

-Jason of ADFG discussed Sheep Harvest: 6 total taken in 2013. Overall population appears to be decreasing.

-Jason of ADFG discussed Black Bear Harvest: 399 Total Taken in 2013. Most(215) were harvested in 15C.

**Board of Game proposal discussion**

**Interior Region proposals**

**Proposal 130 Hunting Regulations**

- Re-Authorize Cow Moose Hunt 15C

1<sup>st</sup> Marvin P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tom H.

**In Favor 9 Opposed 0 Abstentions 1**



**Statewide proposals**

**Proposal 133 Hunting Regulations**

- Require Shooting Test for Bowhunters
- Much of state would not be able to access test centers. Not practical for AK

**No Action**

**Proposal 134 Hunting Regulations**

- Align with IBEP regs for Bears Taken over bait
  - A Motion by Marvin P. to Amend to Option 2. Passed Unanimously
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom H.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin P.

**Passed Unanimously**

**Proposal 151 Hunting Regulations**

- Require that Waterfowl Guides track number and species of birds harvested by clients

Jim M. 1<sup>st</sup>

Joe A. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Passed Unanimously**

**Proposal 152 Hunting Regulations**

- Change Definition of Edible Meat on Waterfowl.
- Perhaps ask that there be increased education of waterfowl hunters on how to salvage and use meat such as the legs of harvested waterfowl.

**No Action**

**Proposal 154 Hunting Regulations**

- Modify Definition of Trophy to include wildfowl.

**No Action**

**Proposal 155 Hunting Regulations**

- Modify Definition of possession limit of Migratory Birds
- Proposal is already covered by Federal Regs

**No Action**

**Proposal 156 Hunting Regulations**

- Wanton Waste
- Intent of Law already covers proposed reg changes.

**No Action**

**Proposal 157 Hunting Regulations**

- Modify Definition of Salvage

**No Action**



**Proposals 158, 160, 161 Hunting Regulations**

- Make definition of "edible meat" for brown bears mirror that of black bears.

1<sup>st</sup> Marvin P.

2<sup>nd</sup> Joe A.

**In Favor 8**

**Opposed 2**

**Abstentions 0**

**Proposal 159 Hunting Regulations**

- Meat salvage of brown bears taken over bait

1<sup>st</sup> David B.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lee M

**In Favor 0**

**Opposed 9**

**Abstentions 1**

**Proposal 166 Hunting Regulations**

- Require that ALL who transport sea duck hunters for hire record and log the hunter's number and species of birds taken.
- Discussed alternative option of having wing collection stations at sea duck hunting ports.
- Discussed re-defining Waterfowl Guide as anyone who transports sea ducks or sea duck hunters.

**No Action**

**Proposal 168 Hunting Regulations**

- Defining Moose "Brow Palm"

1<sup>st</sup> Tom Y.

2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin P.

**In Favor 6**

**Opposed 3**

**Abstentions 1**

**Proposal 169 Hunting Regulations**

- Defining "Broken" in sheep horn requirements
- When voting in favor of the proposal, the committee assumes that the regulation's language would be changed to something in the spirit of, "Define "Broken" as a break which reduces the total length of the horn.

1<sup>st</sup> Joe Y.

2<sup>nd</sup> Michael C.

**In Favor 9**

**Opposed 1**

**Abstentions 1**

**Proposal 172 Hunting Regulations**

- Remove Black Bears from Furbearer regs.



1<sup>st</sup> David B.

2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin P.

**In Favor 0**

**Opposed 7**

**Abstentions 3**

**-Motion to Adjourn**

1<sup>st</sup> Joe A.

2<sup>nd</sup> David B.

**Next Meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 6 PM**



## **Koyukuk River AC meeting- *DRAFT*** **Fairbanks, AK**

Meeting was to run correspondingly with Western Interior Regional Advisory Council meeting to occur in Fairbanks on October 8-9th, which is why it was not held in one of the communities represented by the AC but due to the partial shutdown of the federal government, the RAC did not occur

**October 7, 2013**

### **Members Present:**

William Derendoff, Joss Olin, Shawn Huffman, Darrel Vent, Jack Wholecheese, Huslia;  
Jack Reakoff, Wiseman Village;  
Donavan Liners, Evensville/Bettles;  
Eddie Bergman, Harding Sam, Alatna;  
Stanley Ned, Pollock Simon Jr, Gilbert Vent, Allakaket

### **Guests:**

Glenn Stout, Nate Pamperin, Seth Wilson, Nissa Pilcher, Roy Nowlin ADFG  
Mike Spindler, FWS  
Virgil Umpenhour; Tommy Kriska

**Meeting called to order 1:26 pm**

### **Approval of the agenda**

Approved with the following additions

- Discussion on a couple of multiregional 2013-2014 Interior BOG proposals
- Updates for 24B IM
- Fall Hunt update and other wildlife issues

**Minutes from Allakaket meeting on March 23, 2013 approved**

### **Comments and Concerns of AC members**

Wholecheese: People got fined for blocking sloughs to stop pike. We should address the high pike population issue. The AC could make a proposal to the board of fish for possible making a salmon trap.

PJ: this summer we did not see very many calves around Allakaket. We had a late breakup. And the conditions of bear-we did not have green up until early may. We talked to Orville (Huntington, TCC) and the concern up there was migratory waterfowl. We wonder if they were going to nest. We haven't seen many wolves. Worried about road to Ambler and how it will effect caribou migration, sheep, whitefish- food security for Allakaket and Alatna. How will it affect our way of life, access to other hunters, part of the roads to resources. Why not Red Dog to Ambler? Mentality when the road when in by Bettles that it was doing Bettles a favor to build a road by the community- but they don't not let the people from Bettles use it. Exited to see the moose count numbers, provided some work, some wolf skins, happy to work with the state on this. Worried about waterfowl, fish and everything else.



Gilbert: Agree with PJ on the concerns with the new road. It is the most beautiful country I have ever seen and putting a road through will change it in ways that can never be undone.

Reakoff: Concerned with the road effecting caribou multi herds- look at Fortymile caribou herd and how hunting occurs on the road system. Same promises were offered to us on the Haul Road, that you guys are getting the road will be closed after it is put in. You can't drive cheaper than you can fly, it is not a fun drive down the haul road, and it tears the heck out of your vehicle.

PJ: no economic development plan has been established, ANILCA could tell them where to put the road

Donovan: not only worried about what is going to disappear, but what is going to appear- dust, dirt, invasive species. The proposed road is going to go through the middle of Bettles, not to the side.

Reakoff: no positives for the folks who live in that area

Wholecheese: There are now three guides operating on the Koyukuk River now, worried about breeding stock. Hog river transporters dropped folks off, they floated, caught a big bull, tried to give meat away in Huslia but I smelled it, and it stunk,; no one wanted it and it was already spoiled. We see lots of heads [antlers] being sent out, but not much meat. Don't know where the meat is going. Think we should start looking at cow harvest in the winter; we are having a hard time getting moose. On the way down the river counted 10 cows, 4-5 calves with the cows and only one small bull. Requests Glenn sends his count of moose when he is done with them. I guess we are lucky since a lot of folks from our village trap and hunt predators around Huslia, and maybe that is why we have so many calves around the village. If we could just talk the guides into slacking off for a year- Koyukuk River is just like our farm.

Glenn: last year we got a population survey done on the lower Koyukuk.

Darrel: Concerned with breeding stock- the bigger bulls breed with the cows and the produce smarter calves. We don't have the survival rate we need. We don't want to run into anything like McGrath or Bettles, and we are starting to see more predators. Bears are like invasive pike- survival of the fittest. We see the horns coming out but not the meat. The earlier comment on the spoiled meat, it might not have been spoiled- if you cut the outside meat off, you could still have good meat.

Questions on the definition of 'spoiled' and on transfer of position of meat, and if there was a Hog River Check station answered by Stout

Eddie: Huge grizzly walked through Alatna this summer.

Question on current GMU 24B IM program answered by Stout

William: Noticed that there is going to be a change- last winter didn't see any martin tracks, and haven't seen much wolf tracks either. We as a people should start thinking about what the changes are going to be.

Shawn: Interested in the predator control over in Allakaket- they are stuck in between two plots of federal land. Wolves are pretty smart and will figure out that there is a boundary that the shooters won't come across- wonders if there was any way that more land can be opened up.





Joss: Grew up in Huslia since the 50's. The old guys use to talk about all the moose and geese in the Minto Flats, the Novie [Nowitna], and the Koyukuk River, and now we are down to just the Koyukuk River. Worried about what that means. We need to control our hunters, and I have always been against sport hunting.

Reakoff: KRCUA antler destruction stopped a bunch of hunters from going into the area. It would be way worse if that hadn't come in. Glenn is great at controlling 30 bulls per 100 cows, but anywhere else in the state- Kenai, McGrath- is way lower. Glenn is doing a great job, there might be flaws and we can't fence it off from the rest of the state. I am worried about the moose in 20A- those moose are skinny, even dry cows. When a bad winter comes, and all the moose die off, where are all of the moose hunters going to go? Concern with proposed Ambler road with no hunting restrictions on methods and means/access; concern with how late spring has affected, and will continue to affect the animals and plants.

Tommy: saw same day airborne- got plane numbers and turned them in but didn't see anything come of it. Ran across a lot of hanging meat but no antlers. Called the troopers on that one too. Thought you couldn't do same day airborne, and thought you couldn't leave your meat behind since it was still in the field.

Questions on same-day airborne and the potential presence of meat hanging in the field answered by Stout

Donovan: seemed like there was less law enforcement presence this year- and when there is less enforcement there is less compliance

Reakoff: our trooper just started before hunting season and then took off on vacation during the actual hunting season. Not happy at all with it.

Virgil: Saw only one bear this spring- black bear, no grizz. Saw a lot of cows and calves- I think they had good success because of the flooding chased the predators away. This fall we took three bears and some wolves above Huslia. Shot last moose on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and the fat was still white- Bull moose still eating.

Wholecheese: saw a lot of skinny calves this spring- when it floods then the willows don't sprout.

Reakoff: everything seemed to be moved back- the moose I shot on the 16<sup>th</sup> had no smell  
Bear discussion- seeing them later than normal this year, discussion on different areas and the bear population and health in those areas.

### **Refuge Update- Spindler**

[comments due to partial federal government shutdown] Refuges are open to subsistence uses but closed to all other users, which is different from the refuges in the lower 48, which are all together closed. Subsistence uses includes hunting, trapping, fishing, woodcutting, ect...Also noted that the refuge will be helping state with moose counts when that gets started.

Stout: Noted that there were a lot of folks were involved in GMU 24B IM project- my boss, the Board of Game, the public process, and my assistant- Nate Pamperin.



### **Update on 20B IM Program- Stout**

Stout commented that there were a lot of folks were involved in the GMU 24B IM project- his boss, Roy Nowlin, the Board of Game, the public process, and his assistant- Nate Pamperin.

AC members asked questions on continuation of project, age/pack compilation of wolves removed, and on control pack

Discussion on Sleetmute bear control efforts and results also discussed

### **Hunting season update- Stout**

Check station numbers were up; moose harvest numbers were up; success rates were about the same, bull size were about the same; less wind this year and colder weather, and cloud cover at night, more moose calling opportunities, lots of reported bear sign, only saw a couple of black bears and wolves through the check station and no grizzlies. Season extension in Galena- explanation for extension [extensive flooding in spring] and issues with it. Have seen the number of moose reported in Huslia going up- it looks like Huslia did well this year. Antlerless moose season interest addressed. Moose population trend discussed. Moose drawing permit allocation and numbers discussed. Reaching population estimates with having a antlerless season discussed. Accuracy of trend counts and areas counted discussed-

### **Subsistence Division Update- Wilson**

Brief comment on the household surveys being conducted for the last three years in Allakaket and Alatna- Wilson noted that he would be leaving this weekend to continue those.

### **Comment on 2013-2014 BOG Proposals**

**PROPOSAL 68** - *Change the Unit 21D moose permit hunt, DM818, to a general hunt.*

No Comment

**PROPOSAL 69**- *Allow moose hunting guides in Units 21D and 24 to select another client if original applicant is unable to hunt.*

Author was in attendance, and explained intent of proposal. AC noted that while they would rather see the moose in this area being hunted by locals, they prefer guided hunters to non-guided hunters since the guides have to operate under strict ethical and business guidelines while the non-guided hunters do not. The AC also noted that wanton waste is more prevalent under non-guided hunters and the meat is also more likely to leave the area, whereas the guides know how to take care of the meat better, and under the current guide, Huslia gets a lot of the meat and the meat is well taken care of.

The KRAC would like to make note that that the guide who will take the person hunting, the person who will get to go hunting, the person who will receive the meat, the meat quality itself, as well as the Department through the additional Pitman Robertson funds will all benefit from the passing of this proposal.

12 **Support** 0 **Oppose**



**PROPOSAL 70-** *Retain the winter registration moose hunt in Unit 24B, Amended to include the described portion on GMU 24C currently in regulation (RM833).*

This AC submitted this proposal. Allakaket really appreciates this opportunity to have this hunt.  
12 **Support** 0 Oppose

**PROPOSAL 71-** *Modify the Kanuti Controlled Use Area boundaries to reinstate the original dimensions of the Kanuti Controlled Use Area to circa 2009.*

The state's efforts at the IM in Unit 24 shows that there is a lack of harvest by local people and that is a proponent of maintaining the IM.

12 **Support** 0 Oppose

**PROPOSAL 72-** *Allow the taking of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 24C and 24D.*

Members from Allakaket and Huslia believes that passing of this proposal would be beneficial for additional predator control. Concern was raised about what was to be used for bait- this area carries a lot of respect for this animal and this method of hunting is not typical for this animal or this area where we live off of the land. The AC questioned federal implications and the current black bear baiting permitting process.

12 **Support** 0 Oppose

**PROPOSAL 73-** *Extend the lynx season in Unit 21*

Amendment: The Koyukuk River AC supports this proposal if it would also include GMU 24 to create a more consistent trapping regulation on lynx.

12 **Support as amended** 0 Oppose

**PROPOSAL 41-** *Modify season dates for Dall sheep in the Interior Region; resident hunting season for Dall sheep shall be August 3rd to September 20th. Nonresident hunting season shall be from August 10th to September 20th. Drawing permit areas will start seven days earlier for Alaska residents and if there is a split season, the second half will be shortened by seven days for non-residents such that residents can start the second half seven days prior to non-residents*

Residents should have an opportunity before nonresidents for game animals. One member stated that he couldn't fill his federal tag [in the Brooks Range] that was a 7/8ths curl this year- there were plenty of 3/4 curls where he was hunting, but no 7/8 to full curl. Non-guided residents, even those that know the area very well, cannot compete with guided hunters' whose guides operate out of planes. Residents need a better opportunity, especially in heavily hunted areas. We already discussed earlier in the meeting that there is a lack of enforcement in the Brooks Range, and it makes it that much easier to harvest an illegal sheep or shoot one and leave it if it isn't legal. Nonresidents are being guided, and those guides are making a lot of money off of these hunts. A season extension way is the easiest, cheapest way to do this.

