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Northern Norton Sound AC
1/22/15
Nome Elementary School

- I. Call to Order: At 1610hrs by Chairman Charlie Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chairman Charlie Lean (Nome), Secretary Kevin Knowlton (Nome), Dan Stang (Nome), Tom Gray (Nome), Nate Perkins (Nome), Clifford Seetook (Wales), Stanley Tocktoo (Shismaref), Charles Saccheus (Elim), Jack Fagerstrum (Golovin), Sarah Okbaok (Alternate Teller), Peter Buck (White Mountain), William Kakoona (Brevig Mission) Via telephone Adem Boeckman (Nome).
Members Absent: Paul Kosto (Nome), No member currently assigned to the at large seat.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Commercial Fishing, Subsistence fishing and hunting, Kawerak Inc., Nome Eskimo Community, Southern Norton Sound AC.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, 2nd by Peter Buck to accept the agenda as presented: motion carried unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting December 17th, 2013, Teleconference on March 3rd, 2014. Motion Made by Nate Perkins, 2nd by Tom Gray to approve minutes from the meeting and teleconference with minor typographical corrections made: motion carried unanimous.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Gorn Wildlife, Jim Menard Fisheries, Scott Kent Fisheries, Justin Leon Fisheries, Carmen Daggett Board Support,
- VI. Guests Present: Dan Reed (Self Nome), Jenn Ruckel (KNOM Radio), Perry Mendenhall (Nome Subsistence user), Frank Kavairlook (Koyuk/Nome), Donald Johnson (Nome Subsistence user), Michael Cresswell (Alaska Wildlife Trooper), Ashley Brown (NSEDC Nome), Eric Osborne (Nome Commercial Fisherman), Wes Jones (SNSAC), Andrew Miller (Public / SNC), Ken Adkisson (National Park Service), Michael Sloan (Nome Eskimo Community), Earl Merchant (Nome Subsistence User), Brandon Ahmasuk (Nome Kawerak Inc.)
- VII. Public Comments: The following comments were made by members of the public:
Community involvement is important and having the meeting in a public place aids in that involvement. The recent outlying community representation is how this process should be done. Nome needs to have more effort made to have the public participation in community representatives.
The award of a tier II permit mentions nothing about the need for a hunting license, don't elders get off from buying a license.



Do not delay the opening of the winter commercial crab season.
The at large seat on the AC should be filled by an elder.

VIII. Old Business:

1. Carmen Daggett wanted to reemphasize the change of the board of game cycle change from every two years to every three years.
2. Election to fill the committee At Large Seat was tabled again to allow for more advertising in the regional villages.

IX. New Business:

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and 22D	
Oppose	4	8	1 Abstain from vote. Motion made by Tom Gray and seconded by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. Tony Gorn from ADF&G explained that if passed it would allow him to have a tool available to him to open a cow harvest hunt if the numbers drastically changed. Most AC members do not support a cow harvest at this time due to the declining moose population numbers in the areas covered by this proposal.
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	12	1	Motion made by Tom Gray and seconded by Peter Buck to support the proposal. There is currently an over population of bears in the region and the tag fee exemption and not requiring a registration tag is intended to allow licensed hunters to harvest a bear during open season. The high bear densities in the vicinity of Nome is thought to be the root cause of the total Muskoxen calf crop mortality and several herds taking refuge from the predators within city limits. Registration tags would allow for a tool to determine how many hunters are actively hunting bear within the NNSAC region.
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	
Unanimous	13	0	Motion was made by Kevin Knowlton and seconded by Tom Gray to support



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Support			<p>the proposal.</p> <p>Board members were in support of the proposal as it is written for this year but there is a large concern that changes in the future may favor users in the northern portion of the caribou range. Thinking of changing of the open season dates could limit harvest due to the animal migration timing. GMU 22 hunters can only hunt when the caribou are present, the winter months of October to April. During early winter access is generally by wheeled vehicles and in late winter by snow machine. Some communities must travel far from home. The longer season provides opportunity but not necessarily additional harvest. The dates for non-resident in GMU 22 will be misleading to those unfamiliar with caribou hunting in GMU 22 and could lead to the illegal harvest of reindeer.</p>
BOF	269		Norton Sound Section red king crab harvest strategy.
Unanimous Support	13	0	<p>A motion was made by Kevin Knowlton and seconded by Peter Buck to limit the winter commercial harvest to 8% of the total annual fishery harvest.</p> <p>The AC members had a lengthy discussion on this proposal with members in the remote portions of the area wanting there to be a separate quota for their area and for the harvest in the Nome area of the fishery not to be lumped in their numbers. The allocation between the winter commercial and summer commercial fishery or the winter subsistence fishery focused on how the recent increases of winter commercial effort had aggravated user group conflicts.</p> <p>Long term data was reviewed and it was the opinion that when winter commercial harvest rose to 8% subsistence opportunity suffered. It was recognized that on poor ice years the issue was worse and that it might not be feasible to take that allocation. The roll over clause to allow the entire commercial GHL to be harvested in the summer season was a reasonable idea.</p>
BOF	270		Fishing seasons for Registration Area Q
Unanimous Support as amended	13	0	<p>A motion was made by Adem Boeckman and seconded by Nate Perkins to support the proposal with the following amendment: to restrict the number of pots that a commercial winter crab fisherman could register and fish at any one time to 20.</p> <p>With current shorefast ice situations the proposed season dates seemed the safest for the historic records and predications of future ice quality. The proposal addresses pot loss due to the ice movement and the ghost fishing that occurs when pots are not destroyed when they are lost. The proposal allowed for the department to modify the dates as necessary by emergency order were if the ice was safe enough in December then the department could open the season early and if the ice began to deteriorate early they would</p>



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			<p>have the tools to close the season early hence looking out for the safety of fishermen, search and rescue personnel and also in an effort to reduce the amount of fishing equipment that could be lost in the water due to persons taking risks to catch more crab when the situation is not safe. As written, the proposal did not address the pots that were deployed on the unstable margin of the ice by fishermen attempting to out fish their competitors. The higher prices of recent years have created a situation where pots are inexpensive in relation to their catch, thus making them expendable in the eyes of many fishers. This amendment would reduce the density of pot deployment and reduce the competitive impulse to place pots on unstable ice. It also provides a mechanism to quantify pot loss. If the loss rate is excessive this allows managers the ability to address the problem by closing the fishery. This proposal addresses a conservation issue, but will have minor allocative repercussions too. The NNSAC saw this as an issue that developed recently and which has significant implications for conservation.</p>

Adjournment: 2105hrs

Minutes Recorded By: *Merrill R. Kyrus*
 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
 Date: 1/28/13



**Kotzebue Sound AC Joint AC Meeting
1/6/2015
Northwest Arctic Borough**

- I. Call to Order: 11:40am by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chairman), Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary), Michael Kramer, Victor Karmun, Karmen Monigold
Members Absent: Pierre Lonewolf, Enoch Shiedt, Cyrus Harris, Eugene Smith
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: NPS WEAR, USFWS Selawik Refuge, ADF&G Kotzebue Staff, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Northern Seward Peninsula, and Noatak and Kivalina AC and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with addition of 201 agenda approved made by Victor Karmun, 2nd Mike Kramer, approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 2/27/14 – Motion to Approve minutes made by Mike Kramer, 2nd Victor Karmun, approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau, Brandon Saito, Meghan Nedwick, Carmen Daggett
- VI. Guests Present: Trooper McGinnis, Bill Carter, Frank Hayes, Susan Georgette, Ken Adkisson, Lance Kramer
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: Antlerless moose reauthorization for Unit 23, brown bear tag fee exemption Unit 23, changing BOG meeting from two year cycle to three year cycle, BOG ACR on caribou, salvage of game language change, Dall sheep closure Unit 23



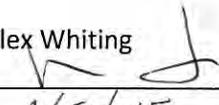
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BOG	41	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	5	0	No discussion beyond Brandon Saito GMU 23 Area Biologist speaking to low level of cow harvest that is negligible at current levels but may be a concern in the future if harvest increases. Percy Ballot Chair of Northern Seward Peninsula AC also mentioned their AC supporting this proposal earlier in the meeting.
BOG		Changing Board of Game meetings from a two year cycle to a three year cycle	
Support	5	0	Pete Schaeffer discussed how it would not be hard to use BOG ACR in issues needing attention before regular cycle and that the ADF&G would also have emergency regulation authority for issues needing immediate address. He also mentioned that the BOG should consider moving statewide regulation proposals to a three year cycle so that these issues would not potentially have to be addressed every year, whether a specific area of the State was in or out of cycle. Alex Whiting suggested that the BOG commit to having meetings in the regions being affected (as opposed to large urban centers), if the new three year cycle were adopted - the other AC members concurred with this sentiment.
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	5	0	Support and the AC still supports liberalizing methods for taking brown bears, but will deal with this when the GMU 23 is in cycle again.
BOG	201	Salvage of game meat, furs and hides	
Support	5	0	
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	



