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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 (NSEDG 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. Kyrle*
 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



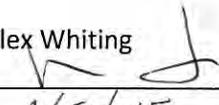
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BOG	41	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	5	0	No discussion beyond Brandon Saito GMU 23 Area Biologist speaking to low level of cow harvest that is negligible at current levels but may be a concern in the future if harvest increases. 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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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
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: *[Signature]*
 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>



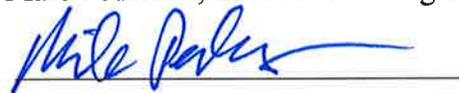
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			<p>4) <u>October 16th-December 31st</u> 3 caribou total per day -Cows only -No Bulls -No Calves</p> <p><u>Rationale</u></p> <p>January to mid-March: Reduce harvest of cow caribou to 3 per day relative to current regulations. Eliminate calf harvest 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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Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 6:00 pm

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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

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

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



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Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 1:00 pm

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PROJ. OR BILL	Proposal Number	Proposal Description - ON-TIME DEADLINE FOR THESE DECEMBER 26TH
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose
		<p>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</p> <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
		Salvage of game meat, furs and hides
		Motion opposed unanimously.

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 [Undesignated; 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:

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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	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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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
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
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		<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

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



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

I. Call to Order: Time 11:45 pm by Pete Schaeffer

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Joe Luther (Vice Chair), Janet Mills (Secretary), Stanley Hawley, Frank Onalik, and Melford Booth

Members Absent: Thurston Booth, Enoch Adams Sr., Austin Swan Sr.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: Fish and Wildlife Service, Subsistence Users, Fish and Game, and National Park Service

III. Approval of Agenda:
Agenda approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 3/4/2014

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

VI. Guests Present:
Bill Carter, Frank Hayes, Ty, Trooper McGinnis, Lance Kramer, Susan Georgette, Ken Adkisson,

VII. Public Comments/Concerns:
Lance Kraemer: Lots of bears, caribou population down. Would like to see a cash incentive to get 3-4 bears a year, saw 19 bears on the Noatak River and every one of them had three cubs.
Enoch Mitchell: The caribou migration corridors are being blocked by transporters. Need to protect the Cutler, Ningmiktaqunq migration path to Onion Portage.
Mike Kraemer: We need to protect our caribou, we need to remove restrictions on same day airborne for bears, push to eliminate transporters, move caribou to guided only hunts, for problem grizzly bears have hunters shoot them.

VIII. Old Business:
None

IX. New Business:



BOG or BOF	Propo- sal Numb- er	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Numb- er Suppo- rt	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	41	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Supported	6	0	
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Supported	6	0	
BOG	201	Salvage of game meat, furs and hides.	
Supported	6	0	
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	
Support with Amendments	6	0	<p>Enoch Mitchell: This fall we never got caribou again, third year in a row. I read Jim Dau's report late migration, warm weather travel to Ambler and Buckland way a number of non-local hunters 1500 + increasing most heavily on the Agashashonk, Eli, and Squirrel Rivers causing the caribou migration to divert because the corridors were plugged up with non-local hunters. We are forced to go further and further away. Only 5% of the harvest is sport hunters but for three years we have no meat in our freezers and they have antlers on their walls where is the priority given? We are forced to go further and further away by sport hunters. We spent over \$500 on a drum of gas at Noatak and it took three drums to get to where the caribou are. We need to do something about the over population of sport hunters.</p> <p>Lance Kraemer: What about using the collared caribou and use observation towers?</p> <p>Mike Kraemer: We need to lift restrictions on bears and wolves to allow people to pursue these animals and eliminate transporters.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: Agree on rules and regulations to keep caribou in a safe place.</p> <p>Amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Close non-subsistence hunter take -Close bulls October 15-Jan 15th -Close Cows April 15-June 30th -Close Aggy, Squirrel, Eli, Naulikchaig Rivers for non-subsistence hunters.
BOG	203	Close Dall Sheep Season for Unit 23.	
Supported	6	0	

Adjournment: 2:54

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**Noatak and Kivalina ACs
2/11/2015
Noatak IRA**

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:30 am by Enoch Mitchell
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Joe Luther, Janet Mills (Secretary), Stanley Hawley, Frank Onalik, Thurston Booth
Members Absent: Melford Booth, Enoch Adams Sr., Austin Swan Sr.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence Users, Fish and Game, and National Park Service
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Moved by Janet
Seconded Thurston
Amended to add ACR discussion
Agenda approved as amended
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 1/6/15
Amend to add:
 - 1) Close non-subsistence hunter take of caribou
 - 2) Close bulls Oct 15th -Jan 15th
 - 3) Close cows April 15th -June 30th
 - 4) Close Agashashonk (Aggy), Squirrel, Eli, Naqulichaiq Rivers for non-subsistence users for caribou harvest.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
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- VI. Guests Present:
Trooper Justin McGinnis, Marcy Okada (NPS), Kumi Rattenbury (NPS), Ken Adkisson (NPS), Jen Schmidt (UAF), and Ben Arnold
- VII. Public Comments/Concerns:
Ben Arnold: Worked with as a trespass officer and it is a 30 mile span to Kollusk, to one of the elder's camp. I get the same comments for my responsibility and go there and stay within those boundaries, if I go beyond those boundaries. I have been working with the Northwest Arctic Borough to change these boundaries. I know we have the Fish and Game Wildlife and their responsibilities. If we can get Fish and Game Wildlife to make sure the boundaries to make sure the hunters from the outside don't disturb the migration route, sometimes I have heard hunters from Noatak say we have seen planes disturbing migrations of caribou. As a trespass officer all I can do is tell them to report to Fish and Game, Park Service, and Troopers.



Trooper McGinnis: My boundaries are the State of Alaska. I really appreciate the NANA trespass officers, when you see people doing things take pictures and video. I will follow up on your complaints. I have addressed the maneuver issues.

Enoch: We are in discussion to change the boundaries of the CUA below Thompson’s Camp.

Trooper McGinnis: Explains methods for patrolling issues.

Enoch Mitchell: We will approach this for the Unit 23 Working Group.

Alvin Ashby: Wanted to find out if Park Service hasn’t been up for five years and the boats haven’t moved. Maybe there could be a log book to enter information from different hunters.

Ken Adkisson: We can bring that up with management.

Ken Adkisson: People can participate in the RAC meeting telephonically to talk about caribou.

Enoch: Explains the value of having many people testify at RAC meetings and at Board meetings.

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Support with Amendments	6	0	<p>Stan Hawley: We could work NANA trespass to deal with proposal. Our problem in Kivalina because of the weather is getting so warm the migrations are so late they will show up at the end of October when the bulls are rutting and we don’t bother with them sometimes young bulls but not rutting bulls. They come to area real late and we take young bulls and females. The dominate males are mating.</p> <p>Thurston: Wants to stop guide hunting on Noatak River all we see is guide hunters on the Noatak River, to stop people who fly on planes on the Noatak. People drive up the river and spend lots of money on gas and don’t get anything.</p> <p>There is concern over hunters who come to the Noatak and divert migrations and move caribou with their planes away from subsistence hunters.</p>



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			<p>Carmen: Explains that some of the amendments suggested to prop 202 don't fall within the code you may need to make a new proposal for the CUA related amendments.</p> <p>Enoch: Kobuk River hunters don't have as much conflict as us with sport hunters.</p> <p>Frank Onalik: Mentioned the petition that was signed by the public that was submitted to stop all sport hunting on the Noatak River.</p> <p>Carmen Daggett: I will get the petition submitted as a public comment. Explains submitting that petition to the RAC.</p> <p>Frank Onalik: The council approved for me to submit it.</p> <p>Ken Adkisson: Explains the federal regulatory process.</p> <p>Ben Arnold: Explains need for land use clause. Wants to have access to the land use information.</p> <p>Carmen Daggett: Explains proposal process to the state land use versus federal land use.</p> <p>Three ACRs will be submitted to address additional measures to limit non-resident caribou harvest to be considered for the 2016 BOG meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Require spacing of non-subsistence user camps 3-5 miles apart so that caribou can cross the river in their migration. 2) Let 1,000 caribou pass the Noatak River before any non-subsistence hunters can come to the Noatak River. 3) Extend the boundaries of the Controlled Use area to Makpik Creek, extending the CUA approximately 20 miles beyond the current boundary.

Adjournment: 12:47 pm

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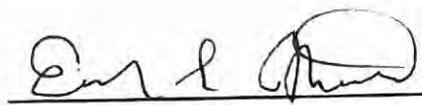
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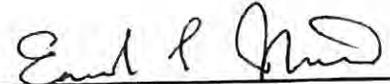
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This proposal is somewhat allocative, however there is new information that needs to be reconsidered.

7) IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

- The subsistence needs for caribou of the villages of Noatak and Kivalina are not being met.
- The caribou migrations are being diverted away from the villages of Noatak and Kivalina have been for three years by hunters who are too densely populated along the river causing the caribou to move further out of their normal migration that would normally go through the current Controlled Use Area which was established to protect traditional hunting areas by people in Noatak and Kivalina.
- Young people are losing valuable information and time with elders who are passing on such as; caribou hide preparation, sewing, and hunting skills. We are losing our cultural identity with our caribou.
- People are spending substantial amounts of money (\$1000-1500) to try to get caribou and unsuccessful.

8) STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. (e.g., hunter, guide, subsistence user, trapper, etc.)
Subsistence users who trap and hunt.

9) STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING.
It has not been considered before.

Submitted by:

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Note: Addresses and telephone numbers will not be published.



Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2014
Seward City Council Chambers

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- I. Call to Order: 1902 hours by Chairman Jim McCracken
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: McCracken, White, Casey, Hall, Flood, Hanneman, Herbert
Members Absent: Dubuc, Hatch, Foldager, Campbell, Hubbard, Clemens
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6, quorum present since membership of Seward AC is now at 11 members.
List of User Groups Present: hunting, game guide, personal use, non-consumptive, sport fish
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved without objection but to include discussion of 3 year cycle for Board of Game meetings.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting of October, 23, 2014 approved; notes from meeting of November 13, 2014 distributed. This latter meeting lacked quorum and no official business was conducted.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger, Game Biologist Soldotna. Thanks to him for traveling a second time to Seward to help with our deliberations.
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Regarding the proposed three year cycle for the BOG, most felt the two year cycle was better. Seems more people and issues kept coming up that required attention. Two years allow better reaction time. There are issues such as the annual renewal of antlerless moose hunts that need to be authorized. The state will see significant budget problems in the coming years and the legislature and various agencies will have to decide what is of greatest importance and how to pay for those services.

Casey volunteered to be Chair of the Kid's Fishing Day next spring. He will receive the fishing poles and gear from Collman. The scheduled date is May 16, 2015. Organizing, fund raising and prizes need to be taking care of before the event. We encourage all AC members to participate.

The main business for this meeting is to review and make comments on the proposal that will be considered by the Board of Game at their March 13, 2015 meeting for GMU's 6,7, and 15 as well as relevant statewide proposals.

The local area is acknowledged to have low numbers of moose which is of continued concern to many AC members. Brown bears continue to be of concern as well. Comments on proposals reflect these concerns.

Regarding votes below, when numbers do not add up to the 7 members present, assume the remaining votes abstained.

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BOG	140	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.	
	5	1	We recognize the role of AC's in voting to keep this regulation on the books annually. It can be controversial, but we feel decisions based on good game management and not politics will drive decisions. It appears the current philosophy of F&G is to provide harvest opportunities when justifiable by population biology. Support of this proposal does not mandate a hunt, just keeps the option on the books.
BOG	149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.	
	6	0	See comments on #140. Historically this is a good place to hunt if population numbers allow. The main concern is overgrazing of the willows in the area. Many are already at 4-5 feet. As in other areas, when snow drives moose from higher elevations they combine with residents and this is when browse can be over grazed. Milder winters decrease the problem.
BOG	156	Shorten the moose seasons in Unit 15.	
	0	6	We are not in favor as written. Do not like the idea of special seasons for specific user groups. Feel there are ample opportunities for all in the regular season. We do have interest in moving the season later to get to cooler weather to help preserve meat and allow for better antler development [to make better call on the spike, fork, brow tine decisions]. We like the current antler regulations but acknowledge that there needs to be continued education of some hunters to clearly know what defines these standards. We like keeping all moose hunts within the same time frame and avoiding sub-area overlapping seasons for easier enforcement. We did hear that an early archery season may have had some safety advantage to allow "garden moose" in residential areas to be taken ahead of the rifle hunts but that was not a compelling enough reason for the separate season. If the season went longer, there is a fear that bulls in the rut would be more available and their meat would not be as desirable. Perhaps bowhunters would have easier access at this time rather than a separate earlier season.
BOG	157	Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30	
	7	0	Reject as written but generally support the time frame 9/1-20 to keep it in synch with adjacent areas. See comments above #156
BOG	158	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.	

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			Discussed but no action. Noted lack of spike in this proposal suggesting it was aimed at a trophy hunt for non-residents perhaps led by a guide.
BOG	161		Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers with three or more brow tines.
	0	4	Local sportmen state that in area 7 finding a moose with more than 3 brow tines is exceptionally rare. This would have a marked impact on hunting opportunity here where harvests are low in the first place. One member reiterated his concerns that the large number of brown bears was the most significant issue for moose populations in Unit 7. He felt that the elimination of spikes would not matter much as these often do not over winter and are eaten by brown bears or wolves. Jeff stated ~12 moose were taken illegally due to not being the full 50" or having proper brow times. This problem needs an education solution. More importantly whatever criteria we choose for the taking of bulls will put pressure on that genetic segment of the population. For example going after large racks will tend to eliminate those genes from the breeding pool. Jeff said antler formation is highly linked to genetics and local natural and hunting pressure.
BOG	163		Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.
	6	1	An early season with more leaves on the brush makes tracking an arrow wounded deer much more difficult. It makes the chance of meat spoilage greater because of higher temperatures early in August as well as the tracking time. We do not endorse the idea of special seasons. We like alignment of seasons in sub areas and adjacent areas whenever possible.
BOG	164		Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15
	0	7	See above comments regarding special seasons for special groups. New archery gear can be high powered and sophisticated compared to older gear. This takes away some of the disadvantages of bow hunting. We acknowledge that bow hunter purists cannot hunt quietly and in their preferred style when they share the woods with gun hunters but they have always have the opportunity along with muzzleloaders to the regular season.
BOG	167		Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.
			No vote, but noted that on the Kenai Peninsula at least a share of these 'nuisance moose' are near private property which is concentrated along roads and highways. This leads to other conflicts. It is dubious that this type of special hunt would have any significant effect on road kills on the Kenai Peninsula.
BOG	168		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
	5	1	See comments regarding reauthorizing antlerless hunts above [#140 and #149]. Noted that 50 permits were issued this passed year as in recent years with about 18 taken. If increased permits to 100 Jeff doubted the harvest would go above 25 due to issues with private property in 15C. If two permit holders were on a cow and calf, they could both be shot. Otherwise a cow with calf is not allowed and this is one reason he sees for a lower harvest. It was brought out that non residents can apply for this permit drawing in the general season.

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BOG	170		Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.
	1	5	F+G takes no position on this refuge proposal since they have their own #171. Jeff feels the count of 42/1000km [2010 study] is better than earlier numbers that put the whole peninsula population between 350-400 animals. Still for a coastal brown bear population this is a low number when compared to SE AK and Kodiak. It is well known that the brown bears are moving on and off the refuge and this makes estimates difficult. Jeff feels the expense of a significant population survey would not be as valuable as the collared bear studies that are on going. He believes that the recent harvest of 70 bears is not sustainable without damage to the population. Liberal bait station harvests seem to have taken relatively large numbers of big males. Smaller males and females are likely to be taken under current regs in future years. Fish and Wildlife Refuge officials see what is happening on their lands as a problem now. They have a mission to "manage for natural diversity" among other things. US Forest Service lands have different management goals and policies. For example, a more aggressive harvest of brown bears around the Russian River may be in their and the public's interest.
BOG	171		Modify the brown bear harvest management strategy on the Kenai Peninsula, Units 7 and 15.
	5	2	See comments #170. Like the idea of splitting the harvest between Front Country and Back Country in an effort to reduce brown bear numbers in more heavily populated areas where troublesome interactions occur with people. We see that sustained yield as a management goal is desirable and harder to achieve with certain species like brown bears due to their slower recovery if driven to low numbers such as may have been the case in the 1990's. The 70 harvest is likely not sustainable without damaging the population and could be enforced de facto by Refuge managers on their property. The idea of a 40 bear harvest seems reasonable with 10 total females including DLP kills. One member feels that moose populations stand no chance of recovery as long as brown bear populations are high. Others see diversity as more desirable. Though it is set up as a registration hunt for management reasons, it is essentially run like a general hunt and open to all.
BOG	172		Lengthen the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 and remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait.
	4	2	Submitted by a local citizen and AC member who believes the brown bear population needs to be reduced to allow for increase in moose populations. He cited historical information to show why DLP, commercial hunting, and the like kept numbers low. In the last 20-40 years with stricter regulations he feels there have been significant increases in brown bear numbers. The salvage of meat that is usually not considered desirable by most people is a negative to bear harvest over bait. Others wondered if carcasses left behind would only bring in more

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			bears. This proposal seeks to lengthen the season which has been liberalized in recent years. Fish and Game has concerns about future damage to the population due to a high brown bear harvest on the peninsula in the past few years. Non consumptive users are keen to take pictures of the bears but there is a significant conflict I they encounter one on the trail with only a camera and no protection. The status quo appealed to the dissenting votes.
BOG	173	Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
			See previous
BOG	175	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.	
	7	0	We believe the bag limit is not as important as shortening the season. The spring allows for excellent back country travel and long days. The birds are staking out territory and more tame this time of year. Homer residents do not depend on these animals for food and should share responsibility for maintaining local populations. Usually the possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. We notice the number is four times as high in the written proposal. We wonder if this is tied to the guide's own business and remote lodge. Historically this area has seen increased pressure on ptarmigan with increasing populations over the years.
BOG	176	Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.	
			See #175
BOG	178	Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.	
	2	5	While trap ID is required in SE AK and in certain other localities, it does not seem to warrant it here. It seems a bureaucratic solution to a minimal problem. It is required in the Refuge. One member recalled as a kid he was required to ID his trap in Michigan but to him it seems petty. If it does go forward we suggest an ID number and not a personal name or address. Those in favor thought it could help identify folks with poor practices that can give trapper's a poor image.
BOG	179	Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.	
			See#178
BOG	180	Restrict trapping in the Cooper Landing area.	
	0	5	A local vet said that in 20 years he has seen only 3 dogs brought to him form traps. One was dead the other two survived. He does not see it as a big problem. While folks like to see their dogs run free, most agree that owners must be responsible. Current law is on the side of trappers. We do not know how big a problem this is in Cooper Landing but see that there could be lots of land put off limits by the proposal. We encourage local trappers to act responsibly around populated areas and private property to avoid the conflict. We all agree you can't legislate common sense. Perhaps designating a few areas close to town near private property would satisfy the proposers while still allowing trapping in the general area.