12 **Support** 0 Oppose

**PROPOSAL 50-** *Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd and determine whether there are customary and traditional uses; if so, establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.*



A positive finding for ANS for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd should include GMU 24. The caribou by Bettles are now Teshekpuk Lake caribou, and not Western Arctic caribou. We feel that the Teshekpuk Lake herd utilizes GMU24 and we support a positive finding for ANS for this herd. Allakaket noted that this herd utilized land near their community this winter, and the village was able to go hunt it and get some much needed meat in the community during the last part of winter.

12 **Support** 0 **Oppose**

**PROPOSAL 51-** *Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25 to August 5 - June 15.*

Members expressed opposition to hunting wolves in June when they don't have much fur, although one member did speak positively of taking more wolves anytime, but most members felt that the season was already extended once not that long ago and we don't believe it resulted in more wolves being taken. The AC would be open to other ideas to increase wolf harvest in the area without extending the season.

**Motion to take up proposal 51 failed**

**PROPOSAL 52-** *Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska*

No discussion

12 **Support** 0 **Oppose**

**PROPOSAL 56-** *Remove the salvage requirements for brown bear meat taken at bait stations in the Interior Region*

The AC is very against this. This is not in line with tradition, with culture. Brown bear meat is good, we are eating it over on the table right there. If people want to take meat over bait stations, then those people should harvest that meat. If we harvest a nonedible big animal, we burn it, that is how we show respect. It was noted that no member has a bait station, and that it is not a traditional way of hunting.

0 **Support** 12 **Oppose**

**PROPOSAL 76-** *Allow sidelock muzzleloading rifles to be used within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area.*

The AC noted that this is already a heavily hunted area, that it is already a drawing permit only for moose even with an archery only stipulation, there is already a sheep overharvest issue within this area.

0 **Support** 12 **Oppose**

**PROPOSAL 74 & 75** *Change resident season for caribou within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area and create a youth hunt*

This is an allocation issue, and there is very few caribou in the corridor during this time.

**No Action**

Proposal 175- *Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.*



AC did not think this proposal was written in a very readable manner, but supports the idea to make the regulations clearer. The AC wishes to retain their ability to authorize antlerless hunts in all subunits of GMU 24, regardless of which specific subunit most members reside.

The AC would like the proposal to be amended as follows:

- Unit 24A Koyukuk River Unit
- Unit 24B Koyukuk River ~~Sub~~Unit
- Unit 24C Koyukuk River ~~Sub~~Unit
- Unit 24D Koyukuk River ~~Sub~~Unit

**12 Support as Amended** 0 Oppose

**Federal Subsistence Proposals**

**WP14-29-** Unit 24B amended and 24C---*All drainages of the Koyukuk River Aug. 25-Oct. 1 Downstream from and including the Henshaw Creek drainage—1 antlered bull by Federal registration Dec. 15-Apr.15 Permit (FM2402).*

Referenced comments for the BOG Interior Proposal 70

**12 Support** 0 Oppose

**WP14-30** -Unit 24A---*except that portion within the Gates of Aug. 20-Sept. 30 the Arctic National Park--1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger by Federal Registration permit (FS2404)*

If there is no biological problem with the sheep population, federally qualified hunters should be able to take any ram and not look for the ‘four-leaf clover’ on the side of the mountain. Finding a 7/8<sup>th</sup> curl is getting to be very difficult, much less a full curl. Allocation has shifted to the full curls, non-local residents are taking all of the larger sublegal sheep and are either clueless they are sublegal till they go to get them sealed, or hiding them after the animal is down if they do realize it. There are too many hunters and not enough legal sheep. Wiseman use to get five-six sheep. Now one or two is normal. Don’t want a half curl- smaller, less meat, but a small sheep is better than no sheep. **There are management problems in the Dalton highway corridor and subsistence needs are not being met.**

**12 Support** 0 Oppose

Interior BOG representative-

- Pollock Simon Jr.
- 1<sup>st</sup> alt- Jack Wholecheese
- 2<sup>st</sup> alt- Darrel Vent

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm



Meeting called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann at 7:05 at the MTA building in Palmer.

Members present: Dan Montgomery, Jenifer Ehmann, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, Andy Couch, Steve Bartelli, Gerrit Dykstra, Max Sager, Tony Jones, Eric Beckman, Mike Buirge, Bill Folsom,

Members absent: - Mel Grove - excused, Dave Young--excused, Jeff Tuttle - excused, Dane Crowley, Stephen Darilek,

Public present: Terry Nininger, Neil DeWitt, Todd Rinaldi -- ADF&G game biologist, Rod Arno -- Alaska Outdoor Council, Tom Deland, Lydia Darby (in & Out) Jeff Logan, Clyde Akack, Jim Colver.

Public Comments: Neal DeWitt mentioned considering running for the Committee.

Terry Nininger mentioned he would like to be considered for a spot on the AC as well.

Tom Deland also mentioned he was considering running for a seat on the AC.

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Motion to Accept Agenda by Steve Bartelli with 2nd by Dan Montgomery. Approved with no Objection.

**Proposal 128** Reauthorization of 14C antlerless moose season.

Bill Folsom asked if the committee would like to make a comment to Pat O'Connor's suggestion that perhaps antlerless moose seasons should be separate from bull seasons. Steve Bartelli did not want to make a change. Mike Buirge said there was nothing illegal that was done in terms of harvesting cows and / or calves. Dan Montgomery said if the AC wants to change antlerless hunts they should do so with a proposal at the next cycle for our area. Rod Arno mentioned that ADF&G population objectives and actual numbers should be considered -- perhaps the AC should consider ADF&G proposals. Steve Bartelli mentioned the AC was simply authorizing ADF&G to use antlerless hunts as a tool with this type vote, but that ADF&G would then have discretion to do as they pleased. Clyde Akack-- member of the public who came in late wanted to comment that antlerless moose seasons have changed over time -- and wanted to suggest that a fall antlerless season may be moved to occur after after the general bull season is over -- rather than going with the winter hot spot hunt.

Motion to authorize antlerless moose hunts in Unit 14C passed 10-0-1.

**Proposal 129** would reauthorize an antlerless moose hunt in Unit 14A and Unit 14B. AC members were most concerned with Unit 14B moose population. According to Todd Rinaldi the population may be near objective, but after questioning he also stated the 14B population had been below objective for a long time. A winter hunt here would occur close to the highway and be less than 100 permits issued. Erik mentioned the data had been brought up, but that we don't have the current count surveys. Steve mentioned that if we are consistently not meeting objective in 14B the AC should have a problem with issuing permits --- but that the issue is do we want to have a hunt along the road system to reduce the likelihood of moose collision. Max



from looking at the range doesn't feel like the moose are plentiful enough to provide a moose hunt in this area. Jehnifer Ehmann asked Todd if he felt a targeted moose hunt needed to occur in 14B --- his answer -- he did not know at this time.

Andy Couch amended the motion to only authorize a Unit 14A antlerless moose hunt.

The question was asked if we could get moose census data before making a decision? Andy mentioned if we waited to take a vote -- most likely what ADF&G would come back with --- is a population only slightly above the objective level, if not below, as it has been for a number of years. Jehnifer appreciates Todd Rinaldi showing up and participating in the meetings, and is confident in him using the hunt appropriately.

Amendment to proposal 129 passed 8-3-0. Minority position on the amendment is that 14b should still be included. Proposal 129 as amended to only authorize a Unit 14 A antlerless hunt passed 11-0-0.

**Proposal 130** Reauthorize antlerless moose season in Unit 15C -- Israel mentioned he did not know the population objective and did not want to comment on the proposal. Erik mentioned that the population goal is not being met --- and a comment from ADF&G personal in this area was that when people quit hunting moose all year -- then the population should come up again. Bill spoke in favor of reauthorizing the hunt. We have no data and no discussion with the area biologist. Bill mentioned if a majority of active local advisory committees do not vote in favor of an antlerless hunt it will not occur. Todd mentioned an intent to have moose data from all Mat-Su valley moose units on a regular basis. Lack of sufficient data to make an informed decision was the consensus for no action. Request to take no action -- passed with not objection.

**Proposal 131** would allow a fall hunt for any moose on Kalgin Island to continue as it has for a number of years. Moose population has been exceeding the population objective for a number of years under this hunt scenario. No significant predators on the island other than humans to keep the population within or close to population objective range. Motion passed 10-0-1.

**Proposal 122** Would reauthorize the brown bear tag exemptions in Unit IV. Dan mentioned that requiring a tag reduces incidental harvest of brown bear in Unit IV. Intensive management brown bear harvest objectives have not been met in some areas (16B). Clyde mentioned he did not see a problem with requiring people to purchase a \$25 brown bear tag. It was mentioned that most hunters may not be willing to purchase a brown bear tag before hunting, but if they had the opportunity they might be willing to harvest a bear (if the tag exemption continued in place). Motion passed 11-0-0.

Dan reported on representing the AC at the Board of Game subcommittee meeting on Community Harvest hunts for Unit 13 -- where he said our AC does not like the community harvest moose season at all. If that hunt remains in place, he recommended that (1) the hunt not open 20 days earlier or (2) not provide opportunity to harvest ANY BULL moose. Another meeting subcommittee meeting should occur on Feb 27 or March 3. Bill Folsom mentioned that as member of the public he attended the meeting, but he left in disgust, when he was not allowed an opportunity to participate. Bill wants the committee to oppose the community harvest hunt. Steve Bartelli mentioned that he participated this year, but did NOT benefit from a community



harvest moose. He said his group is dissolving prior to the 2014 hunt, because of the new stipulations that will go into effect this year. Israel mentioned that having a hunt close so early by emergency order during a published season was a big problem. Andy Couch mentioned the thousands of people choosing to participate in this hunt -- with most of the groups coming from the Matanuska - Susitna Valley area. He talked about the positive aspects of providing an any bull moose hunt (no or very few unintentional antler violations). Rod Arno mentioned that Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) was continuing to challenge this hunt in court, and felt confident AOC would prevail on a lack of equal access basis. Dan Montgomery asked if the AC wanted to take any additional positions before the next meeting --- but no additional AC positions were suggested or taken.

Jehniifer Ehmann talked about the Upcoming BOF meeting on January 31 -- Feb. 13th at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage. She also mentioned the idea for the AC to write up a public comment document for the Board to be submitted by the Jan. 17 public comment deadline. Jehniifer asked who would be willing to help represent the AC at the Board meeting -- Bill said he would be willing to help and can participate on Feb. 1st. Israel said he would be willing to help, but with his new job his participation will have to be on the weekends. Andy Couch -- agreed to help. Jehniifer is willing to help, but has a job as well. Steve Bartelli mentioned possibly participating with public testimony, but feeling uncomfortable with questions he might be asked and possibly not having a good answer. Borough Assemblyman Jim Colver talked about working together -- so people won't have to spend all their time at the Board meeting waiting to participate. Israel talked about everyone having the opportunity to tell the board how regulations have affected them and how they would like to see regulations changed --- don't get worried about having to mention every specific proposal. Jehniifer expressed a desire to see every member of the Matanuska Valley AC put in public testimony or comment before the board of fisheries. Board members have mentioned if changes in Upper Cook Inlet fishery management are important for valley residents they should participate. Clyde mentioned that since hatchery programs have shut down there has been a down turn in Mat-Su valley fish. He also mentioned the need to prioritize meeting escapement goals before harvesting so much that the goals can not be met as seems to be the practice in the Mat-Su. A motion was made to approve those who volunteered to represent Matanuska Valley AC at the Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Meeting. The AC unanimously approved representation before the BOF by the following members: Jehniifer Ehmann, Israel Payton, Bill Folsom, Steve Bartelli, and Andy Couch with no objection.

Tom Deland asked if all public comment before the Board of Fisheries should be different or unique. A couple AC members answered -- yes -- but there seem to be no guidelines that require such. Rod Arno ---mentioned the statute on allocation criteria that could be mentioned by people providing comment or testimony before the BOF.

Andy Couch made a motion to approve AC testimony priorities: 1. Adjusting Drift fishery Management to provide for escapement and reasonable harvest opportunities for other groups beside drift gillnetters 2. King salmon / Coho salmon importance to Mat-Su users and AC positions on such proposals 3. Importance of escapement Goals -- several of our own proposals requesting new goals for specific stocks 4. Personal Use / Subsistence importance to Mat-Su Valley and lack of local opportunity. Motion unanimously approved 11-0-0.





Jehnifer asked members if they are willing to run for the AC :

Gerritt Dykstra is planning not to run at the upcoming election meeting.

Israel Payton mentioned he will not be able to attend the election meeting, but he voiced support for Neil Dewitt and Terry Nininger, two members of the public who have regularly attended Advisory Committee meetings.

Bill Folsom mentioned his willingness to continue on the AC if needed, but also said if there were a number of strong candidates with good credentials he might also be willing to step aside and let another candidate have his seat.

Andy Couch wants to continue working on the AC through the 2014 Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting (after the election) so he may run. He also mentioned consideration of letting someone else have his AC seat in the future.

Neil Dewitt mentioned he was considering running for an AC spot.

Terry Nininger talked about being a 30-year Alaska resident who has hunted and fished in Alaska and is interested in becoming a member of the Matanuska Valley AC.

Tom Deland mentioned being a member of an original colonist family which has lived in the Mat-Su up through the present time, and he wants his kids to have some of the great opportunities to participate in local hunting and fishing that he has enjoyed.

Election meeting to be held Jan. 22, 2014 a 7 p.m. at the Mat-Su Borough Assembly Chambers in Palmer. For more information contact Jehnifer Ehmann at 907-354-0059

Meeting Adjourned. Minutes taken by Andy Couch



Meeting called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann at 7:05 at Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers in Palmer .

Members present: Jenifer Ehmann, Bill Folsom, Andy Couch, Steve Bartelli, Gerrit Dykstra, Max Sager, Tony Jones, Eric Beckman, Mike Buirge, Dave Young, Jeff Tuttle, Stephen Darilek,

Members absent: - Mel Grove - excused, Israel Payton--excused, Dane Crowley, Dan Montgomery,

Public present: Borough Mayor Larry DeVilbiss, Neil DeWitt, Terry Nininger, AK State Trooper Cyer, Sherry Wright -- ADF&G Board Support, Patrick O'Connor former AC member

Persons to be heard: Request for party affiliation of those running for a position on the Advisory Committee mad by Johnson Quarles.

Correction to minutes --- Bill Folsom listed twice in roll . After that correction Minutes from the last meeting accepted with no objection.