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Support With Modify	5	0	Pete Schaeffer expressed the view the KS AC generally supports the proposal as written with modifications agreed to by the AC members. Alex Whiting discussed these modifications: Close the non-resident season completely, as the KS AC can no longer support any take by non-subsistence users since we are now in conservation management according to the WACHWG Plan and likely to be in preservation management in the very near future when non-residents are supposed to get shut out completely anyway and that if local people are not getting what they need already and are going to impose more restrictive regulations on themselves, that they have no reason to support any use beyond local subsistence use; close bull caribou take from October 15 – January 15 when they are in rut and poor shape (even though it will likely deny some local use of younger bulls into late October that stay edible for longer than older bulls); increase dates of cow season closure from May 16 to April 15, so cow season would be closed from April 15 – June 30.
BOG	203	Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep Units 23 and 26(A)	
Support	5	0	Brandon Saito discussed precipitous decline in Dall Sheep in Unit 23 due to icing and other related causes, even lower population numbers than in the early 1990's decline, when it was closed for some years.

Adjournment: 2:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Whiting

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 1/8/15

Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Minutes- Bethel MEETING

Monday, January 12, 2015, 2:00 pm

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For info contact Holly Carroll at 543-1677, holly.carroll@alaska.gov

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 1:50 by Chair: David Bill

INVOCATION: John Phillip Sr.

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT: John Phillip Sr., David Bill, David Carl, Charlie Spud, Joseph John Sr., Henry Williams, Peter Julius, Stan Atchak (Secretary), Tommy Kusaiak, Annie Cleveland, Willie Atti, Paul Sunny

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 7 (13 seats, two undesignated seats are not filled so don't need to count for quorum) QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **previous meeting 12/11/14 (group forgot to approve but were given draft copies at this meeting)**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT:

Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll

**Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Patrick Jones and Phillip Perry; Aaron Poetter-
Kuskokwim Area Manager fisheries, Andrew Brenner, Subsistence Division**

GUESTS PRESENT: Josephine John, Mrs. Bill

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: **Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public- none**

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Fisheries Issues: (On time comment deadline March 3, 2015)

- a. **Proposal 272- Kuskokwim River: Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage**

Holly noted that the Board of Game proposals are now due March 2016 (Because BOG went to a three year cycle). Tommy K., stated that we need to really understand the proposals before we take actions. Willi Atti asked why there were changes or additions made to the proposal number 272. Holly explained the reason of the changes which was on the handout. Peter J., explained why the proposal is and if we need to discuss it and approve it. Peter stated that they use different mesh sizes when they fish at Goodnews and Quinhagak and wants more explanation from F&G. David explained the proposal and after discussion we could vote for it or not. Peter J. asked if it will affect the Kuskokwim and Goodnews area. Holly said it will be the Kuskokwim drainage ends at the mouth of the river. Kuskokwim area would include Goodnews and Quinhagak. Willi Atti stated if there could be a boundary like for the 4 inches to be used with the fishermen. Annie C. asked if they closed the fishery will it affect the sport fishermen. Holly said they would be the first ones to be closed. She noted that the Troopers never check on the sport fishermen. Holly said that they need to call the F/W troopers and they will fly out and check. Peter J., stated that if subsistence fishing is a top priority they are not allowed to fish and the sport fishermen keep on fishing, why is it that way. Holly said that they are supposed to stop fishing and it is an enforcement issue. David Carl explained the proposal 272 what it will mean or do with the fishermen. John P. said that he don't like the four inch mesh proposal because it limits the fishing and he used to be a commercial fishermen. Four inch mesh is mainly used for the white fish. Annie C. said that they also don't like the four inch mesh proposal. Tommy K. said that we shouldn't support this proposal because it might hurt other fishermen. He suggested hearing from Goodnews and Quinhagak concerns first before we take action on this. Holly explained with examples the proposal 272. She said that if they close the

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fishery because of low number of fish that they could still fish with four inch or smaller. She explained that we could vote section by section on the proposal, with the three sections. Aaron Poetter, F&G, the proposal 242 would not affect Goodnews and Quinhagak area, only the Kuskokwim area.

Board of Game issues: (Comments due March 3, 2015)

b. Proposal 206-Musk ox stranded on ice –SEE RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD BELOW.

Holly noted that the Board of Game proposal is now due March 2016.

Tommy K. stated that we need to really understand the proposals before we take actions.

OTHER BUSINESS:

c. Proposals: BOF proposals due April 10, 2015.

i. Chinook Salmon and Chum salmon subsistence regulations for Kipnuk and Chefornak

ii. Herring-enlarge fishing area

Peter Julius suggested making a proposal to extend the fishery in; Aaron P. said that F/G would be neutral on this. Another proposal for salmon fishing is to extend the fishing area because other commercial fishermen come from other areas. Aaron said they would be neutral on the proposal.

• **Get AC recommendations and/or comments on the following: SEE TABLE BELOW FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**

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BOF	272	Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage	
Supports	10	1	Holly C. explained the proposal 272 that it is an opportunity to fish for non-salmon when the king salmon is closed. Also, they could use longer nets they already own but keep some in the boat if the length is restricted. Holly explained with examples the proposal 272. She said that if they close the fishery because of low number of fish that they could still fish with four inch or smaller. Aaron Poetter, F&G, the proposal 272 would not affect Goodnews and Quinhagak area, that it would apply more in the Kuskokwim River. Proposal passed. (1 nay, one abstention).
BOG	206	Allow the taking of musk oxen stranded on sea ice	
			Proposal 205 on Musk OX – Patrick Jones from F/G biologist in Bethel. Proposal from Nunivak Island, F/G supports this with additions. Fish and Game

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Supports w/amendment	12	0	wants additions like to let everyone be able to take stranded musk ox and not just Nunivak people. This proposal would give the hunters immediate harvest of the musk ox and you could take pictures. Later the next day or so could contact F/Game when they come to the village. The group wanted an amendment to allow all Alaskan residents to harvest the musk ox. Proposal passed unanimously with amendment.

Adjourn Time: 8:05 pm

Minutes Recorded By: ___ Stan Atchak and put in template by Holly Carroll, Regional Coordinator

Minutes Approved By: _____

[Handwritten Signature]
2/3/15

Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk AC
1/28/15
Ambler IRA

- I. Call to Order: Time by Raymond Stoney

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Upper Kobuk: Marvin Joe Cleveland, Frank Downey, Glen Douglas, Murphy Custer, John Horner Sr., Theodore Tickett Sr.

Lower Kobuk: Lonnie Tebbits, William Zibell, Glenn Miller, Larry Westlake Sr, Leonard Brown, Wilbur Howarth Sr.

Members Absent: Billy Custer, Raymond Stoney, Grant Ballot

Number Needed for Quorum on AC
Upper Kobuk AC: 4
Lower Kobuk AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: Ambler Traditional Council, subsistence users, transporter

- III. Approval of Agenda:
Agenda amended to move Jim Dau's report to the top of the agenda. Agenda Approved as amended

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 12/15/3013 UKAC minutes approved LKAC 12/12/2013 minutes approved

Murphy Custer: Motion to approve
Second: John

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Jim Dau, Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett, Nicole Braem

- VI. Guests Present:
Hannah Atkinson (NPS), Ken Adkission (NPS), Kumie (NPS), Marcy Johnson (NPS), Wood Luke, Scott Jones, Miles Cleveland Sr., Brandon Saito, Mercy Cleveland, Martha Wood, Gale Tickett, Kitug Williams, Alvin Williams, Charlie Tickett, Ita Gereputy, David Gripentag, Louie Commack

- VII. Old Business:

VIII. Public Comments and Concerns:

John Horner: The decline of the herd is due to the weather because of the rain and the ice? We don't know what the weather is going to do.

Louie Commack: The haul road got opened and the road here is going to get opened eventually too.

