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Location of Meeting at the King Career Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Vice Chair Jim Stubbs at the King Career Center.

- I. Call to Order: 6:40PM
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jim Stubbs Acting Chair, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Vince Baldauf, Grant Klotz, Kevin Taylor, Joel Donner, Phil Calhoun, Frank Neumann, Robert Caywood, Mark Campbell, Robert Beck, Neil Dewitt, George Jacoby, Ehren Strahn.

Members Absent: Bruce Morgan (Chairman), Gary Brell, Matthew Rogero

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Alaskan Falconry Association, Alaska Bow Hunter Association

- III. Approval of Agenda:
The agenda for the night's meeting was approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....
Minutes of the previous meeting, on 1/14/2014 were approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

- VI. Guests Present: Don Hundley, Tim Shell, Jack Frost, Ira Edwards.

VII. New Business:

Public Testimony;

Don Hundley- He is the Vice President of the Alaska Falconry Association, a local fisherman and hunter. He was asking for support of Proposal #174 of the upcoming Board of Game meeting. This proposal has to do with the take of non-residents in the sport of falconry. Residents and non-residents would take birds the same way. Joel asked about the age of birds that are taken. Don said that they are not allowed to take adult birds. They are allowed to take passage birds and Eyas (first year) birds. The mortality is around 80% of these birds naturally in the wild and this happens when the bird fledges and leaves the nest. The AFA has an amendment proposal that would make it legal to take Eyas. And only take fledges bird when they leave the nest, until it becomes an adult bird with the full plumage. The limit would be 1 bird per person a year and they would not be able to sell the birds.

Tim Sell- He was speaking on behalf of the AFA in which he is a member. The AFA stance is that only passage birds can be taken. The AFA was not happy about the falconry proposals. The national association put in the proposals without contacting the state association. Alaska is about the only state that does not allow a non-resident take of birds. The total of birds allowed to be taken is 3 of each species. Nine birds a year have been taken by residents in the last 5 years.



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It was discussed about the vested interest of the residents and there was concern about non-residents taking birds and just leaving the state. You are allowed to breed birds and only sell the F1 birds after that. The market has dropped down some recently for birds. It was noted that some owls are allowed to be taken.

Ira Edwards- He is a former research biologist with the state of Alaska. He spoke to us about the amount of moose in Kincaid Park. He has been attacked in Kincaid Park and he knows about many other people that have been as well. He has talked to many of the user groups of the Park and estimates there are close to 31 groups. There is strong support from those groups to reduce the population of moose in the park. He has a written proposal to have a moose hunt in the Park. He said that the department will be doing a moose survey of the population in the park next week. It had been discussed to have a hunt of about 4 to 8 permits in the Park.

Jack Frost- Member of the Alaska Bowhunters Association. He spoke to us about a few proposals in the upcoming Board of Game book that pertain to bow hunting.

Proposal #133- It was submitted by an instructor from the Kenai area. He has a problem with it in having a statewide bow hunter certification. Where would the classes be held and who would teach them. The ABA is against this proposal.

Proposal #134- This proposal is from the department and relates to bow hunting over bait. The ABA would prefer option #1 or #2 only.

Proposal #159- He spoke to us about this proposal and the ABA is in support of this proposal.

Proposal #173- This idea started in South East Alaska that any animal wounded is considered a taken animal and the limit, has now spread north. The ABA is against this proposal. He then mentioned the Kincaid Park hunt, and would be against it because of the previous Hillside hunt and the problems associated with that.

Member Joel Doner presented his report from the meeting with the Mayor’s office and the municipal parks department. The first meeting had been canceled and was re-scheduled and the department seemed to become evasive as well. Finally Joel and Frank met with George Vikalis of the mayor’s office, the head of the parks department and his top assistant, Gary Olson of the Alaska moose Federation, and Gino Difratrie of the Department of fish and Game. The department is all for it and now willing to lead it up. They would help Ira Edwards with his proposal and the AC would help as well. It had been discussed that a bull hunt would not be acceptable but a cow hunt would. This hunt would be better to have as a youth hunt or a wounded veteran’s hunt. It would need to have the support of the parks Department and the public. Mark mentioned that to make it more palatable to the public submitting it as a wounded veteran hunt would be best.

Joel motioned to have the game sub-committee meet with Ira to help write the proposal. Seconded by Kevin S. The vote was taken and it was unanimous.

We discussed having a meeting March 25th

We then went over the BOG proposals that the committee as the whole needed to go over.

133	Make it mandatory to receive an IBEP, or equivalent certification, to hunt big game with a bow and arrow in Alaska.	Support 0, Opposed 14 Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Opposed for reason that it is another unnecessary requirement on the books, most Bow Hunters already do
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		possess a IBEP Card. An individual should not be required to obtain a card. And having a card does not improve performance over the years.
134	Align IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait by bow and arrow in Units 7 and 14-16.	Supported Option #1, 13 Support , to remove the IBEP Requirement. Option #2, 1 Support , align the requirement, removing the work Black from the current language. Option #3, 0 Support , Expanding the IBEP requirement over Bait, making it State wide.
135	Specify game taken for certain religious ceremonies is to be used within this state.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Support for reason stated in the Proposal.
136	Create a definition for "general hunts" to mean "a hunt that is regulated in a non-subsistence area, and the game taken does not have a positive C&G finding.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
137	Adopt definition of “subsistence hunting” and “subsistence uses” consistent with the Alaska State Constitution.	TNA
138	Allow so many moose to be harvested in each village according to village population and moose population (to be determined). Moose to be divided and distributed by authorities.	Support 0, Opposed 14. Opposed to allowing another special hunt. The Proposal is unclear as to what establishes an Emergency Hunt. We can also conclude that if there is truly a shortage of food in a Village, moose if available would be harvested. One would hope that the Elders of the village could limit such an over harvest concern.
139	Remove harvest ticket requirement; require hunts to obtain a harvest report for certain species.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
140	Modify Harvest Ticket to include additional information on if game was taken for subsistence uses or for recreational values.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. The members of our committee, who do harvest a Moose, do so for the filling of the freezer, not for the Recreational, or Trophy Hunt reasons. Those in the Non-subsistence area should have their harvest reported accurately.
141	Specify in 92.012 where locking tags must be affixed when required.	Support 0, Opposed 14. Favor seeing the locking tag requirement going away completely.



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142	Remove requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
143	Remove requirement for using the Raw Fur Shipping Permit.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
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	Support 14 , Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
145	Increase the number allowed to apply for a party draw hunt to three individuals.	Support 4, Opposed 10. Supported for reasons stated. Giving 3 hunting partners the opportunity to get together on a hunt, and all having a tag. Opposed because they favored the current system. If changing it, then why only limit the Party permit to 3, why not 4, 5, 6, etc...
146	Remove the reference to proof of a guide contract and guide use area registration at the time of application for drawing hunts.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
147	Add five species of domestic finches to the Clean List.	Support 0, Opposed 14. Do not want to see another species of bird, let alone 5 types of Finches, into the State. If they were to escape and survive, they would then be competing with the wild birds for the available food sources.
148	Add the hamster genus Phodopus sp. to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed in the state of Alaska without a permit.	TNA
149	Clarify when Muridae rodent are allowed as pets, and when an emergency permit may be issued to allow uncaged rodents to enter the state due to extreme circumstances.	TNA



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150	It is unlawful, without a permit issued by the department, for a person to possess, transport, sell, advertise or otherwise offer for sale, purchase, or offer to purchase a wolf or wolf hybrid	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
151	Create a Migratory bird log book and end of year questionnaire for all migratory bird hunting guides.	Support 0, Opposed 14. Opposed to adding all the different reporting requirements. This proposal is asking for a lot more than just harvest data. Harvest data is one thing, but the names, and addresses of everyone involved is over the top.
152	Redefine “edible meat” as it pertains to waterfowl so that more than breast meat is considered edible.	Support 1, Opposed 13. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal. Opposed, for reason that this is another rule that is not easily enforceable. Those who wish to boil their bird carcass for soup can already do so.
153	Redefine “hindquarter” to include reference to wildfowl.	Support 2, Opposed 12. Support for reason stated in the Proposal. Opposed, for reason that this is another rule that is not easily enforceable. Those who wish to boil their bird carcass for soup, can already do so.
154	Redefine "trophy" to include wildfowl and meat of trophy must be salvaged.	Support 0, Opposed 14. The wording of this Proposal “after all edible meat has been salvaged,” is very vague in what is “all edible meat”. This proposal is unnecessary; the State already has wanton waste rules on the books.
155	Redefine "possession limit" for migratory birds to establish seasonal bag limits for all species instead of daily bag limits.	Support 0, Opposed 14. This is written to include everything from in the field, to process and sitting on the self. This Proposal has the potential to make all hunters into violators of Game Laws, because your possession limit would now include what is on your shelves, and in your freezers. This is an over reach!
156	Redefine “processed for human consumption”.	Support 0, Opposed 14. What is this “high percentage of harvested meat spoiling?” There are already laws against want and waste on the books.
157	Redefine “salvage” to remove the reference to ‘consumed by humans’.	Support 0, Opposed 14. Again, “high percentage of harvested meat spoiling.” That’s painting with a pretty broad brush. Hunters are already directed to care for their harvested game, and there are current Reg’s on the books dealing with want and waste.
158	Modify definition of edible meat to not exclude brown bears.	12 support. Opposed 2 Support for reasons stated in the proposal Opposed due to feeling that Brown Bear meat should never



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		be harvested or defined as edible. It is being used as a way to curb Brown Bear hunting in their opinion. There’s no such thing as "Wonton waste" as everything gets eaten in the wild and I am not going to get deathly ill eating Brown Bear meat that has Trichinosis.
159	Change the definition of the edible meat of a brown bear to match the definition of the edible meat of a black bear	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
160	Redefine "edible meat" to include brown bear.	12 Support. Opposed 2. Support for reasons stated in the Proposal Opposed due to feeling that Brown Bear meat should never be harvested or defined as edible. It is being used as a way to curb Brown Bear hunting in their opinion. There’s no such thing as "Wonton waste" as everything gets eaten in the wild and I am not going to get deathly ill eating Brown Bear meat that has Trichinosis.
161	salvage/definition	Support 12. Opposed 2 Support for reasons stated in the Proposal Opposed due to feeling that Brown Bear meat should never be harvested or defined as edible. It is being used as a way to curb Brown Bear hunting in their opinion. There’s no such thing as "Wonton waste" as everything gets eaten in the wild and I am not going to get deathly ill eating Brown Bear meat that has Trichinosis.
162	Clarify that brown bears can be taken over bait under the conditions of a permit issued under 5 AAC 92.044.	Support 14, Opposed 0 Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
163	Redefine "Bait" so that bear meat and bones not required to be salvaged may be returned to the bait site.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
164	Require the Department to compile a yearly area specific predator management/predator control report to track cost and success of the program.	Support 0, Opposed 14. Felt that the Department has fulfilled its requirement on its intensive management plans already. We are not wanting to see the Department tie up the with more reports, and costly paper work.



<p>165</p>	<p>Remove the requirement for the Department to issue permits to sell untanned hides with claws attached and skulls of black bears taken in active predator control areas. In addition, remove the section that allows hunters who have been airborne to harvest a black bear over bait in active predator control areas, since this is now allowed under general baiting seasons in most areas.</p>	<p>Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</p>
<p>166</p>	<p>Redefine "Transporter" to include air taxis, water taxis, fishing charter outfitters, combo hunting/fishing outfitters, captains of private boats, and lodges.</p>	<p>Support 0, Opposed 14. Opposed to another unnecessary law, and reporting requirements on the books. The proposer did not give any real concerns for his proposal need, or comment on what will happen if nothing is done, and who would suffer from it, if nothing is done. Another paper work hurdle for businesses to get tripped up, and cited over, with no real benefit to anyone.</p>
<p>167</p>	<p>Establish define “Guide”, “assistant guide”, “registered guide”, “big game guide”, etc.</p>	<p>Support 0, Opposed 14. Again no reason stated on who would benefit from this proposal.</p>
<p>168</p>	<p>Define "brow palm"</p>	<p>Support 0, Opposed 14. We all agree that the current language is clear enough, adding more language will not make it any clearer.</p>
<p>169</p>	<p>Redefine “broken” as it pertains to full curl rams.</p>	<p>Support 0, Opposed 14. The current language is clear enough, adding more language will not make it any clearer.</p>
<p>170</p>	<p>Redefine "full-curl horn" to include the statement "the tip of at least one horn has grown through the plane of the bridge of the nose, as viewed from the side, and determined using the Department's standardized "sheep horn jig".</p>	<p>Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</p>
<p>171</p>	<p>Redefine "full-curl horn" to include the statement "any ram is legal until the State Wildlife Department has a specific, repeatable method that all State employees are mandated to use</p>	<p>Support 14, Opposed 0 Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</p>



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	to determine if a set of sheep horns is legal or sublegal.	
172	Remove black bears from the furbearer classification.	Support 0, Opposed 14. The author of this proposal stated that this practice has nothing to due with putting meat on the table. When in fact it is about trying to grow more Moose and Caribou for Alaskans to harvest, thus putting more meat on the table. The current bear population in Alaska is not in decline, or endangered.
173	Redefine “bag limit” and define “mortally wounded”.	Support 14, Opposed 0. Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
174	Allow nonresident falconers to captor raptors.	Proposal #174 to Amend: To include a 5 mile corridor, from all State, or Borough maintained roads. In listening to a few of the local master falconer that came and testified to our AC, they all agreed that there was no biological concerns with the nonresident take of birds. To Amended, Vote: Supported 12, Opposed 1, Abstain 1. Proposal #174 as Amended: Supported 12, Opposed 2.
175	Review and determine the Advisory Committee, that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	Support 0, Opposed 14. As written our AC is unanimously opposed to this Proposal. As of 2012 the Anchorage AC represents close to 25,000 licensed Hunters. They make up a large percentage of hunters in many GMU’s other than Unit 14. We feel that the Anchorage AC should have its input heard on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts in Units that fall under the description in 5ACC 97.005 , which lays out which AC’s have jurisdiction regarding emergency closures of Fish and Game during established seasons. These Unit’s for the Anchorage AC are Units 6 thru 9, 11, 13 thru 16 and 19. While not all of these Units currently have Antlerless Moose hunts, it does clarify all possible areas of jurisdiction. As an example in Unit 13 Anchorage Hunters made up 40% of the Moose Hunters In Unit 16, over 28% In Unit 15, it was 5.5%, most likely due to the current low numbers of Moose on the Kenai Peninsula.



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		<p>It’s interesting to note that Anchorage hunters made up only 27% of the Moose hunters in Unit 14, where the Anchorage AC has jurisdiction, and in Unit’s 13, and 16, where we have a higher percentage of hunters participating in the Moose Hunts, there is no jurisdiction for the Anchorage AC.</p> <p>The Anchorage AC Amended this Proposal To include all Unit’s it has jurisdiction under 5ACC 97.005, to extend the same jurisdiction to 5 AAC 98.005</p> <p>Amended Proposal #175.</p> <p>Support 14, Opposed 0. The Anchorage AC unanimously supported this amendment to extend that same jurisdiction for the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts to 5 AAC 98.005.</p> <p>Other Solutions Considered. If the Alaska Department of Law continues to insist that ACs must be physically located in the GMU to have the authority to authorize Antlerless hunts, then the board should recommend an amendment to AS 16.05.780 adding some language for jurisdiction based on a certain percentage of moose hunters in any GMU represented by an AC. Suggestion of that percentage ranged from 5 to 10 percent.</p>

I. More New Business:

We then discussed the Copper Valley Community hunt and were strongly opposed to it.

A vote was taken on it. 0 in Support and 14 Oppose, the Community Harvest Hunt

Robert motioned to accept the game sub-committee votes on the rest of the proposals, seconded by Vince. We voted and it was 14 in support and 0 oppose.

Jim thanked the people that showed up at the Board of Fish upper Cook Inlet meetings.

Next meeting to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM



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 (Anterless moose reauthorizations)

<p>126</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>130</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.



164	Require the department to compile a yearly predator management/predator control report.	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.
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.	Support 11 - 0 Puts the regulation in line with regulations passed throughout the state.
166	Establish a definition for transporter.	Oppose 0 - 11 This is impractical.
167	Establish a definition for guide and assistant guide.	Opposed 0 - 11 These are already defined.
168	Establish a definition for brow palm.	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.
169	Establish a definition for broken, as it pertains to a full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.	Support 11 - 0 Clearly defining the regulations help both enforcement and the hunter.
170	Modify the definition for full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.	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.
171	Modify the definition for full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.	Support 11 - 0 Full curl is clearly defined in regulations but there is inconsistency in how the law is written



		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	5 AAC 35.408. Registration Area H Tanner crab harvest strategy. 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	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. 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	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. 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 2nd. 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.

Comments on Board of Game proposals			
All motions must be made in the affirmative.			
BOG	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
	81		Modify the nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area
Support	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.
Support	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
Support	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.
Oppose	0	11	This would limit rural hunters where training is not easily accessible.
	134		Modify IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait statewide
Support as amended	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
Oppose	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.
Oppose	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



Comments on Board of Game proposals			
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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.
Support	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
Oppose	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.
Oppose	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.
Support	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		
Support	11	0	Reference comments on Proposal 160.
	164		Require the department to compile a yearly predator management/predator control report.
Oppose	0	11	This is already happening and would require excessive additional work for



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			staff.
	167		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.
	169		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.
	174		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.
Oppose	3	7	
	175		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.
Support	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



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 Trapline” goes a long way for prevention of problems. The last thing a trapper wants to catch is someone’s dogs.