Agenda BOF Discussion & AC Representation

Motion to approve Advisory Committee public comments letter to BOF passed unanimously 12-0-0

Motion to appoint Jehnifer as coordinator for BOF representation by AC members. motion passed 12-0-0.

Motion for fisheries subcommittee to determine how the AC stipend will be used for Upper Cook Inlet meeting. passed without objection.

Motion to give AC representatives authority to make determinations for the whole Advisory Committee while at the Board of Fisheries meeting. 2nd. Passed without objection.

**Motion to reconsider Hunting Proposal 129** Concerning Unit 14A & B antlerless moose hunt reauthorization by Mike Buirge with information from ADF&G that the moose population estimate for Unit 14B is now over the minimum objective by 200 moose. Andy Couch state population was still low and an expanded population number not a solid count of 2700 moose. Discussion included that even with a low population count and a narrow population objective some felt it would be a good idea to allow hunting along the highway corridor as a public safety issue --- lessening moose / vehicle collisions. Motion to reconsider proposal 129 passed 7 - 5 - 0.

Motion to Adopt Proposal 129 as written. Motion passed 7-5-0.

Accepting nominations for Advisory Committee membership form the floor: Nomination for Jeff Tuttle -- accepted. Nomination for Terry Nininger -- accepted. Nomination for Neil DeWitt --



declined for lack of residency in local area. Neil Dewitt (has residency in Trapper Creek and Eagle River) so Neil could possibly run for Susitna Valley AC. Nomination for Andy Couch -- accepted. Nomination for Bill Folsom -- accepted. Nomination for Eric Beckman -- accepted. Nomination for Rick Ellis -- declined -- then changed wanting to run for one year. Nomination for Tom DeLand -- who was interested in running at our last meeting but driving from Anchorage at the time of our meeting. Jeff Tuttle moved to close nominations. 2nd by Stephen Darilek. Nominations were closed with no objection.

Jeff Tuttle -- on AC for 3 years, trapper for 28 years, palmer Airport committee, hunter, trapper, pilot, supports predator control, political party -- republican. Would like a 3 year position.

Terry Nininger -- Has lived in Alaska with wife for 35 years -- hunting and fishing all that time. Has lived in Mat-Su Valley for 14 years. Would like to advocate for Mat-Su sport anglers and would like to encourage more sport anglers to participate in AC and Board process. Has been attending AC meetings and will be attending the upcoming Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meetings in Anchorage. Will be able to make regular attendance if elected. Republican party. Issue that needs to be addressed by BOF is proposals 138, 139 dealing with passing more salmon through the Upper Cook Inlet.

Andy Couch-- Secretary typing minutes.

Bill Folsom -- hunter for 61 years -- fishing for 65 years. Life member of NRA, AOC, member of Alaska Access Alliance -- pro access and pro hunting and fishing.

Erik Beckman -- served on AC for 7 years --- for sustainable yield both hunting and fishing and priority opportunity for Alaska residents, believes in intensive management -- but not all of it. Has not gone over to dark side of political affiliation.

Rick Ellis, -- hunter, trapper, past president Alaska Frontier Trappers Association, worked for trout unlimited, retired and may spend some time out of state in the next few years -- why he at first hesitated about

Tom Deland -- spoken for by Jehnifer Ehman --- strong sportfishing interest also a hunter who would like to maintain hunting fishing opportunities for his children as they grow up in Alaska. Tom works in Anchorage and addressed Advisory Committee at last meeting stating interest. Will Tom be able to make the meetings? Yes -- should be able to. Tom showed up just before the vote --- he has a good perspective of how things used to be and what they are now. Will be able to attend at least a couple days at the Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting -- on the weekends. Knows that being at meetings is half the battle and is willing to put in the time and participate. Has read all the proposals in the books. He is also an avid hunter. Has attended AC meetings -- was regular about 4 or 5 years ago and plans on being more regular in attendance. Know about the Denali buffer zone--- not very familiar with it. Would you be willing to get up to speed on hunting issues if you were on AC? Yes.

All nominees were elected with the following vote counts.

Jeff Tuttle -- 24



Terry Nininger – 32  
Andy Couch – 26  
Bill Folsom – 29  
Erick Beckman – 26  
Rick Ellis – 31  
Tom DeLand – 28

Terry Nininger, Rick Ellis, Bill Folsom, Tom DeLand, and Andy Couch got the three year member seats (2 1/2 year term with new term dates).

Eric Beckman and Jeff Tuttle got the one year alternate seats.

**Members Comments:**

Attendance is important if you can not attend a meeting please and notify chair Jehnifer Ehmann in advance of the meeting..

New Elected members willing to help represent the AC at the Board of Fisheries: Terry Nininger, Tom DeLand were willing to do that. Motion to accept them to work representing the AC at Upper Cook Inlet BOF. 2nd. Motion passed without objection.

Steve Bartelli wanted to mention how important it is to show up.

Bill Folsom wanted to apologize for some of his comments about the unit 13 community harvest hunt at the last meeting -- but mentioned he was greatly concerned with by the hunt..

Sherry Wright mentioned that AC terms will be adjusted during the next three voting cycles. With new member term length / time in office the AC may want to consider when it has the next elections meeting.

Next AC meeting is scheduled for Feb. 26, 2014 at 7 p.m. at MTA Building.

Meeting Adjourned. Minutes taken by Andy Couch



**McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
1/29/2014  
Assembly Room, Captain Snow Center, McGrath, AK**

I. Call to Order: 12:05 by Ray Collins

II. Roll Call:

Clinton Goods- Takotna  
Jessie Grady- Takotna (Secretary; newly elected below)  
Nik Petruska- Nikolai  
Vernon John- Nikolai  
Carl Gregory- Nikolai  
Ray Collins- McGrath (Chair)  
Mark Cox- McGrath  
Lewis (Lucky) Egrass- McGrath  
Steffen Strick- McGrath  
Phillip Esai- Undesignated (From Nikolai)

Members Absent:

Robert Magnison Jr- McGrath  
Kevin Whitworth- McGrath  
Peter Snow- McGrath  
Steve Eluska- Telida  
Vacant- Undesignated seat

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved with addition of a Chair report on the Kuskokwim River Working Group's last meeting

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were deferred to the end of the meeting, and were subsequently forgotten about. To be approved at the next AC meeting.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Roger Seavoy, DWC; Josh Peirce, DWC; Louise Standish, DWC; Andrew Brenner,\* SUBS; Dave Runfola,\* SUBS; Travis Elison,\* DCF; Nissa Pilcher,\* BDS  
\*attended via teleconference

VI. Guests Present: Jerry Hill, USFWS; Shawn Bayless, USFWS; Brett Gibons, DPS;

VII. New Business:



**Officer Elections**

Ray Collins elected to continue as chair  
 Lewis Egrass elected to continue as vice-chair  
 Jesse Grady elected to be secretary

<b>INTERIOR BOARD OF GAME COMMENTS 2014</b>			
<b>BOG or BOF</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	44	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III.	
Support	10	0	<p>Unit 19 has a general season hunt for sheep, and it ends up bringing a lot of nonresident hunters and guides into the area that are all competing with locals and resident nonlocals.</p> <p>There are very few sheep taken from this area from any Alaskan resident, much less a resident of this GMU who do not always have access to the resources and money that other residents have. and this AC believes that this is not right. This proposal could be a potential fix for this issue.</p> <p>There is a lot of guide conflicts and a lack of a quality sheep hunt from those clients in this area. GMU 19 was known for large sheep, but not many come out of here anymore due to all the hunters in the area. If this was implemented, then maybe this area could be known again for that and the guides that operate in it could get more for the sheep hunt since the sheep could be bigger and the quality of the hunt would be much better.</p> <p>We would like to see residents be allowed to hunt for sheep 10 days before nonresidents as well.</p>
BOG	51	Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.	
Support	10	0	While we have a hard time thinking anyone would want to take wolves during these times, there is no biological concern in GMU 19, but if it increases the take of wolves, then we are for it.
BOG	54	Allow the Department of Fish and Game to offer permits for trapping bears under their discretionary authority in Region III.	
Support	10	0	History of the black bear trapping regulations discussed.
<b>MCGRATH AREA - UNITS 19, 21A &amp; 21E</b>			
BOG	59	Lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 21A.	
Support	10	0	Discussion on the description of GMU21a, as well as who guides and transports in the area. AC members noted that adding five days on the end of the season can make a big difference if you get a moose or not, and one benefit would be



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			being able to hunt with a friend or relative nonresident. The AC is supportive of this proposal as long as there is no biological concern.
BOG	62	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program.	
Support	10	0	AC discussed many aspects of this program, including the moose population in the area, the past success of the program, as well as the local native corporations involvement and restrictions. Biological questions regarding the territorialities of bears also discussed. The AC supports the program to help bolster moose populations.
BOG	63	Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program.	
Support	10	0	Discussion was similar to Proposal 62, but it was noted that local residents would be willing to trap near Takotna, but there are current trap lines up there that are not targeting wolves and they have not been given permission to go up there and utilize those trails. The AC supports the program to help bolster moose populations.
BOG	64	Extend the lynx trapping season in Unit 19.	
Support	10	0	This will have no adverse effect on the population at all since the trappers would already be incidentally catching them anyway. It was noted that lynx are on a down cycle right now in the area.
BOG	65	Establish a registration sheep hunt for residents in Unit 19C.	
Support	10	0	Members noted that it is tough to find a full curl sheep in the area even during the 'normal' season with all of the guide pressure in the area. Residents from Nikolai do not have the same resources to get into the area in the fall like the guides and their clients do. There is also a lot of guide conflict in this area, much less between other hunters. AC discussed amending proposal to restrict the registration permits to be issued in McGrath only, but would like the proposal to pass and noted that was one of the reasons the board gave for not approving a similar proposal in 2010.
<b>GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D &amp; 24</b>			
BOG	73	Extend lynx trapping season in Unit 21.	
Support	10	0	This will have no adverse effect on the population at all since the trappers would already be incidentally catching them anyway. It was noted that lynx are on a down cycle right now in the area.

<b>STATEWIDE BOARD OF GAME COMMENTS 2014</b>			
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STATEWIDE BOARD OF GAME COMMENTS 2014			
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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory Committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts	
Support	10	0	The AC supports the Board of Game in changing current regulations so that they are clearer. The McGrath AC would like to have jurisdiction over all of GMU 19 for reauthorization, as well as GMU 21A ( <i>note; this would not be allowed under the AS that covers antlerless reauthorization</i> )

### Petition from Nikolai City

During the last seasons registration for RM650, there were members from Nikolai that were not in town and unable to get a permit. The city of Nikolai had put together a petition to make the permits more accessible. The AC discussed all of the issues that occurred that necessitated the change in the permit requirements, as well as the petition would need to be put before the Board of Game during a call for proposals for the Interior. The AC would not like to see any changes to RM650 at this time.

### Innoko Refuge- Proposed move to Galena

The AC does not support the refuge move to Galena for the following reasons

- Lack of ability to coordinate between the Innoko Refuge staff and the McGrath ADFG office staff.
- Loss of local employment
- Loss of local knowledge for new refuge staff
- Lack of office in Galena after the 2013 flood
- Loss of science camp in the summer for McGrath and GASH region students
- Lack of any other refuge headquarters in the Kuskokwim watershed

### Innoko Refuge Update- Jerry Hill, USFWS

Most of the update had come out during the discussion of the BOG proposals in regards to moose surveys. Noted that there had been a report from an outfitter that there were at least three transporters operating in the refuge without a permit.

### Kuskokwim Working Group Update- Travis Elision, ADFG & Ray Collins, AC member who sits on working group

Summary of meeting held January 8-9, 2014

Season summary for 2013 given, as well as the predicted 2014 outlook. Sport fishing will be closed, Chinook subsistence in many tributaries in the lower portion of the river- noted that that would not affect the headwaters where members of this AC reside since there is a much lower population and the impact is much lower, potential mesh size restrictions, and reduced fishing periods in the headwaters.





Emergency petitions to the BOF discussed on dip nets as subsistence gear for chum, and reduced length of overall gill nets to allow chums to be caught and allow the deeper swimming chinook to pass uncaught.

T. Elison noted that escapement was not made in 2013, and that is why there is the push for heavy closures on the early part of the run since those fish are the ones going to the headwaters.

R. Collins noted that there was no fish caught in the experimental fish wheel in Nikolai this year, and no one saw any kings in their nets either. The headwater runs might have already been severely damaged. Made a push to have residents share local knowledge- noted that BLM was in McGrath to hold hearings about the pipeline road, and that they were unaware of a sheefish spawning ground in the Big river- if the companies making the road were given a permit to harvest gravel out of that area where they spawn that could severely damage the sheefish population in the entire river.

Member noted that they had seen red salmon spawning in the Big river by their fish camp.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 4:08 pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee**

**13 Jan. 2014**

**Anderson**

I. Call to Order: 18:25, John Basile (Chair)

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 8

Robert Kohlsdorf (Clear/Anderson A)

Allan Mortenson – V. Chair (Clear/Anderson C)

Leroy Sutton (Alt. Clear/Anderson)

Paul VanDyke (Alt. Clear/Anderson)

Pat Owen (Healy A)

John Basile – Chair (Healy B)

Jacob Mattila (Healy D)

Jason Reppert – Secretary (Healy E)

Members Absent: 6

Myron Stokes (Clear/Anderson B) - excused

Coke Wallace (Healy C) - excused

Nan Eagleson (McKinley Village) - excused

Tyler Dynes (Ferry A) - absent

Joseph Chattfield (Alt. Healy) – absent

Larry Haddock (undesignated) – absent

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

6

User Groups Present:

None specified

III. Approval of Agenda:

Approved with additions:

Antlerless Joint meeting discussion

Change of Agenda order

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4 Dec 2013, Approved with minor changes

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Don Young

VI. Guests Present: Jim Ellison, Ivana Haverlikova, Jacob Mattila's Wife, Todd Brinkman (UAF), 2 unknown guests

VII. New Business:

To be added to next meeting's agenda: Discussion of Alternates and their role when



designated members are not available.

**Joint Board Meeting Discussion:**

Allan Mortenson – Many people from ADF&G presented on many different topics.

Tom Paragi – Habitat Enhancement

Don Young

Kaylyn Seaton – Movements of Moose and how burns effect those movements

Todd Brinkmann – Reported on moose hunt survey. 72% of those surveyed found antlerless hunts acceptable. Our area (Cantwell to Nenana) was the only area that found it mostly unacceptable.

John Basile – Are these people that live and hunt here?

Paul Van Dyke – Survey asked where people hunt, so the people for antlerless hunting may not live here.

Allan - Survey took into account where people live.

Don Young - Not attended as well last year. Tom Paragi talked on intensive management. Prolonged overbrowse, more than 35% of plant browsed annually can cause the death of the plant.