John Horner Sr.: AIDA the Ambler Road is state funded it is going to be opened

Glenn Miller: Roads are not a good thing to support our subsistence lifestyle; wolves use the roads to get around too. The wolf population increased along the roadside and they were sitting and waiting on the road. They are having an impact on the migratory movement. People get jobs then they move to Anchorage cause it is easier access. If people cannot see the pollution and the caribou herds going down from their houses they don't care. I care I want to live more of a subsistence lifestyle and roads are not good for that lifestyle.

John Horner Sr: Nova Copper has been exploring over the last several years and the caribou haven't been coming around Kobuk. This last summer the caribou came through when the exploration stopped.

Scott Jones: A lot of people are signing away the meat moose and caribou in Kotzebue. About 50% of the transporters are giving the meat away. They don't have interest in the meat; they only want the antlers and the hides. They are supposed to be taking care of the meat.

John Horner Sr.: What is being done about it?

Jim Dau: We want people to share the meat instead of wasting it.

Scott Jones: the transporters have rules and regulations that the meat has to come out. The antlers come out last.

Jim Dau: I think we have the meat waste currently solved.

Louie Commack: Questions what is classified as meat? There is a problem with the definition of meat. We eat the heart, bible, the kidney, liver we use those things they should be included in the definition of meat. This is part of the diet.

Shield Downey: Need to have meat care regulations, it is important not to keep in a plastic bag, some of it is green.

IX.

X. New Business:

XI. Jim Dau: Caribou Report



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Support	Upper Kobuk 6 Lower 6	0 0	<p>Frank Downey: I would like to see moose season open earlier in July. It would help us when we are out of meat it would help us when we are out of meat. When we are waiting to caribou to come.</p> <p>Brandon Saito: Explains the numbers of moose are going down from 600 to 200.</p> <p>John Horner Sr: We need to take care of the predators and the numbers will come back.</p> <p>Shield Downey: We do have predator problem with the moose. -The predators are eating the calves.</p>
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	Upper Kobuk 6 Lower Kobuk 6	0 0	
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	
Supported as amended	Upper Kobuk 6 Lower Kobuk 6	0 0	<p>Glenn Miller: Kiana was thinking about moving the guided hunt later into the fall and if we are looking for limits move it later in season when it colder.</p> <p>Scott Jones: Onion portage used to be the place in Labor day and now it isn't, we don't always know where the caribou are. We go out and look for the caribou but they are migrating later. Later by regulation would be a hard thing to do. They have been staying later into October and weather and safety is an issue.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: The weather changes quick. Everything froze in one day in Kiana, they were chipping boats out.</p> <p>John Horner Sr.: A regulation should exist that requires the transporter would move the meat once they get their game they have to transport the first day.</p>



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			<p>William Zibell: 5% is sport hunters which is 500-700 caribou. It is not helping any to just deal with sport hunters and not enough to impact the population. You mentioned two factors weather and predators: We can't control weather, and we can impact predators. We should focus brainstorm on increasing wolf and bear harvest. Maybe we could move from one bear to two bears per year. People from home literally say get your bear and get mine too. We live in an area that our supplies come from the Lower 48. It is the cows that are the problem. We need to be honest about getting bad looking skinny meat we leave it in the field we need to be honest about taking responsibility about that meat and safe guard the cows.</p> <p>Alvin: Do the sport hunters being transported in the Noatak region displace the caribou?</p> <p>Scott Jones: The transporters are stuck dropping on the hunters on one side of the Anasak River. They can see the caribou but they cannot get at them the water is cold and fast. It is unforgiving country.</p> <p>John Horner: I have heard the caribou are being displaced, is there a way we could put the Noatak later in the season for sport hunting?</p> <p>Jim Dau: The Noatak\Kivalina AC is working on proposals to make sport hunters wait till the first 1,000 caribou pass and to not allow sport hunting on the Noatak at all. These are hard to enforce.</p> <p>Louie Commack: We need to take a hard look at the timeline for how long it is going to take us to get to the crisis level we are heading towards. We need to think about how we are going to slow this decline down.</p> <p>Shield Downey:</p> <p>John Horner Sr.: How much longer do we have to wait till we are in a crisis?</p> <p>Nicole Braem: Explains Tier II hunts</p> <p>Larry Westlake Sr: We need to work together on the State and Federal side and we need to be proactive about dealing with the caribou decline before it becomes a crisis. I spoke with Glenn before and I am in support of whatever the Upper and Lower Kobuk AC decides to do.</p> <p>Scott Jones: The people who come up here to hunt caribou come for the antlers and the hides and we discard those things. We are after the meat and</p>



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			<p>they don't want it. There has to be some way we can both get what we want and not waste it. Provide some seasonal income for people here.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: We need to take care of our predators ourselves. Do the state and federal have plans to deal with predators?</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains that the state does not have money to do predator control, they would love people to take care of the issue as much as they can themselves. Explains regulation changes that the state has done to liberalize predator control. The public almost never kills enough of the wolves or bears to make a difference. There needs to be a reduction in the predators by 20% to make a substantial difference.</p> <p>Shield Downey: There are wolves and bears everywhere. We need to do some thing about predators.</p> <p>Brandon Saito: Explains how bear hunting has been liberalized in this region for non-residents.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Inquires about local people guiding bear hunters and possibly not needing a guide permit to guide non-local hunters.</p> <p>Inquiry about having the state providing bounties for hunters to get predators.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains the state is not going to give bounties for predators. There needs to be some incentive for people to go out and hunt bears.</p> <p>Frank Downey: We should try to come up with some resolution to knock down the wolves with the fuel going high, local hunters don't have jobs to keep us going with the price of gas. The wolves went sky high. We have wolves around the villages and coming into village.</p> <p>Jim Dau: You can see the things we are proposing, the board is going to look at this and go that is nice and I am anticipating them wanting to close the cow season and that is going to be problematic for those hunters who have to get cows when the bulls are stink.</p> <p>Jim Dau: I don't think that we need to completely close the cow season especially in the Southern part of the range. There are a bunch of people who are not going to understand the need to take cows.</p> <p>Louie Commack: I can see the writing on the wall about the female. We have to</p>



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			<p>volunteer in our region to cut down the females and the males and the board of game would look at us differently. We will volunteer to cut down to create sustainability of herd. I think that is how we could be on the same page as the board of game, instead of them coming down on us.</p> <p>Jim: They need to retain some harvest of cows for subsistence.</p> <p>Nicole Braem: One of the things the WACH group, the work group was proposing lengthening the closure of the cow season April 1-July 31st, no non-resident harvest of cows, and change the non-resident season overall September 15th-October 10th. The Koyukuk AC was suggesting trophy destruction after October 1st for residents and non-residents. They wanted to shut down cows before October 1st. Some ideas from other ACs.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains closing the bull season when the bulls go stink to discourage antler hunters and leave the cow season if they still need to get meat. We have a caribou problem and we have an overriding wolf problem. It is affecting the moose too. We need to get someone in front of the board of game and we need to start addressing the BOG.</p> <p>Louie Commack: The worst case scenario with closing down the cow season, where do we go from there how are we going to put food on the table if they close it down 100%. They know we are going to hurt and we know we are going to hurt. We don't want them to go to the extreme. My people are still going to get caribou to feed their children if they close the season down.</p> <p>Virginia Commack: We need to go further into Inupiat knowledge have classes and train people to know certain animals to revert to our Inupiat know how to tell people about the difference between cows, young bulls, etc. We can get back to our teaching and work with Fish and Game in Kotzebue to make the extra effort.</p> <p>Jim Dau: No one can make a dime chasing wolves and shooting them. You need to set snares and traps and we need to get more trappers out there on kill sites. There is so much knowledge in this region to trap wolves. There is a man from the Koyukuk who is teaching wolf snare classes called Benedict Jones, it is effective. We have a predator problem.</p> <p>Frank Downey: If we can take it down to a local village with educating to our young hunters and what to look for. I would rather take a female without a calf because it is better meat right now than a female with a calf.</p>