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



Delta Advisory Committee vote on Board of Game 2013/2014 State Wide proposals

Proposal 133- Motion and 2nd, Vote 0-11-0 opposed, Regulation should be the same for all hunters

Proposal 134- motion and 2nd, Vote 10-in Favor of Option 1, 1 vote for option 3.

Proposal 135- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

Proposal 136- motion and 2nd, Vote 5-0-5

Proposal 137- motion and 2nd, Vote 3-0-9

Proposal 138- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-9-0 Favor

Proposal 139- motion and 2nd, Vote 0-6-5

Proposal 140- motion and 2nd, Vote 3-5-2

Proposal 141- motion and 2nd, Vote 10-1-0 Favor

Proposal 142- motion and 2nd, Vote 10-0-1 in Favor

Proposal 143- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

Proposal 144- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

Proposal 145- motion and 2nd, Vote 0-11-0 Opposed, No reason to add to the party hunt numbers , 2 is enough

Proposal 146- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

Proposal 150- motion and 2nd, Vote 10-0-1 Favor

Proposal 151-157- motion and 2nd, Vote 0-10-1, Opposed There are no biological reason to impose and complicate things with any of these regulations.

Proposal 160- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-9-0 Favor

Proposal 162- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0

Proposal 164- motion and 2nd, Vote 0-10-1, Opposed, There is no justification to add increased work load for this information. It is already covered in current reports.



Proposal 165- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

Proposal 166- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

Proposal 169- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

Proposal 171- motion and 2nd, Vote 4-7-0 Opposed, Fish and Game already does a good job of defining this reg.

Proposal 172- motion and 2nd, Vote 10-11-0 Opposed, It is a tool for F&G to use to help with problem bear areas. Is not biologically hurting bear populations.

Proposal 173- motion and 2nd, Vote 0-11-0 Opposed, This would be very hard to enforce and we believe most hunters are trying to be ethical/.

Proposal 175- motion and 2nd, Vote 11-0-0 Favor

**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

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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 2nd 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.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support or Oppose	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
FAIRBANKS AREA– UNITS 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F & 25C			
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.
ANTLERLESS MOOSE AND BROWN BEAR TAGS OUTSIDE OF REGIONS III & V			
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



**Eagle Advisory Committee
2/28/2014
Eagle Community School**

- I. Call to Order: Andy Bassich at 5:15 pm

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: (all seats are undesignated)
 - Andy Bassich
 - Bo Fay
 - Chalia Selman
 - Don Woodruff
 - Mike McDougall
 - Jackie HelmerMembers Absent:
 - William Mosher
 - Charlie House
 - Steve Hamilton
 - All excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2014 approved

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Breena Apagar-Kurtz, DCF*
Jeff Wells, DWC*
Seth Wilson, SUBS*
Nissa Pilcher, BDS*
*via teleconference

- VI. Guests Present: Russ Landers, AWT/DPS*
*via teleconference

No members of the public from Eagle were present at the meeting.
Discussion held at end of meeting on how to improve attendance from community and interest in AC membership.



VII. New Business:

Elections held;
 Chalia Selman, William Mosher, and Don Woodruff were nominated, and reelected for a 2 ½ term, to expire in June 2015

Andy Bassich, Bo Fay, Steve Hamilton were nominated, and reelected for a 2 ½ term, to expire in June 2016

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.	
Oppose	0	6	Dip nets should be operated only by hand, with no mechanical assistance. Dip net fisheries has only been in regulation for 1 year, we would like to see this gear in place for a few more years before modifications. We would like to see specific studies done on the Yukon River to study the effects of dip net gear, On mortality, and possible negative effects/ impacts to fish
BOF	372	Define and allow use of a lead for commercial fish wheel gear.	
Support	6	0	Discussion of current practice commercial and subsistence practice and manned commercial fishing wheels
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	6	0	Questions asked of the department of the reasoning of the proposal. Clarification on when and why this is needed. If abuse of this privilege is happening, this gear type should be stopped. Only local pressure (Peer Pressure)to release kings un-harmed and reduce king harvest is going to have a positive long term effect in conservation of kings.
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	6	we adamantly do not support this as a conservation method of fishing as there is no way to target only summer chum in this mixed stock run. Purse Seines catch all fish in the water column without discrimination.Another year of test fishing is of this type of gear is needed. Studies in other locations do not reflect the conditions of the Yukon River. Studies must be done during full Chinook run to accurately reflect impacts to Chinook, and other species, in the complicated Mixed stock fishery.

YRDFA meeting

Preseason planning meeting April 8th in Fairbanks

International Summit in Fairbanks 9-10th in Fairbanks



Federal Subsistence Board- Call for Fisheries Proposals

The deadline to submit proposals for the next FSB cycle is March 28, 2014. No proposals discussed.

INT BOG Meeting Results

Tok Area INT BOG Proposal results discussed- Discussion lead by Jeff Wells, ADFG
 In depth questions asked of the current status of the Fortymile Caribou Herd, including harvest objectives, the short season during the fall state hunt, current wolf take during the IM program, photosensus results, current population estimate, current winter range and migration change.

Moose Survey- Fall, 2013

Within proposed bear control area- around 900 square miles. Hadn't been survey before using current techniques. Turned out better than we thought. .75 moose per square mile. Not high density, but higher than some areas in 20E. Low bull cow ratio- 19 bulls per 100 cows. Then looked at current harvest to see if that was a reason. Harvest has been increasing in 20E, but not in that area. Question asked about studies done on feed and the correlation to calve sex- nutritional or stress factors, or is it a roll of the dice.

Concerns raised about poaching, misuse of proxy system which was addressed by Trooper Landers.

3 year cycle for BOG

Members felt that current cycle was good, and that a three year cycle didn't seem like a good idea at this time.

Unanimous to retain the current two year cycle

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	56	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Region III.	
Oppose	4	1	Members feel that if you harvest the animal, you should eat it. Member knows of families that eat grizzly bears because that is what was in the freezer. Having a salvage requirement might not reflect an increase or decrease in the numbers taken. Others felt that brown bears take a lot of moose and that the idea of eating brown bear is not very palatable. Benefit is that there will be a lot more moose, and would be a means of predator control. 1 Member Abstained
BOG	57	Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D.	
Oppose	4	1	See comments on Proposal 56 1 Member Abstained
BOG	58	Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station in Units	



		12, 20C, 20E, and 21D.	
Oppose	4	1	See comments on Proposal 56 1 Member Abstained
BOG	159	Remove the meat salvage requirement for brown bear taken over bait.	
Oppose			See comments on Proposal 56 1 Member Abstained
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	
Support	6		The AC supports the Boards move to clarify the current regulations in place on antlerless moose jurisdiction. The Eagle AC wishes to retain the ability to authorize antlerless moose hunts in all of GMU 20.

Proposal Deadlines for BOG and BOF

Proposal deadlines for next cycle’s BOG and BOF discussed. No proposals brought forth to submit at this time.

Some members would like to have set meeting times so that they can ensure that two meetings are held, and to get more Eagle residents to attend the meetings.

- One around Early December
- One around Early April

The members would like to see more public involvement, and would like to see young people get involved. Ideas discussed were regularly scheduled meetings, better and early notices posted in town and in the village, and how to involve younger people in the process.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: _____
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



In reference to Interior BOG proposals; excerpt of the
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:

Table with 9 columns (Name, Skip Olsen, Lee Hazen, Dave Machacek, Bob Moloney, Andrew Glasgow, CHAIR, Mike Kramer, Bill Larry) and 4 rows (Present, Absent, Abs/excused, and a second set of names: Warren Giuchici, Emma Lee Grennan, VICE-CHAIR, Chuck Derrick, SECRETARY, Jeff Lucas, Michael Volsky).

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.

**INTERIOR BOARD OF GAME MEETING COMMENTS 2014**

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.



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
02/12/2014 Meeting Minutes
ALPINE LODGE, Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Time by [name of chair or acting for the meeting]

II. Roll Call:

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7 – quorum present

III. Approval of Agenda: : Items added to agenda: Discussion of HB202, on Delta Bison, added by Mike Kramer.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 01/08/2014
The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

V. Correspondence:

Nissa brought up that we should have all received an email about completing the survey on the Board of Game moving from a 2 year cycle to a 3 year cycle. There was a little discussion on this, Mike Kramer commented that the current drawing permit time has now been complicated by the BOG timing as well. The public must apply for permits before the BOG meets and sometimes hunts get removed from the drawing after people have applied, which is very unfair. He suggested maybe there should be consideration of going back to the original draw period of February.

VI. 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), Chuck Daggert from AWT.

VII. Guests Present:

There were several members of the public in attendance but introductions were not performed. A partial list: John Haddix, Dick Bishop, Jennifer Yuhas.



VIII. Chair Comments and AC Member Comments

Chair:

Virgil mentioned that the BOG meeting would be starting on Friday and he discussed ways to make the BOG process successful for anyone with proposals or issues that they would testify on. His advice pertained to the best ways to testify, being present during the testimony period and deliberation periods, and trying to catch BOG members at breaks in order to talk with them directly.

Subcommittee Chairs:

No Comments; Skip would be leading us through the Statewide Proposal comments shortly.

AC Member Comments:

Chuck Derrick presented his revised comments for Proposal 107, about moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area. The AC decided we would add the amendment to the agenda and discuss after the Statewide Proposals.

Valerie Baxter reminded the AC members that she and Skip Olson had been tasked with presenting the AC's verbal comments and testimony to the upcoming BOG meeting. She inquired about what would the members like them to speak to? Which proposals should be highlighted or were there any burning issues to be sure and comment on? Chuck Derrick said it would be good if the AC supported his amendment to #107 that we follow up on that in the verbal comments.

IX. Comments from the Public None

X. New Business:

A. Discussion of BOG Proposals for the Statewide BOG Meeting, March 14-18

The committee began the process of considering BOG proposals for the statewide meeting. There were no proposals that members of the public wanted to comment on so the committee went forward with all of the proposals referred up from the Game Subcommittee. The following table represents all of the proposals that were considered by either the Full AC or by the Game Subcommittee. The Full AC considered Proposals: 133, 134, 139, 142, 146, 175, 176, 177, and 178. The rest of the proposals were considered at the Game Subcommittee and the comments listed are from that meeting. The AC voted to support the recommendations of the Game Subcommittee unanimously.



Statewide Board of Game Meeting 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
BOG	133	Require IBEP certification for all big game bow hunters, statewide.	
Oppose	0	13	Members opposed to this voiced concerns that the time involved to take the class is too long, that the actual proficiency shoot is not realistic, and that it would place a large burden on ADF&G bow education resources. Those in favor of the proposal thought that the proficiency test at least requires some skill and practice, that the education requirement prevents someone from just going to store, purchasing a bow & equip, and going hunting with no education or practice.
BOG	134	Modify the IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait by bow and arrow, statewide.	
Support	13	0	See discussion above about pro/con of increasing IBEP certification. The AC supports this proposal under only the Option 1 scenario .
BOG	135	Specify game taken for certain religious ceremonies is to be used within this state.	
Support	13	0	Agree with adding the terminology, "within Alaska," for the use of game in certain religious ceremonies.
BOG	136	Establish a definition for general hunts.	
Support	13	0	Clarifies and adds a definition for 'general' hunt. This makes the distinction between general and subsistence hunts.
BOG	137	Establish definitions for subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.	
Support	13	0	We recognize that the Supreme Court ruling that removed reference to the rural resident requirement should have already resulted in changes to Alaska Statute and the regulations.
BOG	138	Establish emergency subsistence moose hunt procedures.	
Oppose	0	13	ADFG already has the emergency order authority to accomplish this when necessary.
BOG	139	Remove harvest ticket requirement and require harvest reports for certain non-permit hunts.	
Oppose	4	7	There was a lot of discussion on this proposal. Those members in opposition to this voiced concerns that there could be an increase in poaching or harvesting multiple animals. Additionally, not having a ticket would make it more complicated for AWT to ensure compliance in the field and it doesn't seem like it is too much of a burden to carry a harvest ticket. The supporters of the proposal stated that it is one less thing you need to have and it simplifies what you have to do in the field – don't have to remember to punch the day and month on a ticket. Additionally, it reduces the number of potential violations a hunter could be cited for. It alleviates the issue that when getting a license and tags online, harvest tickets are not sent with the paperwork.
BOG	140	Require each harvest report or permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide a wildfood harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational values.	
	TNA		Based on action of supporting Proposal 136.



Statewide Board of Game Meeting 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
BOG	141	Specify where locking tags are to be affixed.	
Support as Amended	13	0	Support as amended. First, the members wanted a definition of “prepared for storage.” Does this mean it is ready for consumption? And does it mean all, or just part of the animal? Due to this confusion, we proposed an amendment that the locking tag should be affixed to a portion of the animal that is being brought back from the field- not be limited to having to affix it to something that is <i>required</i> to be brought out of the field. Hunters bring out parts of animals all the time that are not required (particularly hides and/or capes), and as long as the locking tag is being transported with the animal, then the hunter should be fine.
BOG	142	Remove the requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.	
Support as Amended	12	0	Support as amended. This was a Fairbanks AC proposal. There was some discussion of this at the Game Subcommittee level where the AWT representative was asked to comment. It was pointed out that the original language included the ability to check harvest tickets, permits, tags, any game, and apparatus and the new language did not. There was discussion that some of these things should be allowed to be checked and an amendment to the proposal was put forward. The amended proposal would read: “All person engaged in hunting or trapping or in possession of game must show their hunting or trapping license, harvest ticket, permit, tag, any game, special permit, or stamps to any department employee or peace officer.” This amended version of the proposal was brought to the full AC subsequently and the discourse from the Subcommittee explained. The Full AC voted on the proposal as amended and supported it, with one member abstaining.
BOG	143	Repeal the requirement for raw fur shipping permits.	
Support	13	0	This was an FAC proposal and there is general support from all the members.
BOG	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.	
	TNA	Based on action on 143	
BOG	145	Increase the number allowed to apply for party/group draw hunts to three hunters.	
Support as Amended	13	0	Support as amended. There was some discussion about allowing party hunts to be three people and several of the members suggested four would also make sense in many cases. So we amended the proposal to allow “up to four,” hunters on a party drawing permit application. The “up to,” language allows for flexibility in how many hunters want to apply as a party.
BOG	146	Remove the reference to a proof of guide contract and guide use area registration at the time of application for drawing hunts.	



Statewide Board of Game Meeting 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
Oppose	1	12	This proposal sparked a lot of discussion from the AC members who are guides and others. Those in opposition to this proposal believe that requiring the signed agreements prevents: people just incidentally applying, with no plan for the hunt; price gouging by guides on people who draw with limited guide choices; prevents large outside companies or brokers from monopolizing drawing permits. Those who were in support of this proposal liked the reduction in required paperwork and felt that it should not be a requirement if it cannot be done properly.
BOG	147	Add five species of domestic finches to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit.	
	TNA		Did not discuss.
BOG	148	Add the hamster genus, Phodopus sp., to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit.	
	TNA		Did not discuss.
BOG	149	Clarify regulations regarding Muridae rodents.	
Support	13	0	Invasive rodents have caused problems in areas of the state, particularly with nesting seabirds and one member pointed this out. This proposal clears up some confusions and conflicts.
BOG	150	Clarify regulation prohibiting possessing of a wolf or wolf hybrid.	
Support	13	0	All members support this clarification.
BOG	151	Require guides to keep migratory bird log books/ questionnaires.	
Oppose	0	13	There was general opposition to this because it would require more paperwork and would be too burdensome.
BOG	152	Modify the definition of edible meat for wildfowl.	
Oppose	0	13	Proposals 152 through 157 all had general opposition to them. None of the members felt that changing these definitions was necessary.
BOG	153	Modify the definition of hindquarter for wildfowl.	
Oppose	0	13	
BOG	154	Modify the definition of trophy of trophy to include salvage of edible meat, and to include wildfowl.	
Oppose	0	13	
BOG	155	Modify the definition of possession limit for migratory birds.	
Oppose	0	13	
BOG	156	Modify the definition of processed for human consumption.	
Oppose	0	13	
BOG	157	Modify the definition of salvage.	
Oppose	0	13	
BOG	158	Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear.	
	TNA		Based on action on Proposal 160
BOG	159	Remove the meat salvage requirement for brown bear taken over bait.	