Beckman talked about disease at high moose density. A specific parasite is harmful when animals are stressed.

**Don Young Presents the information he presented at the Joint meeting:** (A copy of this presentation was made available to all AC members, via email, after the meeting)

5,000 square miles of moose habitat in 20A

Goals of ADF&G Moose Management

- a. Health of moose and moose habitat
- b. Fulfillment of IM mandate
- c. Maximize yield

Moose density has changed much over the years, density maps from the 60s look similar to what we see today.

Moose twinning rate – A good measure of moose condition and habitat condition.

Antlerless hunts began in 1996

1997 – 2000: Twinning rate was low and browse removal was high. ADF&G has decades of twinning rates to look at.

1975: Lowest moose densities observed

2012: Twinning rate spiked to 22%, numbers like have not been seen since the late 80s. Hoping this is a sign of improving conditions.



Twinning rate 3 year average is about 14%

Twinning rates are evaluated as ...

- a. <10%: population is too high
- b. 10-20%: population is stable
- c. >20%: Allow for population growth

## 20A Fire History

1950-1959: Walker Dome and Bear Macdonald fires

1960-1999: One major fire west of Little Delta in 30 yrs.

2000-2013: Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million acres have burned in the last decade. Very promising.

Allan- Funding was available for unburned areas, but they were never burned. Why?

Don- The area to be burned was on the books for 10 – 15 years

- a. The parameters for the burn were very tight
- b. When conditions were right resources weren't available
- c. Wrong conditions when resources were available
- d. DNR drug their feet.

Jacob Mattila – Is this not as critical because of other fires?

Don – It's not the greatest moose habitat, may not be meant to be

Jason Reppert – What is the lag time between when an area burns and when it becomes good food/habitat for moose?

Don – 5 – 10 years, sometimes longer.

Looked at snow depth in comparison to antlerless hunts

Looking at wolves in 20A

SUPE Wolf Survey in 2013 estimated 261 wolves last spring. Predator control from mid 1970s to 1980s

Mid 1960s 20,000 + moose. Hard winters in 1970s caused population crash. Population is steadily increasing. Just within Intensive management goals.

387 bulls reported – 50inch any bull. Looking at long term trend, population is still dropping.

Decision Framework (see Don Young's Presentation) – Hopes we could use a similar frame for making our decision to re-authorize the antlerless hunts.

Framework is missing social considerations

Population is low, Harvest is low, BOG has a tough decision to make. Maybe predator control?



Recommendation:

- a. Reduce unit 20A antlerless hunt to zero
- b. Reauthorize hunt, but issue no drawing or registration permits. This allows for target hunts (removal of nuisance and problem moose) and subsistence hunts.

Allan – In 2012 IM was increased. Are you looking toward the future? Control burns to keep objective high?

Don – Waiting to see a response to burns. Looking at as a goal.

Allan – Can you keep the habitat better with controlled burns?

Don – worked well when burned areas were created. Working with other agencies.

**Break @ 1930**

**Todd Brinkmann presents an overview of his moose hunter surveys on antlerless hunts**

Lots of biological data, but not much human data.

20A, 20B, 20D survey area.

9,166 AK residents hunted in survey area, over 2,000 surveys sent out.

13% of survey found antlerless hunts *always unacceptable*, 72% *acceptable under certain situations*, 15% *always unacceptable*.

Looked at the differences between the groups. People from Nenana to Cantwell did not trust ADF&G.

The “Ideal” Antlerless hunt

- a. Sept – Nov.
- b. Difficult areas to get to, high density
- c. Cow without calf
- d. No non-resident

ADF&G regulation seem to be moving toward what the majority of the survey deems acceptable antlerless hunts.

Public – What is the age of those that participated in the survey from Cantwell to Nenana?

Todd – That has not been pulled out yet.

Public – Gussed its likely 60+. Most of that population hunted from the highway

Jason – Can we get a copy?

Todd - Will email and distribute.

**Genera Discussion not associated with specific proposals:**



Jacob – How do you expand the archery only with the expansion of the mine.

Don – A proposal should be created, should we work with Usibelli?

Jim Ellison – Cooperation with Usibelli mine should be included, would hold more weight.

Jacob – It’s a federal safety issue

Don – find out how urgent this is.

**2013/2014 Proposed Changes to Regulations  
Interior Region, Statewide Regulations**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	44	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III.	
Support	8	0	Allan – Caps the number of non-resident hunters. May be well accepted by the BOG. Give the Board more control wit capping the numbers. John – Have a lot of good reasoning
BOG	47	Create a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in Region III.	
Support	7	1	Jacob – would take advantage of early season. Best at the beginning of the season, no effect on harvest Jason – How many archery hunters? Jason – How would this affect the movements of the sheep for the rest of the season? John – It’s hard to get close.
BOG	48	Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 to drawing permit hunts.	
			Allan – A recent article written in Outdoorlife about recent sheep hunt conflict. John – likes AK resident preference hunts but, doesn’t like proposals of early hunts. Doesn’t understand some of proposal 48. Allan – Overall goal of proposal 48 is to limit number of non-resident tags Jacob – A small reduction, 90/10 split wouldn’t work. Allan – Proposal 48 is a small reduction John – What is the big answer for BOG shooting down these types of proposals? Don – His own interpretation, Many different opposing views. Having a hard time understanding this. This is why they have asked for Dr. Brinkmann’s help. Wayne – What division of the Government regulates guides? Don – No limit to guides, can select 3 guide use areas. Open to everyone. John – Should we go with 48 is it clear enough? Robert – Is the historical average increasing? Looking at the 10 year historical average may not be an accurate representation of resident and non-resident



## 2013/2014 Proposed Changes to Regulations Interior Region, Statewide Regulations

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			<p>hunters.</p> <p>Jacob – possibly look at last 5 years</p> <p>Don – What are you trying to achieve? Reduce the ratio of resident/non-resident?</p> <p>Robert – would not want to use historic</p> <p>Allan – May be reducing by less than we think.</p> <p>Don – ADF&amp;G uses last 10 years not historical 10 years.</p>
BOG	57	Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.	
Support As Amended	8	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend to align with current black bear salvage requirements.</li> </ul> <p>John – 57 could be amended to line up with black bear season salvage requirements.</p> <p>Don – Dept. would like to see some standardization</p>
<b>DELTA AREA – UNIT 20D</b>			
BOG	92	Modify the bag limit for bison in Unit 20D to one per lifetime; limit one permit per household.	
Oppose	3	3	<p>Allan – are we limiting this limited hunt even further?</p> <p>Jacob – opposed</p>
<b>FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F &amp; 25C</b>			
BOG	97	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.	
Supports	5	3	<p>Jacob – Where does this leave us for any bull permits?</p> <p>Don – Decision does not affect any bull permits, 1,000 permits to be issued</p> <p>Paul – Myron called and asked that Paul vote for him. Myron votes NO.</p> <p>Coke Wallace called in asked that he be recorded as supporting what ADF&amp;G supports.</p>
BOG	101	Create targeted moose hunts in Units 20A and 20B.	
Support	5	3	<p>Don – Addresses nuisance moose, a lot of moose in the spring get hit and are lame.</p> <p>Alan – doesn't 97 already do this?</p> <p>Don – This is the actual target hunt. Lots of interest, many requirements. Initially thinking of injured moose in Fairbanks area.</p> <p>Jason – Was this asked about at a previous meeting?</p> <p>Paul – That individual wanted hunts to reopen. Doesn't want to see every moose taken along the highway</p>
BOG	102	Allow the taking of any bull by utilizing two harvest tickets in Unit 20A and portions of Unit 20B	



2013/2014 Proposed Changes to Regulations Interior Region, Statewide Regulations			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	8	Don – Would likely create overharvest. Similar proposal was proposed in early/mid 2000's did not pass
BOG	103	Allow a hunter to proxy hunt only once per year for moose in Units 20A and 20B.	
Support	8	0	Don – would we discuss this proposal? John – is there a specific incident? Don – Ferry, had some proxy hunters, Russian community coming up from S. Central Paul – Happened at Gold King as well
BOG	104	Allow incidental brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B.	
Oppose	0	7 (1 ab)	Allan – If you can't distinguish you shouldn't hunt Don – the word "incidental" should not be in there John – Hunters looking to harvest a grizz over black bear bait station Jacob's Wife – Would this change regs for bait? Don – That would not change, could use whatever is legal. John – Bear baiters are seeing more Grizz Allan – How could this effect the population? Don – Its hard to say, lots of factors involved Allan – could increase the hunters John – Didn't really see that in 20C
BOG	105	Allow brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B	
Oppose	0	7 (1 ab)	
BOG	115	Change bag limit and season for moose in Unit 20C.	
Oppose	0	8	Paul – approached by a community member

**Elect member to attend interior Board meeting Feb. 14-23<sup>rd</sup>**

Allan Mortenson

**Next meeting:** Monday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Healy 6pm

**Meeting adjourn: 2210**

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Reppert

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
1/20/2014
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 12:23 pm by Richard Burnham
II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Richard Burnham [Vice chairman], Earl Esmailka, Tommy Negalska- Kaltag
Benedict Jones [Chairman], Percy Lolnitz- Koyukuk
Fred Huntington- Galena
Members Absent:
Justin Esmailka- Kaltag
Michael Stickman, Arnold Demoski, Douglas Patsy- Nulato
Paddy Nollner, Charlie Green, Dick Evans, Galena

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7\*
QUORUM NOT MET

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved, no additions
IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Deferred until next face-to-face meeting
V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Caroline Brown, Glenn Stout, Nissa Pilcher
VI. Guests Present: Don Honea Jr & Ed Sarten, both of the Ruby AC
VII. New Business:

This space may be used for them to record minutes.

Table with 4 columns: BOG or BOF, Proposal Number, Number Support, Number Oppose, and Proposal Description. Includes rows for regional and multipul units with details on wolf season lengthening and grizzly bear tag fee exemptions.



2014 Interior Board of Game Meeting Comments			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Support	6	0	No discussion
BOG	56	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Region III.	
Support	6	0	Sealing and salvage requirements discussed. The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.
BOG	57	Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.	
Support	6	0	Sealing and salvage requirements discussed. The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.
BOG	58	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D.	
Support	6	0	Sealing and salvage requirements discussed. The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.
<b>GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D &amp; 24</b>			
BOG	68	Change the Unit 21D moose permit hunt, DM818, to a general season hunt.	
Oppose	0	6	The AC believes that the Departments management of this area to be sound at this time, and believes passing of this proposal would compromise the effectiveness of the moose management strategy for Unit 21D.
BOG	69	Allow moose hunting guides in Units 21D and 24 to select a replacement client.	
Oppose	0	5	AC noted that there might be some legal issues with the passing of this proposal, and that the Department would probably have to create a new protocol for this to work.  <u>One member abstained</u> from voting since he was a guide in this area, but he noted that he is not in favor of this proposal passing
BOG	72	Allow the taking of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 24C and 24D.	
COMMENT			The AC believes that hunters should be the one to decide if meat is taken out of the field or not for this animal. Brown bear meat is not always edible.  It was noted that it is very hard to take a brown bear over bait in the fall since most bears are not out in the daylight, when you can shoot them.  Since this is not our area, we do not feel like we should comment on the proposal-
BOG	73	Extend lynx trapping season in Unit 21.	
	6	0	No discussion- our proposal



Brief moose survey results given at request of AC members. Earl noted that there was really low snow levels, and saw a lot of predation on moose even with low snow levels. Members requested that department bring numbers for moose antler size harvested in area, Ben noted that the antler spread is decreasing in the harvested moose

The next meeting will be held in Kaltag in April.

Earl Esmailka was chosen by the AC to represent them at the INT BOG meeting, and Benedict Jones was chosen as the alternate.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 2:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Minto Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
1/27/2014  
Nenana Tribal Hall Conference Room, Nenana**

- I. Call to Order: 11:30 by Tim McManus
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:
  - Freddie Titus- Minto
  - Lori Baker- Minto
  - David Titus- Minto
  - Rachel Titus- Minto
  - Phillip Titus- Minto, Co-Chair
  - Lorraine Alexander- Undesignated
  - Tim McManus- Nenana, Co-Chair
  - Kana Evans- Nenana
  - Jeri Knabe- NenanaMembers Absent:
  - Rondell Jimmy- Nenana
  - Steven Ketzler- NenanaNumber Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Approval of Agenda: yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/22/2013; yes
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, WC, Alida Trainor, SUBS, Nissa Pilcher, BDS, Eric Newland\* CF, Breena Apgar-Kurtz\* CF

\*on teleconference

- VI. Guests Present: none

- VII. New Business:

Discussion on AC Funding

Members are concerned that they will not have funds to meet twice this year to gather to discuss fish and wildlife issues. These issues happen all year long, and not just once a year.

**ACTION ITEM:** Draft letter to representatives expressing members concern with the lack of funding for this important advisory committee process to increase funding for meetings.

Unanimous Support



**Discussion on maps found in Hunting Regulation Book**

Members expressed concern that cooperation land is not referenced on the hunting maps in the state regulation booklet. People see land that isn't designated something, and assume that they can hunt on it even though the land is private. While most people adhere to the private property signs and then don't hunt on the land, some do, and those hunters are more likely to be disrespectful and wasteful.

**ACTION ITEM:** Draft letter to Commissioner Campbell and appropriate Department of Wildlife Conservation staff expressing those concerns.  
 Unanimous support

**Commercial Fisheries 2013 season summary and 2014 projections**-Eric Newland & Breena Apgar-Kurtz

STATEWIDE BOARD OF FISHERIES 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	371		Remove the dip net size restrictions for the Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.
Comment			AC members asked the Department about the need for this change, the current regulations, the duration of the dip net commercial openers, a more detailed description of the dip net fishing gear, the effectiveness of the gear  Our communities have more reliance on the summer chum to fill our subsistence needs now more than ever. We get the end of the run up here, and if all of the fish are taken down river, then we don't get any. We understand that the commercial fishermen in Districts 1-3 are just trying to make a living- they have to buy food and gas too, but we are very concerned with this proposal and the potential ramifications. <u>We choose to not oppose or support it at this time, but would like the Board of Fisheries to understand our reservations.</u>
BOF	372		Define and allow use of a lead for commercial fish wheel gear.
Support	10	0	Department asked about if there had been any enforcement issues with the current lack of definition.  This is already common practice, although when we are subsistence fishing we don't always use them since we are only trying to fill the smokehouse. This should be in the regulations since this is an actual part of a fishwheel, our kids know what they are.
BOF	373		Remove the exception for a dead king salmon to be taken, but not retained, in the Yukon Area districts 1-3 dip net and beach seine commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.
Support	10	0	Department asked about current practice in place for what happens to the Chinooks that are currently caught during the commercial fishery, and current enforcement difficulties.  Our committee believes that it would be difficult to make the argument that more than a handful of Chinooks could be incidentally killed during these



STATEWIDE BOARD OF FISHERIES 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			fisheries, and that this potential loophole should be changed to help preserve the fragile Chinook run.
BOF	376		Establish monofilament purse seines as a new legal gear for the Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.
<b>COMMENT</b>			<p>Department asked on how this type of fishery could be implemented, as well as on how the test fishery went.</p> <p>Members stated that if there is such a surplus that the composers of the proposal are worried about, that the people of this area can certainly help them out there when the fish get upriver to us, no problem. We understand that the commercial fishermen in Districts 1-3 are just trying to make a living- they have to buy food and gas too, but we are very concerned with this proposal and the potential ramifications. <u>We choose to not oppose or support it at this time, but would like the Board of Fisheries to understand our reservations.</u></p>

Additional discussion that the Minto Nenana AC members had with the Division of Commercial Fisheries

- Expressed concern about the high seas pollock fishery and the Chinook bycatch as well as how NMFS is handling it. This federal managed fishery is in part causing the state to break our international treaty with Canada. We are cutting back 75%, and that fishery should as well. Our very culture is at stake.
- Gratitude expressed for Commissioner Campbell's efforts.