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			<p>Jim: Explains cows with calves and not shooting cows that have calves, they get separated and the calf dies. If you can tell a cow has a calf don't shoot it.</p> <p>Virginia Commack: We can add our TEK with Fish and Game, we never to kill female with a calf anyways. That was Inupiaq with a cow. There was a hunter who killed a moose cow and brought the calf back to take care of it. We need to get it on paper.</p> <p>Jim Dau: There is education people for both Fish and Game and FWS and NPS want to work with you to share knowledge. It would good to have a federal proposal submitted and that call for proposals is open.</p> <p>Larry and Glenn: Explained that reducing the federal regulation limit. People are taking more bull moose and limiting caribou take because the migration was weird. The Onion Portage hunters were able to get caribou again there. We have been limiting our intake with a bull moose and five caribou.</p> <p>Larry Westlake: Suggested a knock own on state and federal side down to three/day even on the state side.</p> <p>Glenn: Explains the people who go up river to get caribou share them and you want to make it worth the gas to get up there and shoot them.</p> <p>Nicole Braem: Explains state and federal regulation cycles.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains expedited procedures for an emergency petition.</p> <p>Glenn Douglas: Federal side would lower the bag limit. Ken Adkisson: This group could write a letter to Atamuk Schiedt to get your comments. The fastest way to deal with this is to submit a proposal or have the RAC submit something which could include your federal recommendations.</p> <p>John Horner Sr.: I wanted to comment on the 15 caribou a day, who does that anyways, we go back to our villages to where we come from and try to get a hold of NANA and Borough to put a bounty on wolves because gas prices are so high that is what is really affecting our caribou.</p> <p>Miles Cleveland Jr.: This board needs to be careful how we set bag limits per day 15 are too many, but if we go down to three we are setting ourselves in a hurt situation. I am hurting myself for gas and traveling that day if I can only shoot a few. We have to very careful about how we set this together. I would say five a day is close to how much we can take home.</p>



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			<p>Glenn Miller: We could write a bag limit that we can live with. I would like to write a proposal with a bag limit that we can live with. I like hunting both moose and caribou. If we come to an agreement, I will write a proposal. Five a day?</p> <p>Bill Zibell: I think we should look at the season put a limit of bulls August 1st-October 1st when they get stink and the females, it seems like the females I have shot October and November are skinnier, they get fatter as winter progresses and the lean out in March especially if they are pregnant. We stop the female take April 1st-October/November 15th to limit ourselves, before the state does it without out local input. October/November is hard to travel anyways.</p> <p>Jim Dau: The board of game is going to want to protect cows.</p> <p>Bill Zibell: Use the IRA to get some numbers how many cows people get number of cows and bulls we can live with.</p> <p>Nikki Braem: In 2012 Ambler got 600 caribou. There is sporadic numbers.</p> <p>Jim: 60% bulls 30% cows 10% cannot remember.</p> <p>Nikki Braem: Explains that those numbers very intake from different regions.</p> <p>Wilbur Howarth Sr: When we met two weeks ago with the IRA we agreed right around 6-7 caribou, most likely bulls, five-six bulls fall time maybe spring two cows might because we might be a smaller family. We should maybe bag limit for the entire season. Something to get started with.</p> <p>Frank Downey: I think we need to decide to reduce federal limit down to 8 per day. I would go for 8 a day at the federal limit.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains the benefit of having the same state and federal bag limits.</p> <p>Virginia: The first set of caribou has to have a chance to go through. A sports hunter I have a little red flag, stopping the caribou and not taking the meat and we all have to wait for a later season because they were blocked. We need speak with the state on those terms and we need to discuss this. The sport hunters do not know that you have to let the first caribou pass.</p>



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			<p>Jim Dau: Explains possible regulations that Noatak is going to put forth for dealing with lead caribou, there are different sets of leaders.</p> <p>Nicole Braem: Explains restriction of use of aircraft for Unit 23 as a possible way to temporal use of aircraft for hunting between a limited range of dates for all of Unit 23.</p> <p>Louie Commack: Would like a consensus on the number of caribou for a federal proposal.</p> <p>Ken Adkission: Explains the value to having the same bag limit in State and Federal regulations.</p> <p>Virginia Commack: Explains if I share food and explain some people have the vehicles, and money to get caribou. I am reluctant to go below 10. Consider the limit and the timing. The federal side recognizes subsistence more and can cut other people off more in times when the caribou are irregular in their migrations.</p> <p>Frank Downey: Explains that we do not hunt bulls in the rut. It is just the sport hunters that are getting the bulls. I don't see why is it even open.</p> <p>Glenn Miller: Explains you cannot eat horns.</p> <p>Louie Commack: Explains we are still protected on federal lands. We should be willing to sit down with the state and federal side. We are protected under ANILCA.</p> <p>Miles Cleveland: We want to close the bull season for both residents and nonresidents: October 15th shut down bulls till April 15th. October 8th-April 30th open cows</p> <p>Frank Downey: Federal suggest 8</p>

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			<p>Proposal 202</p> <p>a) Support-Limit shorten non-resident season b) Support-Limit the bag limit to one bull caribou for non-residents c) Support-close non-resident cow season d) Support-take of calves for all hunters e) Support-stop same day airborne in Unit 22 f) Amendments to resident caribou hunting seasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Limit on caribou 7 for the federal and 5 for the state daily. 2) We want to close the bull season for both residents and nonresidents: October 7th-April 15th Close bull season 3) October 8th-April 30th open cow season <p>Glenn Miller: will go for March meeting John Horner: March meeting</p> <p>Frank Downey: will go to February meeting Larry or Raymond</p>

Need to have a meeting in the evenings.

Adjournment: 15:56

Minutes Recorded By: Glenn A. Miller
 Minutes Approved By: glenn a. miller
 Date: 02/09/2015



Southern Norton Sound AC
1/23/15
Memorial Hall Native Village of Unalakleet

I. Call to Order: Time 11:45 am by Wade Ryan

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Peter Martin Sr. (Stebbins), Jacob Ivanoff (Secretary, Unalakleet), Milton Cheemuk (Vice Chair, St. Michael), Wade Ryan (Chair-Unalakleet), Wes Jones (Unalakleet), Nicole Bruckner (Unalakleet)

Members Absent: Allen Atchak (Stebbins), Merlin Henry (Koyuk), Michael Sookiayak (Shaktoolik)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Officer Election: Milton Cheemuk nominated Wade Ryan for chairman, seconded by Wes Jones. Peter Martin Sr. moved to close nomination. Peter Martin Sr. nominated Milton Cheemuk for vice-chairmen, seconded by Wes Jones. Jacob Ivanoff moved to close nomination. Nicole Bruckner nominated Wes Jones, he declined. Wade Ryan nominated Jacob Ivanoff, seconded by Wes Jones. Wade Ryan moved to close elections. Elections were approved by unanimous consent.

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda:

Milton moved to approve agenda

Peter Martin Sr. seconded

Agenda approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 3/5/2014

Wes Jones move to approve minutes

Jacob Ivanoff seconded

Meeting Minutes Approved

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tony Gorn, Scott Kent, Carmen Daggett, Justin Leon

VI. Guests Present:

VII. Clarence Towarak, Waylon Koutchak, Renae Ivanoff

VIII. No public comments and concerns

IX. Staff Reports:

Scott Kent gives crab proposal

Tony Gorn: Gave staff report about moose and musk ox.

Close



X. Old Business: None

XI. New Business:

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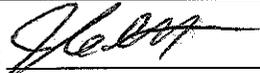


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BOG	40		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and 22D
No action			
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
Support	6	0	Jacob: Motion at accept proposal 43 Seconded by Wes;
BOG	201		Salvage of game meat, furs and hides
No action			
BOG	202		Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.
Support as amended	6	0	Milton: We haven't seen caribou for over 25 years now. Tony Gorn: Explains that closing the season for the Katchiack's reindeer herd. Peter Martin: Thinks that closing the area around Golsovia and St. Michael would be a good idea. Wes Jones: motion to support 202 Jacob: Seconded Peter Martin Sr.: Wants to amend to close caribou season south of Golsovia River. Seconded: Jacob Wes Jones: Explains possible topics that the board might discuss, currently when the herd comes down in the migration. The window that we have been able to hunt. They come down late March and April and that they shouldn't shorten their season. It is important that we keep that flexibility of the season. Also to have the option to reopen on the south of Golsovia when caribou do migrate into the area again.
BOF	269		Norton Sound Section red king crab harvest strategy.
Supports as amended	6	0	Wade Ryan: Inquired how NNSAC voted Scott Kent: Explained they went with an 8% harvest rate Wade Ryan: Inquires about the health of the crab fishery Scott: Next year's crab should be good, that will probably be for three or four years. Clarence: Inquires about meat content in the winter and summer and the