Statewide Board of Game Meeting 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
	TNA		Based on action on Proposal 160
BOG	160		Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear to match black bear.
Support	13	0	We support the alignment of the salvage requirements so that they are the same for black and brown bears.
BOG	161		Modify the definition of edible meat for brown bear to match black bear.
	TNA		Based on action on Proposal 160
BOG	162		Clarify that brown bear can be taken over bait under the conditions of a permit.
Support	13	0	We support this housekeeping clarification.
BOG	163		Allow use of bear meat and bones not required to be salvaged to be used as bait.
Support	13	0	Agree that hunters should be allowed to use the parts of bear not required to be salvaged for bait.
BOG	164		Require the department to compile a yearly predator management/predator control report.
Oppose	0	13	ADF&G has to do a similar report annually anyway. Do not support any proposals by Paul Joslin.
BOG	165		Repeal the special provisions in predation control areas concerning the sale of hides and skulls, and allowing airborne hunters to harvest black over bait.
Support	13	0	We support this housekeeping clarification.
BOG	166		Establish a definition for transporter.
Oppose	0	13	In statute already.
BOG	167		Establish a definition for guide and assistant guide.
Oppose	0	13	In statute already.
BOG	168		Establish a definition for brow palm.
Support	13	0	We support this and suggest that language from page 34 of the hunting regulations is included and that points occurring between the base of the skull and the brow palm separation point should count as brow tines.
BOG	169		Establish a definition for broken, as it pertains to a full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.
Support	13	0	The FAC would like to assist the BOG in coming up with a solid definition to help address this issue.
BOG	170		Modify the definition for full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.
Oppose	0	13	Members opposed this proposal because it may allow 7/8 curl rams to be legal.
BOG	171		Modify the definition for full-curl horn of male Dall sheep.
Oppose	0	13	The FAC again requests to be included in discussions or working groups or committees that are put together to address this issue.
BOG	172		Remove black bears from the furbearer classification.
Oppose	0	13	Members were opposed to this change.
BOG	173		Modify the definition for bag limit, and define mortally wounded.
Oppose	0	13	This proposal makes the regulation worse by introducing more ambiguity with, "mortally wounded and lost." Too hard to determine this effectively.
BOG	174		Allow nonresident falconers to capture raptors.



Statewide Board of Game Meeting 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
Support	13	0	Support as amended only. The FAC recognizes that the Alaska Falconer Association has put in a lot of effort towards this proposal and wishes to support the alternate language that they have suggested.
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.	
Support	10	2	There was not much discussion on this proposal, though several members had questions as to how the lists of ACs were created and how the process may or may not change antlerless reauthorization. One member abstained from voting.
BOG	176	Modify the hunt structure for musk ox on Nelson Island.	
Oppose	0	13	There was general opposition to this proposal due to the way the hunt was being proposed to be run and that muskox are not subsistence animals. The concerns were focused on the idea that the permits would only be available in the nearby villages, thereby creating a local preference. The design of the hunt does not allow equal access to all AK residents and would result in an undo negative impact to other users. One member also brought up the potential that this hunt design could be used as a precedence for when wood bison are introduced and was concerned that some sort of local preference regime could be used on those animals.
BOG	177	Modify the restriction for using snow machines for taking wolves and wolverine.	
Oppose	0	13	Members were against this proposal for 2 main reasons: first, the pursuit of wolverines by snowmachines is not currently allowed and second, most members did not agree with pursuing caribou by snowmachine.
BOG	178	Prohibit the commercial barter of game or their parts taken for subsistence uses.	
Oppose	0	12	There was a lot of discussion on this proposal, and many questions were brought up, including the concern that, "subsistence uses," is too broad a term and is not defined. There were concerns on what game did it apply to: game taken in a subsistence hunt or game that is in an area or species with a positive C&T finding? One member also felt that the proposal was discriminatory against the listed business types. The FAC thought the proposal only adds to the confusion already existing in bartering. The FAC would however be very interested in participating in helping find a more workable alternative. The AC voted to not support this proposal with one member abstaining.
BOG	10	Modify the boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21.	
			Did not discuss.

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.
Oppose	0	13	The FAC did not support this
BOF	372		Define and allow use of a lead for commercial fish wheel gear.
Support as Amended	12	1	An amendment was proposed that there be a limit of 25ft applied to the lead.
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	12	1	Members felt that there should be no retention of kings and that there would be too much potential for abuse.
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	13	General opposition to this on the grounds that it is too difficult to release kings unharmed, that monofilament is too abusive to the fish, and that the methodology of this proposal getting included did not comply with agenda change request standards.

A. Discussion of House Bill 77 was deferred to the March meeting and DNR was to be asked if someone could come to the March meeting and give more information.

XI. Old Business: None brought forward.

XII. Adjournment: 2158

Minutes Recorded By: Valerie Baxter, Sec
 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 then 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
REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS			
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.



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
BOG	52	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.	
Support	5	0	No discussion
MCGRATH AREA - UNITS 19, 21A & 21E			
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>



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
			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.
GALENA AREA - UNITS 21 B, 21C, 21D & 24			
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

STATEWIDE 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
REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS			
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.

1st Tom H

2nd 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 1st

Joey A 2nd

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

1st Marvin P.

2nd 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
- 1st Tom H.
2nd Marvin P.

Passed Unanimously

Proposal 151 Hunting Regulations

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

Jim M. 1st

Joe A. 2nd

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.

1st Marvin P.

2nd Joe A.

In Favor 8

Opposed 2

Abstentions 0

Proposal 159 Hunting Regulations

- Meat salvage of brown bears taken over bait

1st David B.

2nd 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"

1st Tom Y.

2nd 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.

1st Joe Y.

2nd Michael C.

In Favor 9

Opposed 1

Abstentions 1

Proposal 172 Hunting Regulations

- Remove Black Bears from Furbearer regs.



1st David B.

2nd Marvin P.

In Favor 0

Opposed 7

Abstentions 3

-Motion to Adjourn

1st Joe A.

2nd David B.

Next Meeting December 3rd. 6 PM



Proposal # Description AC vote, comments and amendments, if any

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Feb. 18, 2014 Meeting
NERRS Building

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- I. Call to Order: Dave Lyon, chair called meeting to order at 6:05
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Michael Craig, Tom Hagberg, Dave Lyon, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, Dennis Wade, Jim Meesis, , Gus Van Dyke.

Members Absent: Joey Allred, Pete Wedin, David Bayes, Ty Gates, Tom Young, Lee Martin.

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved with no objection.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Agency Staff Present: Luke Kumfer (AWT), Thomas McDonough (ADF&G).
- VI. Guests Present: Brandon Rifer, Ken Sontag, Phil Jones, Doug Malone.
- VII. New Business: Gary Sinnhuber attended the recent Board of Fisheries Cook Inlet meeting and gave a review.

133	Require IBEP certification for all big game bow hunters, statewide.	Amended to read "Applicable to where hunter education requirements apply" was approved 8-0-1. Our reason for the amendment was to have IBEP certification apply at the widest level but with consideration given to the possibility that access to the hunter education program may not be available in some remote locations. Vote on amended proposal was 9-0-0 (for-against-abstain).
142	Remove requirement to show applicable licenses and permits to peace officers or department employees.	We felt that this was essentially a political issue and not appropriate for the Board of Game. Vote 0-9-0
174	Allow nonresident falconers to capter raptors. Deferred from last statewide meeting.	We felt that the purpose of this long, detailed proposal was to obscure its purpose which is to create a loophole that would allow for the exploitation of Alaska's falcons and sale to wealthy nonresidents. We don't think this proposal serves Alaskans. Vote 0-9-0.



Minutes from JDAC Meeting & Elections
December 16th, Room 223
Glacier Room Egan Lecture Hall.

ELECTIONS

Members Present: Kevin Maier, Mike Bethers, Henry Webb, Jesse Ross, Ed Buyarski, Jason Kohlhasse, Chris Miller, Chris Condor, Thatcher Brouwer, Mike Peterson.

F&G Staff: Frances Leach - SE Regional AC Coordinator Board Support
1 member of the public

Elections: NOTE: all nominees & Officers were elected by Unanimous Vote's.

Seated for 2.5 year term(06/30/2016):

Chris Conder (incumbent) - Charter Fishing-Saltwater

Thatcher Brouwer(incumbent) - Commercial Fishing

Atlin Daugherty(incumbent (letter)) - Hunting Guide

Vacant: Non Consumptive Commercial

Vacant: Sportfish/hunting/personal use

Vacant: sportfish/hunting/personal use(12/31/2014)

Kristine Trott (new) Non Consumptive Personal(12/31/15)

Officer Elections:

Ed Buyarski: Chair

Chris Condor: V- Chair

Jesse Ross - Secretary

Alternates elected 1) Mike Peterson(06/30/15)

2) Alternate: Vacant.

MEETING

7:20 Chair calls meeting to order.

Roll Call: 11 members present

7 members needed for quorum

user groups represented: Commercial fisherman, Charter Boat Operators, Sport fish/hunting/personal use, non-consumptive personal, Processor, Trapper.

Approved Agenda : discuss 4 proposals 2013/2014 Board of Game Proposal Book
123, #175, #133, #134

F&G Staff: Frances Leach - SE Regional AC Coordinator Board Support
Ryan Scott - Wildlife Biologist



Stephanie Sell - Wildlife Biologist
Bob Chadwick - Fishery Biologist
Dan Teske - Fishery Biologist

Discussion:

Proposal # 123- Reauthorize the existing antlerless moose season in Berners Bay & Gustavus.
Introduction of regulation - Ryan Scott.

11-0

Carried

Proposal # 175- Areas of jurisdiction for antlerless moose seasons.

Introduction of regulation - Ryan Scott

Discussion: The AC was unanimous in their support of the new/deleted language in the proposal, however the discussion regarding our jurisdiction in the Units and Sub-Units listed and did we want to give up opportunity to provide input into some of those Units/SubUnits proved to be more complicated than a simple yes or no. We opted to keep the status quo and voted simply on the language.

11-0

Carried

Proposal # 133- Require IBEP certification for all big game hunters, statewide...

Introduction of regulation - Ryan Scott

Discussion: Classic opposing viewpoints. Cost and implementation of enforcing these new regulations, especially in the outlying areas vs requiring all big game archery hunters to have an IBEP certificate for the sake of (according to proposal) safety, knowledge, and competency. One opposing voter stated: "why Mandatory Hunter Safety for bow and not for rifle".

6-Support 5 Oppose

Carried

Proposal # 134- Provide options to align IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait by bow and arrow, statewide.

No Problem.

11-0

Carried

Proposal Discussion end.

Old Business: Dan Teske- F&G Fishery Biologist introduced for Committee reading a breakdown of the "Juneau king salmon sport fishing regulations/management" plan for District 11 and asked for input towards a less complicated, cleaner, plan.

New Business: Next meeting January 20th, 6:30pm, location TBA.

8:30 Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Mike Peterson



Kenai-Soldotna AC

Minutes from February 26, 2014

Members present Crawford, Ermold, Hamrick, Roberts, Erkeneff, VanDevere, Dykema, Joseph
Excused absentees Shadura, Brandt, Maher, Carmichael, Strieby.

ADFG staff present, Jeff Selinger

BOG chair Spraker

Proposal 133. 8/0/0. Pass

AC were unanimous for the passage of this proposal. Bow hunter education is a very successful program. Several archery hunters on the committee. All have taken the course. All were in favor. Many states have this regulation.

Proposal 142. 0/8/0. Fail

AC felt current regulation was good. Not having to present game that has been harvested to a law enforcement or ADFG employee is common sense. We felt that most states require this. The passage of this proposal would require search warrants to verify antler or horn size restrictions, number of game animals, or shotguns to verify plugs and steel shot requirements when required. Would hamper law enforcement to clear law abiding hunters and get on to the hunters that may have violated current laws and regulations.

Proposal 145. 4/4/0. Fail

AC had lengthy discussion. Passed amendment to include up to 5 party members. Concern of a party winning all the tags allotted for a given hunt. Also large party not going on hunt and taking away opportunity from other hunters. Liked the idea of family members being allowed to hunt together on special hunts. Concerned of cost to department to change software.

Proposal 151. 0/7/1. Fail

AC felt that there was information already thru the HIP program that every water fowl hunter has to fill out to purchase duck stamp. If the federal or state manager needs this info then some form of report could be requested by them.

Proposal. 152. 1/7/0. Fail

Majority of the AC felt that the current regulations were adequate. One member felt that all the meat should always be taken from birds harvested. We believe most states have the same regulations that are currently in place in Alaska. We like the regs as they are.

Proposal. 154. 0/8/0. Fail

AC felt that current regulations were good. Many hunters may already retrieve meat from taxidermist. Meat may be difficult to keep in good condition while in the taxidermists shop. Most hunters lack skill to properly skin a bird for taxidermy purposes. Difficult to enforce. It is considered to be salvaged once in the freezer for 14 days.



Proposal. 155. 0/8/0. Fail

AC was unanimous against this proposal. This would not allow for multiple days in the field or for keeping more than one days limit in home for consumption. Many hunters enjoy more than a few days of waterfowl hunting and eating those birds through out the year. Most waterfowl populations are healthy and are subject to federal oversight and allow states to manage hunting seasons in those guidelines.

Proposal. 159. 8/0/0. Pass

While we understand that some brown bear meat may be edible, to force a hunter to take all the edible meat is not justified. This is not required on any other brown bear hunts in the state over bait stations. Is this punishment for taking a brown bear over bait? If this were to fail then we would be supportive of 158 or 160.

Proposal. 164. 0/8/0. Fail

This would place a burden to the department for information that may not be needed. The department already provides the board information on intensive management issues.

Proposal 165. 8/0/0. Pass

House keeping issue on regulations that no longer are applicable.

Proposal 166. 0/8/0. Fail

No further regulations in this matter are required.

Proposal. 169. 8/0/0. Pass

Like the idea of having a clear definition for clarity to both hunters and law enforcement. Not sure of the correct wording. Maybe trophy measurement criteria from Boone and Crockett or SCI may help in the legal wording.

Proposal. 172. 0/8/0. Fail

Black bears should remain on the furbearer list. This allows the sale of hides of black bears. Black bears have been desired for their hides for as long as man has had the ability to harvest them. The fur is a valuable plentiful renewable resource.

Proposal. 173. No action

While we liked the hunter ethics part of this we did not like the enforcement issues of this. If a hunter were to believe he missed a shot he should not be prosecuted if he failed to locate a mortally wounded animal.

Proposal 174. 6/2/0. As Amended.

Dale Hall of the Alaska falconer Association came to the meeting. He brought his gyrfalcon to share with us. After quite a bit of discussion the AC would like to offer an amendment to the proposal. It is as follows. Maximum of 5 permits for non resident take. No non resident alien take permitted. Only passage birds allowed for non resident take. No non resident take near road system.



The careful conservative approach is required bringing in additional take of these birds. We have some highly desirable birds that could bring large amounts of money if sold. A white gyrfalcon could bring \$40,000 or more. The 2 votes against were for no non resident take.

Proposal 175. No action.

Discussion was about different ways to figure this out. For us the issue was that Kalgin island should fall under our watch.

Committee gave the ok for chairman Crawford to represent the AC at the board meeting. If he can not attend the vice chair Ermold to represent us.

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Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 29th 2014---KNWR Visitors Center
Paul Chervenak: Chairman

(Minutes represent a paraphrased summary of the KAC, department staff and public comments and are not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. Tapes of the meeting are available for public review by contacting the committee secretary)

Call to order: 6:04pm

Roll call: Members present: Chariman Paul Chervenak(Big game Guide/Outfitter), Oliver Holm(Small Boat crab/Herring & salmon Seiner), Pete Hannah(Salmon Gill-Net South End), Secretary Don Fox(Alternate-retired commercial fisherman), Kip Thomet(Salmon Gill-Net West Side), Jason Bunch(Alternate-Coast Guard & Big Game Guide), Patrick O Donnel(for Curt Waters-Trawl Seat), Rolan Ruoss(Transporter), Andy Finke(Kodiak Subsistence), Duncan Fields(Old Harbor/Ahkiok Subsistence), Vice-Chair Julie Kavanaugh(Interested Citizen), Randy Swain(for Tuck Bonney-Processor Seat)
Unexcused absences: Larsen Bay/Karluk Subsistence and Lou Dochtermann(Large Boat Crab).

Excused absences: Ron Kavanaugh(Small Boat/Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner).

Quorum: Achieved with 12 members present(8 needed).

User groups present: Subsistence, sport fishermen, charter and lodge operators, trawl fishermen, jig fishermen, commercial salmon fishermen, big game guides, sport fish guides, processor.

Department Staff: . Nate Svoboda, John Crye and Larry van Daele.

USFWS: Bill Pyle, Kent Sundseth and KNWR manager Anne Marie La Rosa.

Southwest Regional Co-ordinator: Susie Jenkins-Brito.

Audience: 5.

Approve agenda: Approved unanimously as amended. Susie Jenkins-Brito would be introduced under new business and would have some comments and information for the committee.

Approve minutes of our previous meetings December 17th & 18th : Minutes approved unanimously.

Correspondence: ADF&G information pamphlet.

Chair Announcements: Mr. Chervenak said he was HEALTHY and BACK.

Old Business; None.

**New Business:**

- 1) Ms. Brito our new co-ordinator was introduced. She talked about the AC news letter we should be receiving. That the board support was favoring a switch from a 2yr to a 3yr cycle and there was a hard copy or online survey the committee members could use to voice their comments. The board approved term date changes for AC members the terms would run from July 1-June 30th. There would be an AC website coming online very soon.
- 2) **Committee elections:** The floor was opened to the public for nominations. As all open seats were being unopposed the candidate slate as submitted was adopted unanimously.
- 3) **Selection of committee officers:** All serving officers were unopposed so they were re-elected unanimously.
- 4) **New department staff:** Nate Svoboda was introduced by Dr. van Daele.
- 5) **Staff reports:** Department staff gave overviews of game populations and recent harvest information. Larry van Daele felt that there were no regulatory recommendations or concerns by the department for the next regulatory cycle for Kodiak. There would probably be some public proposals.
- 6) **Karluk brown bear:** USFWS gave a presentation and voiced their concerns over low cub survival and low male populations in the Karluk drainage. These would be addressed at the next CUBS meeting.
- 7) **Discussion and KAC action on Statewide(cycle A) Game Proposals:**
- 8) **Selection of KAC member to attend the March 14th-18th BOG meeting in Anchorage:** Don Fox selected to attend the BOG meeting in Anchorage and represent the committee.