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BOG	181	Restrict trapping in the Seward and Moose Pass areas.	
	1	5	See comments above. This proposal again puts very large areas off limits to trapping. One AC member suggested that the maker of the proposal did not understand why you do not use a size 3 trap for small animals. Opposition stated that the area has many non consumptive users that like to let their dogs run free.
BOG	182	Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.	
	0	7	Boat hunting [not under power not moving] is allowed but may be reducing black bear populations along the shores of the outer Kenai Peninsula. It is unknown if there are strong populations away from the shore to keep the numbers up. It is a popular spring hunt already and we do not feel a special permit hunt for handicapped people is warranted. There is concern about the wide variety of conditions that qualify for handicap status. Also concern for the retrieval of animals shot from the boat.
BOG	183	Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.	
	0	5	Opinion that there are other avenues for citizens and organizations to interact with F&G staff and the Board without creating a special entity. Seems like while intentions are good it is increasing the bureaucracy and possibly creating more red tape. Seems like we already have sufficient rules and regulations in place for the Kachemak Bay area.

Next Meeting May 7, 2015 unless need to coordinate with Sherry Wright for elections in January. McCracken will contact her.

Adjournment: motion by Hall, ended 2134 hours

Minutes Recorded By: J. Herbert
 Minutes Approved By: Jim McCracken
 Date: via email 2/3/2015

Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 12, 2015
Seldovia Community Multi-Purpose Room

Call to Order: Time by Michael Opheim, Vice Chair

Roll Call: Bryan Chartier, Michael Opheim, Walt Sonen, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick

Jordan Cameron, Dave Chartier and Allison Miller were absent excused.

Keith Gain was absent unexcused.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright

Old Business: None

New Business:

Officer elections were held with the following results: Michael Opheim, Allison Miller and Keith Swick were elected for 2.5 year terms and Alvin Swick was elected to fill a two year seat. There were no alternates elected.

Michael Opheim was elected Vice Chair. Allison Miller was discussed as a potential secretary and the Chair position will remain open until the full committee can come together.

Sherry Wright updated the committee on the Board of Game meeting cycle which is changing to a 3 years cycle. Next year's Call for Proposals will include Statewide regulations and they combined the Cycle A and Cycle B lists into one. May 1, 2015 is the proposal deadline. According to their approved schedule, the next time for Southcentral region proposals would be May 1, 2018. This may change once they review and realize they put Statewide on a two year basis and that will need to be revised. Sherry will speak to Kristy to see if SouthCentral call for proposals can be included in 2017 to maintain every three years. BOG worksession meeting will be held March 17 2016, with the Statewide meeting following March 18-28 in Fairbanks.

RC 19 is a laundry list of Sheep proposals on the web site (under the BOG work session Meeting Information). The Joint Board changed proposals so that they were supposed to be single issues only and the proposals need to be broken out to each option as a separate proposal. Multiple issues make it unclear as to what is being supported or opposed.

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BOG	157		Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
	5	0	The moose have been going into rut later, the temperature is cooler and people would like to hunt later. Don't have to worry about hanging the meat. If other

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			areas close earlier, you might get influx of hunters, which would be the only down side that could be seen.
BOG	161		Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers with three or more brow tines.
	0	5	Locals like spike hunting and they believe there is enough smaller moose.
BOG	163		Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.
	5	0	When local people go to harvest subsistence, there is more competition in the field. There should be an even playing field for all hunters.
BOG	166		Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.
	5	0	Like the later season because it's cooler, you can let it hang. Support the reasons given in the proposal.
BOG	168		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
	5	0	There is support for this hunt and no concern about the moose population. Recent fires have made browse and potentially more moose available. This is an annual reauthorization.
BOG	178		Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.
	5	0	This would notify people that there is a trap in an area and may help someone prevent a domestic animal from being inadvertently trapped.
BOG	182		Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.
	5	0	Black bear populations seem to be down in numbers. There is a three bear limit, and very few that harvest that many, but there is concern that some may go around and shooting them off the hill. Not sure how much of a difference it will make but seems like it may help. Black bear are also noticeable smaller. There is a noticeable shortage of bear hunters as well. AMENDMENT: Would like to see the regulations go back to one bear in the Spring, one bear in the Fall. 5-0 support
BOG	183		Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.
	0	5	There is already a park and the locals don't want to see avenue to implant further restrictions was the primary concern.
BOG	191		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
	0	5	We prefer the existing regulations. Whether fishing or hunting a person could inadvertently transport an invasive species.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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 Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
 Date: 2/9/2015

Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes
King Career Center, 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd
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- I. Call to Order: 6:34 PM, Joel Doner
- II. Roll Call:
Joel Doner, Chair, George Jacoby, Vice-Chair, Sam Albanese, Secretary, Neil Dewitt, Jim Bolgiano, Steve Flory, Phil Calhoun, Frank Neumann, Mark Campbell, Robert Peck, Kevin Taylor, Robert Caywood, Ehren Strahn, Brian Nelson, Michael Klehr

Members Absent: Dwight Johnson
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Anchorage Advisory Committee Meeting
William Hernandez Hatchery
January 6, 2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Battle and Dave Saalfeld, Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Ted Spraker and Robert Mumford from the Board of Game
Richard Person, Jim Stubbs, Brett Wilbank

Old Business

Wood Bison Restoration Project Management Plan

Joel spoke to this. The management plan is in near final draft. Fee for land use needed to be hashed out. The fee for Alaska residents other than shareholder will be \$300, for non-resident \$500-\$1500. A viewing fee would also apply.

Joel said Doyon owns 30% of the land. They do not allow any land use now but unanimously approved this. The board of Doyon is expected to endorse this plan. Expect to fly out 20-26 mature animals in March. Now that we know the land access we need to reiterate support. Steve motioned we support this plan. Seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

Public testimony:

Richard Person talked to the AAC about the PWS Spot Shrimp fishery
Closely regulated fishery. Quota is established by survey conducted by dept.
40% commercial, 60% non-commercial allocation.

Opposed to proposals 253, 258, 259, and 260.

Favors proposals 253, 254, and 256.

His proposal requires Lat/Lon for each pot and to call in to Cordova office every Wednesday to report catch.

The proposals opposed either close or restrict the fishery. These are based upon the shrimp numbers going down. The graph provided indicates the shrimp numbers have slightly increased for the last 4 years for non-commercial catch. With that in mind his proposals are 255 and 256. This are a small boat fishery and they will like to fish with 5 pots on a string instead of 4 and not have to put the second buoy line on the string. This will reduce the number of buoys and the amount of line deployed.

Joel said both proposals are just the number of pots, not the pot limit. Float line entanglement can be a problem.

Robert Peck said on the personal use you have to identify your set on the buoy, do the commercial guys do. Yes, they have to have the ADFG number.

Neil, the vessel count is the number of boats, over the last few years the # of vessels have declined but the catch has gone up. Richard replied yes, the boats went down in numbers. This fishery is not for every boat, some cannot make money, other can.

The Sound is divided into 3 areas, only one is fished each year. The Whittier AC submitted proposal 254, Richard supports this proposal.

Steve asked Richard if he generally supports the Department's proposals. Richard said yes.

Joel asked Richard to explain the registration areas. Areas 1, 2, and 3 and the area E areas.

Joel said we, the Anchorage AC decided to take no action on these proposals.

Steve commented to Richard that there is a proposal for trapping to have your name on the traps.

Richard is opposed to it due to concern about anyone being able to place a name on a trap.

Steve Flory addressed the committee about the antlerless hunts. We were told these hunts would reduce collisions. Fences, lights and cutting back reduced the collisions, not killing cows. The department needs to prove with numbers that the hunts reduce collisions.

We doubt the numbers the department has provided. The department, when questioned about surveys, will say they did not get in an area. They extrapolate the numbers.

We are told to trust the experts, yet Kings, the Mulchatna and Northwest Arctic Caribou have disappeared.

We are told we can't transplant moose, yet other states have and we have in the past. The department opposed hunt 666 due to tourism. It is up to this committee to change the direction of the department.

Jim asked if funds from Robertson Pittman money to help relocate game.

Robert Peck asked what one area has numbers sufficient to support transplanting. The Portage herd is one.

Robert pointed out there is not an over-abundance of moose.

Steve said the Gustavus area is probably the one area with an abundance of moose.

Ehren questioned will the taking away of antlerless hunts result in the department devising other means. Steve said we have to start somewhere. What we are doing is not increasing moose populations.

George asked if Steve knew Dale that set up the ACs and why he set it up for the ACs to be able to stop the antlerless hunts. Watchdogs.

Steve said it was to have the department and ACs work together. This process has declined in effectiveness.

Jim asked about the road kill, and the possibility to attract the moose away from the road corridors. Steve is not a biologist. He has seen crushing efforts in other areas and this has helped. The moose will go to where it is easier to walk and feed. If the moose has nowhere to go, they will not move.

Jim Stubbs, former AC member addressed the AC about 60 foot gillnets in the Kasilof and Kenai rivers. He was the Vice Chair and Board of Fish Chair. Knows Cook Inlet well. Resigned from the AC in September.

Gill nets are indiscriminate killers.

Moose Meadows was given to them for gill nets. Then the battle started on the Kasilof. Small Steelhead numbers.

The native group was able to get a lobbyist to push this forward. It's a turf battle. He asked us to send a letter to the federal subsistence board to protest this. They are allowed 4000 reds and 1000 kings. Gill nets will catch anything.

Mark asked who monitors the catch, USFW is supposed to. There is supposedly a 24 hours from catch reporting time.

Mark asked is there a place we can read on the specifics of how this is done. Jim said we would have to find it on the Federal subsistence board website.

Neil asked if Jim will be testifying February 18th at the Dimond Hotel. Jim said he may.

Jim said it is prudent that the AC take a stance on Board nominees. He reminded us we represent all the people of Anchorage. He talked about the past history of the BOF nominee Roland and his being a drifter. Does not think he is a good fit for the board. It is too contentious. We need to focus on the health of the fishery. Whoever it is needs to represent the resource first.

Steve asked if Jim had any comments on the shrimp proposals. He is against it. In the 80s there was a severe crash and it took 20 years to recover from it.

Ted Spraker addressed the AC about the Sheep issue. He asked Christy Tibbles to review all the proposals that have gone through the ACs. 2002-2013 had 92 proposals in regards to sheep hunts, 22 more and another 7. He said we have not done much, only passed a handful

The board members are waiting on the guide concession proposals. This would be a real step up to address some of the sheep issues. He really wants to provide an insight to the upcoming meetings.

February 13th will have a town hall in Wasilla at 630 PM. Call in will be provided.

Some information will be provided, but not a tremendous amount. A few people will have information and bullet points available as a handout.

Primarily they want to listen to people.

Folks have been concerned about the board moving faster and making changes. The ACs spend a lot of time dealing with all the sheep proposals. It is time we get this to the public in a concise manner. They want to talk about establishing a working group. The department has \$150K set aside for a sheep-working group. The next part is to decide who will be on it. Will probably be run like the unit 4 brown bear management team. On this sheep issue it will be a failure to not have a strong AC voice on this board. The 5 or 6 ACs most affected should be on this working group. BOG would have 2-3, Fish and Game, Subsistence, Private land owners, current sheep hunters, AOC, SCI, the new Sheep Foundation group. The next phase, a 1976 management plan, thought Ken Taylor would be here tonight, those plans need to be updated. We are using plans that are 40 years old. F&G needs to update them. Then have the working group review it, then back to the public. This process may take 6 months to a year to complete. We need to get this moving.

22 proposals are legally noticed and published and will be looked at at the Wasilla meeting.

Ted is very uncomfortable pushing these forward until the working groups have a crack at it.

Other ACs are opting to push the proposals aside and go the working group route. Residents account for 80% of the hunters and need to be heard. Ted does not see any red flags from harvest. Cutting the harvest down will not change anything. The issue is a lot of dissatisfied hunters. Encourages us to get involved in this.

The meeting will be at the Best Western Lake Lucille.

Joel stated the working group would be vital. That will be after the town-hall meeting. Hopefully this meeting will get agreement for the working group.

Joel stated he knows this committee wants a place on this working group.

Ted said it will be a real mistake to not have ACs on this working group.

Robert Peck asked if it is true that sheep numbers are down 70%. Ted said he has heard its bout 50% in the Brooks. Resident hunters are trending down. Why are the resident hunting declining? Was it the federal subsistence? We lost 30% of the sheep hunting land.

Steve said board generated proposals and moving on them would be premature. These are statewide and we will be having a statewide meeting next year. The AC has a history of not embracing working groups. If a working group is formed, have it comprised of ACs first. The other organizations are special interest. ACs are elected and has a constituency.

Board generated proposals. When made they had attorneys there. The Board has the authority to generate a proposal on the spot and vote on it. He does not like it. He wanted to get those out since they have good ideas and options.

Second point about groups working together, whatever comes out of the working group will be reviewed by the BOG and back to the public before any decision is made.

Ted went on about the usefulness of the working groups as well as pitfalls.

Steve reiterated this is his last tour of duty on the AC and in May he will step down.

When this is all said and done, he would want people to say this has been a fair and transparent public process.

In 1986 he supported the spike fork and 50 inches or better. Steve reminded him about the 2002 appearance with regard to the Nelchina Caribou.

Robert Mumford addressed the AC about the probable end of his term on the board. He would like to stay on. He feels bad that he has not come before us enough. Its important that we get to know him. Sometimes he voted against what we wanted, and hopes he was able to articulate what and that we understood. He always tries to vote for the resource first.

Steve stated that last year we took up a proposal about black bear snaring in unit 3. It was supported by this AC and 10 others. It was supported by the Department too. The NPS opposed. Robert spoke to this proposal that he opposed it due to public testimony. Mumford said he had 3000 people in opposition of it. He does not personally support bear snaring. He has had an awful lot of people that told him they opposed it.

Robert Peck thanked him for what he does recognizing that we won't all agree.

Brett Wilbanks addressed the AC about the shrimp proposals. After Mr. Stubbs filled us in with 3rd party anecdotal testimony; it highlighted the controversy between commercial and non-commercial.

Stated the catch per unit is up as is the total poundage caught in the last several years. Close to 40% of the non-commercial harvest is right out of Whittier. The commercial effort is less than half of what is allowed. The number of the commercial participants is meager. There is a local demand that they are trying to fill.

His third priority is proposal 248 that suggested non-commercial shrimp fishers report their catch during the season so that F&G can better manage the resource. He contends the non-commercial reporting is inaccurate and thus undermines the ability to manage the fishery. If there is over fishing by the noncommercial fleet, there needs to be a mechanism to effectively manage the resource. Continue to allow commercial fishing and he is opposed to any proposal to reduce or eliminate commercial fishing and require noncommercial reporting.

Align the number of pots for both groups to 5 pots per string, (256), opposes 255.

Supports proposal 254. Limiting the catch to a statistical area has no bearing on what the area can support.

George said the department estimates the allowed catch, how. Brett said they do a survey though does not know how. He would be speculating on its accuracy.

Robert Peck asked about the 40% catch near Whittier. He asked why it is better to fish there. It must be due to an abundance of shrimp.

Ron Jordan addressed the AC about the Kenai River update USFW. Several Alaska Natives are not happy with that. They dip net along the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. The gill nets will impact them.

The Governors appointment to the BOF is advocating shutting down the dip netting. He opposes this appointment.

F&G does a good job keeping data. Individual sportsman fill out the white card, but is it turned in and accounted for.

Fish and Game management change in the Knowles administration and we need to improve how it is managed.

Break at 810 PM to reconvene in 5 minutes.