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			<p>effects on the meat content.</p> <p>Scott: Wes Jones: Motions to accept proposal 269 with an 8% harvest like Nome suggested.</p> <p>If you have a 400,000 that would set aside 40,000 for the winter fishery. When You don't worry about what the GHL is. It provides a decent amount of product on the market for the processors one of the values in the winter fishery is the live market to lead the live market. The left over amount will roll over to the summer fishery.</p> <p>Milton: Inquires about how this proposal affects subsistence.</p> <p>Wes Jones: This does not affect subsistence fishery.</p>
BOF	270		Fishing Seasons for Registration Area Q.
Support as ammended	6	0	<p>Wes Jones: Motion to adopt 270.</p> <p>Seconded: Jacob Ivanoff</p> <p>Wes Jones: Explains the context of the proposal.</p> <p>Explains Nome is losing a minimum of 100 pots and as much as 200 pots</p> <p>There has been a change in how people think about their pots. People are risking losing more pots, because they are making money. For a guy using a snow machine pulling more than 20 pots and the pots are bigger in the winter fishery.</p> <p>I would like to amend proposal 270 to include a winter pot limit of 20 pots (attached regulatory language). Distributes regulatory language to suggest. Usually people don't use more than 20 pots anyways. It may help prolong the season.</p> <p>Motion Made by Wade</p> <p>Seconded: By Milton Cheemuk</p> <p>Discussion: There are a lot of loop holes this require pot tags so fish and game can get a true handle on what pot loss is. This is also a way instill not having people being ok with losing their pots.</p>

Adjournment: 1:20 pm

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

**North Slope Advisory Committee
 February 5, 2015
 Barrow, Alaska**

I. Call to Order: @ 9:36 am by Chair Enoch Oktollik

II. Roll Call

Members Present: William Hopson (At-Large), George Kingik (Point Hope), Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut), Warren Lampe (Point Lay), Lee Kayotuk (Kaktovik), Herman Kignak, Sr. (Atqasuk), Enoch Oktollik (Wainwright), Joe Leavitt (Barrow)

Members Absent: Esther Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: North Slope Borough Law Department; North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, ADF&G Division of Conservation, (teleconference), National Park Service Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve (teleconference), ADF&G Board Support Section

III. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Eli Nukapigak to approve the Agenda. 2nd by Herman Kignak Sr. All in favor.

IV. New Business: No new business was added to the Agenda.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	42	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 26A	
Supports	8	0	This proposal would allow the summer harvest of cow moose in portions of Unit 26A. Moose within this portion of Unit 26A are infrequent and are on the extreme limit of their range. Very few moose are harvested in this hunt but the hunt offers the opportunity for residents of Barrow, Atqasuk, Point Lay and Wainwright to provide food to their communities.



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BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Supports	8	0	Waiving resident tag fees for brown bear will help to encourage the harvest of brown bears
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all Game Management Units associated with the Western Arctic Caribou Herd and Teshekpuk Caribou Herd.	
Supports as Amended	7 (1 not voting)	0	<p>As written, Proposal 202 would not satisfy the nutritional needs of North Slope communities and it does not fit our traditional and cultural hunting practices closely enough. Without amending it, the proposal will result in many of our hunters breaking the law.</p> <p>The following amendments are a result of discussions about the need to conserve the Teshekpuk caribou population from meetings held in Anaktuvuk Pass, Barrow, Atqasuk, Wainwright, and Pt. Lay. The goal of these meetings was to strike a balance between the conservation of caribou, providing food for our communities, and helping to protect our hunters from breaking the law.</p> <p>Amendments:</p> <p>1) <u>Jan 1st-March 15</u> 5 caribou a day -no more than three of which can be cows -no calves.</p> <p>2) <u>March 16th-July 15th</u> 5 bulls a day -no cows -no calves</p> <p>3) <u>July 16th-October 15th</u> 5 caribou total per day -no more than three cows per day -no calves -No cows accompanied with calves may be taken</p>



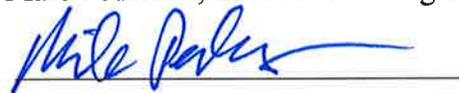
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			<p>4) <u>October 16th-December 31st</u> 3 caribou total per day -Cows only -No Bulls -No Calves</p> <p><u>Rationale</u></p> <p>January to mid-March: Reduce harvest of cow caribou to 3 per day relative to current regulations. Eliminate calf harvest to help hasten the recovery of the herd. Allow harvest of up to 5 caribou per day to provide opportunities for communities that were not able to harvest caribou earlier in the year due to changing travel conditions (late freeze-up) and variation in caribou distribution.</p> <p>Mid-March to July 15: No cow or calf harvest to help the herd recover. Cows at these times of year are late into their pregnancy and have survived much of the winter season and they are calving and nursing their calves. Allow harvest of up to 5 bull caribou per day to provide opportunities for communities to harvest caribou.</p> <p>July 16 to October 15: Maintain harvest of up to 5 caribou per day but reduce cow harvest to no more than 3 per day, relative to current regulations. Eliminate harvest of calves and cows accompanied by cows to help the herd recover. Allow bull season into October because young bulls enter rut later in the season and freeze-up is occurring later in the fall so allowing bull harvest the first 2 weeks of October will allow hunters to utilize snow machines in early October.</p> <p>October 16 to December 31: Reduce harvest to 3 caribou per day, relative to current regulations, to help the herd recover. Close the bull season because they are in rut at this time of the year. Eliminate the opportunity to harvest calves to help the herd recover.</p>



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BOG	203		Hunting seasons and Bag Limits for Dall Sheep
Supports	8	0	This proposal will help sheep populations to recover in the western Brooks Range and should not impact hunters from North Slope communities.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Herman Kignak, Sr. to adjourn @ 12:44 pm. 2nd by Lee Kayotuk. All in favor.

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Pederson, Executive Manager



Minutes Approved By: Will be approved at next scheduled meeting (TBD)

Date: 02.12.2015

Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 6:00 pm

For info contact Holly Carroll at 543-1677, holly.carroll@alaska.gov

CALL TO ORDER TIME: **6:07** by Chair: **Kevin Carter**

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Henry Hunter, Greg Roczicka, Kevin Carter, Jon LaValle, Henry Kohl, Ross Boring, Rafe Johnson, Louie Andrew. Glen Watson, Sr. was absent (excused).

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 6 QUORUM PRESENT: **Yes**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Agenda approved with no amendments**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **provided in packet, already approved**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Poetter, Kuskokwim Area Manager, Andrew Brenan AK Fairbanks Fish and Game, **Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll, Wildlife biologists (Bethel office)**

GUESTS PRESENT: **Mark Leary Central Advisory Fish and Game Committee**

OLD BUSINESS: **205 Permits for taking Musk Oxen. All unit 18 residents. Holly Carroll Thad-Extra burden, Rafe believes a picture needs to be taken poaching takes place, John LaValle, Henry Shavings shot a musk oxen over 2 miles out- won case**

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public- **none**

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: Number of Alternates Board of Game 3 year cycle, statewide issues will be taken up every 3 years

The AC discussed it's positions on King salmon conservation measures to recommend to the KSSP- they included:

Motion to support the following language: "as long as current depleted King run conditions continue, have a complete moratorium May 1 to June 30- unanimously opposed

Motion to support: "as long as current depleted King run conditions continue, have a complete moratorium May 15, 2015 to June 30, 2015" or after 75 percent of the peak run has passed based on biologist recommendation and the Kuskokwim Working group's recommendation. With 4 inch set net gear being used at least two openings a week.

Unanimously supported

Because more 4" nets are being used in the river now does that effect the migratory runs of White Fish? Concern stated by Greg Roczika, supported by board members.

Agenda items tabled until the next meeting: BOF Proposal 272 and amending BOF 271

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description-	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	205		Allow the incidental harvest of musk oxen on ice floes
SUPPORT w/amend	8	0	With amendment to include " all AK Residents "

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Adjourn Time: 9:28 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *Ross Boring* _____

Minutes Approved By: _Chair Kevin Carter)_

Date: _____ 1/28/15 _____

Coastal Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 1:00 pm

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: **1:06** by Chair: **Raymond Oney**

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clifford Kaganak, Sr.(Scammon Bay), Raymond Oney, Dominica Strongheart (Nunam Iqua), John Lamont, Eric Olsen Sr (Hooper Bay), Edward Adams (Nunam Iqua)

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 4 QUORUM PRESENT: **Yes**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Agenda approved with no amendments**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **provided in packet, already approved**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Schmidt, Summer Season Yukon Area Manager, Comm. Fish; Fred Bue Inseason Federal Manager, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Fairbanks; Patrick Jones, Area Wildlife Biologist, ADFG.