Commercial Fisheries Division thanked members for their time and for their complying with the restrictions currently in place on the Yukon River, including the Tanana Drainage. They encouraged members to attend the YRDFA planning meeting, as well as the teleconferences held during the summer. There was also a request to help spread the word of the management decisions back to their communities.

BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	41		Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in Region III.
<b>N/A</b>			Nenana used to hunt sheep a long time ago, but in the 60's the village members that did were terrorized by the state so we quit. We no longer hunt sheep here.
BOG	51		Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.



<b>BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR 2014 MEETING COMMENTS</b>			
<b>BOG or BOF</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
Oppose	0	10	This proposal would lead to the waste of fur, and taking out mothers who are raising pups is the equivalent to destroying the following year's cash crop of wolf pelts. The current season is plenty of time.
BOG	56	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Region III.	
Oppose	0	10	Department questioned on the potential for guiding activity on this resource.  The salvage requirements seem backwards to us- we typically always salvage black bear meat. If the hunter is not planning on taking the meat, the animal shouldn't be harvested for both animals.
BOG	57	Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.	
Oppose	0	10	Department questioned on the potential for guiding activity on this resource.  The salvage requirements seem backwards to us- we typically always salvage black bear meat. If the hunter is not planning on taking the meat, the animal shouldn't be harvested for both animals.
BOG	58	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D.	
Oppose	0	10	Department questioned on the potential for guiding activity on this resource.  The salvage requirements seem backwards to us- we typically always salvage black bear meat. If the hunter is not planning on taking the meat, the animal shouldn't be harvested for both animals.
<b>FAIRBANKS AREA- UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F &amp; 25C</b>			
BOG	97	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.	
Support	10	0	Members noted that the moose population has gone down, and those hunts have brought forth food to our tables, so we are in line with what the department is recommending.
BOG	98	Change bag limit for moose in Unit 20A to any bull.	
Oppose	0	10	If hunters cannot tell the difference, then they shouldn't be out there hunting. We would have to shorten the season if this was to pass. There also might be more wounding loss since hunters won't be looking the moose over as close and might take a quick shot at an animal.
BOG	99	Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	0	10	Retaining the WRCUA is a good idea- that is good breeding grounds and then those moose trickle out to us.
BOG	100	Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.	
Oppose	0	10	Retaining the WRCUA is a good idea- that is good breeding grounds and then those moose trickle out to us.



BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	101	Create targeted moose hunts in Units 20A and 20B.	
Support	10	0	We have had problem moose in town before where we were concerned for our children's safety. This is a good idea.
BOG	102	Allow the taking of any bull by utilizing two harvest tickets in Unit 20A and portions of Unit 20B	
Oppose	0	10	Half a moose per ticket?
BOG	103	Allow a hunter to proxy hunt only once per year for moose in Units 20A and 20B.	
Oppose	0	10	Sometimes there aren't enough hunters for all the folks that need to be hunted for in our communities. As long as the rules are followed, and paperwork is filled out correctly, this shouldn't be a problem.
BOG	104	Allow incidental brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B.	
N/A			We won't take action on this proposal, but we are against baiting for brown bears- habituating them to human foods and smells. We don't want them in fish camp.
BOG	105	Allow brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B	
N/A			We won't take action on this proposal, but we are against baiting for brown bears- habituating them to human foods and smells. We don't want them in fish camp.
BOG	106	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.	
Support	10	0	Department questions asked about how the Minto Flats antlerless hunt was going to be conducted this coming season.  The AC thinks the Department's strategy this year is a good idea and supports their recommendation of cutting back on the number of antlerless moose taken in 20B sounds like a good idea.
BOG	107	Create a nonresident moose season in Unit 20B within the Minto Flats Management Area.	
Oppose	0	10	The AC does not believe that this is a good idea at this time.
BOG	108	Allow the use of air boats for moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area.	
Oppose	0	10	The AC recommends to leave things as they are at this time. Opening the MFMA to airboats will incur a host of problems including, but not limited to, the habitat degradation that air boats will inflict upon the ecosystem of the flats, the harm to the waterfowl population, as well as the noise that will be heard across the flats that will also impede the traditional hunting methods that our communities use to stalk, call, and hunt moose, but also the typically hunting methods used by everyone else who does not use an airboat for hunting.
BOG	112	Create a youth hunt drawing permit for antlerless moose in Unit 20B and a create a Unit 20B Youth Hunt Management Area.	
Oppose	0	10	It would be nice to go out hunting with the family before all the boats came out, but if no one from our local area got a permit, we are essentially giving those moose away to other communities.





BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	116	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Nenana-Totchaket Resource Development Corridor.	
Support	10	0	Members would like this to pass. There are other roads that have been put in, such as the road to Clear Lake, where during the hunting season the area is overrun with ATV traffic. Local residents do use this area to hunt, and it would be nice if there were limitations to the amount of ATV traffic in this area.
BOG	117	Reinstate the Nenana Controlled Use Area.	
Support	10	0	Supported for the reasons outlined within the proposal.

STATEWIDE BOARD OF GAME 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	
Support	10	0	The AC would like to see these regulations simplified, and supports the Board of Game's proposal.  Our AC is split between GMU 20A and GMU 20B, and the deciding factor of where the 'majority' of members resides is solely based on our one Undesignated seat, and if that seat is from Minto or Nenana changes frequently. It is only logical that we be allowed to <u>approve antlerless hunts for the entire GMU 20.</u>
BOG	135	Specify game taken for certain religious ceremonies is to be used within this state.	
Support	10	0	This isn't our practice now- and we wouldn't want to see an entire moose taken under religious ceremony taken out of state. We help out our close communities when they need a moose or a portion of one, but don't, but wouldn't want to see that resource leave the state.
BOG	137	Establish definitions for subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.	
			Proposal was discussed- Members stated that they could define subsistence hunting and uses if that is what the composer and the Board of Game members need.
BOG	160	Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear to match black bear.	
Oppose	0	10	The salvage requirements seem backwards to us- we typically always salvage black bear meat. If the hunter is not planning on taking the meat, the animal shouldn't be harvested for both animals.
BOG	161	Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear to match black bear.	
Oppose	0	10	The salvage requirements seem backwards to us- we typically always salvage



STATEWIDE BOARD OF GAME 2014 MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			black bear meat. If the hunter is not planning on taking the meat, the animal shouldn't be harvested for both animals.

**Advisory Committee Representative at the INT BOG**

Philip Titus was elected to represent the committee.

**Biological Update-** Tony Hollis, ADFG

Brief update given on material not covered during when proposals were gone over. Questions asked on the legal requirements regarding disposal of gut piles near roads.

**Joint Board Meeting Results-** Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

There will be little change to the current meeting structure. The meeting minute template and term date change was discussed.

**Update on BOF/BOG Update for next cycle-**Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

BOG will meet on Southeast, Central Southwest, and Southcentral

BOF will meet on Prince William Sound & Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish, and Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Shellfish, and Southeast and Yakutat Finfish, and Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Shellfish and Supplemental Issues.

The AC is not planning on submitting any proposals to either board during this cycle.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is set for Mino, and will be held as soon as the Area Biologist has completed moose surveys and compiled the information, so in December.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 2:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Nushagak ADFG Advisory Committee**

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**EXCERPTED FOR THE BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR MEETING**

**Full Minutes Available Upon Request**

January 21, 2014

Dillingham City Council Chambers

**Minutes**

I. Call to Order: 9:29 AM

**II. Roll Call:**

**Present in chambers**

Frank Woods – Dlg Chair,  
Joe Chythlook - Dlg - Vice Chair  
Dan Dunaway – Dlg Secretary  
Lloyd (Tom) O’Connor – Dlg  
Robert Heyano - Dlg  
Kurt Armstrong - Dlg  
Gary Kline - Alt.  
Jon Forsling -Togiak by phone  
Chris Carr - Portage - by phone

**Absent**

Robin Samuelson – Dlg excused  
Travis Ball - Aleknagik excused bad weather  
  
Joe Kazmirowicz - Ekwok  
Glen Wysoki - Koliganek  
Louie Alakayak - Manokotak  
  
Peter Christopher - New Stuyahok - by phone  
Mariano Floresta - Clark's Pt. - by phone

When it was clear there would be sufficient members for a quorum without them, J. Forsling (Togiak) and M. Floresta (Clark's) asked to be excused to attend other duties.

Quorum established with 9 member attending.

**Other Agency staff in Attendance:**

Susie Jenkins-Brito ADFG Boards  
Craig Schwanke ADFG Sport Fish  
Ted Krieg ADFG Subsistence  
Sarah Evans ADFG Subsistence

Tim Sands ADFG Com Fish  
Lem Butler ADFG W Cons. by phone.

Gayla Woods BBNA

Danielle Stickman BBNA

Dave Bendinger KDLG News  
Suzanna Henry Spt. Togiak Refuge  
Tevis Underwood, Togiak Refuge

Andy Aderman USFWS Togiak Refuge  
Pat Walsh, Togiak Refuge.

Jim Woolington – Public

A full list of public attendance is available through the Dillingham Boards Support Office



### **III. Approve Agenda:**

**Robert H. moved to adopt, Joe C. 2nd:** Friendly amendment added to include Peter C's request to add caribou and moose season extension topics to the agenda. **Carry unanimous.**

### **IV. Approve Minutes of September 17, 2013 meeting**

**Robert H. moved to adopt, Joe C 2nd:**

Susie noted that the provided copy of the minutes was in the format as presented to the Joint Boards Workshop in October 2013. **Carry unanimous.**

**V. Introductions:** All present briefly introduced themselves.

**VI. Reports:** Full copy of Minutes regarding Staff Reports available upon request.

#### **1) ADFG Wildlife Conservation Report, Lem Butler by phone: GMU 17 Overview**

Reviewed the current situation for the soon to open 17A winter moose hunt including 2 moose bag limit, quota of 10 cows, weather considerations and logistics. ADFG is orking closely with Togiak Refuge staff.

Lem reviewed the state actions recently denying requests to extend winter moose season in 17C. State viewed the alternatives of coming 17A opening and hunting opportunities for caribou on the Nushagak Peninsula. He expressed concerns for lack of current moose population data and recent harvest tallies might suggest declining trend. He recognized extremely poor travel and hunt conditions limit alternatives. He emphasized that moose surveys will be top priority for the new biologist.

Caribou - Lem said a new photo census technique had been used in summer 2013 to get an actual population estimate. The estimate has not been finalized but it appears Mulchatna herd has not grown and is about 30,000 animals; overall est. 19 calves/ 100 cows is ok, 27 bulls/ 100 cows ok but calf recruitment poor. Eastern portion of their range, only estimated to be 14 calves/100 cows and seems related to predation - probably brown bears.

Questions regarding new caribou registration hunt: Too early to know how well harvest reporting will go as season will remain open until March 15. Lem has not heard complaints, he wonders if some venders provided sufficient explanations to hunters but is hopeful.

AC members asked what they could do to help ongoing predator control efforts. One issue is that part of the herd calves in GMU 19 where there is a different regulatory cycle. The problems of controlling brown bear numbers was discussed for a while: very difficult and controversial. Current seasons and harvest regulations are pretty liberal in GMU 17.

An AC member says mining exploration activities in the area are disrupting caribou and add to the problems from predation.

Peter C. New Stuyahok noted current dangerous travel conditions are limiting village efforts to hunt especially east, across the Nushagak River.

AC asked Lem if there were any proposals of special interest in the book. No really critical ones but we might want to consider the moose brow palm proposal (168). He said he doubted the hunt definition proposals would succeed.

#### **2) USFWS Togiak Refuge report, Andy Aderman.**



Andy gave a quick review of Nushagak Peninsula caribou herds and hunts. Not much new since fall meeting. Counted 926 animals in July, only 4 reported harvested this fall. Hunt reopened Dec 1 and remains open into March. A Nush. Pen Caribou Planning Team meeting is scheduled tomorrow, 1-22-14 to discuss permit allocations to villages. Would like to take 176 animals including the 4 already reported. Composition surveys found 40 calves/100 cows and low 30's for bulls/100 cows. Looks good. In 2012-13 season 209 permits available, 179 issued, 147 hunted, 109 animals killed.

17A moose covered well by Lem of ADFG. 17C moose extension request was denied by State and then taken to Federal system. After Federal review, they decided to open Federally managed lands by permit only. Opening was to be announced any minute, awaiting some clarification and good maps, permits were to be available online for Federally qualified residents. Federal lands only.

AC commented that this is unprecedented in our area. This is how it is supposed to work when needed. There is considerable interest in how the hunt works out. There was a discussion whether a proposal should be written to make the winter bull hunt for Antlered bulls vs any bull.

**3) ADFG Board Support Staff Report, Susie Brito**

BOG is considering going to a 3 yr. cycle at the request of the Department; the BOG is soliciting AC input and Public input. This issue WILL be addressed. ADFG suggested and is in favor of this change the longer cycle would be useful. Budget is certainly an issue but also an extent of time between meetings could allow for wildlife issues to be given more time for review by the Department and a better gathering of information to occur. Some comments that longer cycle might actually allow the BOG to be more responsive and effective.

Comments to Interior BOG meeting due January 31. BOG Proposals for our area due May 1 2014. Nushagak AC should plan to meet early April.

**Break 10:45 to 11:05**

**4). Wildlife Troopers report, Fred Burk, overview of hunting season and summer sport fishery enforcement.**

**VII. New Business:**

**Statewide BOF Proposal Discussion – Full minutes available upon request.**

**Chris Carr departs meeting due to phone connection problems and interference w others on teleconference.**

**PROPOSAL 122 - Joe C. Moves, Dan 2nd ACTION: Carry 8-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemption for Region IV.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:** Current liberal seasons, bag and no tag works well out here. I like not having to get the tag.