VII. New Business: Reconvened at 8:24PM Committee Reports

Legislative Chair – Steve Flory

Suggest a few things to take up.

First thing is support or non-support for Rolland Maw for the BOF. Motion was seconded.

Steve stated he is devotedly commercial.

Does not believe this committee can support him and would like us to write to oppose his nomination.

Joel, to be clear, the Motion is to write a letter opposing his nomination to be sent to the legislature and Governor.

Neil spoke about the good we have done in northern Cook Inlet and supports bringing Chairman Johnstone back on to the BOF.

Joel talked about Mr. Stubbs appointment of Rolland Maws. There is potential for conflict between user groups. The relationship between Rolland and drift netters has been contentious. He disagrees with Neil's comments about Johnstone. He said he and Rolland Maw have not seen eye to eye on issues, but he is intelligent and knows salmon and Cook Inlet. When there is a conflict of interest, that person is conflicted out. Joel thinks he would be a great member for the BOF. The BOF with him will be better for it.

Robert Caywood stated we have to many commercial fishermen and need someone that looks out for the majority of our interests.

Question called, 11 opposed, 2 for it, 1 abstain.

Joel said it would serve the committee best if Steve drafted it. Steve said it is half done and can send it out by tomorrow afternoon. Steve will send it to the AAC through Joel.

The Governor wants to move forward with nomination for the BOG, Steve has 3.

His motion is we support:

Theresa Sager Albaugh
Al Barrette
Bethany Martin.

These are all people this committee has supported in the past. Al was previously rejected and it is unlikely he will be rejected again.

Joel stated taking up 3 at once will be cumbersome; we should take them up individually.

Motion to write a letter of support for Theresa Sager Albaugh – seconded
Robert supports her and Neil
Question called.
Passed unanimously.

Motion to write a letter of support for Al Barrette – seconded
Steve spoke in support of him.
Joel stated he has met and spoken with Al but does not know that much about Al.
Frank said he has watched Al participate at BOG meetings. He supports him.
Question called.
11 for, 3 abstained, 0 opposed.

Motion to write a letter of support for Bethany Martin – seconded
Steve spoke in support of her.
Robert said he had another person he supports. Lynn Keogh, Steve said he spoke with him and he is not interested.
Robert Peck has known her for a while and acknowledge she doesn't always agree.
Kevin asked what are we looking for in board members.
Steve said we look for those that think the same way this committee votes. Some members are definitely not looking first to the AC for their input. We want BOG members to talk to us. George asked Steve what makes him think Bethany has the knowledge to be on the BOG. Steve said she has been and stays engaged in the process and will help provide us more voice in the legislature.

5 yes, 2 oppose 7 abstain. Motion passed.

George Motioned we write a letter of support for Robert Mumford – seconded
Joel said we have a BOG meeting coming up and we have proposals we support. He will be there and we need to consider that.
Steve said he opposes Mr. Mumford. He does not attend many of our meetings, only 2 he knows of including tonight.

Neil spoke for Mr. Mumford because he has time to speak with us and is knowledgeable of the subject. Joel's perspective is when a proposal is before us, we listen, half say one way, half the other. We consider the data and input and decide based upon that and what is best for Anchorage and Alaska. He can respect what he has to say on the board.

Steve said Mr. Mumford will sit on the board regardless of what we say as the new members will not be seated until July 1. Arguing we need to appoint him because he is there now is like the department saying we need to support proposals because they already sold the tickets.

Mark asked Mr. Mumford if he supports the taking of cow moose in 14C. Depends on the public testimony and says the testimony supports it he would support it. He stated it is a case-by-case decision. Some areas yes, others no.

George asked if he believed in shooting cows with calves. At first he said yes, then he said no, then he said if it is necessary for habitat.

Neil stated that Steve Flory made a comment about moving moose and where we would get them. Knowing that shooting cows will not get the population back up. Neil lives in 16A and has no moose at all. Does he still think it is a good idea to have a cow hunt in 14C?

Robert Mumford said if it is possible to move them, we just went to a three-year cycle. The cost might make it not feasible. If we have the money and it would work yes. Sure would be worthy of trying.

Question called.

9 Yes-5 opposed-1 abstain.

Steve has the piece of legislature we want drafted is in draft now. Expects to see the first draft in short order. He will try to share it with everyone once it is done.

Fish Chair Joel Doner – Statewide Shellfish BOF Comments

Statewide shellfish was decided we would take no action until this meeting. Now would be the time to address any of the proposals we heard tonight.

Steve moved to support measure 248 – seconded

248 requires commercial to report, this would require the non-commercial to report at least once monthly while holding the permit. He thinks we should support this.

Question called.

Jim asked how this is reported numbers or weight reports it.

Mike said he supports this. We report on almost every harvest.

Robert Peck stated now we have to report, just not until the end of the season.

Proposal 248 Passed by unanimous vote.

Steve moved to support proposal 250 – seconded

Steve said we heard from those here tonight in support of the department's recommendation.

This proposal allows for only one vessel per participant

Question called passed unanimously

Steve moved we support 251 – seconded

12 yes, 3 abstain.

Steve moved we support 252 – seconded

12 yes, 3 abstain.

Steve moved we support 253 – seconded

Spoken against by constituency.

Question called.

1 yes, 13 no, 1 abstain.

Steve moved we support 254 – seconded

Steve spoke in support of 254.

12 yes, 1 abstain 2 oppose.

Steve moved we support 255 – seconded

Steve said supporting it will not be harmful.

13 yes, 2 abstain.

Steve moved we support 256 – seconded

Steve said supporting this will not be harmful.

14 yes, 1 abstain.

Steve moved we support 257 – seconded

Steve spoke in support of it.

Unanimously supported.

Steve moved we support 258 – seconded

Steve said our constituents opposed this.

George said he knows Mike.

0 yes, 10 no, 5 abstain

Steve moved we support 259 – seconded

Closes commercial shrimp fishing in PWS. Steve said there will be both commercial and non commercial.

He opposes this.

Robert Peck said he does shrimp out there. Much better near Whittier where there are not any commercial fisherman. Should we close, no.

Steve said he agrees with that. He noted he hunts in the same place year after year. Sometimes he is successful, sometimes not. You hone your skills and are better than those that don't. Experience and knowledge make a difference.

Joel stated the data shows they are more efficient.

Question called:

12 no, 3 abstain.

Steve moved we support 260 – seconded

Steve does not support it.

Question called:

12 no 3 abstain

Steve moved this committee pen a letter opposing gill net fisheries on the Kenai and Kasilof River. –
Seconded.

George said haven't they been having a gill net fishery for education before.
Steve asked if George supports this. To which George said no.

Passed unanimously.

Robert Caywood motioned we move to support proposal 243 –seconded
This has to do Cook Inlet Clam Fisheries.

Robert then motioned we amend 243 to close 2 mile sections of the beach and rotate it in three year
cycles.

Mark asked to hear from Mr. Person about this. He said there are very few clams.

Joel said there are far fewer clams at Clam Gulch and knows there is a problem. If there is a reason to
close the beach, then close it.

Steve said this is a biological concern. Closing this will result in moving clam diggers around similar to
closing hunts. He thinks we should close this completely.

Robert Caywood said people he has spoken with in Washington said they close sections of beach.

Steve asked Robert if it would do much harm to close the entire beach as opposed to sections.

Robert said there is no other place to go unless you cross the Inlet. The Sea Otters have devastated the
clams.

Frank questioned how this would be enforceable.

Question called

7 yes, 6 opposed, 2 abstain.

Vote for the proposal as amended.

13 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstain

Game Chair Frank Neumann – South Central BOG Comments

The subcommittee met Thursday night and Frank sent out an email

Take up a motion to support the subcommittees' findings for proposals 140 through 197.

Steve motioned we support the recommendations of the sub-committee. – seconded

Was voted on.

Motion passed unanimously.

Steve pointed out we should take up what the subcommittee did not vote on.

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BOG	140		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
	5	8	<p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population.</p> <p>Those that Abstained 2, Abstained from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 18, and its current moose population. And the fact that we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Meeting Minutes: 2/3/2015</p> <p>Frank moved we take up proposal 140. – seconded Antlerless Moose hunt in 6C. Cordova Hunt area. Frank supports a TNA. Not in our area. Moose Mama lady is opposed to this. Sam said if we are trying to build moose population, why kill cows. Frank pointed out this is not a biologic concern. Department said it is above the target objective and the population could harm the environment. Antlerless hunts are necessary to keep the population at the objectives. Phil asked what the bull to cow ratio was for 2013. Not in the report. Steve said they have not had an antlerless hunt since 1999-2000. This is just to keep the hunts on the books. They are not having a hunt there now, they don't need this on the books. Joel said the population objective is 400 to 500 moose, they have around 600. Frank said they have not had an antlerless hunt in 14 years, leave the tool in the tool box. He supports the proposal but would rather take no action. Steve said the 2014 numbers are 600, they may or may not have a hunt. Jim asked who has the authority to authorize, area biologist. This hunt will authorize up to 12 bulls. Robert Caywood said we got to push these limits to get the highest sustainable yield.</p> <p>Question was called. Proposal 140: 5 Support, 8 Opposed, 2 Abstained.</p>
BOG	141		Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6.
	15	0	Support , for reasons stated in the proposal

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BOG	142		Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8.
	0	15	Opposed , majority stated that the weather has the biggest impact on the deer population, and that the non-resident take minimal.
BOG	143		Change bag limit restriction for brown bear in Unit 8.
	15	0	Motion was made to amend, and to adopt Option #1. Proposal as amended Pass unanimously.
BOG	144		Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal.
BOG	145		Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in Proposal.
BOG	146		Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to remove coyote and lynx.
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in Proposal
BOG	147		Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to remove lynx and wolverine from current trapping regulations.
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in Proposal
BOG	148		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C.
	10	5	<p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department. Some members do not want to see more Moose in the Anchorage area, on our roadways, or playgrounds.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Some members voted against the reauthorization hunts because they haven't received a completed survey for Unit 14C from the Department in a couple of years. With the lack of current data, they felt it was better to vote on the side of conservation, and voted down the antlerless hunts. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage for a higher sustainable yield. Would like other options to be explored. Transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population.</p> <hr/> <p>Proposal 148 Meeting minutes History. February 3, 2015 Meeting minutes. Frank moved to adopt proposal 148 – seconded Joel said we took this up, amended it to change cows to bulls. The amended proposal 148, no cow, or antlerless Moose hunts, to; any Bull Hunts Only. Proposal 148 is amended that the antlerless portion of 148 to any bull. Steve requested we add the addendum to 148. It is important to note the</p>

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			<p>department said they could have given us 148. To Steve the department has failed.</p> <p>Steve said if we vote yes to 148, then no reauthorization.</p> <p>Frank will vote no because he supports an antlerless hunt in 14C. The constituents support an antlerless hunt. He is not in favor of more moose in the Anchorage bowl.</p> <p>Robert Caywood asked a bunch of people and they don't believe we have enough moose.</p> <p>Steve pointed out the department does not listen to us. The AC is unhappy. Even if we vote yes the department will go forward. These are not just Anchorage moose; they belong to the whole state. Hard times are coming. We need more moose now.</p> <p>Robert Peck said he would agree with some of what Steve said. He is not opposed to cow hunting as long as it is done based on sound science.</p> <p>The AC is here for checks and balances.</p> <p>Mark said he grew up in Anchorage in the 60s when moose were everywhere. Never heard of anyone getting trampled or of collisions. We have a people problem, not a moose problem.</p> <p>Neil said he does not think if we vote for this we are against it. In three years we can take this up again.</p> <p>Steve called the question. George said an article says the hunts may be back because the other ACs have voted opposed to us.</p> <p>Joel said we have heard from a lot of people with opinions about this issue. They would like to be sitting at this table to vote on it.</p> <p>Proposal 148 as Amended: 10 Support, 5 Opposed.</p> <p>Steve moved to add the addendum that provides the numbers they asked us for at the previous meeting. This is just language to get on the record. It is the Possible additional Bull Moose hunt for the following Draw Hunts for fall 2015</p> <p>DM424 +5 Would become 45 bull Tags</p> <p>DM428 +5 Would become 15 Bull Tags</p> <p>DM430 +2 Would become 5 Bull tags</p> <p>DM444 +4, if expanded to the remainder of 14C. Would become 6 Bull tags</p> <p>DM666 +3, could possible happen in 2015 if the department provided to the subcommittee meeting.</p> <p>Proposal #148: Meeting Minutes: <u>November 18, 2014</u> Board of Game Proposal 148 Take up proposal 148 of the Game proposal. Discussion is because permits will be issued before the Board of Game takes up the issue. In the re-</p>

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			<p>authorization, all antlerless moose hunts (basically cow moose) were combined with bull moose hunts which are against the committee's intent. The Anchorage biologist does not have an accurate count according to testimony last year. An amendment was offered to remove Kincaid Park from an antlerless moose (cow) amendment to allow a cow hunt proposed in Proposal 150. Vote was 13-1 in favor of the amendment.</p> <p><u>Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2014</u></p> <p>Public Testimony.</p> <p>The Chair then opened the meeting to public comments. Chris Garner, a biologist at JBER, stated that he opposed the action taken by the Committee on Proposal 148, the Reauthorization of 14C Moose Hunts. Mr. Garner stated the hunts are an outlet for both recreational opportunities for disabled veterans, military personal and also voiced public safety concerns with the amount of moose present. Stated the he believes that the biologist should be the primary voice of controlling wildlife population. He was asked if he had a count of the moose population but he deferred to the ADFG but did say that the moose population was healthy.</p> <p>Lex Patton, an Anchorage Firefighter, voiced concerns over the public safety issue that would occur if these antlerless moose hunts were not allowed. He was asked the committee if the new fencing and lights have helped cut down moose accident in those areas where they were installed. He stated yes in the affirmative.</p> <p>Warren Olsen made comments that a way should be found to move excess moose that are a public safety concern by means of capture and relocation. He also discussed enhanced habitat around roadways and public facilities should not be planted with vegetation that encourages moose to browse. Mr. Olsen stated that he was against antlerless moose hunts.</p> <p>Brett Barringer spoke on behalf of antlerless moose hunts stating that the biologist should control the population and that they have the most information needed to establish the amount of moose in the Anchorage Bowl. Stacey Frost, an area hunter, stated that she wanted to be able to hunt in 14C and had applied for permits. Ms. Frost told of hunting on JBER and would like to continue that opportunity if successful in drawing a permit.</p> <p>Bethany Marcun spoke in favor of the antlerless hunts and asked the committee to reconsider.</p> <p>Heidi Hatcher gave testimony of behalf of having the hunts citing that the biologist have the knowledge to control moose populations.</p> <p>Linda Nelson spoke on being at this meeting to show how the process works for her son in attendance.</p> <p>Ira Edwards spoke of public safety concerns and requested that the Committee overturn the vote on the antlerless moose hunts being proposed. Mr. Edwards also spoke on proposal 150 regarding hunts at Kincaid Park. Mr. Edwards, a</p>

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			<p>former biologist and wildlife officer stated that he had done some informal polling of user groups at Kincaid and that most had concerns with the public safety aspect of moose in the park. The results of the survey recommended that bull moose should not be taken as it is viewed by the responders as a positive thing for the Anchorage area. He stated that most people enjoy seeing and being able to bring visitors to Kincaid to see these animals.</p> <p>Phil Cannon spoke in favor of the antlerless moose hunts.</p> <p>Boyd McFail talked about the public safety concerns with moose collisions in the bowl area. Mr. McMcFail wanted to see if the board could support a proposal to get governing agencies to stop planting moose browse in public right ways and around public buildings as this brings moose into confrontation with cars and humans.</p> <p>Kurt Norby spoke in favor of the antlerless hunts.</p> <p>Ken Thompson spoke in favor of the hunts as this would give him an opportunity to take part.</p> <p>Ron Jordan, a past member of the Committee, spoke on the number of car incidents in the Anchorage bowl area. Mr. Jordan present numbers of incidents going back to 2009. Mr. Jordan stated road kill numbers up to include the year 2013 showed a decrease in the number of moose fatalities Numbers were provide by DOT and the other law agencies. Mr. Jordan was asked if he supported antlerless hunts and responded in the negative.</p> <p>Bryan Thornton spoke in favor of the antlerless hunts.</p> <p>It should be noted that several people in their public statements stated that they believed that the committee's action on this proposal could have been the result of hard feelings between the area biologist and the committee. The Chair and other members of the committee stated they believe that this was not the case in determining their vote on the subject.</p> <p>A break in the proceedings called for by the Chair.</p> <p>The Department of Fish and Game came forward to present their view on the antlerless hunt. Speaking for the agency was David Battle and David Saalfeld. The Department distributed a handout showing counts in the 14C area and gave an overview as to the condition of the moose population in the bowl area. It was stated that the moose population was in fairly good shape and was being maintained at the lower end of sustainable range by design. The goal range was stated to be between 1800and 1500 animals with a 25 bull to 100 cow ratio. These numbers have been steady for the last three years according to the handout. It was pointed out by the committee that if the ratio is 35 bulls to 100 cows now and the standard is 25 to a 100 than there are 150 extra bulls in the area that could be hunted; thus strengthening the public safety concerns being expressed at the meeting and enhancing hunting opportunities for all.</p> <p>Several members of the committee including Steve Flory, Robert Peck, Robert</p>