GUESTS PRESENT: Evan Polty, Martin Kelly, Ray Robert Meyers (Pilot Station),

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public- **none**

NEW BUSINESS:

BOF: Voted on proposals 273 and 274 with unanimous support for both.

BOG: proposal 205 supported with amended language, see box below.

BOG: Proposal 201- opposed unanimously

Discussion of any other proposals the group may want to write:

Next meeting, call of the chair and any fish proposals need to be written by March 10 and notify the chair.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description- ON-TIME DEADLINE FOR THESE DECEMBER 26TH	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	273	Allow drift gillnet subsistence fishing after July 15 for harvest of summer chum	
support	5	0	Area manager explained the official department position is not fully developed but it could be a good tool to provide chum salmon harvest opportunity. Member from Emmo felt that it was a good opportunity for people to get their subsistence harvest, and they discussed that it would be a decision for the manager at their discretion based on sufficient run abundance. Motion passes unanimously.
BOF	274	Allow subsistence fish wheel fishermen in the Yukon Area to retain king salmon when some harvest is justified based on inseason run assessment.	
Support	5	0	
BOG	205	Allow taking of incident or stranded musk ox on ice flow in unit 18	
	6	0	Patrick Jones suggested changing the language to include all Alaska residents, and to show some burden of proof like a photo of the stranded island to be

Coastal Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 1:00 pm

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PROG or Bill	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	ON-TIME DEADLINE FOR THESE DECEMBER 26TH
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			<p>provided after the harvest. Patrick asked if they thought a hunting license should be required for this because some people on the coast don't need a hunting license because they are out there hunting for subsistence. Members suggested a license not be required because they are out harvesting for subsistence at that time that muskox would be seen stranded on ice flow. Members also thought requiring photo proof was a good idea.</p> <p>Motion to support with AMENDMENT to include the following insertions: <u>all Alaska residents and to include a date stamped picture of the stranded animal, only on icebergs in saltwater, without need for permits or hunting license.</u></p> <p><u>Motion with amendments passed unanimously</u></p>
Support	0	6	<p>Salvage of game meat, furs and hides</p> <p>Motion opposed unanimously.</p>

Adjourn Time: 2:31 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Holly Carroll Regional Coordinator

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 1/20/15





Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes 1.28.2015

Preceding the meeting, T.T.C.D. gave a presentation on our watershed (Beluga River to Nicolai Creek) and had community members voice their most valued resources of the watershed, and their main concerns of threats against those resources to provide them for a focus for future studies.

Chairman called meeting to order, in attendance were: Alex Pfoff, Gwen Chickalusion, Lindsey Bismark, Tina Constantine, Janelle Verduce, Chad Chickalusion, Larry Heilman, Judy Heilman, John Standifer, Frank Stadifer (on conference call), Christy Cincotta (TTCD), Nicole Swenson (TTCD), and Tonya Kaloa (TTCD).

Floor given to TTCD to discuss watershed plan more in depth. John raised the point that for a Pike fishing derby to have a significant effect on the Pike population, it would be beneficial to have the derby extend over as long of a time period as possible. Committee members agreed on this, TTCD stated that the goal of the initial derby is primarily to collect data on pike distribution, so that control methods can then be implemented based on the data collected. Other control methods were discussed, i.e. rotenone, gill nets, pike bounty.

Timing of next meeting was then discussed and the decision was made to check on availability of the tribal center at or around Weds, March 18th at 2:30 PM. I am still waiting to hear back from the office on this, and if anyone could ask about the availability in person if they are going to be at the tribal center that would be greatly appreciated!

Board of Game proposals relevant to 16B were discussed, and four proposals were voted upon to submit comments. This is how I intend to submit the comments to the Board of Game. Let me if there is anything that should be changed.

Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee wishes to submit comments on the following proposed changes to regulation for the Board of Game; proposals #173, #192, #195 and #196.

Proposal # 174: The committee supports the proposal to remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region. The current regulations could put people at risk of exposure to trichinosis. It is also our belief that quality of bear meat is too variable to require meat salvage in all cases.

Vote: Unanimous (7 of 7 present; 9 total committee members)

Proposal #192: The committee opposes the proposal to require harvest reporting by species of migratory birds. We feel as though such a requirement is unreasonable, and would also question the accuracy and value of the data received from such data collection. It is our belief that this data would inevitably be falsified to meet compliance, and would likely only show info for the beginning of the season, as this is when the large majority of the harvesting occurs.

Vote: Unanimous (7 of 7)

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Proposal #196: The committee strongly supports the proposal to add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents for the Southcentral Region. We believe residents should have priority access to hunting, and see this as a step towards putting more of our communities' resources back into our hands to enjoy and protect.

Vote: Unanimous (7 of 7)

Fishery topics to consider drafting proposed regulation changes to were then brought to the attention of the committee and included opening subsistence fishing earlier in May, establishing 12 and 6 hour commercial fishing periods that coincide with desirable tidal movements, and restricting hooligan fishery from its current 60 ton quota. To answer Larry's question during the meeting of when the next deadline would be for Cook Inlet Fishery proposals, I believe that to be April 8th 2016.

Meeting adjourned.



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Ted Spraker
Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

February 2015

Subject: Proposal 143: Restrictions to bag limit (Change the bag limit restriction for brown bear in unit 8)

The Kodiak Advisory Committee (KAC) and our bear subcommittee - KUBS (**K**odiak **U**nified **B**ear **S**ubcommittee) unanimously **opposes** proposal 143.

The KAC opposes both possible solutions proposed, either (1) eliminating the regulation requiring a wounded bear counts as the bag limit for the year or (2) inserting the word “mortally” in front of wounded in the regulation.

The proposer claims it is an attempt to legislate ethics. We feel it is everyone’s responsibility to pursue and educate ethics whether it is the hunter, other hunters, guides, biologists, land managers, regulatory or enforcement agencies. The state and BOG have a history of legislating ethics, such as in the requirement of hunter safety and archery/muzzle loading certifications- which teach safety, laws, ethics, anatomy, proficiency, etc. We feel it is the BOG’s responsibility to manage a resource so that the wounding loss is minimized and every effort to recover it is maximized. We are proud that the State and BOG have helped set the bar for ethical behavior and do not want this regulation rescinded.

The proposer, contradictively, has also submitted proposal 193: Hunter education and orientation requirements-requesting crossbow certification; asking the BOG to legislate ethics.

We acknowledge that the current regulation is difficult to enforce, but believe adding “mortally” before wounded would make it even harder, if not impossible, to enforce. It is difficult enough to sometimes tell if an animal is wounded, but much more difficult, if not impossible, to try and determine how badly it is wounded or know its chances of survival.

We do not see any dilemmas created by this proposal as mentioned by the proposer, as noted below.

Dilemma 1) a person would naturally count an animal harvested against that years bag limit, even if they would have wounded it in any previous year.

Dilemma 2) it would be very easy to have a separate cutout on your harvest card stating wounded/not harvested, which would then make them not liable for wanton waste, for any animal. They naturally could then not possess any meat, hide, horns or antlers of said animal. (There is no requirement to salvage meat of Brown Bear in Unit 8)



Dilemma 3) quite often it is the opposite, where the hunter is tempted to take a “risky” shot, guided or unguided, due to time and money invested. This regulation gives the guide more reason to explain, or the unguided hunter more reason to think about, the necessity to take a more certain shot.

Dilemma 4) quite often the guide has many more resources available, equipment and manpower, and has more at stake than the unguided hunter and thus puts in more effort and does a more thorough job of trying to locate a wounded animal.

Unfortunately, there will always be the possibility of non law complying or unethical hunters, but this regulation **greatly** enhances ethical hunting practices and thus resource stewardship and conservation.

Sincerely.

Paul Chervenak
Chairman Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 21st 2015---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: 2:05pm by Chairman Paul Chervenak.

Roll call: Members present: Chairman Paul Chervenak(Big game Guide/Outfitter), Oliver Holms(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), Nate Rose(Alternate-Salmon seiner), Patrick O Donnel(for Curt Waters-Trawl Seat), Rolan Ruoss(Transporter), Vice-Chair Julie Kavanaugh(Interested Citizen), Tuck Bonney(Processor Seat) and Melissa Berns(Old harbor/Ahkiok Subsistence).

Unexcused absences: Lou Dochtermann(Large Boat Crab).