Adjourn: 10:20pm



BOG proposals

BOG-PROPOSAL #133: Mandatory IBEP education for all bow hunters.

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.

Staff comments: There were some problems with archery only moose hunts in the Anchorage area which resulted in this statewide proposal.

Committee comments: The AC supported the status quo. The committee felt that it would place a unfair burden on village and remote hunters. There was no card requirements for other weapons. In Kodiak the certification is required for certain **designated hunts** where only archery and primitive weapons are allowed.

BOG-PROPOSAL #139: Eliminate harvest tickets.

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.

Staff comments: Harvest ticket information is needed for both enforcement and management.

Committee comments: Agree with and support department comments. KAC members support the current status and felt adoption could lead to enforcement problems on the Kodiak road system.

BOG-PROPOSAL # 140: Identify if game was killed for food or recreation.

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.

Committee comments: Not needed especially in Kodiak where subsistence, food and recreation apply equally to all Kodiak hunters. This proposal is a backdoor approach to future allocation issues.

BOG-PROPOSAL #141: Would clarify where non-resident game tags need to be placed.

Support-support 11-oppose 1.

Committee comments: Clarifies where Public Safety wants to see locking tags placed on the parts of the animal being brought out of the field not on a portion left in the field.

Minority opinion: Too variable. Doesn't see how it would work.

BOG-PROPOSAL #142: Eliminate authority for enforcement agents to inspect game or gear.

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.

Committee comments: Would make it more difficult if not impossible for Public Safety to inspect firearms, search for illegal game and enforce game regulations.

BOG-PROPOSALS #143 & 144: Eliminate raw fur export permit.

Support-support 12-oppose 0.

Staff comments: House keeping proposal to match current postal regulations.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff comments.



BOG-PROPOSAL #145: Increase the number of people who can apply for a party permit.

Oppose-support 0- oppose 12.

Committee comments: Would reduce the number of permits available to individuals especially in areas where there are a limited number of permits available.

BOG-PROPOSAL #146: Eliminate guide-client contracts statewide.

Support-(AS AMENDED)-support 11-oppose 1.

Amendment supported 12-0-Main motion supported 11-1.

Staff comments: Our guide-client agreements have developed over time they work really well for Kodiak. Kodiak's history in this effort is different than areas in the rest of the state.

Committee comments: This should not be a statewide proposal but be area specific. Adoption of the proposal would have a severe adverse affect on the Kodiak brown bear hunt. What we have now prevents guides from obtaining tags and then shopping for a client. It prevents anti-hunter groups from applying for permits to keep hunters from obtaining them. Kodiak is unique as our guide-client agreements were developed and refined over time. The department, guides and advisory committee members support our current system which works very well for brown bear. Our history is different from the rest of the state where guide areas and game registration areas are a mix max and don't match up. Here in Kodiak our guide areas and brown bear registration areas basically mirror each other.

AMENDMENT: If this proposal is adopted Kodiak should receive an **EXEMPTION** until the department and the industry (Big Game Commercial Services Board) can resolve the issue for the rest of the state.

Minority opinion: Can't change regulation in the midst of discussion between the state and industry is putting the cart before the horse.

BOG-PROPOSAL #151: Require sea duck harvest log book.

Oppose-support 0-oppose `12.

Committee comments: The KAC agrees with Chairman Chervenak comments on talks he had with the bird management division he was told that they get all the harvest data they need from the state duck stamp harvest card returned by all water fowl hunters so the log book information is not needed by the department.

BOG-PROPOSALS #152-153-154: Expand bird meat salvage requirements.

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.

Committee comments: Water fowl are being added to other game as a band aid to other statutes. All water fowl can't be treated the same due to size and edibility differences.

BOG-PROPOSAL #155: Redefine migratory bird possession limits.

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.

Committee comments: a confusing proposal that is a round about way to limit season limits on migratory birds. Committee members believe that daily bag limits are a adequate enough way to protect the resource.

BOG-PROPOSALS #156-157: Redefine big game meat salvage requirements.

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.



Committee comments: Unneeded regulation . The current system is fine. Quality of meat should be left to the hunter. The vast majority of hunters take care of their meat.

BOG-PROPOSAL #162: Allow the taking of brown bears over bait.

Support-support 12-oppose- 0.

Committee comments: KAC members felt that this was more a “house keeping” proposal. It doesn't affect Kodiak regulations. Its more area specific it can be used in areas where intensive management is required where brown bear populations need to be thinned out. In certain areas where black bear bait stations are allowed adoption of the proposal would allow hunters to harvest brown bears who come to bait stations.

BOG-PROPOSAL #172: Remove black bears from the “fur bearer” definition.

Discussed: NO ACTION TAKEN.

Committee comments: Since you don't have to salvage the meat and can sell the hide this practice “belittles the bear”.

BOG-PROPOSAL #173: Change the definition of “wounded” for brown bear and elk

Oppose-support 0-oppose 12.

Committee comments: Committee members like the regulation as currently written it works well in Kodiak. Elk and brown bear if touched by a projectile and not recovered must be considered as part of the bag limit. Adoption of this proposal could create a disincentive to tracking a wounded animal. Its very difficult to determine if an animal is mortally wounded without tracking it down.

BOG-PROPOSAL #174: Modify falconry regulations to allow for a non-resident take of raptors.

Support-(AS AMENDED)-support 12- oppose 0.

Committee comments: KAC secretary Don Fox led the AC through a brief history of how the current falconry regulations were adopted in 2012 and that the non -resident take proposal #40 now proposal #174 was deferred till the 2014 BOG meeting. Committee members looked over Proposal #174 as well as the Alaska Falconers Association substitute language that was submitted at the 2012 BOG meeting as RC 45. Mr. Fox was told by AFA members that they were going to re-submit RC 45 at the March 2014 BOG meeting. The AC used RC 45 as the vehicle and added amended language to the areas we disagreed with. Committee members also agreed with **department comments** from the 2012 meeting that this was a purely **allocation issue** and there were no **biological or conservation concerns** fornot allowing a limited take of nestlings(eyass birds). KAC members did not have the departments 2014 comments to review



prior to our committee meeting. KAC members agreed with member Mr. Fields that this was a more **balanced** and **equitable** change in regulations for a non-resident raptor take compared to what was being proposed by the Alaska Falconers Association.

AMENDMENT(substitute language for proposal #174):

5 AAC.xxx. Nonresident Permit for Falconry.

- (a) A non resident permit issued by the department and a valid, current nonresident Alaska hunting license is required for the taking , transporting, or possessing a raptor for falconry purposes. The permit will be issued under the standards, procedures, and conditions of the **Alaska Falconry Manual no. 9** dated July 1, 2012. The **manual** is here by adopted as reference,. Only a bird defined in **5 AAC 92.037(f)** may be taken, held, transported, and exported from the state under a valid export permit issued by the department.
- (b) **Up to twelve(12) nonresident take permits may be issued each calendar year for the take of raptors in Alaska. For the twelve(12) permits issued no more than three(3) of any single species may be taken. For the purpose of this regulation only three(3) total peregrine falcon permits may be issued irregardless of sub-species(ie-anatum, tundra or peali).**
- (c) Applicants for a nonresident raptor capture permit must apply to the department prior to (date at departments discretion). The list of successful applicants will be published by (date at departments discretion). Each capture permit will be valid for the take of one(1) raptor from the approved list of raptors from **Alaska Falconry Manual No, 9**. A valid Alaska nonresident hunting license must be purchased prior to applying for a capture permit(this is the current requirement for all drawing permits). **Upon notification, successful applicants may purchase a nonresident take permit for**(amount to be set by the department, BOG or the legislature) **(other states vary from \$100-\$300) The permit must be purchased by (date at departments discretion)or it will be made available to other applicants.**
- (d) The permit-tee must hold the appropriate class falconry license issued from a state with an approved falconry program to possess the species of raptor he or she plans to take.
- (e) **Capture dates for nonresident take of raptors are June 1 through November 30.**
- (f) Each permit-tee must check in -in person with the departments regional falconry representative or his/her designee prior to entering the field to take a bird. The permit-tee must provide information to the department about the species of bird to be taken, location of take, time frame efforts will be undertaken and any additional information required by the department. Permit-tees who successfully take a raptor must check-in in person with the departments regional falconry representative or his/her designee and produce the raptor for inspection with in (time frame at departments discretion).
- (g) Written land owner permission must be in the permit-tee's possession when taking a raptor on private or public lands where required.
- (h) Raptors must be banded at the time of take using the appropriate black marker if appropriate for the species taken.
- (I) A permit winner may not apply for another nonresident capture permit for a period of five(5) years.
- (j) A person may not receive financial or material remuneration for accompanying a nonresident permit holder in the field in the attempt to locate and take a raptor for the permit holder. **This does not apply to licensed guides or transporters.**



Further Committee comments: KAC member Mr. Fox informed the advisory committee of what other states allowed for nonresident raptor take. This is not a comprehensive list.

California: Eyass take allowed for nonresidents no limit that I could find on permit numbers. Only residents could take peregrines or prairie falcons.

Colorado: 20 permits for nonresident take of raptors. Passage birds only.

South Dakota: Nonresident take not allowed.

Oregon: 20 permits for nonresident raptor take. No nonresident take for gyrfalcons and a total of 7 peregrine falcon permits allowed One(1) allowed for non residents for either an eyass or post fledgling. Peregrines are a lottery even for residents all other nonresident are issued in the order received by the department. Eyass take is allowed and a unlimited # of permits for goshawks and prairie falcons.

Idaho: Peregrine falcon permits limited to residents. Nonresidents limited to one(1) take permit per year per person. Eyass take allowed.

Wyoming: Issue 5 take permits a year for peregrine falcons one(1) of which is for nonresidents. Unable to determine if nonresident take allowed for other species.

Washington: Allows nonresident take for the coveted species Goshawks, gyrfalcons, peregrine falcons and prairie falcons plus other raptor species.

Montana: Eyass take allowed. Montana has 70 active peregrine falcon eyries from which they allow a take of five(5) birds either passage or eyass. One(10 Permit is reserved for nonresident take of either an eyass or passage bird. This represents 20% of the allowed peregrine take. For nonresidents Three(3) gyrfalcons passage only are allowed as there are no nesting gyrfalcons in Montana. Three prairie falcons are allowed bringing the total of the large falcons allowed for nonresident take to seven(7). In Montana if you issue permits to nonresidents for all the species that could reasonably be used in falconry it comes to a total of 34 permits. Deduct the raptors most falconers can obtain in their home states and issue them for peregrine falcons, gyr and prairie falcons, goshawks, coopers hawks, merlins and sharp shinned hawks then the total of permits is nineteen(19). Montana officials informed me that all the peregrine permits aren't even issued in a given year. Interest in nonresident take is very low. They haven't experienced any problems with the nonresident program.

MONTANA FALCONRY REGULATIONS:

12.6.1136 APPLICATION AND PERMITTING FOR NONRESIDENT RAPTOR TAKE

(1) Three take permits for each species of raptor allowed to be removed from the wild will be available to nonresidents through a drawing.

(2) Nonresidents may only possess one take permit.

(3) Nonresidents applying for a take permit must submit to the department by March 15:

(a) a completed application;

(b) a \$5 application fee; and

(c) a copy of their valid federal or state falconry license.

(4) Upon notification, successful applicants may purchase a nonresident take permit for \$200. The permit must be purchased by May 1 or will be made available to other applicants.

(5) Permits are valid from June 1 through March 31 and only for the species specified on the permit.

(6) Nonresidents must comply with the following requirements of ARM. History:**87-5-204 MCA**



IMP,87-5-204 ,87-8-208;MCA;NEW,2012 MAR p.501, Eff.3/9/12. (Was implemented in March 2012) Reciprocity repealed.

Change from a 2 year to a 3 year cycle for the BOG : KAC discussed the change and agreed with and supported the departments reasons for doing so. It would bring consistency to the board process as the BOF is in the three year cycle. Committee members felt that for the cycle A and B cycles it should be 3 years and not 6 years which is too long a time. This was discussed at our February 26th 2014 Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting and I was instructed to give this information to the BOG at the March meeting. **Supported 12-0.**



Statewide comments excerpt of the

**Koyukuk River AC Meeting Minutes- DRAFT
Extended Stay Conference Room, Fairbanks, AK
October 7, 2013**

Full minutes available upon request

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

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 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. 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

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm



Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes

February 26, 2014

at MTA Building in Palmer --7 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann at 7:04.

Members present:

Jenifer Ehmann, Andy Couch, Steve Bartelli, Eric Beckman, Mike Buirge, Dave Young, Jeff Tuttle, Terry Nininger, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, Rick Ellis, Dan Montgomery, Mel Grove

Members absent: - Tom Deland -- excused Stephen Darilek -Unexcused , Tony Jones - Excused, Max Sager - unexcused

Public present: Todd Rinaldi ADF&G wildlife biologist, Neil DeWitt, AK State Wildlife Trooper John Cyr, Rod Arno -- AOC, Patrick O'Connor, William Shank, Frank Neuman, Hank

Public --- Neil DeWitt thanked members of the Mat Valley AC who where at the BOF meeting and helped him.

Frank Neuman / Anchorage AC member -- proposal 175 dealing with antlerless moose jurisdiction --- Anchorage AC opposed 175 unanimously 0-14-0. Anchorage AC was disappointed they had no jurisdiction over Unit 13 antlerless moose where Anchorage hunters make up 40% of those hunting for moose. Anchorage AC would like to have a say in Unit 13 moose. Bill Folsom asked what the Anchorage AC position is on antlerless hunts.

Rod Arno -- proposal 140 was put in by Alaska Outdoor Council and would ask on the harvest report / permit if the permit was being used to provide wildlife harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational value. Currently no record is being kept of the people who live in a nonsubsistence area, but hunt for subsistence use in subsistence areas using a standard harvest ticket. All Alaskans are allowed to hunt for subsistence purposes -- but currently it is not recorded that way. Steve Bartelli asked Rod about proposals 136 and 137 which would define sport hunting -- would these two proposals help with proposal 140. Could help. Joint Board took some action at the statewide meeting. All Alaskans have not been treated equally -- those living in nonsubsistence areas have been treated differently. Rod Arno -- said the AC should also appoint someone for the March 7 meeting on Community Harvest hunt -- Dan Montgomery will not be able to attend. Bill Folsom said he is the alternate for the AC on the Communtiy Harvest situation in Unit 13.

Patrick O'Connor -- talked about having problems with inconsistencies in wildlife regulations between units or sub units.

Minutes from Jan. 22 meeting will be sent out by e-mail for member consideration and vote of approval.



Motion to accept the agenda by Andy Couch 2nd by Mike Buirge: amended to add AC -- BOG timeline survey, Dan amended to discuss 136, 175, and 140 first, since people attended this meeting and spoke to those proposals. Amended motion passed with no objection.

While Proposals 136, 175, and 140 were dealt with first --they have been listed in chronological order with the other proposals we considered to make finding our actions on each proposal easier. Proposal 137 was also dealt with before our break.

Meeting break.

Called back to order at 8:45

Upper Cook Inlet report --- by Andy Couch --- Board passed conservation measures for Kenai king salmon and Northern salmon stocks through a revised Central District Drift Fishery Management Plan. Thank You letters to the Board would be appropriate.

Jennifer Ehmann mentioned that letters of support to the Board would be appropriate.

Israel Payton mentioned that Reed Morisky is up for reconfirmation to the Board of Fisheries and the AC may want to send a letter in support if he is put forward by the Governor for another term.

Todd Rinaldi talked about a youth hunt proposal ADF&G is discussing for the Hatcher Pass Area. ADF&G also discussed possibly putting another proposal. Andy Couch had problems with the proposal -- that all hunting would be closed in the area except for a two week period where youth hunting of small game only would be allowed. Andy also mentioned having hunted the area and not seeing many other hunters -- how many hunters are in the area. Trooper Cyr would like to see blaze orange required to be worn by the youth hunters -- he also would like to see only youth doing the hunting. Bill echoed that thought. Steve Bartelli did not see the need for hunter orange. Jennifer mentioned the use of hunter orange as a good thing --- especially in a situation like this.

Board of Game meeting cycle -- potential switch. Andy Couch made a motion for the AC to approve switching the Board of Game cycle to 3 years per area rather than 2 years. 2nd by Steve Bartelli. Todd Rinaldi said this would be partly to save money and that it would provide opportunity to see what happened from a changed regulation before it might be proposed to change again. Todd said in addition to saving money -- his time could be spent for other things rather than preparing for a board meeting every other year. Motion approved unanimously 13-0-0.

Proposal 133 -- would require IBEP certification for bowhunting all big game, in all areas of the state. Dan mentioned that if a requirement was approved -- it should be any archery program from any state. Mike Buirge said the IBEP course is a good one and he is in support. Steve Bartelli felt like a basic hunter education program should suffice -- and is opposed to requiring. Motion failed 2-11-0.



Proposal 134 Steve Bartelli moved to approve option 1. 2nd by Andy Couch. This would take away the needed certification for bowhunting bears over bait in Units 14, 15, and 16. Steve Bartelli maintains that having a certification does not make a hunter a better shot but shooting does. Jehnifer talked from a hunter education certification perspective that she supported option 2. Steve wanted to withdraw. And made a motion to vote on options individually 2nd. approved without objection.

Option 1 passed 10-3-0; Option 2 opposed 3-8-2. Option 3 opposed 0-12-1.