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			<p>Caywood and others questioned the biologists on the accuracy of their counts since they had stated that no total count had been taken in 2013 especially in the JBER area. Mr. Battle stated that wasn't the case as only two sections of the subsections were not represented do circumstances beyond their control. Lack of snow and JBER permission to do an aerial survey was given as the reasons. Mr. Peck questioned why the aerial survey hadn't taken place since times are available to fly the area in question.</p> <p>Mr. Brell and DeWitt asked why this information had not been provided to the committee before they asked to comment on the proposals. Mr. Battle stated that the committee hadn't asked for any numbers and thus no flow of information was provided.</p> <p>Question was raised by the committee as to what the statistical means were used to get to the composite number in the 14C. Mr. Saalfeld stated that past historical information to include field counts, aerial, and hunter provided information were used to provide an estimate of the current count following accepted past measures.</p> <p>Mr. Flory then asked why the numbers in the Board Proposal Book did not match the number in the handout provided for the years 2010-2013. Mr. Battle and Saalfeld stated that it may have been a computer generated error or bad input. The both stated that they would look into it and get back to the committee with that information at the next Game sub-committee meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Campbell asked which sub units has the most bulls in it. Mr. Battle stated that it was the Thunderbird Falls area. High concentration is due to no real hunting because of limited accessibility.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Department for their presentation and the work that they do.</p> <p>A recess was called.</p> <p>The meeting was brought back into session and a motion made by Mr. Flory to bring up Proposal 148 for reconsideration. The motion was seconded and discussion took place as to the requirements of the 2/3 affirmative vote needed to bring the proposal back to the floor. A motion to table this proposal was made by Mr. Brell and seconded. Discussion was held. Mr. Neumann stated that it be in the public interest to take a vote of the measure tonight. Mr. Strahn, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Peck also voice that opinion. Mr. Brell asked that his motion to table the proposal be withdrawn and the motion to bring up 148 was brought up.</p> <p>Committee member gave their opinions on the subject. Most of the opinions voiced by the committee were that the public had come out to support this hunt and therefore we should vote in the affirmative. Some committee members did so with reservations but will support the reconsideration. The vote was taken and passed by a vote 11-3. After a brief recess, during which almost all public and Department representatives left the room, a motion to</p>

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			<p>reconsider the previous reconsideration was then offered by Mark Campbell and seconded. After a short, lively discussion, that motion was tabled for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee on January 6.</p> <p>January 6, 2015</p> <p>Public Testimony:</p> <p>Dana Debernardi spoke about the need to address public safety and to start transporting and growing moose for transport to other areas of the State rather than see them involved in vehicle collisions. Dana was against the antler-less moose hunts in 14C. Dana was asked if she spoke as an individual or was representing a group. She stated that this was an individual response. Tom Harris spoke against the antler-less proposal. Mr. Harris stated that he was a past member of the AC in the McGrath area and is on many Alaskan Native Village and Corporation boards. He stated that the decline of moose in many of his areas that he has represented. He believes that the surplus of moose in the 14C should be transported to other areas rather than harvested in the area. Especially in the Wasilla area as it has seen an increase of over twelve thousand native Alaskan Natives in the past few years.</p> <p>Gary Olson from the Moose Federation spoke against the antler-less moose hunt in 14C stating public safety on road ways was a major issue. He stated that the removal and transport of nuisance moose and abandoned calves should be transported to other areas in the State.</p> <p>Terrence Shanigan, a past member of the Susitna AC, spoke against the antler-less moose authorization. He stated that the removal of surplus or abandoned moose in other area would be a good for the general moose population.</p> <p>Paul Forward, retired forester, stated that he was in favor of the antler-less moose hunt proposed for 14C. Mr. Forward stated that he has walked the JBER area for many years both as a hunter and as a vocation and has seen more moose in the past and a steady amount in the last few years.</p> <p>Greg Arther stated that he would like to have access to the resource in the South Central area (14C). He believes that we should leave management of the resource to the Department of Fish and Game and let the hunts go forward as advertised at least for 2015 season.</p> <p>Tony Fuentes came to the meeting as a result of the newspaper articles that were written in the past on the 14C issue. He state that he supported local opportunity to hunt and wanted to view how the Committee worked. Mr. Fuentes spoke in favor of the hunts as they were proposed by Fish and Game.</p> <p>Frank (no last name) a long time resident and hunter who has not hunted in the last 4 years wants sustainability for all resources. He is against the antler-less hunt in 14C but believes that we should go ahead with 2015 hunt. He expressed hope that the AAC, Fish and Game, and the Board of Game could come to a timeframe that allows for a timely manner to review, approve proposals, and apply for permits.</p>

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			<p>Steve Ellis supports the reauthorization of the antler-less moose hunt and believes that the committee should take away any tools that supports the managing the moose resource that could alter the stated F&G goal of 1500-1800 moose in the 14C area.</p> <p>The Chair than asked if any other member of the audience would like to give testimony.</p> <p>Matt Madden, a member of the AAC in 1977, stated that he supported the reauthorization as it gives an opportunity to take part in the hunting process. Tyler Harder stated that the AAC had a moral and ethical to ensure that the resource was renewable. He stated that he is in support of the reauthorization.</p> <p>Mr. Brell stated that he had receive a letter of support for the reauthorization in 14C and wanted to place Kyle Pudge support on the record. The letter addressed to the committee was sent to F&G and forward by Sherry Wright to the whole committee.</p> <p>Mike Masong questioned if the hunt could be reauthorize the hunt by emergency order and received information that F&G can stop any hunt by emergency order.</p> <p>The Chair than asked the Fish and Game Biologists to come forward to discuss proposals 148, 149, and 150. Ira Edwards was asked to join the discussion group. Ms. Coltrane, Mr. Battle and Saalfeld represent F&G during this discussion.</p> <p>After a brief welcome by the Chair of the group, a quick discussion was held on status of the reconsideration of Proposal 148. The original amended proposal called for the removal of the word antler-less and being replaced by the words bull only. This would make all moose hunts in 148 a bull only hunt. That proposal is up for reconsideration</p> <p>The Chair asked if any member had any additions to the proposed Amendment to #148. Mr. Flory than present a supplement proposal which both increased the amount of permits to be issued in the sub sections of 14C to include DM422 (20 permits extended season), combined DM423 with 422, DM427 moved into DM424, DM426(25 permits) DM444 (5 permits) DM446 (15 permits) DM447 15 permits, DM 448 (10 permits) DM666 (30 permits). This proposal also change some of the original dates of the hunts but kept them at bull only. The author asked the biologists on their opinion on the numbers present. After a brief terse discussion on how and why these numbers and dates were presented, a recess was asked for to allow for a 5 minute break. It was granted by the Chair. After reconvening Mr. Brell stated that this was the first time he had seen these numbers for the proposal and that the F&G acknowledged that this was the first that they had seen these ideas. It was suggested that both sides have a time to study these numbers.</p> <p>After the break, Mr. Brell offered his resignation to the committee sighting</p>

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			<p>that the disrespect shown by some members of the committee was beyond the scope of civility. At this point any other information as to the minutes will need to be provided by the rest of the committee.</p> <p>Steve Flory nominated Sam Albanese to serve as the secretary. Sam agreed to serve in this capacity and the AC approved this by unanimous consent.</p>
BOG	149		<p>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.</p>
	7	7	<p>Support 7, Opposed 7, Abstained 1.</p> <p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population.</p> <p>Abstained 1, Abstained from voting.</p> <p>Meeting minutes; 1/6/15</p> <p>We moved on to discussion of proposal 149, the reauthorization of the antler less moose hunt that overlaps 14C and 7 in the Placer, Portage, Twenty mile drainages.</p> <p>ADF&G stated this is a herd prone to bust boom cycles heavily dependent on the winter snow pack. If we vote not to reauthorize they will take this hunt off the books. The number of permits varies from year to year to as little as none to as many as 25.</p> <p>Joel stated this does not have a population objective, to which Jesse replied the objective is based on snow load. They seek a 25 to 100 bull to cow ratio. Last year there were 155 moose in the count, 20 permits were given out, and 7 antler less moose were killed.</p> <p>Dwight pointed out the supplement states 30 permits last year. He asked how many will be issued this year. Jesse said that depends on winter kill, maybe 20 to 30.</p> <p>Steve asked how many? Jesse replied it will be survey dependent. If the numbers support it, both cows and bull permits would increase.</p> <p>Joel asked if fewer cows are shot, what would happen? ADF&G responded that antler less hunts need to be part of the management plan.</p>

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			<p>Neil asked what the calf mortality rate is. ADF&G responded there was a 27 to 100 ration but did not know what the mortality rate was.</p> <p>Michael asked what was the highest number of moose counted? ADF&G said 333. Of which the majority of those dies the following winter.</p> <p>Steve said we do not need to complete this until 2/27/15 and wanted to table this.</p> <p>Jesse said reauthorization of this does not guarantee issuance of permits.</p> <p>Robert Peck asked about the quality of the survey, to which ADF&G said it was high.</p> <p>Joel said the main concern is this area has a higher risk of winter kill than others, to which ADF&G agreed.</p> <p>Steve made a motion we delay this until the sub committee meets, the motion was seconded by Jim.</p> <p>Kevin said he trusts ADF&G to make the decision about this, and we don't need to wait for another count. Robert Peck agreed we should trust the 2013 count number. Herein agreed with Robert.</p> <p>Robert Caywood said we need to change the tool in the tool box.</p> <p>Question was called. Proposal to delay consideration of 149 Failed to pass. 2 YES and 13 NO.</p> <p>The discussion followed and Robert stated we need to use this place to grow moose to be relocated. Michael agreed. Steve said we need to take a stand to change the management technique. He cited the poor management of caribou herds and king salmon as examples.</p> <p>Robert Peck asked if the representatives of ADF&G would support looking into transplanting moose. ADF&G said this was above their level. Robert asked how long it would take to develop a plan to transplant moose. ADF&G said it would take many years, but that is only a guess.</p> <p>Michael said we need to change this. Joel said ADF&G needs to be able to react quickly to avert high winter kill.</p> <p>The question was called and 149 failed 7 YES, 7 NO, 1 abstention.</p>

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BOG	150		Establish an antlerless moose drawing permit hunt for physically disabled residents in Kincaid Park, Unit 14C.
	14	1	<p>14 Supported, 1 Opposed Supported for reason stated in the proposal. Opposed, objected to the taking of Cows. Would like this to be a Bull only hunt.</p> <p>Meeting Minutes; from 1/6/15 Ira provided an overview of 150, the proposal to have an antler less moose hunt in Kincaid Park. He explained the need to reduce moose within the park due to increased human activities and thus an increase in negative moose/people encounters. This hunt will be modeled similar to the Hillside hunt. The state statute for disabled is 70%. The details of the rules of this hunt will be worked out once it has been approved by all parties required to approve it. Ira believes the public will not agree to a bulls only hunt as bulls are more desirable for viewing.</p> <p>Joel expressed concern with getting the Municipality of Anchorage to agree to allow this hunt. Ira stated the MOA is generally opposed to hunts on park lands, the current administration does oppose it. Joel asked the Department of Fish and Game if they believe the MOA would be more agreeable to an antler less moose hunt as opposed to an any bull hunt.</p> <p>Jesse from the Department of F and Game stated this is also an allocation of resources issue and the department is neutral on this hunt. She did not answer definitively about whether the Department believed the MOA would be more supportive of an any bull hunt.</p> <p>Steve asked if we do not approve antler less moose hunts for 148 and 149, does this take 150 off the table as an antler less moose hunt? Since 150 is a separate proposal, the decisions for 148 and 149 do not impact it.</p> <p>Jesse stated the Anchorage management area allows for up to 50 antler less permits, the department plans to issue 14.</p> <p>Gary stated we need to add language to 148 prohibiting the shooting of cows with calves.</p> <p>We moved back to the full committee meeting. Steve made a motion for us to discuss 150. Joel laid out the rules for this discussion to limit everyone to 2 opportunities to speak about it.</p> <p>Steve stated he heard from people that opposed and supported the hunt. He does not like the numbers and information we received from DF&G.</p> <p>Robert Peck stated this is an urban scenario that is different than the remainder</p>

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			<p>of 14C. Robert Caywood made a motion to amend 150 to change antler less to any bull. The motion was seconded, question was called. The motion failed on a voted of 4 YES to 11 NO.</p> <p>Phil asked what is the possibility of changing this later to bulls only? Ira responded the public would have to approve it. Jesse said this would require regulatory changes. Steve said, many things can change, let's get this hunt on the books.</p> <p>Joel said he is interested in urban/rural public safety. He does not think an urban setting is the place to grow moose for rural Alaska. We should hunt the cows in the urban area of 14C and let's not jeopardize this hunt by adding bulls to it.</p> <p>The question was called and proposal 150 passed: 14 Support, 1 Opposed. Opposed; Jim stated it should be bulls only.</p>
BOG	151	Change the any sheep bag limit for Unit 14C to any ram, for draw hunts DS140, DS141, DS240 and DS241.	
	15	0	Unanimously Supported for reasons stated in the proposal.
BOG	152	Establish a resident only sheep hunt area in Chugach State Park, Unit 14C.	
	15	0	<p>Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.</p> <p>Opposed vote, supported the idea of the proposal, but objected to the idea of allowing the Governors Tags access to the Park.</p>
BOG	153	Limit the number of next of kin nonresident sheep tags in Unit 14C.	
	0	14	<p>Opposed- Majority support the current system of second degree kin tags being pulled out of the non-resident allocation of tags.</p> <p>The One Abstained Vote wasn't fully aware on how the second degree kin language really worked in allocating tags.</p>
BOG	154	Increase the number of nonresident goat drawing permits on Unit 14C.	
	0	15	Opposed , objected to the idea of setting aside additional tags in the Chugach State Park to non-resident hunters.
BOG	155	Add a drawing permit hunt for black bears within the JBER Management Area in Unit 14C.	
	15	0	Supported Unanimously , the Anchorage Advisory Committee not only supports this, but hopes to see the Department, and the Wildlife Conservation Officers at JBER to continue to work closely together and one day expand this to include Brown Bear.
BOG	156	Shorten the moose seasons in Unit 15.	
	0	15	Opposed , favor the current season
BOG	157	Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30	

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	0	15	Opposed , favored the current season dates. Didn't like the idea of having the season ending date being so late in the season.
BOG	158	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.	
	0	15	Opposed , the committee favored leaving the non-residents on the sideline. That there is more than enough local hunters looking for opportunity to hunt 15C without adding non-resident hunters to the mix.
BOG	159	Open nonresident moose drawing hunt in Unit 15.	
	0	15	Opposed , to a Unit wide draw hunt for the non-resident hunter in Unit 15, same reason as stated in Proposal 158
BOG	160	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C or implement predator control.	
	0	15	Opposed to a non-resident hunt in 15C, as stated in Proposal #158
BOG	161	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers with three or more brow tines.	
	15	0	Amended. Supported . Was amended to keep the current spike fork rule in place. Striking that one line from the proposal. The committee favor's going to the 3 Brow tine, 50 inch, or Spike Fork antler restrictions.
BOG	162	Eliminate all early and late season start dates for archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunts in Unit 15.	
	0	15	Opposed , Committee favored the current language. There's currently only an early hunt for Archery hunters in 15A, and 15B, for 7 days starting August 7 th .
BOG	163	Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.	
			TNA due to action taken on Proposal 162.
BOG	164	Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15	
	0	15	Support , Like the idea of having a chance to hunt Moose late in the season close to, or in the rut. Opposed . Didn't want to see the season extending into the rut.
BOG	165	Open an archery moose season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 15C.	
	0	15	Opposed to adding a nonresident moose hunt in 15C.
BOG	166	Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.	
	0	15	Opposed ; Favored keeping the current season dates.
BOG	167	Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.	
	0	15	Supported , the opinion being that the author of the proposal is looking to establish a Hot Spot Type hunt in Unit 15C. Opposed , thought the author didn't make his attention clear enough the way the Proposal was written.
BOG	168	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.	
	5	10	Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this option on the table for the Department. Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see

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			the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population.
BOG	169		Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.
	0	15	Opposed to any longer Sheep hunting season on the current sheep population.
BOG	170		Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.
	0	15	Opposed. Favored/Supported Proposal 171
BOG	171		Modify the brown bear harvest management strategy on the Kenai Peninsula, Units 7 and 15.
	15	0	Supported, for reasons stated in the Proposal
BOG	172		Lengthen the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 and remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal
BOG	173		Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal
BOG	174		Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal
BOG	175		Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal
BOG	176		Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
			TNA due to action taken on Proposal 175
BOG	177		Shift to an earlier opening date for beaver trapping in Units 7 and 15.
	15	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal.
BOG	178		Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.
	0	15	Opposed, Favored keeping the current requirements. Adding this language, and requirement could lead to harassment of trappers, and vandalism of trappers sets.
BOG	179		Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.
	0	15	Opposed, not necessary. See comments on Proposal 178
BOG	180		Restrict trapping in the Cooper Landing area.
	0	15	Opposed, to the loss of trapping opportunity for local trappers. Proposal is written with allegation, and assumptions.
BOG	181		Restrict trapping in the Seward and Moose Pass areas.
	0	15	Opposed, to the loss of trapping opportunity for local trappers. Proposal is written with allegation, and assumptions.
BOG	182		Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.