**PROPOSAL 132 - Joe C. Moves, Robert 2nd ACTION: Carry 8-0**



**DESCRIPTION:** Reauthorize the winter antlerless moose hunt in Unit 17A .

**DISCUSSION:** We worked hard this time last year to set this hunt up and it's just getting going right now.

Meeting continued with discussion on Statewide Board of Game Proposals to be submitted as ontime comment for that meeting

**Adjourn 2:45 PM**



Meeting began at the Multi-Purpose room at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Robert Purpura, Buck Brown, Dave Chartier, Matt Gallien, Keith Gain, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Kelly Brennan, Allison Miller

Members Absent Excused: Bryan Chartier, Michael Opheim, Layla Pedersen, Mary Klinger

Public Present: Jordan Cameron, Keith Swick, John Viksiva, Jeane Merchant

Elections were held with the following results: Warren Brown and Keith Swick as one year alternates, and Keith Gain, Mary Klinger and Jordan Cameron as three year members.

Jason Herreman provided a report on wildlife populations and harvest records to date.

Sherry Wright provided a report on the Joint Board meeting.

**BOG Interior Region proposal discussion**

#	Action Requested	AC Vote to Support or Oppose, any amendments and committee discussion
130	085.045 (13) Re-authorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15(C).	8 – 0 Support Department is interested in some targeted area hunting, due to increased road kill of moose.
175	Defines which ACs will have jurisdiction on the antlerless moose reauthorizations.	Will discuss at another meeting.

Carol Kerkvliet provided a report on the stocking program.

**BOF Lower Cook Inlet proposal discussion**

#	Action Requested	AC Vote to Support or Oppose, any amendments and committee discussion
43	<b>PROPOSAL XX - 5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	0 – 8 Oppose Can't support any kind of trawling in state waters.



44	<p><b>5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area Pollock Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area Pollock Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area Pollock Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>1 – 7 Oppose Support a Pollock fishery and would like to see a removal of Pollock in order to regain shrimp and crab populations. Mid-water Pollock fisheries are often prosecuted along the bottom. Would still like to see a plan. Trawling is not something they could support.</p>
45	<p><b>5 AAC 28.4XX. New Section; 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section; and 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section.</b> Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state-waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>8 – 0 Support In the federal trawl season, vessels can still go within three miles and under federal law, they are only required to have % coverage. If they go into state waters, we would support 100% observer coverage.</p>
46	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries.</p>	<p>0 – 8 Oppose This used to be legal, then illegal and now a request to make legal again. This was so abused by deck hands to ensure people got their limits, that is why it was made illegal. If it was specific only to small children there would be some support. All others get their own.,</p>
48	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>7-1 Support If this can lower the mortality rate of people playing with the fish, it will benefit. Other states have barbless areas for catch and release fisheries. If the amount of time it takes to release a fish is a factor in mortality, it makes sense that a barbless hook is a better method. When an area has been designated as a catch and release area, there is a mortality related to the plague upon those fish. Areas have already been declared a problem, which is often why they become catch and release. Opposing view heard from the biologist that it doesn't make that significant difference and had several years of experience, agrees that the placement of the hook is the main mortality. Sport fishing hooks are pretty small compared to the commercial hooks.</p>
54	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>8-0 Support Seems like the only way from hooking fish and filleting them out is to close specific areas of the river. Witnessed video of people on Willow Creek using trout gear and hooking the kings over and over, dragging them out on the beach and releasing them. They were having a good old time and figured since they had trout gear on their poles they were good. This is just wrong.</p>





55	<p><b>5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>0- 6 – 2 Oppose This proposal is unclear if they intend to include the winter fishery and for that reason oppose. This is a mixed stock fishery.</p>
56	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>0 – 6 – 2 Oppose Same reasons as Proposal 55, two fish if pretty restrictive.</p>
57	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>1-7 Oppose This has come up before at Seldovia AC meetings. They are concerned with the amount of fish that seems to be shipped out of the state. The question of what about halibut came up. What does a person do with the remainder of the fish. If a person catches the fish, they should be able to keep it. Observance at the airport of many people that would travel to Alaska annually and return (financing their trip by the amount of fish they caught). Also people have observed so many people leaving at the airport with the biggest coolers and almost everyone at the airport carrying the same. It should be regulated from the how much you can catch end, not how much you can take out.</p>
63	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.</p>	<p>7-1 Support The fishery doesn't need any more pressure. It would come out of their catch of the day.</p>
65	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.</p>	<p>8-0 Support Would like thin them out any way possible.</p>
71	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon.</p>	<p>0-8 Oppose There is no justification for this. There are very few fish caught during the winter fishery.</p>
73	<p><b>5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan.</b> Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked.</p>	<p>7-0-1 Support This is to align this fishery with the other dipnet fishery regulations. There will still not be a permit required. In the spirit of making the regulations consistent it would be good for</p>



		them all to be the same. There have been complaints about a free for all there. There are skiff loads of fish going out of there and no enforcement.
74	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one.	6-2 Support The charter industry may have a better idea of what is going on in the fishery as they are out there daily. 20 years ago nobody was catching ling cod in this area. Seems like their populations have increased in this area. If the limit is still 36 inches, would tend to believe there are still lots of little fish on their way. Having fished ling cods, there are always so many of them. Consideration that the Homer charter fleet is catering to their customers and if they are asking to self-police, they may have good reason. Prefer to be proactive.
76	<b>5 AAC 01.560. Fishing seasons and daily fishing periods.</b> Clarify open periods for subsistence salmon fishing in August in Seldovia Bay.	8 – 0 Support This will clarify which days are open for subsistence fish. This is housekeeping.
79	<b>5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.</b> Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	0-8 Oppose This is an anti-commercial fishing proposal.
80	<b>5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.</b> Amend waters closed to commercial fishing in Lower Cook Inlet.	Tabled at the meeting for Robert to obtain further information. Robert spoke to Glenn Hollowell, relayed his information to the members and we are all in agreement of <b>support</b> for Proposal 80. This is the fourth time that we discussed this issue. They are just trying to clarify where these boundaries are. They started with visible markers, then went to GPS long/lats. Each time they changed the way they marked the fishery, the fishery moved. The regulatory marker disintegrates and a variety of things. People assumed things were going to be business as usual but they weren't. The committee would like to get more information on this. Did anyone put boots on the ground to see where those coordinates actually are? Tabled to get more information and will poll the committee.
81	<b>5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations; 5 AAC 21.332. Seine specifications and operations; and 5 AAC 27.410. Fishing seasons for Cook Inlet Area.</b> Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. <i>(The finfish aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet meetings. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered during the Statewide king and Tanner Crab meeting.)</i>	0-8 Oppose There is no such thing as a certifiable set net gear that avoids king salmon. This is another anti-commercial fishing proposal.



82	<p><b>5 AAC 21.XXX. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs.</p>	<p>8 – 0 Support Support the hatchery’s cost recovery prioritization. This is similar to how they operate PWS. Believe the Cook Inlet Aquaculture puts a lot of thought into their work.</p>
83	<p><b>5 AAC 21.377. Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Modify management plan for Port Graham Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the SHA.</p>	<p>8 – 0 Support Same comments as Proposal 82.</p>
84	<p><b>5 AAC 21.373. Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA); describe the location of the Bear Lake, China Poot and Hazel Lake, Tutka Bay Lagoon, and Kirchner Lake SHAs; and define fishing seasons within the SHAs.</p>	<p>8 – 0 Support Same comments as Proposal 82.</p>
87	<p><b>5 AAC 28.371. Landing requirements for Cook Inlet Area.</b> Modify offloading requirements for groundfish.</p>	<p>Kelly Brennan had to leave 7 – 0 Support This gives you some leeway so if a processor is unable to take care of everyone within 24 hours. This eliminates the need to ask for that exemption.</p>

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Multi-purpose room to finalize LCI proposals (Prop 81), determine if a representative will be attending the BOF LCI meeting in Anchorage and begin discussion of UCI BOF proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

**Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes of November 14, 2013**



Call to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman McCracken at the City of Seward Council Chambers.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Jeanette Hanneman, Jim Herbert, Bob White, John Flood, W.C. Casey, Diane Dubuc, Ezra Campbell, Trent Foldager, Arne Hatch, Robin Collman. McCracken offered introduction of the Committee members to any in the audience who were not familiar with individuals.

Quorum present: 12 members present, 8 required.

Members Excused: Mark Clemens

Members Absent: Matt Hall, Jim Hubbard,

User groups present: Sport and Commercial Fish, Hunting, Conservation, Wildlife viewing, Guiding, non consumptive users, personal use

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III. Approval of Agenda: [Motion–Casey; Dubuc] no objection

IV. Approval of minutes from of November 7, 2013. [Motion - Casey; Hatch] were approved with minor edits - no objections

V. Agency Staff Present: Jeff Selinger, Jason Herreman

VI. Public Present: Benjamin Pister, Wolfgang Kurtz, Heidi Zemach

VII. Correspondence: none

VIII. Citizen's comments on F&G matters: none

IX. Presentations:

W.C Casey attended a meeting with Chamber of Commerce personnel, Dan Bosch and others concerning placing salmon smolt in a net pen in the Lagoon. The Chamber initiated this dialogue. The fish would be held for two weeks and then released to enter the bay. F&G supports the concept and would provide food for the smolt. The first step to be handled by grad students lined up by Bosch is to understand the hydrology of the basin. Members suggested the SW area was deepest and is the likely site for the pens. Others worried that there might not be adequate water flow to keep densely packed smolt with enough oxygen. Collman felt that if approved, the project would have low impact. The AC will stay tuned to this project and generally tasked Casey with being our representative.

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Jeff Selinger and Jason gave an overview of the Game Harvests on the peninsula and specifically Unit 7.

Species	Peninsula	Unit 7
Goats	61	24
Sheep	7	4
Caribou	18	?
Wolves	55-60	6
Marten	130	90
Beaver	70	15
Lynx	400	23
Otter	32	5
Wolverine	21	7
Black bear	422	141
Brown bear	45 hunting+24 non hunting	12-hunting
Moose	151 [Unit15C = 97]	2

With the new regulations for black bears there is a limit of 3/year and also more liberal baiting regulations. This has not produced an increased harvest. Actually the overall black bear harvest is down about a third from last year. White said the large number of brown bears dominating baiting stations has resulted in a decrease in bear baiting in our area. Overall the peninsula harvest of black bears on bait was 9% and in Unit 7 14%.

McCracken talked about the much higher harvest of moose in Unit 7 in the past. He asked how we might enhance the habitat to bolster the moose population. Selinger said the main habitat in Unit 7 was spruce forest and riparian areas with moose concentrated in the latter. Miners burned substantial portions in the early 1900's and hunted predators harder and that may have lead to larger moose populations. Selinger said his philosophy and the Board of Game was focused on offering opportunity to hunters even if the odds of success was very low. There was a comment that more moose were killed by vehicles than taken by hunters. White reiterated his belief that cow and calf loss to brown bears was the reason for the depressed numbers and that would not change until brown bears were at much lower levels.

Audience member Pister asked for clarification on moose regulations and the Kenai Peninsula moose season [8/20 – 9/20]. He also had some questions on predators and snowfall as limiting factors.

X. Old Business: none

XI. New Business:

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**The committee discussed Game proposals to be considered at the March 14-18, 2014.**

**Proposal 147:** [Collman/Hanneman]

Motion failed 0-9-2

We heard that these species are hardy enough that they could survive winters in SE AK and hence become an invasive species creating problems for other bird species that could include diseases. These diseases might be introduced inadvertently even by captive birds. We know that individuals in the community have owned and possibly still own African Finches. Selinger said that F&G would grandfather in these pets by permit or other means but not allow their breeding or replacement when they die.

**Proposal 148:** [Collman/Campbell]

Motion failed 0-9-2

We consider hamsters as a possible invasive species that might have unintended negative consequences if escaped animals could establish themselves in the wild. We do not believe they should be sold or possessed. Hanneman suggests the incorrect family name is used in the proposal.

**Proposal 149:** [Collman/Hanneman]

Supports 7-3-1

Took some time to understand just what the Department was asking for. We try to protect our borders as much as possible but know that there is still the possibility of negative organisms like moose ticks and other diseases getting into Alaska populations. We believe a positive vote on this proposal allows F&G better abilities to deal with rat infested vessels in a timely manner. Those opposed felt there was no reason to allow a rat infested vessel anywhere close to shore.

Vice-Chair Dubuc departed. A quorum is still present.

**Proposal 175:** [White/Herbert] Support as amended (see below) 6-3-1

We understand this is a proposal from F&G at the Board of Game's request to establish a structure for future decisions. McCracken does not like it, stating that we view our citizens as using many of the adjacent areas in the historic past and that we have valuable knowledge and interest in those areas.

Amend the proposal that we should have a say in antlerless moose hunts in Units 16 B (Kalgin Island), 6D, and 15 A,B, and C. [Herbert/Hatch]

Casey would like to vote the whole of 175 down as he believes each AC should vote on what is important to its members and those they represent. He feels we do not abuse the system by taking positions on matters not relevant to us. Hatch said we represent many groups of hunters in our area and should be able to give input in many areas. Foldager did not like the idea that we would be limited in our discussions and should be able to give input on what we felt was important to us. Similar comment came from White.

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Some feared this would be a precedent for restricting the input of AC's on other matters to specific local issues. Hatch sees input possible by any AC but believes for the Board to act on antlerless hunts it must have the support of the local AC specifically involved with the hunt in question. He and others expressed sympathy for local jurisdiction and the folks most impacted.

Amendment passed 9-1-0

Discussion on the main motion as amended: Similar to above but focus was on the historic involvement by Seward area hunters and the knowledge Seward hunters have of adjacent areas. The idea of cow hunting was not endorsed by some of the opponents.

Proposal 175 as amended final vote: carried 6-3-1

**Proposal 126:** [Collman/Campbell] Failed 3-5-2

Information was presented on the surveys done to get the populations in this area to make decisions to carefully manage the population. The key was protection of habitat from severe over browsing in the winter. Heard about the Homer antlerless hunt that takes out resident moose before the winter moose move in. Understand that the Skilak cow hunt has been permanently eliminated after not being used for a long period of time. McCracken takes the Billy Miller philosophy that it is not good to kill cows. Those in favor felt habitat protection was the main factor, those opposed felt moose populations should not be compromised by cow or calf kills.

**Proposal 174:** [Hanneman/Collman] Failed 0-9-1

Hanneman had done extensive research on this proposal. She stated that the group submitting the proposal had a constitutional right to take raptors in Alaska even though they were non residents. She felt the Alaska Falconry Association had done an excellent job of addressing each major point put forth by the proposers and had offered a legitimate, conservative solution to the Board of Game. The new regulation if adopted should exclude aliens as there is a fear of exporting raptors to other countries. Under an open borders concept, people from the lower 48 could bring their birds here to hunt.