Excused absences: Ron Kavanaugh and Andy Finke.

Quorum: Achieved with 11 members present (8 needed). When the committee discussed proposals Mr. Bonney was excused.

User groups present:Subsistence, sport fishermen, commercial transporters, trawl fishermen,crab fisherman, commercial salmon fishermen,big game guides, processor. And numerous hunters.

Department Staff: From game division Nate Svoboda and John Crye. Sport fish Don Tracy..

Department of Public safety: None.

USFWS: Refuge Manager Ann Marie LaRosa , Mc Crea Cobb and Bill Pyles.

Audience: .11.

Approve agenda: Approved unanimously after adding committee comments to the end of the meeting.

Approve minutes of our previous meeting of February 26th 2014: Approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Chair Announcements: Chairman Chervenak introduced our new region coordinator Taryn – O'Connor-Brito.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1) Elections: Paul Chervenak, Kip Thomet and Don Fox were reelected. Nate Rose replaced Jason Bunch for an alternate seat..

2) Selection of committee officers: Chairman Paul Chervenak, vice-chair Julie Kavanaugh and Don Fox as secretary.

3) USFWS: Staff gave a report on surveys of wildlife on the refuge.

4) ADF&G: Don Tracy of Sport fish gave a summary update of research studies being conducted on king salmon.

5) Mountain goat 2 goat bag limit area: KAC members agreed to reactivate the goat committee and hold meetings on increasing the size of the 2 goat area by adding part of area 476 to 480.

6) Game proposals: Department staff gave an extensive update on game populations and harvest in Unit 8. The KAC discussed and took action on Proposals 142-143-144-145-146-147-196 and 197.

7) KAC member to BOG meeting: Paul Chervenak and Rolan Ruoss(alternate) were selected to represent the AC at the March 2015 BOG meeting being held in Anchorage.

8) Next KAC meeting: Wednesday February 4th 2015 at 1 or 2:00pm in the ADF&G conference room.

9) Committee comments: Julie Kavanaugh informed AC member that on February 18th the Gulf of Alaska pollock work group would meet in Anchorage. Chairman Chervenak discussed declaring Mr. Dochtermann's seat vacant due to non attendance at meetings. The committee would also discuss our vacant seat. KAC members voted to have Mr. Chervenak write a letter to the BOG further explaining our opposition to proposal #143.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	142		Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8.
Oppose	0	10	Committee comments: Not necessary and no biological reason to limit non-residents. After the severe die offs of 2011-12 the deer population has rebounded and is currently healthy. Weather is the primary factor for mortality not hunting pressure. F&G staff had figures that non-residents account for about 10% of overall harvest with 85% being bucks Guides and transporters at the meeting related that few non-residents harvest more than two deer.
BOG	143		Change bag limit restriction for brown bear in Unit 8.
Oppose	0	10	Committee comments: Even though it's hard to legislate ethics, we feel it is everyone's responsibility including the BOG to do so and rejection of this proposal will help maintain high ethical standards and good shot selection during bear hunts. KAC members felt that it is extremely difficult to tell if an animal is "mortally" wounded and would be a greater challenge to enforce than the existing regulation. Kodiak brown bear hunts are one of the premiere hunts in the world and closely monitored. KAC Chairman Paul Chervenak will be writing a letter to the BOG further explaining our opposition to this proposal .
BOG	144		Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.
Support	10	0	Committee comments: The main population is on Chirikof Island where there is unimpeded population growth. Committee members felt that adding Arctic fox to the regulations would allow for more hunting opportunity.
BOG	145		Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.
Support	10	0	Committee comments: Would allow more trapping opportunity. Hunters with a trapping license may shoot the fox.
BOG	146		Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to remove coyote and lynx.
Support	10	0	Committee comments: Housekeeping proposal as there are no coyote or lynx in Unit 8.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	147	Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to remove lynx and wolverine from current trapping regulations.	
Support	10	0	Committee comments: Housekeeping. There are no lynx or wolverines in Unit 8.
BOG	196	Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southcentral Region.	
Oppose	0	10	Committee comments: KAC members felt that this should be an area specific and a species specific proposal and not a blanket broad based one for all hunts. This blanket proposal would supersede a lot of past work by the BOG and local AC's in resolving specific issues. This may be an issue in some parts of the state but not needed in Kodiak. AC members feel that this proposal was mainly aimed at getting more sheep permits and opportunity for resident hunters. We also question the validity of the proposer's statement that a "significant portion of the large game species are taken by non residents". Additionally, the non-resident guiding and transport services are important economically in many small communities especially the rural villages. The majority of guides are residents (89%-McDowell 2014) and they bring much needed economic benefits to our local communities. This proposal isn't conservation based but is primarily trying to reallocate the resource.
BOG	197	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southcentral Region Units.	
Oppose	0	10	Oppose-support 0-oppose 10. Committee comments: The KAC would like to reference our comments on proposal #196 as they apply equally to this proposal. Additionally, in response to the proposer's concern of the loss of meat to Alaskan's, it is known locally and though out the state (McDowell 2014) that most guided hunters transfer possession of a large percentage of their meat to their guides who in turn share that meat with local communities and often the elderly.

ADJOURN: 6:55pm.

Minutes Recorded By: ___ Don Fox ___

Minutes Approved By: ___ Paul Chervenak ___

Date: ___ 2-4-15 ___

Koyukuk River Advisory Committee
1/27/2015
Teleconference

I. Call to Order: 1:45 pm by Jack Reakoff

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Wilmer Beetus, Hugh Bifelt, [Allakaket]; Jack Wholecheese, Darrel Vent, William Derendoff (arrived late), Shawn Huffman [Huslia], Gary Hanchett (had to sign off early)[Bettles/Evensville], Jack Reakoff [Undesignated, Wiseman]

Members Absent:Hudson Sam Sr [Huslia], Pollock Simon Jr [Unedisgnated; Allakaket]*, Pollock Simon Jr, Warner Bergman, Andy Simon Sr [Allakaket]* Harding Sam, Eddie Bergman [Alatna]*

**please see bottom of minutes for additional notes on quorum*

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8*

**please see bottom of minutes for additional notes on quorum*

List of User Groups Present:N/A

III. Approval of Agenda: Addition of discussion of Proposal 202

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Waved until next in person meeting

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Stout, Lincoln Parrett DWC; Seth Wilson SUBS; Nissa Pilcher, BDS

VI. Guests Present: Trooper Lanier, AWT; Marcy Okada, NPS; Don Honea Jr & Ed Sarten, Ruby AC

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

Comment on Proposals before the Board of Game at the 2015 Central/Southwest Meeting

Proposal 202

Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd by instituting one or more of the following options

- 1) *Change seasons:*
 - a. *Shorten season for bulls;*
 - b. *Shorten season for cows;*
 - c. *Close bull season after the rut (after October 1);*
 - d. *Keep cow season open when bulls are in rut (bull season closed);*
- 2) *Change bag limits:*

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- a. Reduce total daily bag limit for residents;
 - b. Reduce total season bag limit for nonresidents;
 - c. Prohibit the take of calves;
 - d. Create 'bull only' bag limit during appropriate time of year;
 - e. Create 'cow only' bag limit during appropriate time of year;
 - f. Change resident daily bag limit to a total season (annual) bag limit;
- 3) Change exceptions to unlawful methods:
- a. Discontinue same day airborne hunting in Unit 22 [5 AAC 92.085 (8)(D)];
- 4) Manage hunts by permit
- a. Consider registration permit hunts in defined areas with harvest quotas, separately by herd.
 - b. Board of Game allocation of nonresident permits (drawing or registration)

The Koyukuk River AC is in favor of all of these measures to reduce harvest of Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou. We feel proposal 202 as written has the minimum restrictions to remain within the harvestable surplus of both caribou herds.

We would prefer to see longer cow caribou closures when bulls are better eating, (Feb 15- Oct. 1). Avoiding cow caribou harvest when Caribou are migrating before Oct. will protect lead cows that lead thousands of caribou to the wintering grounds. Herd deflection away from some communities has been a major user conflict issue. Cow caribou harvested after Oct. 1 are post lactation, and prime meat.

We would prefer to see large Bull's (with shovels) closed after Oct. 1 until they cast their antlers. Or) Bull caribou with shovels should have trophy value will be destroyed by cutting the top portion off of the antler after Oct. 1. The top portion of the antler should not be transported from the GMU taken in.