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	0	15	Opposed , thought this to be a unnecessary proposal, or requirement.
BOG	183	Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.	
	0	15	Unanimously Opposed to the establishment of another Special Management area with the Kachemak Bay area.
BOG	184	Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresident seasons in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	15	Opposed to the idea of opening the Sheep season early for residents. The current Sheep season is long enough, we don't want to see any additional stress on the Sheep population.
BOG	185	Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 7, 14, and 15.	
	0	15	Opposed to the idea of opening the Sheep season early for residents. The current Sheep season is long enough, we don't want to see any additional stress on the Sheep population.
BOG	186	Limit nonresident sheep hunts in the Southcentral Region with shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.	
	0	15	Opposed as written, view the author as too vague, and didn't spell anything out.
BOG	187	Allow a maximum of 10% of nonresident sheep hunt participation for the Southcentral Region.	
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	188	Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 7, 14, and 15.	
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	189	Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% in the Southcentral Region Units.	
	0	15	Opposed . Against the one time draw portions for residents.
BOG	190	Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Southcentral Region Units.	
	0	15	Opposed , author had to many different issues in the proposal.
BOG	191	Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.	
	6	9	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal. Meeting minutes. 1/6/15 Robert Peck motioned we reconsider proposal 191. The subcommittee unanimously supported this. Motion seconded. Robert Peck spoke on this. Seldom we have a floatplane that goes to the lower 48. People from the lower 48 can transmit disease through felt soled boots. Steve said we don't need to reconsider this. He is satisfied with the vote and does not think we should be regulating soles. Regulate them all, or none at all. 6 yes, 9 no.
BOG	192	Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southcentral Region Units.	
	0	15	Opposed , Another unnecessary requirement.
BOG	193	Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in Southcentral Region Units.	

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	2	12	<p>Supported 12, Opposed 2, Abstained 3; Support, Felt that the crossbow is more equivalent to a bow than a rifle, and that the Cross Bow has its own limits of effectiveness. If we are requiring Bow hunters to be certified due to its limitations then the same should hold true to the use of the Cross Bow.</p> <p>Opposed, adding another requirement to hunters, just because you been certified once in your life, doesn't make you proficient for life!</p> <p>Meeting Minutes; 1/6/15 Frank moved we reconsider proposal 193. Crossbow certification. Frank voted against bow certification statewide. The AC previously voted against bow certification and it was enacted anyway. Steve said we heard from a constituent that questioned whether we will be certifying all sorts of weapons. This boils down to limiting use of cross bows. Neil made a comment to Steve that at the joint board one of the board members asked who would teach his kid. He did not have time. Steve said we need to ask who pays for this course.</p>
BOG	194	Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.	
	0	15	Opposed , we see this as a non-issue.
BOG	195	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in Southcentral Region Units.	
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal
BOG	196	Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	15	Opposed , opposed to the 75% allocation to non-residents.
BOG	197	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southcentral Region Units.	
	15	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	
	11	3	<p>Supported 11; Supported for reasons stated in proposal, a small step in the right direction. Would of like to of seen less</p> <p>Opposed 3, didn't think this proposal did enough in turning the population decline around.</p> <p>Abstained 1, doesn't know enough about the area or the issue.</p> <p>Meeting Minutes Frank motioned we adopt proposal 202 about Caribou in the heard near Kotzebue. Neil was at the meetings with George. The Caribou heard has been decimated. He supports this proposal. Steve said he would vote against this. It is too broad and too reaching. It is an improper proposal. Draw the line when they do it wrong.</p>

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			<p>Kevin agrees with Steve. It is too broad. Robert Caywood said it is 11 pages long. George said they worked on this for 2 days. It will help, but is not the total answer. It's a start. Steve questioned how would this be implemented. Neil stated the first sheet is the basic overview. Neil for the record, the department of F&G has to hire individuals to survey the locals because the refuse to fill out the tag like others are suppose to. George would like this to change to have no shooting of cows and calves and a shorter season. Robert asked why this did not eliminate this already. George said they did. It is a start. Kevin stated they are only looking to change the non-resident and us. Frank supports this, as this is a small step in the right direction.</p>
BOG	205	Allow the immediate harvest of musk ox on stranded ice flows in Unit 18.	
	1	14	<p>Supported 1. Opposed 14. Supported for reasons stated. Opposed. Could see this being an enforcement issues. Meeting minutes. Frank moved we support proposal 205. Neil is in favor of this. If the musk ox is on Ice it is going to die anyway. Steve said musk ox swim. He opposes this proposal. Joel said this about musk ox that get on the ice pack and end up going out to sea. The musk ox will not survive. Phil said he was in Unalakleet in the early 80s. Frank asked if Bob would comment based on his enforcement days. 1 yes, 14 no.</p>

Frank moved we support proposal 203.
 Steve said this is another sheep proposal in the Brooks Range.
 This is an ACR. It covers more than Steve would like to see. We will have a sheep-working group that will allow for more comment and work. He supports we take no action.
 Steve motioned we take no action on 203.
Support 11, Opposed 4. TNA

Frank moved we support proposal 205.
 Neil is in favor of this. If the musk ox is on Ice it is going to die anyway.
 Steve said musk ox swim. He opposes this proposal.

Joel said this about musk ox that get on the ice pack and end up going out to sea. The musk ox will not survive.

Phil said he was in Unalakleet in the early 80s.

Frank asked if Bob would comment based on his enforcement days.

1 yes, 14 no.

Frank moved we support **Proposal 201** – seconded.

Clarify the language of salvaging wounded game.

Steve explained that the definition of take is when an animal is wounded.

He used an airplane to find the wounded animal, then he killed the wounded animal.

The letter of law does not match the intent. The intent is to finish off the wounded animal.

Support 0, Opposed 14, Abstain 1.

Frank moved to support proposal 207. Seconded.

This proposal is to change use of aircraft.

Steve motioned we take no action on this for reasons previously stated about sheep hunting.

Support 9, Opposed 6, TNA

Frank moved to support **Proposal 208**. Seconded.

Steve moved we take no action.

Support 15, Opposed 0, TNA

Frank moved we support **Proposal 209**. Seconded.

Frank stated we don't know much about this area.

The Whittier AC said they have had a lot of bear harvest and F&G supports this. The allowable harvest has increased.

Steve asked has the cost to the local community been considered.

Robert Peck said quite a few of us hunt there. We should consider it. There are not as many bears as there used to be in PWS. He does not think this is a bad idea.

Phil said you would see all the bears you want in the fall along the salmon streams.

The season is already limited.

Steve motioned we take no action.

Support 3, Opposed 12. Motion Failed

Robert Caywood said it used to be a lot more bears. Joel said in his opinion going to a bear once every three years will limit us. Until there is a proposal to limit non-resident, this will only limit us. Robert Caywood said this might take bear hunters out of one area and into areas where we need more bear hunting. Robert Peck said at Coghill Lake you could choose a bear 6 years ago, now there are not that many.

Steve asked Mumford if this would be an enforcement problem.

Support 6, Opposed 8, Abstained 1.

Frank moved we support **Proposal 210**. Seconded.
This one establishes a registration hunt in PWS.

Supported 14, Opposed 1

Frank moved we support **Proposal 211**. Seconded.
Shorten the season to Sept 25 through June 10.
Steve said this would reduce the harvest. We don't have enough bear in this area.

Supported 14, Opposed 1

Frank motioned support for **Proposal 212**. Seconded.
It is a controlled use area proposal.
Steve hates controlled use areas. It is a NIB idea.
Robert Peck motioned we take no action. Seconded
Passed unanimously. **TNA**

New Business

Steve motioned the AC authorize him to find an attorney for an injunction to stop the neighboring ACs to over-ride our vote with respect to antlerless moose hunts in 14. Seconded.
Frank supports Steve on this. Only the local AC has jurisdiction.
Sherry noted the BOG when they did that proposal that listed the jurisdiction of the ACs. This is an opportunity for us to define which units we have jurisdiction in.
Joel asked why not wait for Legislative Legal to opinion.
Steve believes this will fall into a grey area. This needs an answer one way or another.
Robert Caywood commented about the 20A thing. The only way they could do it was to change the law. We got to find out what the law is for this.

Motion passed unanimously.

Steve motioned we write a letter to support Bruce Morgan. Seconded.
14 yes, 1 abstain.

The next Anchorage AC meeting place and time; March 3rd at the William Hernandez Hatchery, 941 Reeve Blvd @ 6:30PM.

Adjournment: **11:25PM**

Minutes Recorded By: Sim Albanese / Frank Neumann
Minutes Approved By: Joel Down
Date: 2-27-15

Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee**January 28, 2015 - MTA Building in Palmer****RECEIVED****JAN 30 2015****BOARDS
ANCHORAGE**

Meeting called to order By Jehnifer Ehmann at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Tom Deland, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Randy Talvi, Dan Montgomery, Herman Griese, Tony Jones

Members Absent: Andy Couch-excused, Israel Payton-excused, Mel Grove-excused, Bill Folsom-excused, Jeff Tuttle-excused: Tony Jones left after Proposal # 138-leaving a quorum of 8

Public present: Neil DeWitt, Steve Flory, William Scherl, Jim Kedruski, George Jacoby, Robert Caywood, Frank Neumann, Hans Nordstrom, Joan Nininger

ADFG: Gino Delfrate, Todd Rinaldi, Jessy Coltrane, Dave Saalfeld, Dave Battle, Kevin Colson
Alaska State Trooper Jimmy Lindberg, Pete Probasco BOG

Quorum: 8 needed for Quorum -- Quorum Met

Approval of Previous Meeting: Minutes: January 21, 2015 Approved as amended, (language change in Proposal #108 comments).

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda approved

New Business:

All committee members will be referenced by their first name. Gino Delfrate, Todd Rinaldi and Jessy Coltrane, (ADFG), will also be referenced by their first names.

Persons To Be Heard:

Steve Flory, Anchorage AC: Steve provided two handouts: a budget amendment which will be provided to AC members for review after the meeting and the 8 point proposal memo regarding legislative affairs that was also provided by Neil DeWitt at the last meeting. Steve asked if there were any questions. No questions, but Terry asked Steve about the overall tenor of the legislative affairs memo. Terry noted that the Anchorage AC seemed to have an adversarial relationship with the Dept. of ADF&G. Steve commented that they did not have an adversarial relationship with the Dept.

George Decoby, Anchorage AC: Several ADF&G people are here tonight that want to have the AC's reauthorize Proposal #148. His big objection to this proposal is shooting cows with calves. We want to be saving the calves. If you vote against us your vote will nullify our AC. Consider that the Anchorage AC will be voting against the Mat-Su AC on future actions taken by the Mat Valley AC. Steve Bartelli noted that we haven't or won't in the future be voting against the Anchorage AC; we are independent AC and will be voting based on our independent information, discussions and decisions.

Frank Neuman, Anchorage AC: For clarification the Anchorage AC took a vote on # 148 but the motion was called back and they haven't taken final action and will not until 2/3/15 meeting. Steve Bartelli: what language are you considering amending? Frank: All options are on the table-it all comes down to how the committee will adopt the proposal-it is not dead.

Robert Caywood, Anchorage AC: Cow hunts in general have all the AC's in turmoil-they had a biologist on the ground because he wanted to shoot cows. They shot so many cows that they didn't have enough to meet the ANF. We have to manage the game to the highest sustainable yield. If we don't take care of our moose we won't have any.

New Business: Review of BOF Proposals. All committee members will be referenced by their first name. Gino Delfrate, Todd Rinaldi and Jessy Coltrane, (ADFG), will also be referenced by their first names. ADF&G will be referenced as Dept.

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BOG	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion
BOG 125		Open a seven day moose season for bow hunting following the general season hunts in Units 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17.	
	0	9-0	Todd-Dept is neutral. Dan-he will vote against-these hunts already has a high participation-there doesn't need to have high participation while in the rut. Todd-in some areas like 14A Dept wouldn't want to see an increase in bull harvest.
BOG 126		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.	
	9	0-0	Todd-this is a Dept proposal. Steve supports.
BOG 127		Remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	8	1-0	Gino: to avoid trichinosis-cook your meat thoroughly-don't feed raw meat to your dogs. Steve will support-he thinks brown bears are primarily a trophy animal.
BOG 128		Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region. Aligns with black bear	
			AC to take no action. Mike is opposed. See Proposal #127.
BOG 129		Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in the Central/Southwest Region.	

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	8	1-0	Gino: -this is a theme for several proposals. If it is a state wide regulation the Dept will oppose them at the board (BOG) and take up the local meetings.-the Dept is not acting on the merit of the proposals. Dan: this is just a rule that applies to baiting? Gino: he will have to check-the contaminated soil is also considered bait-soil still has the ability to attract animals. Dan: he has done baiting-this rule goes too far-no great chance of attracting bears. Dan will vote in favor-although he has not seen examples of bears coming in to eat contaminated soil. Herman is opposed-his history of experiences has had many incidences of people dumping grease over the fence. In an area where it rains enough it is not real an issue.
BOG 130			Allow same-day airborne hunting of wolves and coyotes.
	9	0-0	Mat Valley AC proposal: Steve supports for sure. The airplane plays no larger role than other methods.
BOG 131			Lower the bag limit for goldeneye for the Central/Southwest Region.
	0	9-0	Steve opposes. Gino: this proposal was placed in this region meeting by accident-it will probably be moved to the appropriate meeting,
BOG 132			Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Central/Southwest Region Units.
	0	9-0	Herman-is in favor of voting this down because authorities do not need that much information.
133			Remove Restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Cen./SW Region Units
	0	9-0	Gino: The Dept is opposed because it is a state wide regulation. Todd-the conversation has been that this is a real issue. Dan-he requires all his hunters to wear chest waders. Definitely a possibility for problems. Dan will vote down. Steve will vote down. It will be difficult to enforce. Some people can have them, some cannot.
BOG 134			Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in the Central/Southwest Region.

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	1	8-0	Todd-state wide proposal, per Gino above, (Proposal comments #129), the Dept will oppose. Gino: the Dept is working on a crossbow regulation-he recommends you consider it as a statewide regulation. Herman-both Basic and Bowhunter education courses offer good info as an alternative. Steve is going to oppose-he can understand it for additional instruction but where do we go from here-certification shotguns? Mike-a mussel loader requires certification. Mike will support. Randy will vote no-we don't need to add additional requirements. Dan will also oppose for the same reasons.
BOG 135			Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents for the Central/Southwest Region.
	0	9-0	Dan-in actuality it would increase the non-resident allocations. Dan will oppose.
BOG 136			Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.
	0	9-0	Dan-similar to what we voted down before. He likes the current system.
BOG 137			Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Central/Southwest Region Units.
	0	9-0	Dan-how do you allocate a harvest when you don't know what the harvest is? Dan will vote down
BOG 138			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 20A, 20B, and 20D.
	Take no action		Gino: Dept would like to reauthorize-even if they don't hold the hunts. Dan: he's thinking the Dept has gotten their goal and gone beyond-Dan would like to see reduction of antlerless hunt in this region. Steve-agrees with Dan-there is no data for this area-take no action without our skin in the game.
BOG 139			Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
	8	0-0	Steve supports-Todd: Dept would like to see brown bears taken. In the last 3 years been they have been maintaining population at lower end-at this time we have large numbers-it just encourages bears to be taken in those numbers. Dan-he will support. Sometime in the future we might consider a tag fee to include sheep and caribou and moose. Non residents pay for 89% of dept budget-Dan believes residents need to make a greater contribution.

Proposal # 148: Jessy: 14C is under an intensive management criteria with an objective of 1500 moose and they are currently meeting that objective at this time. Anchorage is heavily over

browsed. The Dept. maintains that it is of paramount importance to obtaining objectives. Most of cow hunts are on JBER. Due to changing to a 3 year BOG cycle the next opportunity to make changes will be 2019-with the first season available in 2020. Tom-what % of cows harvested in 14C come from JBER? Jessy: The majority of cows harvested in 14C come from JBER-roughly 98%. There has been a 50% success rate-between 5-8 annually. Steve-who makes the call on how many cows are taken? Jessy-that is my decision with Dave. Steve: I want to make sure Dept has the spine to authorize or stop the hunts based on sound biological reasoning, external pressures notwithstanding. Jessy indicates that they will authorize the hunts if appropriate. Steve is inclined to put trust in the Dept as opposed to antidotal info. Jessy said no counts conducted in 2014 due to lack of snow, but in 2013 on JBER the calf cow ratio was 30:100. Herman doesn't have any problems with proposal. Dan: What was the cow harvest in 2013 & 2014? Jessy: 25 in 2013. JBER has not had as high a harvest this year because of a lack of snow. The data is not complete yet but is heading to single digits. Dan: are you confident with the 1500 count? Jessy: yes with the data we have now. Tom: has this been the population objective for 1500 for the long term? Jessy: since 2005 it has been 1800-1500 moose. Terry notes that he supports this proposal. He believes that this gives the Dept another tool to use. He has talked with both current and retired biologists and believes that to maintain a healthy moose population and avoid over growth which can lead to starvation or disease, in addition to moose-people conflicts, you have to have the option of reducing numbers to maintain the proper ratio of bulls to cows for healthy reproduction. Terry also concurs with Steve that he is also inclined to put trust in the Dept data as opposed to antidotal information from others. Jehnifer indicates that she has received several emails and calls from members of the public expressing support for proposal # 148.