Proposal 135 -- would require that big game taken for religious ceremony be used instate. Motion passed 13-0-0.

Proposal 136 would define general hunts -- the wording is somewhat confusing for multiple AC members --- but AC members would like to see a definition for a general hunt. Bill Folsom moved to table until the next meeting --- comments -- Bill thought it was confusing and should possibly be voted down for that reason -- withdrawn. Mel said perhaps we should vote up the proposal or nothing might happen for 3 years. Rick said vote it up or down -- but our AC is only an advisory committee. Eric Beckman said the proposer is requesting clarity -- like AC members would like. Motion passed 7 - 6 - 0. Minority opposed definition seem too complicated.

Proposal 137 -- Motion to take no action as joint board has already accomplished this. No Objection to taking no Action.

Proposal 138 motion opposed 0-13-0.

Proposal 139 would do away with harvest tickets -- does not want to notch a harvest tag? how would someone know if animal had been harvested. motion opposed 0-13-0.

Proposal 140 -- would require each harvest report of permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide for subsistence uses or recreational value. Resident hunters should all have this opportunity to choose to hunt for subsistence or to have their choice listed as recreational / sport. Dan Montgomery asked Rod Arno if the intent was to raise the ANS number --- Rod answered the intent was for ADF&G to have good data on what the ANS number should be. That could cause the Board to raise the ANS number. Dan was concerned that the ANS could become so high that all hunting might be by Tier II with some Alaskan residents excluded from hunting. Mel would like to have his harvest considered as subsistence and not sport. Rod said currently there is an allocation for subsistence and for nonresident hunters --- but nothing for Alaskan residents living in nonsubsistence areas other than the general hunt opportunity. Andy Couch felt fishing could see some benefit from this type of use. William did not want to see getting closed out of opportunity -- and does not think that subsistence allocates fairly. Motion passed 10- 0 - 3.

Proposal 141 Would require Locking Tag affixed to portion of animal required to be salvaged. According to Steve Bartelli -- the only requirement for Musk ox is for the animal --- and for bear the requirement is for the hide. Motion failed 6 - 5 - 2.



Proposal 142 would change what is required to show peace officers and ADF&G staff to what is required for fishing. Trooper Cyr said hunting is a highly regulated activity and regulations are tighter. Motion passed 9-4-0.

Proposal 144 Repeal export requirement for raw fur. Motion approved 13-0-0.

Proposal 145 would allow a party hunt of up to 3 people. In some hunts will few tags one party may get all or most of the tags. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

Proposal 146 Would take away guide client agreement for drawing hunts. Motion opposed 0-10-3.

Proposal 148, 149, 150 No Action.

Proposal 151 Require migratory bird logbook. This requires lots of extra work. Who is Se Ducks Unlimited -- is it only one individual? Motion opposed 0-13-0.

Proposals 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157 Motion opposed 0-13-0.

Proposal 160 would redefine edible meat on brown bear to what is required for black bear -- 4 quarters and backstrap. Motion passed 12-0-1.

No Action on 158, 159, AND 161 based on Proposal 160 action.

proposal 162 -- can shoot brown bears over bait. Motion passed 13-0-0.

Proposal 164 -- would require annual predator management /control report by ADF&G. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

Proposal 165 -- ADF&G would remove requirement for permit to sell black bear hides. motion passed 11-0-1.

Proposal 166 and 167 opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 168 no action.

Proposal 169 Definition of broken sheep horn --- no action

Proposal 170 Definition of full curl sheep. Support to look at better definition. 8 - 2 - 2.

Proposal 171 Make any ram legal if can not come up with definition of full curl opposed 1-11-0.

Proposal 172 opposed 0-12-0.



Proposal 173 failed 0- 6 - 6.

Proposal 175 seeks to clarify which Advisory Committees would have jurisdiction over antlerless Moose hunts in area Game Management Units. Steve Bartelli said he reads the proposal as asking the ACs which areas they would like to have jurisdiction over. Bill wants AC to stick to local areas. Dan sees some of the language as more expansive allowing our AC vote to mean something in other GMU's if we so please. Mel Grove mentioned wanting to have a say in GMU 20 A -- because that is where he hunts -- Mel's thought AC's should be allowed to vote depending upon how many participants - perhaps more than 10% of the hunters in an area. Andy Couch amended the motion to provide Matanuska Valley AC jurisdiction over antlerless moose hunts in all subunits of GMU 13, 14, and 16. 2nd by Steve Bartelli. Amendment passed 10-3-0. Minority comment we could be getting other ACs commenting on our areas which could be trouble. Other Members felt we should comment on other areas. Mel moved for a 2nd amendment that AC's with a 10% constituent hunter use in any specific GMU or subunit be allowed jurisdiction as well. Rick 2nd. Frank mentioned that Anchorage AC has jurisdiction over all types of game in some units but not for antlerless moose hunts. 2nd Amendment to motion failed 3-9-1.

As previously amended to give Matanuska Valley AC jurisdiction over antlerless moose hunts in all subunits of GMUs 13, 14, and 16 motion passed. 10-3-0.

The meeting concluded in the dark and adjourned after the lights were automatically turned off.

Minutes recorded by Andy Couch



Excerpt of the
McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1/29/2014
Assembly Room, Captain Snow Center, McGrath, AK
Full minutes available upon request

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

II. Roll Call:

Clinton Goods- Takotna
Jessie Grady- Takotna (Secretary; newly elected below)
Nick 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

STATEWIDE 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
REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS			
BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory Committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts	
Support as Amended	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 Residents of 19 also hunt in 21A(<i>note; this would not be allowed under AS16.05.780 as it is currently written</i>) The AC moved to amend the proposal to include them in GMU 19.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 4:08 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG
Minutes Approved By: Ray Collins
Date: 2/ 5/ 2014



Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee
10 Feb. 2014
Healy

I. Call to Order: 18:15, Allan Mortenson (Vice Chair)

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 8

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

Paul VanDyke (Alt. Clear/Anderson)

Pat Owen (Healy A)

Coke Wallace (Healy C)

Jacob Mattila (Healy D)

Jason Reppert – Secretary (Healy E)

Joseph Chattfield

Nan Eagleson (McKinley Village)

Members Absent: 6

Robert Kohlsdorf - excused

Myron Stokes (Clear/Anderson B) - excused

John Basile – Chair (Healy B) - excused

Leroy Sutton (Alt.) - absent

Tyler Dynes (Ferry A) - absent

(Alt. Healy) – absent

Larry Haddock (undesignated) – absent

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

6

User Groups Present: Friends of Stampede

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved; January 13, 2014

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Don Young

VI. Guests Present

Brian Napier, Cass Ray, Hannah Ragland, Ivana Haverlikova, Molly Mckinley, Jim Ellison, DPS

VII. Old Business:

Jacob Mattila – Started working on expanding bow hunting area within Usebelli mine. Archery only was requested by the owner. Initially no hunting was allowed.



Joe Chattfield – Is the expanded area open to firearms hunting?

Don Young – Everything outside of designated archery area is open to firearms, but the access to these areas may be restricted by the mine.

Paul Van Dyke – Basically its walk in only.

VIII. New Business:

Allan Mortenson – A new pamphlet is available about trapping safety. ADF&G and Alaska Trappers Assoc. worked on it together.

Also he and Wayne Valkie met with Todd Brinkmann. He is working on a survey, looking for input from sheep hunters. Should be in the mail by April.

Was approached by public about drawing permit timing. Person was discouraged because they applied and paid and the hunt was canceled. Do we have any opinions or discussion?

Paul – Reading the supplement, it states the hunt is subject to change.

Allan – There can sometimes be less time to prep for a hunt.

Don – Some discussion from 20A hunts for antlerless hunts. It states if cancelled no refund will be awarded. ADF&G recognizes the problem and know they are in a precarious spot. Heard a rumor division management team have agreed to have a spring draw for antlerless hunts. This works well with the survey time.

Nan Eagleson – how did this decision come about?

Don – Survey numbers are down. They want to be cautious.

Nan – Was it before the Jan. meeting?

Don – It was brought to the advisory committees about mid-December. Decision was made as soon as the numbers were in.

Nan – Heard that Allan was a great spokesperson. Thanks for representing.

Hannah Ragland – House Bill 148, addressing the Stampede Recreation area, has been in Juneau since 2009. Middle Nenana Advisory committee had been in support of the bill in the past.

She works with friends of Stampede



Denali Borough Assembly came up with the idea in 2007. This Bill will likely be on the next few agendas. The bills move slowly.

The bill does not change wildlife management. Management of the area falls under state parks and recreation.

The bill deals with Tour operators and heavy fall use.

The area would be managed by a local advisory committee.

Would like to know if we would write a letter and support the bill.

Nan – Received many emails asking us to support. Would like to draft the letter.

Coke – Is there some planning about structures?

Hannah – State does not have funding. Has been looking for grants. An outhouse was ripped down and burned. Likely not locals. Would like to see the state do something about it.

Jason Reppert – Who put in the pullout?

Hannah – DOT

Paul – Moves we should support it

Nan – Second

All members support

Jason – How much time?

Hannah – A week from Friday

Nan- Seeing an increase in bear baiting and snaring. Adamantly opposed to baiting and snaring. Does not know how it is used. Missed the concept of why. What is the deal with bear baiting and how many people use it?

Paul – Lower 48 doesn't bear bait, but use hounds.

Coke – being used as a management too. Big states, MT, WY. Access is tough for hunting bears.

Jim Ellison – in Colorado, very opposed to bear baiting and using hounds. Had to remove many bears.



Jacob – People opposing bear baiting have rarely been on a bait site.

Pat Owen – Baiting allows you to be selective

Allan – As far as being hazardous, rules and regulations are in place to keep folks safe.

Nan – travels Rivers a lot in the summer time.

Coke – The bears will likely run. Mostly being used as a management tool.

Joe – Proposal 177, Looking at more traditional use. Some conversations he recalls from locals.

Coke – it's not fair chase. It's a fine line? Are they being prosecuted?

Jim – Fair chase? No need to chase

Allan – seems to be targeting wolves and wolverines

Coke – It's not fair chase and it's not ethical

Allan – any more proposals to comment on?

Nan – Has more of a problem with bear snaring. Understands some of bear baiting.

Jacob – An idea of how many bears are out there. Harvested 27 bears off a bait station in Skwenta area.

Joe – Discussion on proposal 145,

Paul – Two seems like a small number for a party. Other states have larger parties. Agrees the number should be larger.

Allan - Could go the other way

Jacob – Each person gets a permit

Nan – Looking for some clarification of 165

Jason – Seems to clean up the process

Nan – Did we vote on 99 and 100? What is the consensus of the AC?

Coke – Against it



Paul – Didn't comment because we never approve these
Jacob – Likely overlooked.

Don – Did we discuss 98?

Jim – Need more Wildlife troopers.

Coke – They take it easy on self-turn ins.

Jim – No criminal record

Coke – How many?

Jim – 25/35 self-turn in. Half dozen wanton waste.

Don – These can be brought up to the board and game

Nan – Should we get a consensus to present to the board and game?

Don – Yes

Nan – Motion to support 99 and 100

Pat – 2nd

All opposed / none in favor

Don – 98 would cause a reduction in season length

Paul – Figured BOG would shoot this down.

Don – Don't count on the board of game

Paul – Motion to support 98

Pat – 2nd

All opposed / none in favor

Joe – would going to 3 brow tines be a future proposal?

Jim – Thinks this proposal is attempting to eliminate wanton waste, but it doesn't do it.



Coke – Is there a proposal talking about Red Sheep creek in the Brooks range?

Don – did not hear anything about it.

Hannah – Proposal 116, is this a proposal to reinstate an old area? Curious about our opinion?

Paul – Thinks this has to do with airboats.

Allan – rumored for ag development

Joe – some of the best ag land

Don – Nenana control use area dealt with use of airboats. There is a proposal to allow airboats in Minto Flats. This adds another layer

Allan – Are they just reinstating?

Nan – Does controlled use automatically mean non-motorized?

Don – It can vary greatly. Nenana controlled use was to eliminate air boat use. The Department is neutral

Joe – A grant has been approved to build a bridge

Allan – Any more statewide proposals?

Jacob – Should we talk about 152?

Coke – Most waterfowl hunters only take breast.

Jacob – Proposal 170, it overcomplicates the issue

Jim – Sheep hunters know and won't pull the trigger. They want black and white.

Coke – Depends on who is in charge. It won't put the sheep back on the hill.

Jim – First self-turn in not a big deal, 2nd time not as lenient. Troopers will have some discretion.

Jacob – adding more language isn't going to solve the problem

Coke – It take time to learn to judge



Discussion of Board of Game meeting cycle

Don – Current time frame of the process is never ending. The BOG adopted everything to do with the 3 year cycle, but the 3 year cycle.

Pat – Things change too often too quickly.

Don – One advantage is to work on issues and proposals. Would give more time. The BOG of been bogged down, spend so much time on antlerless hunts.

Nan – Wasn't it suggested that it would give us time? Great to see the survey

Allan – Gas reimbursement. It can be done on an individual basis. I one person does, we don't all have to do it.

Nan – Emphasize the Yanert controlled use area. Will also prepare and circulate the letter for the Stampede rec area.

**Next meeting: 10 March 2014, 6pm, Anderson
Adjourn 20:40**

IX. Statewide Proposals

Statewide BOG Meeting 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
REGIONAL AND MULTIPUL UNITS			
BOG	144	Repeal the Requirement for an export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of furs and fur bearers from Alaska.	
Support	8	0	Joe – Looks like an unnecessary step Allan – Is the state using it? Don – Used the data in the past, but not used as much. Supports the departments position Jason – Sealing seems sufficient Coke – varies among the unit Nan – Is there another way to look at the number? This is basically redundant.
BOG	135	Specify game taken for certain religious ceremonies is to be used with this state.	
Support	8	0	Nan – Wandering about abuses and potential overharvest from Potlachs? We



Statewide BOG Meeting 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
			lose a handle if we lose species. Don – Making it clear that meat taken in AK, stays in AK.
BOG	175		Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.
Support	8	0	Paul – Confused to what unit/subunit mean Don – All committees would have say in reauthorization of antlerless hunt Pat – So long as you're in the unit you have a say Don- Attempts to remove the ambiguity Coke – Trying to clearly delineate Pat – We couldn't in the past Paul – We can comment Don – Giving all AC's equal representation in the unit



In reference to Interior BOG proposals; excerpt of the
Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee
13 Jan. 2014
Anderson, AK

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

Approval of Agenda:

Approved with additions:

Antlerless Joint meeting discussion

Change of Agenda order

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

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Don Young

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

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"> • Amend to align with current black bear salvage requirements. <p>John – 57 could be amended to line up with black bear season salvage requirements. Don – Dept. would like to see some standardization</p>



Excerpt of the
Minto Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1/27/2014
Nenana Tribal Hall Conference Room, Nenana
Full minutes available upon request

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
- Florrinda Alexander- Undesignated
- Tim McManus- Nenana, Co-Chair
- Kana Evans- Nenana
- Jeri Knabe- Nenana
- Victor Lord- Nenana

Members Absent:

- Rondell Jimmy- Nenana
- Steven Ketzler- Nenana

Number 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:

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	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.
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.

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.
			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



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
			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 black bear meat. If the hunter is not planning on taking the meat, the animal shouldn't be harvested for both animals.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 2:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



**North Slope Advisory Committee Telephonic Poll
February 24, 2014
Barrow, Alaska**

- I. A telephonic poll was conducted to discuss a Board generated proposal to allow the use of snow machines to position hunters to effectively harvest wolves, wolverine, and caribou in GMU 23 and to include GMU 26.

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Ben Itta (Barrow); George Kingik (Point Hope - Alternate); Herman Kignak Sr. (Atqasuk – Secretary); Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut – Vice-Chair); Lee Kayotuk (Kaktovik - Alternate); Warren Lampe (Point Lay); William Hopson (Member-At-Large); Enoch Oktollik (Wainwright – Chairman).

Members Absent: Esther Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass).

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users from the North Slope

- III. Approval of Agenda: None available.

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: None available.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None available.

- VI. Guests Present: Mike Pederson, Dr. Brian Person (NSB Dept. of Wildlife Management).

- VII. New Business: None available.



Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee
2/27/14
Telephonic

- I. Call to Order: Time 1:07 pm by
- II. Roll Call:
 - Members Present: All here: Ron Moto Sr., Calvin Moto Sr., Mona Washington, Percy Ballot, Nathan Hadley, and Marlene Moto-Karl
 - Members Absent: None
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
 - List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Percy Ballot approved agenda
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 11/26/13
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:, Carmen Daggett-Boards Support
 - a. Board of Game: Voted down the proposal to allow the sale of antlers and changed the musk ox boundary.
- VII. Guests Present: None
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business:
 - a. Stipend- needs to be allowed for people who have to work.
Percy Ballot: There should be a way to reimburse people. Nathan and Mona both work we should have a stipend for them missing work. I don't know why we don't get per diem for when we are in Kotzebue.
Carmen Daggett: Explains ACC.
Marlene Moto-Karl: I don't even know when the last time we got stipend. I want a financial report of what we spend on meetings.
Carmen Daggett: You don't get per diem unless you are in travel status for more than 12 hours.
Percy Ballot: We should try to make a stipend happen regardless of travel status because people miss work.
Carmen Daggett: This is written in statute, I don't have control over it, it happens way above me.
Percy Ballot: We just want to air this out. We should compensate people for their time. Maybe other committees will start talking about it too.
Calvin Moto: When did they change people not getting a stipend regardless of when they travel or not. We always got per diem.
Ron Moto: That came from the Juneau office because it was costing too much money.
Carmen Daggett: I don't know when that statute actually changed, but I can look it up for you.
Nathan Hadley: Explains I got \$220 for food the amount of time we were in the Kotzebue that was not enough for all of the food. Food in Kotzebue is expensive it was not enough.