Collman and Hanneman said all of the species mentioned in the proposal are found in the lower 48 though the Gyrfalcons very rarely. Collman fears that this is the target bird for people from Outside. Hanneman would like to see a provision that any raptors taken would not be part of a captive breeding program. These programs exist in the lower 48 for most raptor species used in falconry.

McCracken felt the proposal was incomplete as it did not follow the format prescribed by Board Support and left many sections blank. It will cost the F&G more money to administer this additional program and in keeping with other permits and licenses, the non residents should pay higher fees than residents.

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The Board must very clearly specify the numbers of each raptor species per year, the number of permits or birds/person, and exactly how the permits will be issued, for example by lottery.

**Proposal 172:** [White/Campbell] failed 0-7-3

White feels snares are a good management tool. Paw snares in his opinion are selective for black bears and not brown bears except possibly brown bear cubs. A conscientious trapper will run his gear every day. The Seward AC majority voted in favor of black bear snaring in 2010. Abstentions either did not feel qualified to vote on the matter or had voted against the measure in the past.

### Break from 22010-22020

**Proposal 173:** [White/Hanneman] failed 1-4-5

At issue was the constitutional issue of "take" in terms of wild game. White suggested it could go as far as "cause to disturb" an animal as an over zealous photographer harassing wildlife. There was worry that over zealous law enforcement might abuse provisions of this archery regulation. There was a comment that the proposer wanted to get away from the concept of a nick that was non-lethal terminating a hunt. Or an animal being struck by a projectile that drew no blood being counted in your bag limit. An opinion was expressed that over eager guides might push a client to take an unadvisable shot that resulted in this sort of "take".

**Proposal 130:** [Casey/Hatch] supported 6-4-0

Those against did not like the idea of killing cows and detracting from the breeding population at all. Those in favor saw the population of 15C as the healthiest on the peninsula [3300 according to Selinger]. This is in the upper half of the intensive management population guidelines. Selinger felt the population could handle it and reminded us that no calves or cows with calves could be shot. As mentioned in previous discussion, the resident animals are usually taken before the winter migrants move into the Homer bench from the hills. The 2012 harvest was 19 animals. It seems a carefully managed system, but the concept of providing an opportunity to hunt on the peninsula seems to underlie decision making. We also expressed concerns for the damage caused by heavy over browsing if the herd was too large and concentrated.

**Proposal 131** [White/Hatch] supported 8-2-0

Though managed by the Palmer office, the Seward AC represents citizens who have hunted Kalgin Island. We know it is extremely dense vegetation and difficult for counting moose as well as hunting. There are no moose predators on the island and it is estimated that a healthy long term population for the island is 40-50 animals. Given hunting conditions and the size of the current population, we feel the current liberal harvest is acceptable. Those opposed generally feel cow hunts are unwise.



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**Proposal 166:** [Campbell/White} failed 0-10-0

We looked at the definition of "transporter" and understood under current interpretation that it includes receiving compensation above basic trip expenses. We were worried about the role of private boats or lodges in the proposed language. In general we were content with the status quo and its enforcement. We heard a comment that Homer AC had voted this down when it heard from the proposer that they did not fully understand the definition of transporter.

The Seward AC voted 10-0-0 to authorize Dianne Dubuc to represent us at the December Board of Fish meeting. Notice has been passed along to Sherry Wright ahead of the filing of these minutes.

**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Seward AC meeting was to be January 16, 2014 at 1900 hours to review the outcomes of the Board of Fish meetings and conduct the election of AC members. It was subsequently moved to January 15 to accommodate the travel plans of Sherry Wright. Those with terms expiring at the end of December 2013 are Jim McCracken, Jim Hubbard, Robin Collman, W.C. Casey, and Ezra Campbell. Notice of elections will be sent to the public at least two weeks before the January meeting.

Thanks to Jeanette for the snacks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm. [Casey, Campbell]]

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J. Herbert, Secretary



**Minutes of the  
Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee (SHAC)  
Jan. 15, 2014 in Sleetmute, AK  
&  
Comments on Proposals for the Board of Game  
Region III / Interior Meeting -Feb, 2014 &  
Statewide Meeting - March, 2014**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order -**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Doug Carney at 1:55 P.M.

**Roll Call & Quorum -**

There are a total of 8 members from 4 villages, with 5 needed for a quorum.

**5 members were present -**

- Barb Carlson & Scott Greger - Red Devil
- Terrence Morgan & Doug Carney – Sleetmute
- David Bobby – Stony River

**Absent were -**

- Rick Breckheimer & Faron Bobby –Lime Village
- Charlie Bobby – Stony River

**User groups present were** – subsistence, hunting, guiding, subsistence fishing, trapping, sport fishing, conservationist

Biologist Josh Peirce and the 2 Lime Village SHAC members planned to charter a plane from McGrath & Lime Village, but weather prevented the flight.

There were no other attendees at the meeting.

\*BOG proposal books and folders containing documents were handed out to members.

Information included in the folders were -

- the results of the Fall, 2013the composition count
- results of bear predator control program
- moose stock health indicator sheet, (calf :cow, bull: cow and other ratios)
- BOF action summaries from Jan, 2013 A-Y-K & spring statewide meetings
- Joint Board action summary from the Oct. 2013 meeting
- A list of some of the more important proposals the committee would be considering

These were referred to in discussions throughout the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda** – There were no additions suggested, and so it was approved.



## **Other Business / Members' Concerns**

Chairman, Doug Carney said that any members or others present could voice any matters they wanted to discuss, in addition to those on the agenda, and they would be brought up under "Other Business" later in the meeting.

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting? – None voiced.
- Anything for future meetings? – A proposal for bear predator control on the Stony River upriver from the village past and around Lime Village area - for the 2016 Region III meeting.

## **Old Business**

- **Approval of Minutes** – Dec.6, 2012 SHAC Teleconference meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Results of Jan, 2013 BOF meeting & discussion
- Results of Spring, 2013 Statewide BOF meeting & discussion

Using the action summaries of BOF meetings, the committee went over proposals the committee had voted on at its last meeting, and compared the results.

- Results of Oct., 2013 Joint Boards meeting / affects of ACs were discussed (eg. Bethel has its own AC)

## **New Business**

- Moose composition count– Josh Peirce was not present, so the chair gave results of the recent composition count, and led discussion comparing it to past F & G comp. counts
- Bear control program – results of bear predator control program - ratios inside and outside the bear control management area – were discussed.  
The success of bear control in calf survival was evident in the increased cow – calf ratios. SHAC members all look forward to the coming 2<sup>nd</sup> season of bear control and its affect on moose numbers.
- Fisheries report – Barb Carlson gave results of Salmon Working Group meeting, and told committee of possible actions the working group would put before BOF. Barb said that King salmon was the main issue.
  1. There were no tributaries of the Kuskokwim where escape counts are done, that reached escapement goals. (This is 1<sup>st</sup> time the Kogugluk did not.)
  2. There were almost no closures last summer, There were good King catches as far upriver as Kalskag
  3. Of estimated 100k in river, 85k were caught below Akiachuck camp.
  4. Forecast to be the same this coming ,year as last year

This next year the salmon working group would like to see a minimum escapement of 85k, allowing maybe 15k to be caught. They want to close all fishing the whole length of the Kusko, with possibly a few windows / strong enforcement of regs. (Upriver members supported this - downriver members opposed.) There will be no sport fishing in the whole drainage / when open in July / 6" mesh will be allowed for red and chum / 4" mesh set nets will be allowed during King season, but no drifting for them – no targeting.

The working group will petition BOG to take some action for this summer. They are to recommend 2 main choices - Dipnetting and 150 foot nets



**SHAC unanimously gave support for both, and agreed that -  
If the petition is allowed, for a BOF meeting in 2014, Barb Carlson is given the  
authority to make comments in support of a proposal or action that BOF decides on.**

**Comments on proposals for the –**

- Interior / Region III BOG meeting/Feb.14-23
- Statewide Cycle A BOG meeting / March 14-18

SHAC discussed and voted on comments for both meetings. Results are below

**Adjourn** – 4:20 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Region III Meeting Comments / Feb, 2014



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	51	Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12,19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.	
Support	5	0	Along with increasing hunting opportunity, this will remove more predators. SHAC supports predator control in Region III & statewide
BOG	52	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.	
Support	5	0	For residents of Region III, brown bear are targets of opportunity. This is a good regulation. (SHAC made a proposal to get rid of brn. bear tag for residents at a past BOG meeting, before it became regulation).
BOG	53	Change the bag limit for black bear in Units 25C and 25D.	
Support	5	0	This will increase hunting opportunity and aid in predator control.
BOG	54	Allow the Department of Fish and Game to offer permits for trapping bears under their discretionary authority in Region III.	
Support	5	0	SHAC supports this mainly as another predator control tool.
BOG	55	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region III.	
Oppose	5	0	This would take away a predator control tool. Bears are furbearers as well and need to be thinned out in Region III to improve moose calf survival rates. <u>Interesting that these people always protect predators, rather than prey species.</u>
BOG	62	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program.	
Support	5	0	Wolf predator control has been effective in building moose stocks in GMU 19A, and will continue to do so. With the bear control program that has been added to the IM plan, SHAC anticipates healthy moose stocks. <b><u>The 4 villages that SHAC represents voluntarily gave up moose hunting and advocated a closure at the 2006 Region III BOG meeting. They still support this closure.</u></b>
BOG	63	Reauthorize the Unit 19D- East predation control program.	
Support	5	0	This has had a great positive effect in rebuilding moose stocks. It is a good predator control program to continue with. <b><u>Possibly amend to add bear control similar to 19A program.</u></b>
BOG	64	Extend the lynx trapping season in Unit 19.	
Support	5	0	SHAC supports this for the reason given – Make lynx season the same as wolverine. There can be incidental lynx catch when trapping wolverine.
BOG	67	Modify the game management units boundaries for Unit 18, 19, and 21.	
Support	5	0	ADF&G manages a large eastern portion of the affected area as part of 19A. CKAC and BOG have revisited this issue for about 10 years. SHAC would like to see this issue resolved, so both can spend that time on other issues.
<b>Statewide Meeting Comments / March, 2014</b>			
BOG	135	Specify game taken for certain religious ceremonies is to be used within this state	
Support	5	0	This regulation was made specifically for religious ceremonies that are practiced by people that live within the state. It certainly was



			not a <u>tradition</u> to share the meat with people living outside of Alaska.
BOG	137		Establish definitions for subsistence hunting and subsistence fishing uses.
Oppose	5	0	SHAC believes in a subsistence priority statewide for all Alaska residents. Also, when a specific prey stock is depleted in a GMU or subunit - a priority should be given to those Alaskans who reside within that same GMU, and directly depend on that stock.
BOG	138		Establish emergency subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.
Oppose	1	3	Those opposing did not want another layer of unnecessary regulation, when it is already legal to take game out of season if you need it to survive. The supporting member wanted the further guarantee he believes this reg. would provide.
BOG	142		Remove the requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.
Support	5	0	SHAC supports this for the reasons stated under “Issues” and “What will happen if nothing is done.” Presently, this reg. amounts to warrantless searches – not only by peace officers, but also by dept. employees.
BOG	143		Repeal the requirement for raw fur shipping permits.
Support	5	0	This is an unnecessary regulation, causing undue hardship for trappers. Repeal of this regulation also helps protect Alaskans from prosecution by federal govt.
BOG	144		Repeal the requirement for export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals & fur bearers from Alaska.
Support	5	0	For same reasons as are given above for Proposal 143.
BOG	159		Remove the meat salvage requirement for brown bear taken over bait.
Oppose	5	0	Quality meat can be salvaged. Those who don’t want it can give it away.
BOG	162		Clarify that brown bear can be taken over bait under the conditions of a permit.
Support	5	0	The reasons given under “Issue” – resolves conflicting regulations.
BOG	164		Require the department to compile a yearly predator management / predator control report.
OPPOSE	5	0	This is unnecessary, unworkable, too expensive, as well as actually having the ulterior motive of bleeding the limited resources the dept. has available for pred. control, especially man-hours and funding. Much information <u>is</u> already available to the public on pred. control in general, and on specific programs.
BOG	165		Repeal the special provisions in predation control areas concerning the sale of hides and skulls, and allowing airborne hunters to harvest black bear over bait.
Oppose	1	4	The committee supports the 1 <sup>st</sup> part, but voted against it because of 2 <sup>nd</sup> part - not allowing same day airborne. <u>We would like to see it amended - with part 2 taken out. In an active predator control area, SHAC believes in maximizing all resources – both public and private.</u>



BOG	166	Establish a definition for transporter.	
Oppose	5	0	Presently, individuals can augment income by transporting seasonally or as opportunities to do so arise. This definition would prevent some people from doing this, by limiting participation. It sounds like a self-serving proposal.
BOG	167	Establish a definition for guide and assistant guide.	
Oppose	5	0	These terms are already defined. Again, this sounds like a self-serving proposal.
BOG	172	Remove black bears from the furbearer classification.	
OPPOSE	5	0	<b>STRONGLY. This is nothing but a ploy to limit or prevent predator control through the use of snares.</b>
BOG	174	Allow nonresident falconers to capture raptors.	
Oppose	5	0	Some of these birds are worth a lot of money, so if this activity is allowed - it should be closely monitored to prevent it becoming a non-res. business, rather than a sport. Why not require these non-residents to be guided by "Alaskan falconer capture guides" – just like big game hunters? This would help prevent abuse and over-harvest, as well as allowing Alaskans to benefit from the taking of the resource as well.
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	
Support	5	0	SHAC found the GMU 19 listing to be correct.



## **Meeting Minutes for Tanana-Rampart-Manley Advisory Committee, October 21, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by AC Chairman Stan Zuray at 10:45 am.

**Roll Call:** Stan Zuray, Charlie Campbell, Helium (Una) Edwardsen, Linda Johnson, Ray Woods, Floyd Green, Charlie Wright, Cliff Wiehl, Aaron Kozevnikoff, Ruth Althoff

**Guests:** Kathleen Zuray, Jackie Edwin, Brenda Woods, Tony Hollis, ADF&G WC; Alida Trainor ADF&G SUBS; Brad Scotton USFWS Galena; Kenton Moos UFSWS Galena.

Una made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, December 12, 2012, seconded by Linda. Passed unanimously.

Charlie C made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of Predator control and a report on our AC's efforts to oppose ACR 4 at the joint board's recent meeting, seconded by Una. Passed unanimously.