Proposal # 148 passes 8-0-0

Next meeting 2/25/15

Proposals for review at the next meeting: 149-155, 192-195, any additional proposal that any AC member would like to review please get to Jehn within the next week.

Tonight's meeting minutes need to be voted on in the next day or so.

Gino: There may be some proposals from the Dept forth coming in the near future. The Dept will take them to the March meeting.

Jehn extends much gratitude to the Dept for coming out and informing us about what is going on, also to Trooper Lindberg for attending.

Herman will be out of state in February, Tom will be gone for the 2/25/15 meeting.

Jehn also would like to thank members of the Anchorage AC for coming out from Anchorage and participating.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41

Minutes taken Terry Nininger



Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2/25/15
MTA Building - Palmer

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- I. Call to Order: 7:06 pm by Jehnifer Ehmann, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Andy Couch, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Dave Young, Dan Montgomery, Tony Jones, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, Mel Grove

Members Absent: Tom Deland - excused, Herman Griese - excused, Jeff Tuttle - excused, Randy Talvi -excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 - 11 members present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with amendment to add BOG/BOF representation as an item and also to reconsider proposals 207 and 208. Mike Buirge also wanted to discuss a proposed fee increase. Proposals 192, 193, 195 removed from agenda as action has already occurred by BOG. 2nd by Tony Jones. Approved without objection.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA email vote to approve 1/21/15 minutes.
- V. Fish and Game Staff / DPS Present:
Gino DelFrate- ADF&G Area 2 Game, Sam Ivey -- ADF&G fish biologist, Fish & Wildlife Troopers Jimmy Lindberg and Brent Johnson.

Guests Present: Neil Dewitt - Anchorage AC, Bruce Morgan - Candidate for BOF, Birch Yuknis.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Persons to be heard:

Bruce Morgan: Former chair Anchorage AC - seeking position on BOF. received a vote of support and letter of recommendation from the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee concerning his seeking this position. Anchorage Business owner and believes there should be another representative for personal use and sport fishing interests on the Board of Fisheries, hopefully someone from in the Cook Inlet Area. Interested in escapements first and maintaining the fisheries. Israel asked Bruce about a proposal he had written which would require electronic sport recording of king salmon harvest within 24 hours. Bruce said, ADF&G did not feel they had the budget and data was already good enough. Mel asked Bruce if he at one time was interested in federal management of Alaska fish in Cook Inlet. Bruce answered that he had raised the question if there is endangered species issues that could mandate some changes in management because of the extreme shortage of Kenai River king salmon. Jehnifer thanked Bruce for putting his name forward and said that there are currently 8 - 10 people putting their names forward. Jehnifer said she was going to let other people know they could come speak to the Matanuska Valley AC in regards to the AC taking a position.

Andy Couch made a motion that the AC write a letter to the Governor stating we feel in order to maintain balance on the Board of Fisheries that another member should have a personal use / sport fishery back ground. 2nd By Bill Folsom. Unanimously approved 9-0-0.

New Business:

Dan Montgomery gave a report on the recent BOG actions. I could not keep up with all that actions taken -- but Dan also provided a tabulated report. Proposal 71 still on March agenda.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	# Support	# Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	148	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C.	
SEE MINUTES FROM MEETING 1/28/15			
BOG	149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.	
S	11	0	Proposal 149 would reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in the Twenty Mile / Place drainages of 14 C. According to Gino ADF&G is wanting to keep the hunt going. Conditions can change rapidly for this hunt. Andy asked what the Department objectives were for Twenty Mile /Portage. Jehnifer read from a Department data sheet. Gino mentioned how many permits ADF&G was anticipating giving. Motion to approve proposal 149 passed unanimously 11-0-0.
BOG	150	Establish an antlerless moose drawing permit hunt for physically disabled residents in Kincaid Park, Unit 14C.	
O	2	9	Proposal 150 would establish an antlerless moose hunt for disabled residents in Kincaid Park. Dan asked if a hunt could be conducted in Kincaid Park. Gino mentioned that ADF&G had received a letter from the Municipality of Anchorage saying the Municipality would not allow a moose hunt to occur in Kincaid Park. ADF&G supports concept. Steve Bartelli supports having a hunt in the Municipality but all residents should have an opportunity to harvest not just disabled. If firearms at an issue Steve mentioned this hunt could be opened to archery or some other special weapons. Jehnifer pointed out that if this hunt is pursued caution and sensitivity need to be given to ensure non-hunting users who recreate in the park are not brought to a position of anti-hunting. She supports expanded opportunities to hunt especially if the resource is available but would like to see hunters exercise understanding and ethics so that the perception of hunting is not damaged. She is concerned that the proposed gain of a couple permits does not outweigh the potential for user group conflicts within this particular area in addition to its close proximity to a population center. Mike felt like it is a can of worms with a large population nearby. Terry mentioned that we do not want to antagonize people particularly joggers and hikers for possibly just a few moose permits. According to Gino any new hunt in Anchorage is controversial. ADF&G's fall estimate was about 10 -12 animals, but moose may be moving in and out of this area. Steve Bartelli tired of worrying about everyone's feelings all the time however he feels that this might not be a good fight to start on. Bill Folsom mentioned traffic with hikers, skiers, dog walkers could create a large uproar over a hunt in this area. Mel felt if there are surplus moose that can be harvested then a harvest should be allowed. Motion failed 2-9-0.

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Supports or Opposes?	# Support	# Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	151	Change the any sheep bag limit for Unit 14C to any ram, for draw hunts DS140, DS141, DS240 and DS241.	
F	5	6	Proposal 151 would change the bag limit for archery hunts from any sheep to any ram. Population has remained stable since about 2007 although the population had previously been considerably higher. Dan favored the proposal. Mel favored maintaining status quo as population can allow some harvest of female sheep just as moose hunts can allow some harvest of females. Mel had participated but did not harvest a ewe. Israel participated and did not take a ewe. Steve planned to oppose as he knew someone who drew a permit that he felt would be tickled by any animal to harvest. Andy favored allowing some harvest of ewes which at present is a small number of animals especially if it is a persons first big game animal. Jehnifer supports the proposal that would change to any ram as sheep populations statewide seem to be in a decline and if in this area the habitat can support a larger population and not taking of ewe's has the potential to grow the population she feels it should be changed to any ram. Committee fairly divided. Motion failed 5-6-0.
BOG	152	Establish a resident only sheep hunt area in Chugach State Park, Unit 14C.	
F	0	11	Proposal 152 would designate 14C as an area open to sheep hunting by residents only with exception of the Governor's permit. Steve opposes. Dan opposes as number of nonresidents is already significantly reduced. Motion failed unanimously 0-11-0.
BOG	153	Limit the number of next of kin nonresident sheep tags in Unit 14C.	
O	1	10	Proposal 153 would create a next of kin rifle tag and a next of kin archery tag with an allocation of only one tag per each hunt. Some people feel that nonresident tags may not be getting used if drawn by non-guided hunters. This seems like a way of creating a guided hunt without calling it that. Jehnifer read some ADF&G information on how many unguided nonresident participate already. Dan spoke in favor mentioning that the nonresident unguided allocation would actually go up with this new proposal. Andy mentioned that more nonresidents could likely participate if more of them were unguided with a lower success rate. Motion opposed 1-10-0.
BOG	154	Increase the number of nonresident goat drawing permits on Unit 14C.	
F	2	8 Abstentions: 1	Proposal 154 would increase the number of nonresident drawing permits in DG852, DG854, DG858 by one permit annually to guided non resident hunters. This would likely take away from allocation to non-guided nonresidents. If harvests increase according to ADF&G number of permits go down. Motion failed 2-8-1.

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Supports or Opposes?	# Support	# Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	155		Add a drawing permit hunt for black bears within the JBER Management Area in Unit 14C.
S	11	0	Proposal 155 would create a new black bear hunt on JBER Management Area. ADF&G has already been in discussion with JBER management about this hunt. Sounds like a good idea to our AC. Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0.
BOG	194		Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
F	0	11	Proposal 194 would not prohibit upland bird hunting with dogs after October 31. Mike absolutely opposes proposal. Motion opposed 0-11-0. Dog owners should be allowed to hunt with their animals after October 31.

Motion to have Dan Montgomery represent the AC at the upcoming Southcentral BOG meeting. 2nd. Motion passed with no objections.

Further discussion on **Proposal 207** previously opposed by the AC. This proposal would disallow use of aircraft to sport sheep may not be allowed. Increase hours before allowing hunting after aircraft use. The majority of public participation in previous AC meetings was opposed to these proposals to further restrict hunters using aircraft. Spotting portion from aircraft is unenforceable. Otherwise this regulation may totally prohibit recreational flying during sheep season. How can a distinction be made between a recreational flyer and a sheep hunter? Same day airborne rule has been in effect for 50 years and works fine as is. Motion opposed unanimously 0-11-0.

Further discussion on **Proposal 208** previously opposed by the AC. Status Quo is the preferred option of Israel and Dan. The problem with this proposal is it is not specific. If the Board received a similar proposal from the public how would the Board choose from a multiple guess proposal. It was suggested that ADF&G manage sheep from a specific management plan. If a change needs to be addressed by a proposal each proposal should address only one issue. Motion opposed unanimously. 0-11-0.

INSERTED MINUTES 1/21/15 MVAC MEETING WITH NOTES ON PROPOSALS 207 & 208

BOG #207: Israel does not support this proposal. Dave asks will he get in trouble just viewing from the air? Dave is opposed. Dan is opposed: it is way too restrictive. Who will make determination on the ground? This is something that is new no public record of proposing this type of proposal. Basically a 24 for hour rule that is not enforceable. Opposed 0-12-2

BOG # 208: Herman restricts more restrictions. Herman is opposed. Steve it would limit access, would restrict access he will oppose it is too restrictive for sheep hunters. Dan: Board was pressed to do something have no conservation concerns. Dan will vote it down; we need to separate out all these options. Bill this same philosophy could be applied to other hunting regs. Bill is opposed. Israel is opposed to big blanket overall change. Opposed 0-14-0

BOF Statewide Shellfish proposal comments

Proposals 258, 259, and 260. Birch Yuknis is in favor of all of these proposals, as the number of recreational users far exceeds the number of commercial operators and there is simply not enough shrimp for large commercial harvests. Mel was opposed to the opening of commercial shrimping, but now sees more people getting into it, and does not want to see this taken away. According to Sam Ivey with ADF&G the current allocation is 40% commercial fishery and 60% sport. Note if the threshold of 100, 000 harvestable surplus shrimp is not available only the sport shrimping is available. Birch says the problem he sees is that when the commercial operators comes through with large numbers of pots the number of available shrimp decreases dramatically. Steve reported that other people's pots are sometimes raided. Law enforcement agreed that there is considerable robbing of pots some by sport users as well. Mel mentioned that the commercial area is shifted on a 3 year rotation. Bill wondered what type of monitoring of the commercial user there is. Sam said the sport people have a permit and report at the end of the season most commercial fisheries report on a more regular basis but he did not know specifics about this fishery. Law enforcement said that they did not know of a lot of enforcement effort on shellfish but specifically mentioned they focus heavily on salmon. Bill's point was that both commercial and sport fisheries may be managed more on an honor system than through concerted effort. Dan made an amendment to close commercial fishing in Area 1. 2nd by Steve. Mel mentioned that closing just one area to commercial harvest would put more commercial effort in the other areas. Steve mentioned that he would like to restrict commercial fishing to just Area 1 and then he the sport could fish the other areas. Most years both gear groups have been harvesting near their GHs, according to Sam. Andy Couch mentioned that he would likely be doing nothing from the information he had on hand. Amendment failed 0-10-1. Proposals 258, 259, 260 as written- Motion failed 0-4-7.

Proposal 251 and 253 is opposed by Birch Yuknis. No action by the Advisory Committee for lack of a knowledge of how to address the issue.

Proposal 244 would create a 60 clam bag limit on the West side of Cook Inlet. Harvest has been prohibited this year on the Eastside of Cook Inlet. According to Sam Ivey with ADF&G About 98% of the clam harvest on the westside has been commercial at this point. There may likely be some kind of increase in sport effort on the westside of Cook Inlet. No current biological issue. Terry opposes as he feels if there are so many clams currently on the westside we should continue to allow sport harvests to continue. Law enforcement mention was that when the bag limit is decreased clams are high-graded and more smaller ones left. Motion opposed 0-11-0.

Motion to have Terry Nininger represent the AC at the statewide BOF meeting. Motion passed without objection.

Mike Buirge talked about license and tag fee increases being proposed information to be sent out by Jehnifer.

Next Advisory meeting scheduled for April 1, 7 p.m at MTA in Palmer. To work on already written statewide proposals for BOG and Statewide BOF on April 10.

AOC annual meeting is coming up March 6 in Juneau this year according to Mel with a chance to meet with valley legislators.

Dave asked if there are other positions available on the Advisory Committee there are currently 2 spots available. Dave wanted to know if we would want to fill those two spots. Jehnifer said the AC could vote on new members with 2 weeks of public notice.

Dan mentioned that proposals 106 and 107 dealt with any ram hunts and that the Board of Game left the hunts as is.

Several members thanked the wildlife troopers and Sam Ivey for attending.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Adjournment: 10:32pm

**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
November 28, 2014
Community Building**

- I. Meeting was called to order by George Heim, Chair at 6:35 pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: George Heim, Ed Holsten, Mike Adams,

Members Absent Excused: John Pearson, Gerald Neis

Members Absent Unexcused: Billy Coulliette, Alex Kime

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Approval of Agenda moved unanimously
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes was done.
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright
- V. Guests Present: Dan Wright, Theo Lexmond
- VI. Old Business: None
- VII. New Business: Election of members and officers

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George Heim, Ed Holsten and Theo Lexmond were elected for 2 ½ year seats.
Mike Adams was elected as ½ year alternate.

NPS subsistence hunts – We are a subsistence community and it was considered important. Park land is not considered traditional hunting for Cooper Landing. Lake Clark, Kenai Fjords would be a couple of park lands that would be effected. The committee needs more information on what process took place and how to submit comments. Kenai Fjords National Park headquarters office is in Seward, so they should be able to provide information about how to submit comments. Moved by Robert, 2nd by Ed to send this comment “ We’re opposed to the restrictions based on the process exists for communicating between state and federal agencies, decisions like these should follow that process so that informed decisions can be made.” Robert will make sure the comment gets to the NPS.

Prepare comments on BOG Southcentral Region meeting

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG 149			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
Support	5	0	The committee would like to allow the biologists the flexibility in management.
BOG 156			Shorten the moose seasons in Unit 15.
Oppose	0	5	This would be a substantial reduction in opportunity to harvest. Anything that reduces our chance at harvesting a moose is opposed. There is concern of hunting during the rut and warmer temperatures may create more spoilage.
BOG 157			Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
No vote			This later hunt may be good, but also may push into the rut.
BOG 158			Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.
No action			Why would they not allow nonresident hunting currently? There is limited harvest. This may impact subsistence hunting. Nonresidents would have a higher success rate due to required.
BOG 159			Open nonresident moose drawing hunt in Unit 15.
No action			Based on Prop 160
BOG 160			Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C or implement predator control.
Opposed	0	5	Looking at the biological resources here, if we allow a nonresident season, those who have C&T in the area, may be shooting themselves in the foot. ADF&G has the biology to keep the numbers within their objectives. The current management plan is working.
BOG 161			Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers with three or more brow tines.
Support	3	2	Based on current situation with the bull cow ratio, changing to a three brow tine could jeopardize, especially for non-experienced hunter, will need to look carefully in harvest. The larger bulls need to be protected. Flexibility in restrictions will allow opportunity to harvest. It may be in subsistence hunters best interest to keep the regulation as is.
BOG 164			Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15
Opposed	1	4	It's a late season hunt, so there is concern about hunting through the rut. Additional harvest on low moose populations would also be a concern. Following the general season, there is a late rut and moose get stupid during the rut, which may cause over-harvest. With no rifle hunters in the field, moose may also be less wary. One member remembered a late season archery hunt on sheep that the animals were still pretty wary and difficult to find.
BOG			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.

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168			
Support	5	0	Same reasons as Prop 148. Ability in the coming year putting in a new proposal that could be used for subsistence hunting.
BOG 169			Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.
No vote.			The number of harvestable full curl are not there. Would opposed due to being on the river tying flies at that time. It would probably be a great hunt though.
BOG 170			Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.
No action			The idea of setting up areas so that pressure in remote areas is reduced. Prefer Prop 171. No action due to action on Prop 171
BOG 171			Modify the brown bear harvest management strategy on the Kenai Peninsula, Units 7 and 15.
Support	4	0	Front country and back country would have different limits. This allows harvest in urban areas where bears can be problematic. The amount of bears harvested would not be changed. It may have an inadvertent effect of closing out a hunt earlier, due to more accessible bears taken closing out the harvest. This will be well regulated, due to being a registration hunt. Part of the benefit would be to allow more harvest, rather than more DLP kills. 1 abstention due to would like to see more data on bear population survey and distribution.
BOG 172			Lengthen the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 and remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait.
Opposed	0	5	Not that stoked about taking brown bear over bait, but definitely not excited about not salvaging meat. The distance from residents for bait stations can be problematic.
BOG 173			Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.
No action			Based on action on Prop 172
BOG 174			Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.
No action			Based on action on Prop 172
BOG 175			Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
Support	5	0	Based on knowledge, populations are down, reducing season and bag limits is a good idea. Also concern of getting into the mating season in early spring.
BOG 176			Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
No action			Based on action on Prop 176
BOG			Shift to an earlier opening date for beaver trapping in Units 7 and 15.