BOG or BOF Supports or Opposes?	Proposal Number		Proposal Description
	No. For	No. Against	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	133		<i>Hunter Education and orientation requirements. Require IBEP (International Bow hunter Education Program) certification for all big game hunters, statewide</i>
Support	4	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It is not common to use a bow in our area.</i> • <i>To each his own I guess.</i>
BOG	137		<i>Establish a definition for subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.</i>
Oppose	0	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rural priority and domicile</i> • <i>If they change this it might not be as strong for rural Alaska.</i> • <i>Oppose this definition to keep it consistent with constitution.</i> • <i>How does this affect the federal subsistence regulation?</i> • <i>Carmen Daggett: I don't know how they would interact with each other.</i> • <i>This would not be good for rural subsistence priority.</i> • <i>Ron Moto: I think we should oppose proposal 137.</i>
BOG	139		<i>Remove the harvest ticket requirement and require harvest reports for certain non-permit hunts.</i>
Support	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In areas 1-5 it is really important to have the tickets validated.</i> • <i>Up here we give our tickets and reports to ADFG.</i> • <i>This should be for areas 1-5.</i> • <i>Percy: Move to support 139.</i>
BOG	140		<i>Require each harvest report or permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide wild foods harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational uses.</i>
Neutral			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I think we are neutral on this one as well.</i> • <i>In a way I would kind of oppose this one, but I can be neutral.</i> • <i>Move on to the next proposal.</i>



BOG	144	<i>Repeal the requirement for export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals and fur bearers from Alaska.</i>	
Support	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percy Ballot: Move to support • What species does this apply to? • Wolverines, Wolves, Lynx, and bears. • It is less complicated to have our own furs tanned.
BOG	152	<i>Modify the definition of edible meat for waterfowl.</i>	
Oppose	0	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We eat all of the birds and animals. Edible meat is all of it to us. Why do we need to define all of this because edible meat is the whole thing? • This would allow people to get a bird and only eat the breast and this would be a waste, that would not be good for us. • This encourages want and waste.
BOG	153	<i>Modify the definition of hindquarter for wildfowl as follows.</i>	
Oppose	0	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think we should vote consistently with 152. • Motion to oppose.
BOG	157	<i>Modify the definition of salvage as follows.</i>	
Support	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this count drying meat? • Hunters and transporters are affected by this one. It is not us subsistence users. • It would change where they keep the meat and when they get into town they just throw it into trash bins. • Move to support
BOG	177	<i>Change methods and means of chase and capture of wolves, wolverines and caribou</i>	
Support	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percy Ballot, this is how we do things now in comparison to how our ancestors did it. I wholly support this proposal. Putting on paper is a good thing. • Why are we not including other species? • Is that something we need to



		<p><i>consider?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I think there are a lot of things that come into play. We chase and shoot many species, coyotes, moose, fox, otters etc.</i> • <i>I'll take it as it is.</i> • <i>Nathan Hadley: I used to fly around with the game wardens to kill wolves. I see lots of wolves.</i> • <i>Percy: We have people getting wolves every day in Buckland.</i> • <i>Nathan Hadley: the game wardens used to give us \$50 a wolf to shoot them to protect the caribou and moose that are getting finished off by wolves. We live out here in the country and we know our animals.</i> • <i>Move to support 177.</i>
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Adjournment: 2:19 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: _____

2/28/14



Nushagak ADFG Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

EXCERPTED FOR THE BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE 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 members 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 working 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 vendors 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/Interior BOG Proposals – Full minutes available upon request.

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

NOTE: These minutes reflect the order in which the AC addressed the proposals. Proposals were not reviewed in numerical order.

A. Proposals.

Comments for Interior Region BOG meeting due January 31. Comments for Statewide Regulations meetings due February 28. BOG Proposals for our area due May 1 2014.

New Stuyahok Representative Peter Christopher stated his village would like to see the fall Moose season extended from September 15 to September 20th in GMU's 17B and 17C. He also feels very



strongly that the caribou season should be extended an additional two weeks in the spring time to allow for more local hunting opportunity and when the caribou are usually closer to their community.

MOTION: AC Draft New Moose Proposal Robert H moves, Joe C 2nd. Action: Carry 8-1

Description: AC will draft a proposal to extend the 17 B & C resident registration moose season until September 20 (instead of the current Sept. 15 closure date).

Discussion: Seek ADFG comment at next AC meeting before submitting by the May 1 deadline this spring. Several spoke in support. One member opposed as there is too much hunting pressure now, guides will want more opportunity, moose get rutty by then.

PROPOSAL 175 - Joe C. Moves, Robert 2nd ACTION: Carries as Amended 8-0

DESCRIPTION: Review and determine the advisory committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts.

AMENDMENT: Amend motion to include Nushagak AC as having jurisdiction in 9B.

DISCUSSION: Extended discussion whether we should be able to speak to hunts in 9B since Nushagak Communities regularly hunt there. Should some Kuskokwim ACs should be able to address portions of 17? What about King Cove and nearby communities, do they really actively use 9B or other subunits up at the north end? Other communities probably have similar concerns. Wording in proposal reflects what is in state statute - but no statute available for review. Some confusion on this proposal. Let's support how we think it should be.

Discussion whether to re-address proposal 132. Troopers prefer winter hunts for antlered bulls, easier for hunters, and enforcement, reduces potential for accidental take of cows. Long discussion. Concern that for now the new 17A winter hunt allows antlerless bulls, will there be problems? Nobody knows of problems and we should let Togiak AC take the lead on that issue. Let the soon to open season run, if there's a problem we have until May 1 to write a proposal.

Subcommittee Authorization:

MOTION: Robert moves, Gary 2nd. ACTION: Carries 8-0

DESCRIPTION: AC chair will form a subcommittee authorized to act for the whole AC to complete deliberations and comments on remaining proposals and action items.

DISCUSSION: We are about to break for lunch, some of us have other obligations and may not be able to participate afterward. Subcommittee will be made up of those who can continue: Dan D, Kurt. A, Tom O. Frank W. Joe C. and Peter C.

Recess for lunch 12:25 to 1:43.

Resume Meeting.

Some members had to depart for other duties.

Subcommittee Members present:

Kurt Armstrong	Tom O'Connor	Dan Dunaway
Frank Woods	Joe Chythlook	Peter Christopher (by phone)



PROPOSALS 133 & 134 - Dan Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Fail 0-6

DESCRIPTION: Require IBEP certification for all big game bow hunters, statewide; modify the IBEP requirements for all bears taken over bait by bow and arrow, statewide.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: How hard is it to get bow certified, how long does it take? We have a few local bow hunters, we may have some instructors in Dillingham but what about all the other villages? This could be really onerous and hard to get programs in the bush. Would this spread to all other types of traditional hunting methods?

PROPOSAL 151 – No Motion

ACTION: - No Action, - need more info.

DESCRIPTION: Require guides to keep migratory bird log books /questionnaires.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: This proposal was discussed, whether there was enough local activity to address, what is the real problem? We might be supportive if we had more information.

PROPOSAL 155 - Dan Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Fail 0-6

DESCRIPTION: Modify the definition of possession limit for migratory birds.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: STRONGLY Opposed, we don't want to be prevented from the practice of accumulating our food supply when its available. Too restrictive and invasive. Goes against the traditions of subsistence out here. I like to shoot a few ducks for the freezer then eat them through the winter. Biologist Lem didn't seem to know if there is a biological issue. If this was a problem wouldn't the waterfowl biologists seek to change the regulations.

PROPOSAL 152 – Dan Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Carry As Amended 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Modify the definition of edible meat for wildfowl.

AMENDMENT: to require salvage of leg meat and breast meat.

DISCUSSION: Would this require we salvage wing meat and backs of teal? I can support salvaging the leg meat, especially of large birds like swans. I support leg meat but not pelvis bone; I cut meat off pelvis along with the leg meat. We could support with amended language.

PROPOSALS 153 & 154 – Dan Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: NO Action

DESCRIPTION: Modify the definition of hindquarter for wildfowl; modify the definition of trophy to include salvage of edible meat, and to include wildfowl.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: We should take no action based on what we did in 152. Current wanton waste regulations are sufficient. The person who wrote all these is a chronic proposer.

PROPOSAL 168 – Tom Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-6

DESCRIPTION: Establish a definition for brow palm.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Troopers want a definition of brow palm apparently encounter problems with brow tine only. It can be clear in the field when antlers are in hand but very hard in words. ADFG doesn't have final comments but there is a lot of variability in antler configurations, brow palm is hard to explain. AC, could be very messy if definition is poor or unclear. There is a LOT of



differences in antlers. I'm opposed until a better explanation of the problem and better definition of a palm can be provided.

PROPOSAL 173 Tom Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-6

DESCRIPTION: Modify the definition for bag limit, and define mortally wounded.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Too vague. How certain can a hunter be of mortally wounded if the animal runs off? Seems like it would be very hard to enforce. I've found caribou that might have run a mile or more before they died. Sometimes it's a problem if people herd shoot or use small rifles. Its good ethics to try hard to recover wounded animals but if you can't find it how do you know it died?

PROPOSAL 172 Tom Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-6

DESCRIPTION: Remove black bears from the furbearer classification.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Aren't some areas trying to reduce bear predation on moose? Opposed current regulation is fine.

PROPOSAL 137 - Tom Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-6

DESCRIPTION: Establish definitions for subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: We should oppose; there is a clear and sufficient definition of subsistence already. State human population has doubled since about 1989. Currently all state residents have subsistence opportunity. Seems like proposers are using a state proposal and system trying to address federal regulations. Are they confusing state and federal regulations?

******END of Proposal Review.**

Susie Brito Statewide BOG meeting is March 14-18 in Anchorage. Statewide Fin Fish BOF meeting starts March 17.

Board of Game Meeting Cycle Motion: Tom Moves, Dan 2nd ACTION: Carry 6-0 (On the condition that BOG and BOF don't conflict and meet the same year on one area.)

DESCRIPTION: Allow Board of Game to address areas on a 3 year cycle.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Probably good to go to a 3 year cycle given the discussion earlier. The one condition is that BOG and BOF don't conflict. Having both in the same year is really burdensome to AC members and staff. Too often for wildlife issues, regulation changes have been made but not enough time has passed to evaluate the effect before the next round of Board meetings come around. This leads to place holder proposals which are not a good way to do business. Some comments that longer cycle might actually allow the BOG to be more responsive and effective.

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	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. 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>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. 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>5 AAC 28.4XX. New Section; 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section; and 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section. 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>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section. 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>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. 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>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. 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>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. 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>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. 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>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. 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>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section. 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>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section. 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>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. 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>5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan. 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	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. 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	5 AAC 01.560. Fishing seasons and daily fishing periods. 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	5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. 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	5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. 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 support 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	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. 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>5 AAC 21.XXX. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan. 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>5 AAC 21.377. Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Management Plan. 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>5 AAC 21.373. Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan. 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>5 AAC 28.371. Landing requirements for Cook Inlet Area. 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 12th 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



SITKA ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 17, 2014
SAGE BUILDING 6:30PM

Attendance:

Floyd Tomkins, Moe Johnson, Randy Gluth, Pete Roddy, Brian Massey, John Murray, Jerry Barber, Tad Fujioka, Kim Elliot, Jeff Feldpausch, Bradley Shaffer and Jessica Gill. Dick Curran showed up at 7pm.

Bradley offered to act as temporary secretary in absence of Eric Jordan.

Floyd began the meeting by providing Unit 4 big game information provided by Phil Mooney. Phil does not believe there will be any Agency proposed changes to Unit 4 in the next proposal process.

Troy Tydingco, our local area sport fish manager, introduced himself. Troy responded to questions regarding *Didemnum vexillum* (or D. vex) and another invasive E. Vex. He explained the taxonomy and locations of its existence. There appears to be no major spread of D. vex from the infested area of Whiting Harbor. Kim inquired about control over public access and Troy described the physical notices but reminded us the state has very limited authority.

Election:

Most of the expiring terms were filled by the present representative. The group had an open discussion regarding the vacant positions.

The following occurred:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>
John Murray	Power Troll	Tad/Brian
Peter Roddy	Shellfish	John/Bradley
Floyd Tomkins	Conservation	Tad/Randy
Cody Loomis	Guide	Tad/Jerry
Dick Curran	Longline	Brian/Peter

The ballot was unanimous.

Eric's decades of participation was acknowledged by all but reluctantly we agree with his desire to not participate at this time.

Upon John's nomination for Chair, a very constructive discussion occurred regarding responsibilities and duties. Brian, Tad and outgoing Floyd all shared no nonsense advice and observation they have experienced as Chair. All three agreed the Secretary is an integral part to making the Chair's duties not become overwhelming.

Jessica Gill who introduced herself at the beginning of the meeting made her interests of participation known to us. She is willing to serve as alternate and secretary.



<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>
Jessica Gill	Alternate	Brian/Jeff

The ballot was unanimous.

With that out of the way the election of officers occurred:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>
John Murray	Chair	Brian/Randy
Brian Massey	Vice Chair	Peter/Kim
Jessica Gill	Secretary	Brian/Kim

The ballot was unanimous.

Jessica was not able to stay for the whole meeting; she left after the election.

Game Proposal action was as follows:

<u>Proposal Number</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
143,144	11	1	1	Motion/Second: Brian/Jeff Obsolete process, activity is no use to the State. State also desires passage
135	6	5	1	Motion/Second: Brian/Kim Bradley commented this proposal may be the result of ANCSA corporation using Alaska harvested meat out of State for a shareholder meeting. While the general consensus was that ceremonial activities are to be supported by the State, sentiments were mixed on meat leaving the state. Jeff stated he supports tribal activities and locations should not impede the activities
140	0	11	1	Motion/Second: Brian/Tad Randy “who’s business is it?” Tad “no value in the information for managers”
142	TABLED			Motion/Second: Brian/Kim General discussion regarding the intended purpose and need for such a change. Bradley suggested no action on the proposal. Jerry/Brian moved to table
152,153	0	12	0	Motion/Second: Tad/Randy Tad stated there is no need. Most of us would like to know who Pioneer Alaska Fisheries is and what a corporation has to do with proposing unreasonable standards. Jerry saw no reason for changes as there is no public harm or loss



				currently. Jeff stated the proposal conflict with customary use.
156,157	0	12	0	Motion/Second: Brian/Jerry Jeff does not believe anything is “broken”. Jerry stated the proposal is unnecessary. Bradley believes the proposals authored by Pioneer Alaska Fisheries can generally be viewed as anti-harvesting proposals.
175	12	0	0	Motion/Second: Kim/Jeff Kim moved that Sitka be added to the list of communities for Units 1-3, with Brian making a friendly amendment to include Units 5A &B (he would later withdraw his amendment). Pete disclosed we are the only community in SE that is not included on any other the unit lists. John pointed out that Sitka is a subsistence community and boundaries are not black and white as to where activities occur. Randy commented that antlerless hunts generally represent surplus animals. The surplus animals should be available to those with “local knowledge”. Tad pointed out that numerous Sitkans hunt unit 3 and that Gustavus was never discussed much in the past, which he believes is an indicator that not many Sitkans hunt Gusvatus. That comment caused Brian to withdraw his motion for unit 5. Jerry does not believe there is any geographical sense to Sitka’s omission. Peter wants Sitka included.

The meeting wrapped up a couple of minutes passed 8pm. A round of applause was provided to Floyd for his vigilance as 2013 Chair.



**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 / effects 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 2nd season of bear control and its effect 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 1st 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. <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>
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. <u>Possibly amend to add bear control similar to 19A program.</u>
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.
Statewide Meeting Comments / March, 2014			
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 st part, but voted against it because of 2 nd 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	STRONGLY. This is nothing but a ploy to limit or prevent predator control through the use of snares.
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.



- I. **Call to Order** at 11:30 am, February 11, 2014, by Chairman Jonathan Forsling
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**, amended to included addressing Togiak AC’s concern regarding extending the current winter moose hunt under New Business.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**, January 2013 tabled until next meeting.
- IV. **Roll Call (11 members)**

Members Present

Chair, Jonathan Forsling (Togiak)
 Vice Chair, Frank Logusak (Togiak)
 Leroy Fox (Togiak)
 Gust Bartman (Togiak)
 Teo Pauk (Togiak)
 Moses Tuyakuk (Manokotak)
 Peter Luckuk (Alt.)

Absent

Micheal Gloko (Mano.)
 Christian Gloko (Mano.)
 Julius Henry (Twin Hills)
 John Bavilla (Togiak)
 Wassillie Tugatuk (Mano.)

Quorum Established by with 7 of 11 members present.