Report from Stan Zuray on ACR(Agenda Change Request)4, an effort by district 1,2, and 3 fishermen to petition the Boards of Fisheries to add to their agenda and hear a request out of sequence to allow purse seining and the use of monofilament line in those districts. Our AC had written a letter strongly opposing this ACR 4 as being both a bad idea from a conservation standpoint-- both the seining, and the use of monofilament in any kind of net fishing-- and for not being legitimately a conservation concern and therefore justifying an ACR. The Board has denied this ACR.

Charlie C moved that proposal WP14-44 of the Eastern Interior Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board be supported by the TRM AC. Seconded by Una, **passed unanimously**.

### **Proposal 117;** Reinstate the Nenana Controlled Use Area

Una moved that the TRM AC support this proposal to help support Minto. Charlie C seconded, passed unanimously.

**10 Support 0 Oppose**

### **Proposal 118;** Change the season dates for moose hunting in Unit 20F to Unit 20F, Yukon River drainage and Tanana River drainage, moose hunting season: September 10-30.

Una moved that the TRM AC support Tanana Tribal Council in proposal 118.

Discussion: This will increase moose hunting opportunity.

Amendment: The AC wished for the record to amend the Moose hunting dates for local residents in 20 F from the 1 – 25 September.

Seconded by Charlie C, passed unanimously.

**10 Support as Amended 0 Oppose**

### **Proposal 119;** Change the season dates for winter moose season in Unit 20F to December 1-15.

Charlie Wright moved that the TRM AC support proposal 119 from the Tanana Tribal Council, to extend the winter moose hunt dates in 20F, to Dec 1 to Dec 15.

Discussion: This will increase moose hunting opportunity.





Seconded by Una, passed unanimously.

**10 Support 0 Oppose**

**Proposal 120;** Require trophy destruction for all moose taken in Unit 20F in the Yukon River drainage and Tanana River drainage.

Una moved that the TRM support proposal 120, a proposal by the Tanana Tribal Council to mandate the destruction of the trophy value of antlers on moose harvested in Unit 20F.

Seconded by Charlie C.

Discussion: Members felt that this would be a good way to reduce the number of trophy hunters in the area. The one dissenting member felt that this was unnecessary at this time.

Motion passed, with one opposed.

**9 Support 1 Opposed**

**Proposal 121;** Create a controlled use area, a corridor extending for two miles on either side of the new road to Tanana, in the area between the road's crossing of the eastern boundary of GMU 20F at one end of the corridor, and at its confluence with the Yukon River at the western end.

Within this controlled use area, there is to be no hunting with any use of wheeled and or mechanized vehicles originating within the road corridor

Motion 121, by Tanana Tribal Council. Charlie C moved that the TRM AC strongly support this proposal, seconded by Una.

Discussion: Members are concerned with the potential impacts on game when the new road is built. Members are worried that the road hunters that will utilize the road will negatively and strongly impact the river hunting that traditionally occurs already in this area by residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

**10 Support 0 Oppose**

Charlie C moved that the TRM AC appoint a delegation to attend the next Tanana Tribal Council meeting in order to present this resolution. Seconded by Una, passed unanimously.

### **Moose Management & Predator Control**

Tony Hollis and Kenton Moos made presentations on what is known about moose management and predator control in 20F and adjacent management Units on the Nowitna River, and the subject of "Intensive Management" and its applicability to 20 F. No action taken

#### **Action Item: Letter**

Motion by Charlie C to authorize a letter of complaint from the TRM AC to USFWS regarding USFWS's letter of non-objection to the State Board of Fisheries regarding purse seining proposal ACR4. Seconded by Aaron, passed unanimously.

#### **Action Item: Support Tanana Subsistence Survey**

Linda made a motion that TRM AC support having a comprehensive subsistence survey done for Tanana in particular. Seconded by Una, passed unanimously.



**Action Item: Proposal for BOF in 2015/2016**

Charlie C moved that the TRM AC re-authorize their proposal to the Board of Fish in January 2013 in support of a Yukon River drainage full moratorium on fishing for King salmon for a period of two years. Seconded by Stan, passed unanimously.

Charlie Wright moved to adjourn, seconded by Aaron. Passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.



Upper Tanana/40 Mile AC Meeting 11/21/13

Members present: Leif Wilson, Matt Synder, Danny Grangaard, Thor Jorgensen, Peter Talus, Frank Entsminger, Mike Cronk, Jake Combs.

Robertson River moose survey results:

Discussed the bull/cow ratio on the Robertson and looks like about 33 bulls/100 cows over the area.

Vote (8-0) to withdraw.

With the new data that shows a bull/cow average of 33 bulls per 100 cows, the UT/40 mile AC has decided to withdraw this proposal.

TMA sheep. Discussing what to do with the TMA permit #'s. Looked at what data we have and have asked ADF&G to supply more data to help determine a ratio of sheep/# of permits.

Proposal 142 (8-0) in support

Proposal 143/144 (8-0) in support

Proposal 152/153/154/155/156/157 (0-8) Oppose

Eastern Interior RAC (Sue E report)

If the AC supports it, the EIRAC will support. If we oppose, they will oppose also.

Our AC needs to write and send Sue E a letter on a hunter that is getting a permit to hunt the Chisana caribou herd whom does not live year round.

Support proposal's 39-49 for discussion

At the next meeting, write a letter to the BOG about the current sheep and brown bear situation. To investigate, gather ideas, about sheep and brown bears on Kodiak.

Proposal 55 (0-8) Oppose. Direct conflict with our bear proposal.

Proposal 54 (8-0) Support

Proposal 56-57-58 (8-0) Support. There is no need to have to salvage the meat off grizzly bears taken off of bait when you do not have to salvage the meat off of a grizzly bear that is not taken off of bait.

Proposal 81 (8-0) Support.



Proposal 83 (8-0) Amend to delete unit 20E from this and increase bait stand to 4 per guide in unit 12. Unit 12 is heavily baited by local people and there is no need to create further conflict by packing in bait stands right next to each other and directly conflicting with people whom have been baiting in these areas for years.

Proposal 87 (8-0) We support proposal 87 with the amendment to add proposal 88 to this and we support our proposal 88 with the amendment to have a closed season from Aug. 23-Sept. 17 to keep hunter/trapper conflicts issues down. Amend also to add hunting to this proposal with the trapping part.

Proposal 95 (8-0) Support

Proposal 104 (8-0) Support

Next meeting date: Check with Jeff Gross on the date selected. (December 17, 2013)



**Yukon Flats Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 14, 2014  
Fairbanks, AK**

I. Call to Order: 2:02 pm by Chairman Larry Williams

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

McGarrett John, Arctic Village  
Richard Williams, Beaver  
Bertha [Birdie] Billy, Beaver  
Nicholas Baalam, Birch Creek  
Patricia [Patti] Salmon, Chalkyitsik  
Jack Boyle, Circle  
Charles John, Circle  
Andrew Firmin, Fort Yukon  
Walter Peter, Fort Yukon  
Larry Williams, Venetie (Chair)

\*There is no vice chair and secretary at this time

Members Absent: One vacant seat from each of the following communities;

Arctic Village  
Chalkyitsik  
Venetie.

Two vacant seats from

Stevens Village (at the current wish of the village council)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved, no additions

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/19/2013 approved, no additions

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Beth Lenart, DWC; Jason Caikoski, DWC; Jeff Estensen, DCF; Eric Newland,\* DCF; Seth Wilson, SUBS; Nissa Pilcher, BDS  
\*via teleconference

VI. Guests Present: Steve Berendzen, USFWS; Nathan Hawkaluk, USFWS; Vince Mathews, USFWS; and Gerald Maschman USFWS; Orvill Huntington, TCC; Brian McKenna, TCC; Joe Matesi

VII. New Business:



**Joint Board Meeting Update**-Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

There were no decisions that will affect the way that this AC currently conducts business. Members were informed of the term date changes and the new meeting minute template.

<b>BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR 2014 MEETING COMMENTS</b>			
<b>BOG or BOF</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOG	51	Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25.	
Support	8	2	<p>Members noted that they are taught to use everything, and that wolves harvested in the spring and summer time aren't good- they are still weaning their young and you would be wasting the fur.</p> <p>Other members noted that they believe in wolf hunting and trapping in part to help the moose population out, and that they would consider this proposal for those folks who would want to take advantage of this opportunity. They noted that while they won't eat a wolf, they could sure eat a moose, and less wolves could mean more moose.</p> <p>Members noted that it is difficult to hunt wolves in the Yukon Flats.</p>
BOG	52	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.	
Support	10	0	No discussion
BOG	53	Change the bag limit for black bear in Units 25C and 25D	
Support with Amendment	10	0	This AC would like GMU 25B to be included in this, so the residents of Circle could also have the option of harvesting additional bears. There is a lot of bear activity in this area, and these animals could be utilized by the community.
BOG	78	Modify antler restriction bag limit for moose in Unit 25.	
Oppose	0	10	<p>Department clarified the intent of the proposal, as well as their recommendations.</p> <p>Members noted that the composer noted that the moose in this area are nutritionally stressed, but questioned that statement since the moose population in this area is not high. Members noted that portions of this hunt area is accessible via the road system, and the already low moose population in this area, so due they would like to see the nonresident antler restrictions stay the same.</p>
BOG	79	Create a new hunt area for moose in Unit 25S and establish season dates and bag limits	
Support	10	0	<p>Members noted that the current hunt seems to be a designated hunt for nonlocal residents and nonlocals that have access to airplanes, with the exception of the few local residents of that area.</p> <p>Members noted ted that the moose from this area migrate all over, and if hunting pressure was reduced on them in this area then they could have a</p>



<b>BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR 2014 MEETING COMMENTS</b>			
<b>BOG or BOF</b>	<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
			chance to migrate further down river and allow residents of the Yukon Flats to harvest them, instead of the people who can afford airplanes. Members noted that while it is difficult to get a moose near Ft. Yukon, the boats that drive by town always seem to have them.
BOG	80	Allow harvest of brown bears over black bear bait in Unit 25D	
Support	10	0	Department was asked on how many baiting permits are issued in GMU 25D, but the department noted that it was unknown the number of beard taken on those since there is not sealing requirement, and no harvest ticket requirement. Members noted that they are in favor of any proposal that could potentially increase the harvest of either black or brown bears.
<b>BOARD OF GAME 2014 STATEWIDE MEETING COMMENTS</b>			
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory Committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts	
Support	10	0	The AC supports the decision of the board to create less complicated regulations involving antlerless moose reauthorization.  Members of this AC are spread out over all the subunits of GMU 25, and we would want to come together and talk about any antlerless hunts to be conducted as a group. <u>The Yukon Flats AC would like the authority to speak for the entirety of GMU 25 for reauthorization antlerless hunts.</u>

**Summer Season Yukon River Drainage Update-** Eric Newland, ADFG  
Recap of 2013 season, and what we can think about for the 2014 season

**Fall Season Yukon River Drainage Update-** Jeff Estensen, ADFG  
Recap of 2013 season, and what we can think about for the 2014 season

YR DFA preseason meeting will be the first week or so of April

Department thanked fishermen for all efforts and everything that has been done with the reduction in fishing so far



BOARD OF FISHERIES 2014 STATEWIDE MEETING COMMENTS			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
<b>REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS</b>			
BOF	371	Remove dip net size restrictions for Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.	
Oppose	0	10	There is only so many times that a king can be caught if it is expected to live to make it all the way to Canada- only so many dip nets, so many fish wheels so many everything that these fish can take. The commercial fishing industry is still making a profit without this change.
BOF	372	Modify the specifications and operations of a commercial fish wheel in the Yukon Area to allow the use of a lead.	
Oppose	0	10	ACs questioned where commercial fishing with fish wheels take place on the river, and what species are targeted. While the AC understand that this is a housekeeping proposal, and like the idea of defining this, we feel that this proposal should specify the length and material that the 'leads' are.
BOF	373	Remove the exception allowing for a dead king salmon to be taken, but not retained, in the Yukon Area districts 1-3 dip net and beach seine commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.	
Support	10	0	Questions asked of the Department of the likelihood of injuring/killing a Chinook through this method of fishing. Concern was expressed over having to turn a dead king into the river. Members acknowledged enforcement concern with commercial fishermen taking Chinook with the current regulations.
BOF	377	Establish monofilament purse seines as a new legal gear for the Yukon Area districts 1-3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.	
Oppose	0	10	The monofilament net can cut up the kings, and how many times can a fish be caught and released until the stress is too much?

**FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD GAME PROPOSAL COMMENTS FOR 2014**

**WP14-01 New statewide provisions for trapping requiring ID tags on all traps and snares, establish a maximum time limit for checking traps, and establish a harvest report for non-targeted species trapped.**

This would make federal regulations more restrictive then state, and put trappers in risk of having to check traps even in very bad weather.

**OPPOSE- Unanimous**

**WP14-42 Requests a positive C&T determination for sheep in Units 20E, 25B, and 25C.**

**AMENDMENT: Include GMU 25D in the positive C&T determination**

Historically, the residents of 25D have utilized this resource. It would only take 5 hours for a resident of Ft Yukon to get into this area, and historically, they have-





traders and other travelers from GMU 25D have utilized this resource. The AC would like to see federally qualified users of GMU 25D be included in this proposal. During times of limited food resources, it is important for the residents of GMU 25D to have access to this valuable and historically utilized resource.

**SUPPORT AS AMENDED- Unanimous**

**WP14-43 Requests establishing a hunting season and harvest limit for sheep in Units 20E, 25B, 25C, and 25D.**

Housekeeping- this proposal seeks to establish a federal regulation where there are currently only state regulations.

**SUPPORT- Unanimous**

**WP14-48 Requests a Federal closure in portions of Unit 25A except by residents of Arctic Village, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, and Fort Yukon with a permitted harvest of five bull moose.**

The committee supported the proposal to allow the moose population to grow and expand into other areas. Discussion included the migratory nature of moose as well as the current population and the area that is proposed for the closure.

**SUPPORT- Unanimous**

**WP14-50 Requests that brown bears be allowed to be hunted over bait in Unit 25D.**

Members noted that they are in favor of any proposal that could potentially increase the harvest of either black or brown bears.

**SUPPORT- Unanimous**

**WP14-51 Request the Red Sheep and Cane Creek drainages be opened to non-Federally qualified hunters August 10 – September 20. Hunters must possess proof of completion of hunter ethics and orientation course.**

The AC noted the importance of the hunt area and the resource to the people of Arctic Village.

**OPPOSE- Unanimous**

**USFWS Update**

- FSB is open for fisheries proposals, which are due by March 28. Proposal forms distributed.
- Open period to get on EIRAC, open until March 21<sup>st</sup>. Application forms handed out.
- Yukon Flats refuge summary handed out.

**Member to attend meeting Interior Board of Game meeting**

Andrew Firmin elected, with Jack Boyle as alternate



**Next meeting set for early October in Venetie**

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 5:45 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_