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177			Checking traps when the ice is not fully frozen could be a problem. A person could set close to shore line. This would not make the season any longer. Trappers have discussed this issue many times. Quality of the pelt is the determining factor. Open water doesn't warrant earlier opening. In years when there is warmer weather you can set in open water anyway.
BOG 178			Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.
Support	5	0	Refuge requires some type of identification to enable the permit. It's possible that this could help enforcement if people are neglecting their trapline. You can get your trap ID when you pick up your registration.
BOG 179			Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.
No action			Trap identification is already taking care of registration issues. No action based on Prop 178.
BOG 180			Restrict trapping in the Cooper Landing area.
Support	5	0	Most people know the process that went into developing this proposal. This requires 250 foot set backs in certain areas. A committee was formed in Cooper Landing and through the discussions previous proposals were turned down. Specifics would be helpful with supporting testimony at the Board meeting. Fairbanks has two voluntary areas that are no trapping (not regulatory, more of a gentlemen's agreement). The two areas are quite a ways from Fairbanks. Concern of restrictions just being the tip of the iceberg were expressed. The Cooper Landing committee after much discussion and maps laid out specific areas, that are primarily an off set of 250 feet in certain areas. There was a lot of diversity in the group that met. The problem isn't local trappers as much as others coming in to the area, but living somewhere else. A map that outlines the area is needed for clarifying and perhaps allaying some of the concerns expressed by trappers. One concern was if this would impact any water traps. Conibear traps have taken dogs, snare traps have caught dogs. Concern of these types of regulations expanding is a valid concern, but much of what is being asked is common sense that is not always followed (based on the Trapper's code of ethics).
BOG 181			Restrict trapping in the Seward and Moose Pass areas.
Support	3	0	Exact same proposals as 180 but in Seward and Moose Pass areas. Referenced comments on Prop 180. 2 abstained due to lack of knowledge of those areas.
BOG 182			Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.
No action			Some of the areas are inaccessible without a boat, but concern of wounded animals in steep terrain is warranted.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG 184			Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresident seasons in the Southcentral Region.
No action			No action based on Prop 190.
BOG 185			Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 7, 14, and 15.
No action			No action based on Prop 190.
BOG 186			Limit nonresident sheep hunts in the Southcentral Region with shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.
No action			No action based on Prop 190.
BOG 187			Allow a maximum of 10% of nonresident sheep hunt participation for the Southcentral Region.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 188			Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 7, 14, and 15.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 189			Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% in the Southcentral Region Units.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 190			Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Southcentral Region Units.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 191			Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
Support	0	5	The trade off between felt or sticky soles and studs is just that – it's a trade off. There is enough concern of someone hunting somewhere that has Elodea and transporting that from lake to lake that this is warranted.
BOG 194			Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	5	Disagree with this. This may be a trapper that doesn't want dogs in the field, but it's everybody's resource.
BOG 195			Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	5	This proposal is too vague – what is meant by removal of all contaminants? If there were particles of donuts, would they have to remove the soil. This goes from one extreme to the other – the real issue is cleaning up the existing regulatory language.

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BOG 196			Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southcentral Region.
No action			No action based on Prop 197.
BOG 197			Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southcentral Region Units.
Support	5	0	Natural resources should go to the residents of Alaska in the first hand.

Next meeting tentatively mid-February to discuss shellfish BOF proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Sherry Wright
 Minutes Approved By: George Heim
 Date: 12/2/2014

Susitna Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting minutes for December 11, 2014 meeting

Meeting convened 6:35 pm Sheep Creek Lodge

Members Present: Steve Runyan, Gus Gustafson, Bruce Knowles, Steve Schaffer, Ted Schachle, Mike Wood

Members Absent Excused: Billy Fitzgerald, Robert Meals, Israel Mahay

Gus moves to adopt agenda, Ted 2nd

Approved unanimous

Minutes from November approved unanimous

Information forms for AC members handed out from Department wildlife biologists

Discussion of cow hunts. Reason given for Anchorage AC's decision to not authorize cow hunts is that there was a misprint of information concerning population of the 20 mile cow herd. Information is now current and correct. Biologists testified that Unit 14C is currently at the low end of the objective, and biologists want it to stay there. Steve Runyan mentioned that authorizing the hunts does not mean they will be prosecuted; it gives the board the option to reauthorize, and Fish and Game still has authority to stop the hunts or not conduct them if population numbers don't support a hunt.

Gus moves to reauthorize 14c moose cow hunts. 2nd by Mike Wood. Unanimous pass.

Discussion of moose in units 14 B and A. Moose objective in 14A is 6500, pop is 8500. Cow hunts are a necessary means to check the population and allow more residents opportunity to harvest moose for meat. AM435 is a useful tool for lowering spot populations as well as overall population of the unit, with 80% hunter success rate.

Funding will soon be an issue, so prepare for fewer and less comprehensive surveys this coming year.

14A has several issues regarding its moose population; large are habitat and social issues of harvesting moose near homes.

Motion to reauthorize Cow hunts in 14A and 14B. Unanimous pass.

Discussion of predator control in 16B and 16A. Appears successful; in 16B North no wolves or tracks sighted in surveys. 35:100 calves/cows, 70:100 Bull/cow in 16B

Department may ask board to drop 16 out of intensive management. They feel the measures on bears have not been effective in meeting their goals, and thus are ineffective. Numbers being

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harvested are not high enough to have the desired effect. Member observations in the field differed with that report.

Old business concluded.

Bruce Knowles- discussion on subcommittees; fish, game and trapping

Steve Schafer chairs trapping subcommittee

Gus Gustafson chairs hunt subcommittee

Steve Runyan chairs fish subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned

Copper River/PWS. AC meeting

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- Call to Order: Time by Tom Carpenter 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call Members Present: Fode, Tirrell, Carpenter, Greenwood, Baker, Hanson, Jones, King, Lohse, Collins, OBrien, Wiese, Renner.
13 present.
Members Absent: Bocci, Johnson, Nichols, Sapp.
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Game Biologist Charlotte Westing, Troopers Alex Arduser and Todd Mountain.
- Guests Present: Jim Wessel, Andy Morse, Dennis Zadra, Chris Bourgois.

New Business: Elections: Results, New or Re-elected.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tori Baker	6-17
Ardy Hanson	6-17
John Bocci	6-17
Jason Fode	6-17
Mark King	6-17
Dennis Zadra Alternate	6-15
Brad Sapp, Alternate	6-15

Members still on committee:

Tom Carpenter	12-15	Chair Game
Mike Collins	12-15	Secretary
John Greenwood	12-15	
Chris Johnson	12-15	

Victor Jones	12-15	
Dave O'Brien	12-15	
John Wiese	12-15	
Teal Lohse	12-16	
John Renner	12-16	Chair Fish
Troy Tirrell	12-16	

Biologist Charlotte Westing gave a presentation regarding current studies and data on several game species in Game unit 6. Very informative and much appreciated by all present.

Discussion on Board of Game issues

ACR 1

All opposed

ACR2

All support

ACR 3

All opposed

BOG

140

Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.

13 Support

0 Oppose

reason; Gives ADF&G area biologist necessary management tools.

BOG

194

Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.

0 Support

13 oppose

reason; Would eliminate winter hunting with dogs. People like to hunt ptarmigan.

Reviewed board of fish proposals

BOF 245, 246, 247,248

13 Oppose

0 Support

BOF 249

11 opposed, 1 in Favor , 1 abstain

BOF 250

1 opposed, 12 support

BOF 251

All support

BOF 252

7 Support, 6 oppose

BOF 253

All 13 oppose



BOF 254

2 oppose, 11 support

They put it in there for a reason

BOF 255

1 oppose 12 support

BOF 256

No action see 255

BOF 257

13 in favor 0 oppose

BOF 258, 259, 260

13 opposed 0 support

Adjournment: 10:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Collins

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- I. Call to Order: Tom Carpenter
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Baker, Carpenter, Collins, Fode, Greenwood, Hanson, Jones, King, Lohse
Obrien, Renner, Tirrell, Weise
Members Absent: bocci, Johnson, sapp
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion baker, sec king
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....November 2014
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Westing ADF@G, Alex Arduser State troopers, Andy Morris USFS Law Enforcement, Jim Wessel USFS Law Enforcement
- VI. Guests Present: Dennis Zadra Reg. Guide Unit 6, Chris Bourgeois
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: 2015 elections, Unit 6 ACR proposals, Proposal 140, PWS shrimp

This space may be used to record minutes.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	140		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
support	13	0	Done annually, this gives ADF@G area biologist the necessary tools to conduct a antlerless hunt if conditions warrant.
BOG	141		Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6.
support	13	0	We are the authors of this proposal. We would like to see the board implement this similar language as they did in Unit 7 to stabilize the goat population's long term in Unit 6. This action is warranted due to increased take of nannies.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			Increased take of nannies from repeat offenders has forced closures of popular hunting areas.
BOG oppose	209 0	13	Change the bag limit for black bears in Unit 6D to one every three years. There are hunters who depend on black bears for subsistence, this proposal would diminish opportunity. About 75% of black bear hunters harvest one bear in their lifetime. This proposal does little to slow the current rate of harvest, and provides no new information in season to allow managers to control the hunt.
BOG support	210 13	0	Establish a registration hunt for black bears in Unit 6D. One of the major problems in controlling harvest in 6D is the lack of information available to managers in season. Currently, black bear hunting in 6D is managed using general harvest tickets, providing no in season information to manager regarding hunter effort. By creating a registration requirement, this will give the manager timely information to react in season when necessary.
BOG oppose	211 0	13	Modify season dates for hunting black bear in Unit 6D. This proposal suggests shortening the fall season. During the fall season on 25% of the total black bear harvest occurs. We do not feel this proposal will be effective in controlling harvest, and does nothing to increase pertinent information necessary to manage in season.
BOG support	212 13	0	Modify Unit 6B moose controlled use area We are the authors of this proposal. This is a quick fix supported by users, managers, and public safety. By adopting this specific modified language, it will alleviate an access problem during the non-motorized portion of the hunt. The cause of this problem was not man made, but rather a natural occurrence which destroyed a major access thoroughfare, erosion of the mile 36 bridge and about one mile of highway. No further modification to the current regulation involving the controlled use area is warranted outside the proposed modification as requested in this proposal.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Collins
 Minutes Approved By: Tom Carpenter
 Date: 2-1-15

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Jan. 13, 2015
NERRS Building, Homer, AK.

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- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Dave Lyons at 6:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dave Lyon (Chair), Tom Young (Vice Chair), George Matz (Secretary), Tom Hagberg, Gus Van Dyke, Doug Malone, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade, Gary Sinnhuber.
Members Absent Excused: NA
Members Absent: Hannah Heimbuch
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved by email
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Thomas McDonough, Jeff Selinger, Jan Rumble, Sean Farley, and Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson, Gus Van Dyke, Jason Herreman
- VII. Old Business:
Sherry Wright, Boards Section, gave a briefing of the recent BOG work session where they decided to change from a 2 year to 3 year cycle (which the Homer AC opposed). As a result, there will not be a BOG meeting on Southcentral Region issues until four years from now. Sherry also handed out a draft proposal (RC 19) that the BOG is working in regarding Dall sheep hunting regs. There are a number of proposals in the current proposal book which address this issue. It was noted that the BOG draft addresses several issues in one proposal, which is not considered acceptable for proposals submitted by the public.
- VIII. New Business:
Jan Rumble, Comm Fish Area Management Biologist, described the Pollock experiment that her office is working on. This experiment is to determine if state waters can provide a smaller harvest of Pollock than would be of interest to local fisherman rather than the large trawlers, thereby creating a fishery that has a less expensive entry level for new and aspiring fisherman. She said the experiment was allocated a catch of 22, 000 pounds in waters off of Kachemak Bay and that in eight trips so far they caught 15,000 pounds. ADF&G biologists have also been monitoring chinook bycatch, a major issue with trawl fleets. They caught 34 chinook of which 32 were successfully released with two as mortality. Apparently, more development is needed.

Elections. We had 8 persons interested in the 7 seats available this year (5 due to term expiration and 2 resignations due to moving as well as 2 alternate seats). Those elected to full terms are Jim Meesis, Doug Malone, Joey Allred Jr., Thomas Hagberg, and Michael Craig. Those

elected to 1 year vacant seats are Philip Jones and Nancy Hillstrand. Hanna Heimbuch was elected to an alternate seat.

The current officers, Chair Dave Lyon, Vice-chair Tom Young, and Secretary George Matz were reelected to their positions.

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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	68		Change the CSH group size definition to "25 or more households".
	14	1	The CSH permit process is being abused by allowing permits for those who shouldn't qualify based on the original concept.
BOG	136		Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.
			After much discussion on this proposal, which generally favors the concept, and learning that the BOG has a similar proposal in the works, the motion was withdrawn with the understanding that the proposal will be considered again at the next AC meeting so that we base our decision on current information.
			SOUTHCENTRAL REGION PROPOSAL COMMENTS FOLLOW
BOG	140		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
BOG	141		Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6.
	14	0,1	This approach has worked in other GMU's because of the risk of losing an opportunity to hunt goats for five years. It has raised awareness of the issue and resulted in better identification.
BOG	157		Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
			After much discussion on this and similar proposals, the motion was withdrawn until we have an opportunity to see proposal that staff is working on. The Homer AC supports the concept and would like to see seasons in other Southcentral GMU's the same as GMU 15.
BOG	168		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
	13	0,1	The AC supports that cow moose need to be harvested in order to keep the population within winter carrying capacity and without harvesting more bulls that could lead to an unacceptably low bull:cow. Also provides more opportunity for meat hunters.
BOG	169		Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.
	0	14,0	Sheep are already under nonsustainable pressure without adding more pressure. There is no surplus hunting opportunity.
BOG	170		Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.
			Although the AC generally favors #170, the motion was withdrawn after we learned that staff is rewriting proposal 171 which would be more consistent

			conceptually with #170. Proposal will be taken up again when the new staff proposal can be reviewed.
BOG	175		Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
			See #176
BOG	176		Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
	14	0,0	<p>This proposal is needed because nonsustainable harvest of ptarmigan has been occurring in the Caribou Hills for years, particularly during the spring when deep snow provides easy snowmachine access. As a result, ptarmigan populations in the area have been severely overharvested and depleted. The AC unanimously supported amendments to this proposal which would;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change the season from Aug 10-March 31 to Sept 1-March 1. It was felt that chicks have not yet matured by the current opening date. Also, an earlier closing date would limit excessive harvest via snowmachine. 2. Include spruce grouse to the proposal so that their season, bag limit, and possession limit is the same as ptarmigan. 3. Apply this proposal to all of 15C, not just the Caribou Hills. 4. Allow a season possession limit of 20 for ptarmigan as well as spruce grouse.
BOG	178		Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.
	13	1,0	<p>Before submitting this proposal, the Homer AC worked with local trappers to see if there was a way to avoid some of the controversy with trapping on locally used trails (e.g. pets being caught) without losing the opportunity to trap. Trappers did not want their names on the traps or trail they use because of possible harassment. They did support, however, having an anonymous identification system. They felt that this system would also help identify stolen traps, which is a bigger problem for some than harassment. This proposal is contingent on #179 which authorizes ADF&G to establish an anonymous identification system.</p> <p>The vote against was by a trapper who doesn't want law enforcement damaging his sets while checking to see if traps have identification tags. It was pointed out that the proposal allows the trapper the choice of either putting a tag on the trap or having a sign within fifty yards of the trap.</p>
BOG	179		Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.
	13	1,0	This proposal needs to be considered with #178 and should be approved first. Authorization of an identification system is essential to what is trying to be achieved.
BOG	182		Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.
	14	0,0	The Homer AC believes this prohibition is needed to avoid overharvesting black bears because of the ease of hunting from a boat as well as greater possibility of not being able to retrieve an animal because of difficulties in coming ashore or not finding it when ashore. While it may be difficult to enforce, most people tend to obey regulations even of enforcement may be questionable.
BOG	183		Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.
			Motion withdrawn until there is a better idea as to how this proposal offers something that doesn't already exist within current authorities of the respective

			agencies.
BOG	191		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
	14	0,0	The AC sees no reason for making this exception.
BOG	192		Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southcentral Region Units.
	13	0,1	The AC believes that reporting harvest data is needed for sustainable management. Seaduck populations are in decline and this data, which is not currently available, will help rectify the situation. An amendment was approved that daily harvest reports be required.

Thomas Hagberg was approved to represent the Homer AC at the BOG meeting where these proposals will be decided on.

Adjournment: 9:15

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Committee at February meeting.

Date: 2/10/2015

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Feb. 10, 2015
NERRS Building, Homer, AK.