V. Staff Reports:

- a. Andy Anderman Togiak NWR – Nushagak Peninsula Caribou/ 17A moose
- b. Susannah Henry Togiak NWR - Introduction
- c. Susie Jenkins-Brito ADF&G Boards Support – BOG cycle change issue, News Letter information, Joint Board Meeting results
- d. Lem Butler ADF&G Wildlife Conservation – Fall and Winter Moose hunts, herd population summaries, 17B & C predator control, discussion of winter hunt concerns with AC members and possible avenues they could pursue to request an extension
- e. BBNA Natural Resources Gayla Hoseth and Danielle Stickman – BBNA’s offered assistance to AC and public
- f. Sarah Evans ADF&G Subsistence, no report but present for questions
- g. Fred Burke Alaska State Troopers asks for questions, he addressed a public member’s concern for individuals bringing moose heads and carcasses into the community and enforcements interactions with village members. Fred also addressed several AC and public members concern of Trooper activity in helicopters during fall moose hunts. Helicopter activity disrupts hunts and AC would like to see more skiff patrolling and less air traffic.



VI. Elections of New Members and Officers

- a. Frank moves to open the floor to nominations, Leroy Fox 2nds.
- b. Teo Pauk is nominated to renew his term and Thomas Dock is nominated to fill a vacant undesignated seat.
- c. Floor is closed. Everyone present votes unanimously to seat Teo and Thomas.
- d. Thomas joins the table and members present are now at 8 of 12.
- e. Floor is opened to election for officers.
- f. Jonathan nominated Leroy Fox as Chair, Leroy respectfully declines
- g. Leroy Fox nominates Jonathan Forsling as Chair and Frank Logusak as Vice Chair
- h. AC unanimously consents
- i. Susie encourages AC to elect secretary, no one steps forward, Gayla Hoseth BBNA takes notes along with Susie for duration of meeting.

VII. New Business

a. 2014 Interior BOG Proposals

Proposal 122 - Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Region IV

ACTION: Support 8-0

Discussion: Leroy Fox moves to Adopt, Frank Logusak 2nds

Lem Butler gives AC an overview of the proposal and its intent. Moses Tuyakuk from Manokotak voices his support for anything that makes hunting bears easier for villagers is good. Igushik setnetters have many bears causing problems during fishing season and some predator control for bears would be a positive thing. Jonathan Forsling agrees anything that makes bear hunting more appealing is positive. If DLP's salvage requirements could be lightened in the future it would also be very helpful for villagers. Ester Fayer, public, would like to see more bear control and was unaware of the DLP allowances. Peter Lockuk cautions everyone the community as a whole needs to be better about disposing of trash and more careful when processing fish and game in the village.

Moses Toyakuk calls for the question, All in Favor. 8-0

Proposal 132 – Reauthorize 17A Antlerless Moose hunt.

ACTION: Support 8-0

Discussion: Moses moves to adopt, Frank 2nds

Lem lets AC know ADF&G is in support of the reauthorization. Andy Aderman notes the Togiak Refuge is in support because this hunt helps slow population growth, moose habitat is very adequate. Susie notes Nushagak AC also is in support of the reauthorization. Jonathan encourages supporting this proposal, it is a very good tool to keep the population within its threshold. This hunt is also currently underway and without actually having all the information making any changes does not seem wise. The hunt also gives the 17A communities, Manokotak,



Dillingham, and people from Goodnews Bay more opportunity to harvest subsistence needs. Leroy Fox appreciates the additional opportunity this hunt provides. Jonathan adds the second moose bag limit allows for more sharing.

Frank Logusak calls for the question, All in Favor. 8-0

b. 2014 Statewide BOG Proposals

Proposal 175 – Renewal of AC Antlerless hunt authorization **ACTION: Support 8-0**

Discussion: Leroy moves to adopt, Gust 2nds.

Lem explains the annual purpose of this proposal and gives overview of AK Statue that it reflects. Nushagak and Togiak AC both have jurisdiction in GMU 17 and all of its subunits A, B, and C. Leroy and Jonathn discuss Goodnews Bay, Quinhagak, and Platinum having a say in 17A antlerless hunts and Togiak AC traveling to Units 9A, 9B and 9C and having the Lower Kuskokwim AC and Naknek/Kvichak AC having expanded jurisdiction and Togiak AC having a say in GMU 18 and 9.

Leroy Fox calls for the question, All in Favor. 8-0

BOG Cycle Change Potential Change (2yr. to 3yr. cycle) **ACTION: Support 8-0**

Discussion: AC members Moses and Jonathan voice their support of this potential change. Jonathan notes a 2 year cycle is almost too short, the AC is consistently discussing changing hunts that haven't even completed with harvest information to review when trying to make decisions. This would eliminate the BOF and BOG falling on the same year every six years, those "double whammy" years are far too exhausting, 2012-2013 was a good example of that. Three years would give more information to consider when talking about making changes. Gust Bartman agrees. Frank offers that it likely have a large savings for ADF&G, Susie provides AC a little more information about the cost savings estimated.

AC unanimously supports this proposed change.

c. BOG Call For Proposals Region IV

AC discussed the Call for proposals with the public present, Susie offered more information. No proposals generated at meeting but discussion will be on going with the Togiak Traditional council and the Tri-council.

VIII. Next meeting to be set by the call of the chair, meeting is adjourned.



**UPPER LYNN CANAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Date: Feb. 19 2014 Page 1 of 5
Haines, Alaska**

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Dean Risley (DR)	Present
Jamie King (JK)	Present
John Katzeek (JKa)	Present
John Tronrude (JT)	Excused
Johnnie Gamble (JG)	Present
Julia Heinz (JH)	Present
Kip Kermoian (KK)	Present
Luke Rauscher (LR)	Absent
Randy Jackson (RJ)	Present
Tim McDough (T.M)	Present

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ADF&G Staff Present:

Comm. fish: Randy Bachman
Sport Fish: Rich Chappell
Wildlife: Ryan Scott, Stephanie Sell
Other:

Audience:

Approximate number of public in attendance: 7

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Minutes: January 13 2014 Minutes approved YES

Agenda: Approved

Changes to Agenda- Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve (CBEP) resolution adopted by CBEP Advisory Council- Ben Kirkpatrick



Agency Reports:

Comm fish- Randy Bachman presented subsistent harvest permit results and noted that in general there has been an increase in effort since 1999- *see attached*. JH wondered why had there been an increase in effort. Sport Fish- Rich Chappell Presented information regarding the Chinook returns in the Chilkat since 1991 as well as information of Chinook harvest by fisheries by brood yr, as well as by area. There was discussion concerning the commercial troll fleet harvest of 34% and RC noted the data was obtained through wire tag recovery. KK wondered if there was a conservation concern with the management of the troll fleet, and requested more information. It was also noted that an increase in Chinook harvest rates might also be explained by or related to the Lutak remote release site. RJ- asked if there was anything the AC should be considering or anything ADFG could be doing to improve escapement now, neither sport nor comm. Fish have proposals to submit to BOF for this area and Rich C felt the department was managing from a conservative approach and furcated to make escapement goals in 2014.

Wildlife:

Stephanie sell (AAB) presented the results of moose survey (see attached) and commented that she felt the survey was a little late in the season and the bulls had begun to drop their antlers, so some of the increase seen in the cow count may be from miscounted bulls as cows. JKA had some questions regarding how many Bulls were taken this season and the configuration (specifically wondered if there has been an increase in 3 brow tyne) and a brief discussion followed. Ryan Scott (AB) noted that the area had a hard winter 2 yrs ago and we may be seeing some of the effect now- the mean moose count has been 195/197 this yr was total moose count was around 163 (see attached).

Data on Haines area brown bear mortality and non harvest mortality was presented (see attached). Ryan S noted the department shoots for a 4% guideline harvest limit which should be around 16. And expressed a concern about the high level of female harvest in 2010-2012, however when a discussion followed there is no clear sign of what caused that increase potentially just random? RJ- commented that it seemed we the brown bear population was doing OK and other than the higher female harvest in yrs mentioned before potentially all else is well and Ryan S agreed. JKA ask about any possibility of the dept. collaborating with Canada agencies to look at trans-boundary movement of brown bears and Ryan S will follow up on looking into that idea. And discussion on the effectiveness of education when comforting issues such as female bear harvests followed.

Old Business:

Committee report on Dungeness crab- KK gave an overview of the current felling of the committee was that while reviewing the proposal to close areas of the ULC to commercial harvest (see minutes from Jan meeting) it seemed most logical and more meaningful to approach the issue differently and instead work a proposal to have the department conduct annual preseason CPUE surveys to determine if crabbing by any user groups should be allowed for the season. JK presented a draft proposal with basic concepts and the wording to support whatever measure/metric/or decision the AC decide to use. The proposal was made available to the audience and some discussion was had but an attempt was made to keep the conversation short due to the large number of proposals the AC had to consider for BOG. Several members of the public and AC expressed a desire to ask ADFG to look into using all available data (pre 2000 which is what CPUe for the proposal is based on) to investigate cyclic nature of catch rates. JK- will follow up on that.

New Business:

Ben Kirkpatrick: Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve- DOT proposed highway alterations the CBEP recently passed a resolution stating that if upgrade plans should continue on the Haines highway, the CBEP AC would like to see all available funds for mitigation be spent in the Haines area due to statewide and regional concerns with King salmon runs. Ben sent the board exact wording of the resolution via email (see below) the AC will consider adopting a similar resolution at the next meeting on March 4.



CBEP resolution -Due to state-wide, regional and local concern for king salmon returns, the ULC F&G A/C advises (recommends) DOT to focus mitigation efforts in the Haines area on king salmon habitat issues.

Brown Bear issues continued from agency report

A motion was made by KK/ seconded by JH and subsequently passed 8 for 0 against to encourage the department to conduct population estimates for Moose and brown bear within the ULC area.

ADF&G had been concerned with the 2010-2012 increase in female brown bear harvest in the area and was looking into means by which they might separate black and brown bear harvests, and noted a potential conflict between black bear baiting and brown bear harvest. Stephanie listed several options that might be considered- adjusted dates of brown or black bear harvest seasons or baiting seasons to hopefully reduce conflicts and brown bear harvests, however currently the department prefers no changes at this point and would like to see if the rise in female brown bear harvest continues, and they are uncertain that there is truly a problem currently. TM felt it the AC should hold off on further discussion and voting on this matter so that the public could be notified on the ACs intent to discuss this issue and inform the community.

A motion was made by RJ/ seconded and subsequently passed 7 for 1 against to postpone voting on a proposal or motion until the 2013 bear harvest data is available.

JH- commented on concern about female population and female harvest and Ryan S suggested the dept should potentially make a better effort toward education to help keep the female harvest levels down.

A discussion concerning goat populations in the area was had and it was decided that the AC along with the dept. could pursue creating a youth only registration goat hunt on tugahue and JH will take the lead on writing a proposal.

Discussion of adjusting the boundary and seasons of a goat harvest area in the ULC were had and JH will follow up with drafting a proposal to make changes to the existing regulations

2015 BOG proposals were considered see attached for voting records and reasoning.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 PM

Signature: _____

**Upper Lynn Canal ADFG AC voting record on 2015 BOG proposal. Feb. 19, 2014**

Proposal Number	Motion to:	Vote For	Vote Against	Vote Abstain	Reasoning, Opinions, Position
133	Support	2	5	1	Hunter education is important; however there was concern that this proposal may negatively impact hunters in rural areas that may not have easy and affordable access to IBEP program.
134	No Action	6	1		Does not apply to ULC AC, the vote against thought it was relevant and prudent to align brown and black bear regulations
135	Support	6	0		AC felt this proposal was reasonable and a good measure to keep the resources taken, in the state.
136	No Action				Does not apply to ULC AC
137	No Action				Does not apply to ULC AC
138	No Action				Does not apply to ULC AC
139	Opposed	7	1		AC does not support this proposal and thinks the harvest ticket requirement provides better data management as well as bag limit data in the field.
140	Opposed	8	0		proposal would complicate reporting with no clear benefit
141	Support	8	0		The clarification proposed is positive and will reduce confusion for hunters
142	No Action	8	0		Does not apply to ULC AC
143	No Action	8	0		Does not apply to ULC AC
144	Support	7	0	1	Currently data from export permits is not being used and the regulation is unnecessary
145	Opposed	7	0	1	The AC feared the change to the number allowed to apply for a party/group hunt to three could potentially limit hunting opportunities for AK residents and are opposed to this proposal
146	No Action	8	0		Complicated and confusing proposal AC did not feel well enough informed to consider this proposal
147	Opposed	6	0	2	In general those that opposed the proposal felt it was simply a bad idea to allow non-indigenous species into the state, and if species escaped could compete for food of native species.
148	Opposed	8	0		This proposal change is not needed
149	Support	8	0		AC supports separating potentially invasive species from state
150	Support	8	0		Clarifies regulation
151	Support	5	1	2	The AC supports the collection of more data and opposes additional paperwork that may produce little value.
152	No Action	8	0		AC felt proposal is unnecessary, want and waste laws are already in effect, and appropriate.
153	No Action	8	0		Same as 152
154	No Action	8	0		Same as 152
155	No Action	8	0		Unnecessary
156	No Action	8	0		Same as 152
157	No Action	8	0		Same as 152



Proposal Number	Motion to:	Vote For	Vote Against	Vote Abstain	Reasoning, Opinions, Position
158	No Action	6	1	1	AC found the proposal confusing and not applicable to ULC, the 1 against vote wished to see the regulations aligned.
159	No Action	6	1	1	Same as 158
160	No Action	6	1	1	Same as 158
161	No Action	7	0	1	Does not apply to ULC AC
162	Support	8	0		Positive proposal that clarifies regulation
163	No Action	7	0	1	Unnecessary proposal
166	No Action	8	0		Unnecessary proposal
167	No Action	7	1		Opposed vote felt there was a lack of information on the previous definition to make understand the proposal
168	Support	8	0		Further clarifying the definition will be positive and users will benefit
169	Support	8	0		Further clarifying the definition will be positive and users will benefit
170	No Action	7	0	1	Proposal was not clear and the proposed "sheep horn jig" was questioned
171	Oppose	7	0	1	Oppose- The AC greatly opposed the broad language (D) "any ram is legal until ADFG....." ensuring for a clear definition would be positive though the ramifications of the proposal has not been examined properly
172	Support	7	1		The AC is against allowing the trapping of black bear
173	No Action	8	0		AC found the proposal confusing and ambiguous
174	Oppose	7	0	1	AC felt this proposal was not in the best interest of either the falcon nor Alaska residents, it was suggested much of this is coming front nonresident pressure
175	Support	8	0		Positive proposal



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)



MINUTES OF THE WRANGELL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AT IT'S MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Members Present: Chris Guggenbickler Brennon Eagle David Rak
(13) Winston Davies Jason Rooney Brian Merritt
 Robert Rooney Otto Florschutz Scott McAuliffe
 Janice Churchill John Yeager Bill Knecht
 Marlin Benedict

Guests: Robert Larson and Robert Dalrymple of USFS.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Guggenbickler, Committee Chair at about 7 PM. First order of business is 2014 elections. Nineteen people attending the meeting participate in the elections.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 2014

The Chairperson opened the meeting for nominations to refill seats for 5 expiring terms, and explained the recent changes in the cycles of Advisory Committee members to June and July each year.

Otto made a motion, second by Brennon to elect members for an interim term until July 1st then a 3 year term to end June 30, 2017. Vote by a show of hands:

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Brennon made a motion, second by John, to elect the five members standing for election back to the Wrangell Advisory Committee for two terms to total approximately 3.5 years (as describe above). The members include: Alan Reeves Chris Guggenbickler, Marlin Benedict, Brian Merritt and Bill Knecht. David asked if there were any more nominations and none were made. Vote by a show of hands:

Number in favor: 19

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 1

OFFICERS ELECTED

Otto made a motion, second by Brian, to elect the three officers standing for election back to officers of the Wrangell Advisory Committee, for one year. The officers include: Chris Guggenbickler - Chair Person Brennon Eagle – Vice Chair, and David Rak – Secretary. Vote by a show of hands:

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 1

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Chris appointed Scott McAuliffe and Michael Bauer as an alternate member of the Wrangell AC for approximately 1.5 years with terms to expire June 30, 2014.

New and reelected member forms were distributed.

STIKINE SUBSISTENCE FISHERY PROPOSAL

A proposal concerning changes to the regulations for the federal subsistence fishery on the Stikine River was discussed. Discussion of changes to that fishery began in January 2013. Notes on that discussion and the results of actions to submit a proposal for regulation changes is included in a separate document.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS

Following are the results of the Wrangell Advisory Committee's actions on the proposals presented in the Alaska Board of Fisheries 2013/2014 Proposed Changes in Pacific Cod, Chignik Finfish, Lower Cook Inlet Finfish, Kodiak Finfish, Upper Cook Inlet Finfish; and Statewide King and Tanner Crab; and Supplemental Issues proposal book. Listed here are the Statewide King and Tanner Crab proposals the Wrangell Committee chose to act upon during its meeting.

Proposals #326 through 337 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF GAME PROPOSALS

Following are the results of the Wrangell Advisory Committee's actions on the proposals presented in the Alaska Board of Game 2013/2014 Proposed Changes to Regulations, Arctic/Western Region, Interior Region, and Statewide Regulations proposal book. Listed here are the Statewide Regulations proposals the Wrangell Committee chose to act upon during its meeting.

Proposal #133 FAILED

Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Brian

Comments: It is very difficult to obtain an IBEP card in many small towns in Alaska, including Wrangell. Do not favor requiring a card for hunting with a bow and arrow because inability to obtain a card would restrict too many hunters. It would be acceptable to require the card for special hunts. It was noted that currently the card is not needed to hunt with a bow and arrow in a general season rifle hunt. As any adult can use a rifle in the general season, any adult should be able to use a bow and arrow in the general season hunt.