- Antlerless bulls should become legal in winter, through October 1.
- Large bulls killed in rut after Oct. 1 do not fill freezers; the meat fills dumps, as they are impalpable. Young bull caribou without shovels should still be available to harvest after Oct.1, as they can be eaten. Bull and cow caribou should be conserved for the proper time of year to harvest.

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****The phone lines were down to both Allakaket and Alatna so neither community was able to participate. This subsistence practice is very important to both communities' identity as Upper Koyukon Athabascans/Inupiaq people. Therefore while quorum was not met, after draft recommendations from this meeting were signed off by the chairman of the AC, they were forwarded on to the Allakaket and Alatna Tribal Council for distribution to the members who were not able to take part in the meeting for review, as well as all other participants in the meeting. This document is the result of that process, and was signed off by those AC members as being in line with the desires of the Koyukuk River AC as a whole.***

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Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee
2 Dec 2014
Anderson

I. Call to Order: 18:03, John Basile (Chair)

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 9

Robert Kohlsdorf – (Clear A)

Myron Stokes (Clear/Anderson B)

Leroy Sutton (Alt.) – absent

Tyler Dynes (Ferry A)

John Basile – Chair (Healy B)

Coke Wallace (Healy C)

Jacob Mattila (Healy D) – excused

Jason Reppert – Secretary (Healy E)

Nan Eagleson (McKinley Village)

Excused: 3

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

Paul VanDyke (Alt. Clear/Anderson)

Joseph Chattfield (Alt. Healy)

Members Absent: 2

Pat Owen (Healy A)

Larry Haddock (undesignated)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Leroy was excused from the last meeting, not absent as recorded in the minutes.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young, DWC

VI. Guests Present:

VII. Old Business:

None

VIII. New Business:

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Discussion of Proposal 143 (all opposed to supporting)

Jacob: Not in favor of it. Motion to support

John: Agrees with Jacob

Jacob: Seems to micro manage the harvest

Leroy: 2nd

Jacob: Would like to oppose, if you hit a bear you must pursue it.

Nan: If a hunter doesn't pursue is it wanton waste?

Leroy: Comes down to ethics

John: It allows too much flexibility

Jacob: Current regulations don't allow you to take another bear if you shoot and wound.

John: May encourage taking risky shots

Jacob: Elk is similar. Heard they were having issues, seems odd that reg is only for those two hunts.

Jacob: Proposal 182, thought there was a temporary ban on taking deer from a boat?

Nan: It's proposed by the advisory committee

Jacob: Maybe we should stay away from it. Coke, how many archery hunters do you guide for sheep?

Coke: Two or three

Discussion of Proposal 194 (all oppose supporting)

John: How about 194?

Jacob: Would be opposed. Would be better to spend some effort educating. Would like it seen brought to the table.

Jason: 2nd

Jacob: Proposal 195, doesn't think the Dept. would go for it. The regs require to clean it up

Robert: Should there be a vote?

Jacob: Don't think we need it

John: Agrees, same proposals keep coming up.

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Meeting adjourn 20:31

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**Kotzebue Sound, Northern Seward Peninsula, and Noatak and Kivalina ACs
1/6/2015
Northwest Arctic Borough**

I. Call to Order: 12:30 by Pete Schaeffer

II. Roll Call:

Northern Seward Peninsula members present: Percy Ballot, Mona Washington (Secretary), Nathan Hadley Sr. and Marlene Moto-Karl (Northern Seward Peninsula)

Noatak and Kivalina members present: Joe Luther (Vice Chair), Janet Mills (Secretary), Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Frank Onalik Sr., Stan Hawley, Melford Booth (Noatak and Kivalina)

Kotzebue Sound Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chair), Victor Karmun, Michael Kraemer, Karmen Monigold, Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary),(Kotzebue Sound AC)

Members absent Northern Seward Peninsula: Ron Moto and Calvin Moto

Number Needed for Quorum on Northern Seward Peninsula AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: NANA, Subsistence Hunters, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service

III. Approval of Agenda:

Percy Ballot Sr. made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Noatak. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 2/27/14

The minutes of the 2/27/14 of the NSP were unanimously passed by the Northern Seward Peninsula committee.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau, Carmen Daggett, Meghan Nedwick and Brandon Saito

V. Guests Present: Guests attending in Buckland were Stephen Ballot, Delbert & Maria Thomas, Tracey Hadley and Rudy Thomas, Bill Carter (Fish and Wildlife), Frank Hayes (NPS), Ty, Lance Kraemer, and Susan Georgette

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	41		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.
4	0		Percy commented for the record that he was in support of the Antlerless Moose Reauthorization and the Brown Bear Tag Fee for Unit 23.
BOG			Changing Board of Game meetings from a two year cycle to a three year cycle
			Percy Ballot supported with reservation, the change to a three year cycle from two years in order to save money and allow more time to work on information for upcoming proposals and issues coming before the committee. Hopefully this extra money will allow for more committee meetings so the committee can make good informed decisions on proposals, resources and/or issues. Percy also was in support of Proposal 201 that everyone make every reasonable effort to retrieve and salvage the game.
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
Support ed	4	0	Percy commented for the record that he was in support of the Antlerless Moose Reauthorization and the Brown Bear Tag Fee for Unit 23.
BOG	201		Salvage of game meat, furs and hides
Support	4	0	Percy also was in support of Proposal 201 that everyone make every reasonable effort to retrieve and salvage the game.
BOG	202		Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.
Support as amended	4	0	The Northern Seward Peninsula committee discussed the caribou proposal at a previous meeting and heard comments, including one from Stephen Ballot who said the proposed bag limit of five per day was good. They agreed on a closing date of April 15 rather than May 1 for cows. For the bull season closing, the group recommended October 15 rather than October 1. Everyone on the Buckland Advisory Committee agreed on no sports hunting.

Adjournment: Nathan and Percy left at 2:30 to go to the airport.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30

Minutes Recorded By: Mona Washington
 Minutes Approved By: Mona Washington
 Date: 2/10/15



**Northern Seward Peninsula AC
2/10/2015
Telephonic Meeting**

- I. Call to Order: Time by 11:05 am Percy Ballot
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Marlene Moto-Karl, Nathan Hadley, Mona Washington
Members Absent: Calvin Moto, Ron Moto
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present: Buckland IRA
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Mona: Motion approved
Marlene: Seconded
Agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 1/6/15
Amendments: Add votes on 41, 43, and 201
Support proposals 41, 43, and 201 4-0. No additional comments.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section), Jim Dau (Wildlife Conservation), Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Nicole Braem (Subsistence)
- VI. Guests Present:
Justin McGinnis (AST), Raymond Lee Jr, Rudy Thomas, Ken Adkisson
- VII. Old Business:

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	202		Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.
See minutes 1/6/15 Addition al commen ce here			<p>Jim Dau: We have had two advisory committee meetings that were joint advisory committee meetings. You guys suggested amendments for dates. The Upper and Lower Kobuk ACs met and came up with different dates. It would be good for Unit 23 to recommend dates for Unit 23 as a whole. Explains additional closures on caribou wanted in Unit 23,</p> <p>Marlene: There is rutting season and calving season.</p> <p>Nathan: We should have a letter from Jim Dau about caribou mating season and the dates of caribou to educate our teenagers.</p>

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose
		<p>Nathan: We should have a letter from Jim Dau about caribou mating season and the dates of caribou to educate our teenagers.</p> <p>Percy: We are doing educational outreach about that.</p> <p>Jim Dau: I can do that. First calves are born late May the height of calving season, most of the actual breeding happens in October, about the 3rd week in October. They start calving in the 2nd or 3rd week in June.</p> <p>Percy: We are going to invite Meghan to do an educational thing about hunting at the celebration of life at the end of March 27-29th.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: I am a reindeer herder, we want to have good male meat we castrate the bulls.</p> <p>Marlene: People were giving out stink meat and people don't want it.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains all of the ACs want to close the bull season on October 10th till the 1st of February.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: That sounds good.</p> <p>Mona Washington: Inquires about caribou counts.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: Explains that the Teshekpuk Herd has declined about half.</p> <p>Jim: A little more than half of that herd has declined as well.</p> <p>Rudy: When people are making a documentary in Alaska and there should be guide from the villages, so they can watch them.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Agrees it is good to help them understand things and stay off from trespassing.</p>

Percy Ballot: I will be in Anchorage, but I might not be able to attend. Mona Washington, will find out about the appointment. Nathan could come if Percy, Mona, or Marlene cannot come.

Adjournment: 12:15 pm

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