Pole Vote:

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 13

Number abstaining: 0

Proposals #134 through 138 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Proposal #139 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Comments: The Wrangell AC supports the use of harvest tags for game.

Proposals #140 through 142 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Proposals #143 & 144 SUPPORTED

Motion to adopt by: Winston Second by: Brian

Comments: These proposals would repeal a redundant regulation. There is a federal form required to be included with the hides being mailed/shipped to the tannery. And the hides are already counted for ADF&G when they are sealed.

Pole Vote:

Number in favor: 13

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #145 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Comments: The fewer people in the party the greater the chance of being drawn.

Proposals #146 through 151 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Proposal #152 FAILED

Motion to adopt by: John Second by: Brian

Comments: Is wildfowl in this proposal the same as waterfowl? The Wrangell AC is not in favor of wanton waste for game meat, and believes there is very little waste of game meat with the current regulations. There is no need for the proposed change.

Pole Vote:

Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 13
Number abstaining: 0

Proposals #153 & 154 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Comments: The Wrangell AC recommends these proposed changes in definitions NOT be included in regulations for waterfowl.

Proposals #155 through 162 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Proposal #163 SUPPORTED

Motion to adopt by: Scott Second by: Marlin

Comments: The responsible use of bear meat, not required to be salvaged, should include use as bait.

Pole Vote:

Number in favor: 13
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Proposals #164 through 167 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Proposals #168 & 169 FAILED

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Marlin

Comments: The AST should include a definition for "brow palm" in their proposal, not just ask for a definition to be established. There is nothing in the proposal as written to support or oppose. The Wrangell AC agrees a definition for the term is needed for lawful enforcement. We support the public process for changing regulations through proposals, and this is not a proper proposal.

Pole Vote:

Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 13
Number abstaining: 0

Proposals #170 & 171 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Proposal #172 FAILED

Motion to adopt by: Winston Second by: John

Comments: This proposal is really an anti predator control measure. The trapping or snaring of bears should be allowed as a tool for predator control and research. There are already regulations that prohibit the use of large steel leg hold traps that would be dangerous to people.

Pole Vote:

Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 13
Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #173 FAILED

Motion to adopt by: Marlin Second by: Brennon

Comments: For determining a bag limit, it is often very difficult to estimate if an animal is mortally wounded, after it is shot and runs off. Big game guides use a rule if blood is shed the animal is counted as taken. If adopted this regulation should not be included for waterfowl.

Pole Vote:

Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 13
Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #174 Considered but NO ACTION was taken

Proposal #175 Considered but NO ACTION was taken
Comments: Wrangell is in GMU 1B.

NEXT MEETING

The next Wrangell AC meetings will be the end of February to discuss moose and elk; and in early March to discuss finfish. . include annual elections, a letter to the SSRAA Board concerning moving more fish north, and a letter to the RAC concerning management of the Stikine sockeye subsistence fishery.

Chris concluded the meeting with a short report on SSRAA actions.

The meeting ended at about 9:15 PM.

/s/David Rak
2/18/2014

David Rak
Wrangell AC Secretary



Excerpt of the
Yukon Flats Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
January 14, 2014
Fairbanks, AK

Full minutes available upon request

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; Nissa Pilcher, BDS

*via teleconference

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

VII. New Business:



BOARD OF GAME 2014 STATEWIDE MEETING COMMENTS

BOG	175	Review and determine the advisory Committees that have jurisdiction for approving antlerless moose hunts	
Support	10	0	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>

Old Business: None

Adjournment: 5:45 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**St. Lawrence Island Advisory Committee Meeting
2/25/14
Gambell IRA**

- I. Call to Order: Time by
- II. Roll Call: Melvin Apassingok, Kacy Pungowiyi, Paul Rokok, Gloria James, Ivor Campbell, and Branson Tungyuan
Members Present: 6
Members Absent: 1 Derek Seppeliu
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present: NSEDC, subsistence users, Fish and Game
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved 12:24
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jenefer Bell, Carmen Daggett
- VI. Guests Present: Gloria James-Marine Mammal Monitor, Charlie Lean, Mark Nupowhtuk-Native Village of Gambell, Ivor Campbell
- VII. New Business:
Elections:

Name	Votes Chairman	Votes Vice Chairman	Votes Secretary	AC Member
Branson Tungyuan-Vice Chairman	2	4	1	5
Iver Campbell-Chariman	4	0	0	6
Mark Nupauwhotuk	0	0	0	2
Gloria James-Secretary	0	0	4	3
Melvin Apassingok	0	2	2	1
Kacy Pungowiyi	0	1	0	Already elected Savoonga

Public Comments:

Branson: There are many Japanese crabs more than we have seen in any other year over the last two years we are seeing more Japanese crabs.

Ivor: The crabs can migrate.

Charlie Lean: The crabs are shallow water crabs. They are moving up as the water is warming. Draws a diagram of the movement of the crabs. Diomedea caught crabs six years ago and a few years ago we started seeing them on St. Lawrence Island. There was a crabber last year that caught one in Golovin. This is a big deal with these crab coming. These crab like shallow water boulder fields. They like the same places as the female blue king crab. We think this is going to affect the blue crab. Are you noticing fewer blue king crab? How long ago?



Branson: 5-10 years ago we saw "alien" crab and never had seen before. They got 30-70 of them per trip last year. Savoonga is on the Japanese current, we are concerned about seeing other marine crustaceans and other marine mammals that are alien to us. Sea Lions compete with the spotted seals. We are concerned about them out competing our blue crab. Other scientists have come wondering about

Kacy Pungowiyi: They picked up 200-300 in Savoonga on the beach.

Ivor: Crabs can ride the current, they can fly in the water. They can make balls and they can ride that current.

Charlie: Those balls are made up of young crab. I saw a video in Savoonga with the number of crab that are in Savoonga. If you look at these Hanasaki crab they have short stubby little legs and they are made to hold fast in a strong current like golden king crab. Blue crabs are long and rangy not so strong for their size. I think they are going to compete with your blue king crabs. That is why we put some of these proposals that we put in.

Charlie: Said that we had tried to sell the crab that we caught but got a talking to by troopers. This allows us to sell them like regular crab. We are trying to make the state and feds aware that these crab on their way and they better wake up. More research needs to happen on these crabs. These crabs are bycatch at the moment. You are only allowed to sell one Hanasaki crab if you have a four blue crab. There were a bunch of people fishing that got caught in the 70s and it was made illegal to sell crab that was subsistence caught crab. Bartering crab for non-monetary objects is currently legal: cash sales or "customary trade is not.

Charlie: There are certain regulations that you have to follow in order to commercially sell them.

Ivor: We are having problems with people coming in and coming inland to pick up ivory and bones.

Charlie: It is the same boats that fish crab, but they are fishing for halibut. The federal government regulates halibut. Right now it looks like we are not giving the Nome guys any halibut to catch so it may not be a problem this year.

Ivor: We need to tell people not to come close to the island to not pick up bones.

Charlie: If you see someone around the island you need to get names of the people or boat .

Ivor: I am concerned about those marine mammals out here. The fish stocks are depleting that feed those marine mammals. We need to do something about these crabs before the crabs disappear from Bering Sea not just from commercial activities, but from pollution, like Fucoshima that is being detected in Western Canada and down the West Coast.

Branson: All of the pollution is being drawn to the Arctic. Pollutants are going to be another factor that is going to affect the Bering Sea.

Charlie: The Bering Sea is one of the most productive portions of the ocean with both continental shelf upwelling and sea ice algae plankton blooms.. One of the biggest concerns is acidification and the carbon dioxide poisoning. We are better off than some places.



Branson: The salinity and acidity are going to have a big effect on the biodiversity. We are lucky we had the coast guard studying the brown algae that has a big effect on the wildlife that lives off of it. This is going to affect the marine life.

Paul Rokok: St. Lawrence Island is very important supports the Bering Sea and the Chukchi for migratory species for resting and feeding. It is very important.

Branson: We believe St. Lawrence Island is a provider for the marine life, we see them come in and see the many species that come in and use the resources. We are seeing them decreasing from mainland Alaska and increasing around St. Lawrence Island because the island is a provider.

Charlie: I agree with you the currents are different, that is the main difference between the mainland salmon and the salmon that are here. It is a whole different place to manage. It is two different problems.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	344	Make spiny crab a commercially legal species.	
Supports	5	1 abstention	Ivor: They are good proposals Melvin Apassingok: Motion to support Branson: Seconded All support
BOF	345	The proposal seeks to allow hand lining as a commercial fishing. It would allow people from St. Lawrence Island and Diomedede to hand line crab catch.	
Supports	5	1 abstention	Charlie: There has been people getting busted for selling crab in Nome from handling and this makes it legal. You can sell pot caught crab you can sell it, but you can't sell hand line crab. NSEDC put this proposal in to allow St. Lawrence Island and Diomedede Island to participate in a commercial crab fishery. Ivor: I think both of them are good proposals. This will help us, this addresses the type of the crabbing that we do. This is to protect us and help the type of crabbing that we do. That is why I think this is a good proposal it will benefit us. It addresses the type of crab we have the blue king crab and maybe it should address in the Hanasaki crab. Jenefer Bell: That is addressed in this proposal as well. It allows you to do that in proposal 244. That is going to be beneficial for the locals and for the commercial crabbers. The state cannot spend any money on doing research on non-commercial species. It allows me to get money to study the commercial Hanasaki Crab. It gives us the money to study



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
		Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose
				<p>them.</p> <p>We need the support of commercial crabs they need our support. It works both ways.</p> <p>Paul: I support these proposals, every time I think about myself I think about myself as a predator and this will benefit the ecosystem and us as predators. These are very good proposals.</p> <p>Branson: motions to support</p> <p>Melvin Apasingok: Seconded</p>
BOF	346	Norton Sound King Crab Harvest strategy.		
Support	5 1 abstention	0	<p>Charlie: Explains the Population Model for the Red King Crab. When we put this proposal in we didn't know what the rule was going to be so we put this proposal in to discuss it at the Statewide Crab meeting. It is all about the red king crab around Nome. NSEDC will talk to the BOF about how we think the red king crab fishery should be done in Nome. Fish and Game will explain how they think it should be done. If you believe this is not an issue for you, you could take no action. The Nome crab fleet doesn't come near St. Lawrence Island. This proposal doesn't affect the blue king crab or Hanasaki crab it only affects the red king crab.</p> <p>Branson: How do they know about the estimates of the red king crab?</p> <p>Charlie: Explains how the estimates are done.</p> <p>Branson: Are the red king crab cold blooded, won't they decline soon?</p> <p>Charlie: The red king crab live on muddy bottom and the blue king crab live on the rocky bottom. The red king crab live down by Juneau, but are declining there. The red king crab are doing really well here.</p> <p>Paul: Red king crab is an invasive species versus the blue king crab?</p> <p>Charlie: The red king crab originated centuries ago.</p> <p>Paul: Wonders if the two species will compete.</p> <p>Charlie: Explains there are two different types of habitat and they don't compete. The Hanasaki crab are fighting for the same habitat as blue crab.</p> <p>Branson: I think it is going to provide support to our neighbors. So I move to support 346.</p> <p>Paul: Seconded</p>	



BOC or BOE	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			<p>needs to be an amendment to add to a proposal.</p> <p>Ivor: I know that people from here hunt wolverines and wolves sometimes they wander over from Russia.</p> <p>Charlie Lean: I was at the board of game, I spoke in favor of supporting this proposal. If you interpreted the law as strictly as the trooper did everyone would be considered illegally harassing an animal. That is an unenforceable regulation. All of us pursue animals closer if see it and get closer to get a better shot so you don't wound it.</p> <p>Branson: Animals are getting smart we need to keep up with them. Paul: We need to protect the reindeer herders. The wolves and the wolverines need to be protected against them.</p> <p>Branson: There needs to be wild dogs added to the list.</p> <p>Charlie: It is already legal for you to kill wild dogs.</p> <p>Ivor: They are not protected?</p> <p>Branson: I motion to support this proposal</p> <p>Branson: As a marine mammal advisory council nominated. We can make another proposal at a later date.</p> <p>Paul: Seconded the motion</p>

Carmen Daggett: Did a brief training session on ACs and on roles of secretary, chairman and vice chairman. Explained how board meetings work and relationship between the ACs and the board.

Old Business: Reviewed connections with Southern Norton Sound.

Adjournment: 2:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 2/25/14



**Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee
2/27/14
Northwest Arctic Borough-Kotzebue**

- I. Call to Order: Time 7:03 pm by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chairman), Pierre Lonewolf, Michael Kraemer, Victor Karmun, and Cyrus Harris
Members Absent: Enoch Shiedt, Alex Whiting, Karmen Monigold, Eugene Smith
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Fish and Wildlife Service, ADFG, and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda-Agenda
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 11/26/13
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau-Unit 23 Caribou Biologist, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist, Carmen Daggett-Boards Support
- VI. Guests Present: Susan Georgette
- VII. Public Comments and Concerns: Jim Dau there is an inconsistency in the title and the rest of the proposal with the species are incorporated. I wouldn't be surprised if the board approves it for wolves I wouldn't be surprised if they don't approve anything else.
Pete: I think this is important and caribou.
Pete: I suppose we could try for all species. We need to get to the proposal first.
- VIII. Old Business: Actions of the Arctic Western BOG Meeting
- IX. New Business
Cyrus Harris-there are multiple village comments I have to discuss regarding the Board Generated Proposal.
Add a person to attend the BOG meeting 3/14-18/14
Give Alex first crack at going and if we need to come up with an alternate we can talk about Cyrus Harris.

<u>Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form</u>			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number		Proposal Description
Supports or Opposes?	No. For	No. Against	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	133		<i>Hunter Education and orientation requirements. Require IBEP (International Bowhunter Education Program) certification for all big game hunters, statewide</i>
<i>No Action</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jim Dau: There are some special requirements for hunting with a bow. It is not a statewide requirement.</i> • <i>Pierre Lonewolf: I have nothing against 133 and 134.</i> • <i>A smarter hunter is a good thing.</i> • <i>Mike: I think it matters if they are non-local and non-residents</i>



			<i>should be required. I don't think it should be for us. We have been hunting here for centuries, keep it for outside hunters.</i>
<i>BOG</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>Establish a definition for subsistence hunting and subsistence uses.</i>	
<i>No action</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The state should be working with the feds</i>
<i>BOG</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>Remove the harvest ticket requirement and require harvest reports for certain non-permit hunts.</i>	
<i>No action</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Isn't it the only way for some species the only way we know how many we are taking?</i> <i>Yes</i> <i>Pierre: no action</i>
<i>BOG</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>Require each harvest report or permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide wildfood harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational uses.</i>	
<i>Opposed</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Pete: This is probably worth voting against.</i> <i>Pierre: moved to oppose</i>
<i>BOG</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>Repeal the requirement for export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals and fur bearers from Alaska.</i>	
<i>Support</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>It is hard to get furs tanned in ANC because the tanneries are backed up. It takes a long time for them to process them. This would make it easier for people to send them to the lower 48 to have them tanned.</i> <i>This makes it easier for guys that are fur catching. I support that.</i>
<i>BOG</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>Modify the definition of edible meat for waterfowl.</i>	
<i>No action</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>In my definition that is a lot of waste of meat.</i> <i>We will eat the head all of the way down to the feet.</i> <i>We are at if we are going to kill the thing eat it all.</i> <i>That is how people use them here.</i> <i>That doesn't make sense to just take the breasts. That is a lot of waste</i> <i>If you are going to kill it eat it all.</i> <i>Cyrus: This is coming out in the</i>



			<p>migratory bird council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike: I think we should make it be the legs, neck, breasts, gizzard. • Motion to amend to take the whole thing. • We don't eat the damaged portion, but we eat most of the rest of it.
BOG	153	Modify the definition of hindquarter for wildfowl as follows.	
No Action			•
BOG	157	Modify the definition of salvage as follows	
No Action			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This used to be a bone of contention. I think the work of Unit 23 working group has significantly reduced the problem.
BOG	177	Change methods and means of chase and capture of wolves, wolverines and caribou	
Supported as amended			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an inconsistency in the title and the rest of the proposal with which species are incorporated. • Discussions from the AC and the Department included: • 1) Adding bears due to safety reasons • It is suicidal to not have your machine start if you are hunting bears. • It makes sense to have the machine in idle and you are off of it. • Most people stop their machine because the vibration is too great. • You have to be too close to a bear to get a good shot. We should look at modifying to allow people to be able to hunt bears with the machine idling incase the machine won't start and they need to get away from a bear. • 2) Adding all-terrain vehicles such as four wheelers, three wheelers, etc. for the shoulder seasons when the snow conditions don't allow for the use of snow machines.
Amendment: Modify the restrictions to take [take out wolves and wolverine] and add <u>furbearers and fur animals.</u>			



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3) The peak time period for getting furs and caribou should have enough snow for using snow machines. • 4) Wolves have been causing a decline in the caribou herd and their populations need to be reduced. • 5) All furbearers and fur animals were finally decided upon by the AC for animals that should be included. • 6) <i>Try for all species at first, but caribou should be among them.</i> • 7) All of the IRAs that submitted resolutions generally support this proposal. • 8) Point Hope wants to add all-terrain vehicles and some of the other villages want to add all furbearers. • 9) <i>If the case is made that you can do responsibly for wolves you can make the case that you can responsibly for the rest of species. It is hard make a case that they are different than wolves in the context the reasoning for the original proposal.</i> •
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Adjournment: 8:07pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 2/28/14