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- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Dave Lyons at 6:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dave Lyon (Chair), Tom Young (Vice Chair), George Matz (Secretary), Tom Hagberg, Nancy Hillstrand, Doug Malone, Jim Meesis, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade, Hannah Heimbuch, Phillip Jones.
Members Absent Excused: NA
Members Absent: Lee Martin, Gary Sinnhuber
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved by email
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Thomas McDonough, Jeff Selinger, Jason Herreman, Sean Farley, Gino DelFrate, Carol Kerkvlitt, Mike Booz,
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson, Chuck Wool, Wesley Hurgbyrd, Brent Keene, Roger MacCampbell – Div of parks, Jason Oakley, Div of Parks, Paul McConnel- AWT, Dwayne Nutsvold.
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: Carol Kerkvlitt and Mike Booz gave an overview of Cook Inlet razor clam issues including statistics on historical clam surveys and harvests. Carol said that ADF&G would prefer the status quo which uses EO's to reduce harvest when that is needed. It was pointed out that an EO closed Niniichik last summer. EO's have the flexibility to be withdrawn if populations recover.

BOF	241	Reduce the personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7,0	<p>We discussed proposal 241 and 242 in tandem. There was much discussion about the current situation. A guest stated that he thought the decline in razor clams was due largely to the increase in vehicles, (trucks and four-wheelers) that now drive onto the beach. The pressure of the tires on the clams crushes them. He said that years ago Washington razor clam populations also plummeted. What they did was not allow vehicles on the beach. Soon afterwards, populations recovered. There was discussion as to who would have the authority to prohibit vehicles on the beach, the Board of Fisheries or Division of parks and recreation.</p>
BOF	242	Reduce the sport bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	

<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7,0	An amendment was moved and seconded to reduce the bag limit to 6 and possession limit to 12. This failed 6,8,0. While the AC generally supports reducing harvest, it was felt that rather than reduce harvest to a minimal amount, it would be better to just close it. That way it would be obvious that anyone on the digging clams was violating the law.
BOF	243	Close east Cook Inlet beaches to all razor clam harvest.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0,0	Given the current situation, the AC felt that the only choice right now was to close all east side beaches to clam harvest. If some beaches were opened to reduced limits, it would attract those who would have otherwise gone to beaches now closed.
BOF	244	Establish personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in West Cook Inlet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	1,1	We had much discussions about the disparity between east side beaches being closed and no limits on west side beaches. It was noted that some of those who would dig clams on east side beaches and now chartering to go to the west side. While the bag and possession limit in this proposal may be too low given the cost of getting there, the AC felt that it needed to support the proposal so that ADF&G gets more involved to prevent overharvesting.

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BOG	157	Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30	
	14	0,0	The AC supports having a later season with cooler temperatures and more developed spike antlers, but not so late that rut is underway when meat quality is less and disturbance of mating more likely. Accordingly, it voted 12,2,0 to amend the proposal to having a season from Spt. 1-25. The votes against this amendment favored having a longer season that has more weekends for hunting.
BOG	158	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.	
	8	6,0	An amendment to the proposal to have the season concurrent with the general season passed 12,1,1. Opposition to the proposal was based on the keeping with the precedence of not having a nonresident hunt if the GMU is under the Intensive Management mandate, which 15C is currently under. Essentially, if harvest opportunity is limited, there should not be any additional demand for hunting via nonresidents.
BOG	163	Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.	
	8	5,1	While the AC supports an archery hunt, most felt that archers shouldn't have any special privilege over other hunters.
BOG	164	Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15	
	1	14,0	Opposition to this proposal was based on not allowing a hunt during the rut, thereby jeopardizing the short mating process.
BOG	166	Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.	
	12	1,1	A later season for the antlerless hunt is preferred because of better conditions to prevent meat storage and to allow troopers to focus on bull hunts during the general season. The vote against was based on concern about taking moose from a different herd once moose congregate in their winter habitat.
BOG	167	Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.	

	12	2,0	An amendment to include an archery hunt passed by 13,0,1. The AC recognizes that this hunt is contingent on snow conditions.
BOG	173	Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	13,1	Not salvaging the meat undermines the basis for allowing bait to be used for hunting brown bears.
BOG	174	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	13,1	Not salvaging the meat undermines the basis for allowing bait to be used for hunting brown bears.

Next meeting will be March 10 at the NERRS Building starting at 6:00. At this time there are no further proposals for the AC to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

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Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair David Martin.

Members Present: David Martin, Greg Encelewski, John McCombs, Norbert Miller, Clyde Clucas, Joe Simpson, Mike Schuster, Teague Vanek, Steve Vanek, Madeline Thompson, Aaron Berger arrived late. Clyde left about 9:15 pm. Teague Vanek left at 9:50 pm. Aaron Berger left at 10:05 pm.

Members Absent Excused: Jeff Berger, Gary Deiman

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date January 14, 2014

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger & Sherry Wright

Guests Present: Jim St Peter, Jess Clucas

Elections were held with the following results: Jeff Berger, David Martin, John McCombs and Steve Vanek were elected for 2.5 year seats; Joe Simpson and Madeline Thompson were elected for .5 year alternates done by unanimous consent. David Martin was elected Chair; John McCombs was elected Vice Chair; and Steve Vanek was elected Secretary.

Gary Deiman was nominated but not elected to serve as Vice Chair.

Sherry Wright spoke about the BOG changing to a 3 year cycle, the Southcentral Region will not come up for four years and they combined Statewide to one annual meeting rather than Cycle A / Cycle B proposals. RC 19 was generated from the worksession for a laundry list of sheep options. Sherry pointed out to the committee that the Joint Board stated they did not want multiple option proposals, but each idea should be submitted as a separate proposal so that the record is clear if people support or oppose the concept presented in the proposal.

SF Division is collecting information about....

FSB has appointed new members to the RACs – Greg Encelewski spoke about this. Southcentral appointees Eleanor Dementi, Lee Alder of Glennallen, Gloria Stickwan,

Letter to the Governor on the Joint Board Commissioner interview process. We have a new governor who put in Sam Cotten as the interim commissioner for ADF&G. Five nominees were brought forward but the Joint Boards only forwarded one name for consideration. Roland Maw

was a candidate that had over 40 letters of support and did not even get an interview of the Joint Board. The BOG fully supported his candidacy. The BOF fully opposed it. This was very disrespectful toward Dr. Maw. David read a letter submitted by Ken Tarbox that pretty accurately spells it out and David would like to know if the Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to send a letter to the governor as well. Taking the politics out of fish & game management was one of the new Governor's campaign promise and this action puts into question how much that promise really meant. The lack of reasoning behind not approving him as a candidate is a real problem that needs to be addressed. The committee supports sending the letter or whatever method gives the most bang for the buck. When the state asks for qualified candidates and then mistreat one that attends.

Jeff Selinger provided the committee with a 2014 game report.

The committee then prepared comments on the following proposals.

Central / Southwest Region BOG Proposal 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	99		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
Support	11	0	This is an annual reauthorization. There are no predators and hunting maintains the sustainable population there. The Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to be one of the reauthorizing committees officially for this hunt. Some of the members live 17 miles from their home. The other option would be to put Kalgin Island into GMU 15.

Southcentral Region BOG proposals

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	149		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
Support	11	0	This is an annual reauthorization. This is a limited area as far as browse is concerned that cannot sustain a larger population. The railroad also would rather have harvest than train kill.
BOG	156		Shorten the moose seasons in Unit 15.
	0	11	The committee heard an overview of the department's amendments to this proposal.
BOG	157		Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
Support	6	4	The dates were changed back to August to allow for youth to go hunting. This

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
as amended			<p>worked good and is a movement around the nation, which is still a valid concept. Later in September they are getting into the rut. Weather is always an issue if you are responsible hunter (you should take care of your meat). School starts around August 18th, so the youth hunting is no longer a valid reason – prefers September 1 opening with it closing September 20. He would agree with going as late as September 25th, but that would be the latest. RAC has tried to push the season later several times and shot down. They have a couple issues – capable of harvesting more animals. Why would they want to shorten a season if there are more animals? Genetics of harvesting only the larger animals is another concern. Like the idea of September 25th for calling moose which greatly increases the odds of harvest. Part of the hunt is hunting. The more time you can have out hunting the better. He would like the season to begin August 20 or 25th. Support for a 30 day season was given. If you don't get a moose in the first couple days, the hunt is pretty much over until they go into the rut. Depending on the kind of winter, the rut seems to be occurring later as well. Member of the public stated they are starting into the rut around September 10. 50 any bull tags would provide opportunity in a split season was suggested. A question if there was any discussion of 45 inch rather than the 50 inch configuration. If the populations get into 30 bulls per 100 cows range, they could take a few more bulls. End of September to mid-October is the first rut. When they are gathering cows they are more apt to come, once they have gathered the cows they are less likely to leave them.</p> <p>AMENDMENT: August 25 – September 25 vote on amendment 5-5 failed This allows a slightly later beginning . Opposed believes the dates should remain the same for reasons stated earlier. Lack of seeing moose, twice the number of people hunting and still not an increased harvest, still have habitat issues. Even the tracks are lacking and question the methodology of the numbers presented. It's better than 5 years ago, but not nearly what they were 15 years ago. There is browse that hasn't even been touched. We are still not making the minimum goal of the harvest objective under intensive management. Prefers a precautionary approach. A change in the date is supported, but for a different reason. One member does see a lot more moose and a lot more bulls, although it's lower than it used to be. Harvest is limited by the spike, and 50 inch regulations. We'll increase it by adding a few more days, but not concerned about population. Changing the dates may also confuse the public</p> <p>AMENDMENT: Leave season dates August 20 – September 20 Vote on amendment 6-4</p>
BOG	158		Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.
Oppose	0	10	Committee doesn't believe it should be open to nonresidents until we see more moose.
BOG	159		Open nonresident moose drawing hunt in Unit 15.
Oppose	0	10	Same justification as Prop 158.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	160	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C or implement predator control.	
Oppose	0	10	Same justification as Prop 158.
BOG	161	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers or three or more brow tines.	
Support as amended	10	0	The proposal was not written correctly. Amendment for a legal bull for harvest would be 50 inch antlers OR three or more brow tines on at least one side OR no more than a spike on at least one side The committee prefers allowing a variation of moose to be harvested to allow the genetics and takes it back to what it was before, eliminating some of the illegal harvest. It will be a test in the next four years to see if we can get the harvest objective up and a good compromise between the date change or the allow of cow hunt in 15C. It will also increase opportunity. Vote on the amendment 10 - 0
BOG	162	Eliminate all early and late season start dates for archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunts in Unit 15.	
Support	10	0	Unit 15C doesn't have any of these hunts. Support the reasons provided in the proposal.
BOG	163	Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.	
Support	10	0	Same comments as Prop 162
BOG	164	Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15	
Oppose	0	10	Same comments as Prop 162
BOG	165	Open an archery moose season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 15C.	
Oppose	0	10	Same comments as Prop 162. Prefer status quo
BOG	166	Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.	
Oppose	0	10	The Caribou Hills moose don't come down until later, so harvest on some of these animals would occur. The whole idea is to preserve the browse.
BOG	167	Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.	
Oppose	1	8	Some don't believe there are as many moose along the road, others think there are. One member abstained.
BOG	168	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.	
Support	8	3	This is an annual reauthorization. The population in Unit 15C is down in one member's opinion. Killing one cow affects the future population growth. Instead of hearing about moose starving and dying, the report is that they can increase harvest. That was not how this was presented at earlier meetings. Moose will migrate out back to the Caribou Hills, but the hunt occurs before they migrate. Some balance is needed on those mature cows.
BOG	169	Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.	
Opposed	0	8	Not in favor of special hunts. One abstained.
BOG	170	Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.	

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	9	Intensive management hasn't been in place very long. Prefer status quo. There are a lot of questions of the public what the dual management issues are going to be. There are ideological differences. One manages primarily for preservation, one manages for sustainable harvest. The refuge has gone beyond what their charter was when it was established.
BOG	171	Modify the brown bear harvest management strategy on the Kenai Peninsula, Units 7 and 15.	
Oppose	0	7	Department provided input on this proposal. The committee likes the concept of a front country / back country management strategy. This may be more appropriate in four years if/when the population gets more in sync. Front/Back country plays into the hands of the federal managers. One abstained
BOG	172	Lengthen the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 and remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait.	
BOG	173	Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
BOG	174	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
No action		No action based on Prop 173	
BOG	175	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.	
Support	8	0	The ptarmigan population is down because of more access by snowmachines, four-wheelers and the bag limit is too liberal.
BOG	176	Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.	
No action		Based on Prop 175	
BOG	177	Shift to an earlier opening date for beaver trapping in Units 7 and 15.	
Support	8	0	Support because it allows open water access and the reasons listed in the proposal.
BOG	178	Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.	
Oppose	0	7	Don't see an issue and would be burdensome to trappers. Prefer status quo. One absent.
BOG	179	Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.	
Oppose	0	7	Same comments as Prop 178.
BOG	180	Restrict trapping in the Cooper Landing area.	
No action		There are already trapping regulations on the books.	
BOG	182	Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.	
Oppose	0	8	This is a principal method of hunting and it would reduce opportunity.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	183		Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.
Oppose	0	8	There is already a process in place and would be a slippery slope of no hunting. That is a use that should be allowed.
BOG	191		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	3	4	The restriction is put in place because of concern of invasive species. There are many areas that the habitat was destroyed because of human activity. Preservation of the resource is more important and hunters can use other methods to keep from slipping. One member disagrees with the legislation. Elodea is one example of this issue. One abstains
BOG	192		Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	8	There is a random survey currently done. Prefer status quo.
BO	193		Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in Southcentral Region Units.
No action			There are special hunts for archery. Crossbows are not the same as archery, it is more like a rifle.
BOG	194		Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	8	This is a conflict with trapping; however don't really want to tell people they can't use their dog to hunt. There is no season end date on this proposal.
BOG	195		Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in Southcentral Region Units.
Support	8	0	This would be ridiculous (any soil) which is biodegradable. Might be a back door approach to closing bear baiting. If the issue is for people to use containers it should have been written that way.

David is against any more cow hunts in Unit 15C until we see what the population does in the next four years.

The committee will meet again February 11th at 7 pm at the Ninilchik School Library in order to prepare comments on Statewide shellfish proposals.

AC representative for the BOG will be the chairman or his designee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek/Sherry Wright
Minutes Approved By: Central Pen AC
Date: 2-11-2015

Delta Advisory Committee

11/19/2014 Delta Jct City Hall

- I. Call to Order: 6:45 by Vern Aiton Vice- Chairman

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Tony Williams, Tim Webb, Carl Taylor Secretary, Vern Aiton Vice Chair, Ross Baker, Alternates, Paul Dudgeon,

Members Absent or Excused: Jacob White, Don Quarberg Chair, Rusty Craig , Jeff Lipscomb, Don Bunselmeier, Jeff Mason, Mike Rogers, Jack Windsor,

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 6 present

- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion and 2nd to approve

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April motion and 2nd approved as amended

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, Bob Schmidt,

- VI. Guests Present: Jim Cummings, Elizabeth Niepert

- VII. Old Business: none

- VIII. New Business:

Vern Aiton, 40 mile caribou report, The idea of the youth hunt split with 15 tags on the Taylor and 15 on the Steese was discussed and it was decided to just leave it at 30 and let the hunters choose. Herd is mostly in Canada now. There are a few caribou on the Steese with the Dec 1 hunt about to open. The herd has been crossing into Canada near Eagle into 25B and there is some concern that hunters could over harvest if the 40 mile herd is targeted in that area where the limit is higher. Canada is very happy that the herd is returning there to some of its former ranges. Ross baker asked how the calf weights were- They were high this year. Canadians are not hunting the 40 mile herd as they do not want to turn the herd back from migrating into Canada.

Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee Recommendations for BOG to consider

#1. Recommendation for changing open sheep hunts,

Aug 1-9 youth hunt

Aug 10-19 drawing hunt for both residents and non-residents

Aug 20- Sept 20 regular general season

11 in favor

#2. Change same day airborne to after 6am from the current time.

11 in favor

#3. We recommend that the DNR, Alaska F&G and Federal land managers cooperate in coming up with a state wide motorized vehicle policy.

9 in favor 2 abstain

#4. Recommend that the degree of kindred be changed from 2nd degree to 1st degree of kindred.

11 in favor

#5. Recommend that the low income license be done away with. We feel that the \$25 cost more than pays for itself in harvested game. If social services thinks it is too expensive then they should pay for it. The feeling here is it is being abused.

Delta Advisory Committee

01/20/2015 Upper Tanana/40 Mile Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7PM at the Tok Fish & Game office conference room.

Committee members present were: Leif Wilson, Matt Snyder, Lyle Cronk, Danny Grangaard, Mike Cronk, Thor Jorgensen, Jake Combs and Peter Talus.

Motion to approve the agenda was made with two additions. To record the minutes for compiling to submit to local committee and Fairbanks office was added at the beginning and the ACEC with BLM in the Mosquito Flats Area was added to the end of the agenda.

Guests attending were: Doreen Parker(ADF&G), Jerry Hill (FWS; TNWR), Aaron Atchley, Sue Stancliff, Russ Landers, Bob Gingue, Teresa Sager(BOG), Jeff Wells(ADF&G), Jeff Gross(ADF&G) and Aaron Bloomquist.

Proposal 207

Jake Combs made the motion to support, Lyle Cronk seconded. (7-0). After much discussion it was decided to change #1 from August 10th to Sept. 20th, to read August 7th to Sept. 20th and to eliminate #2 and #3. Mike Cronk made motion to support with these changes, Matt Snyder seconded. (7-0)

Please see comments in full below

Proposal 208

Teresa Sager explained how proposal 208 was received and that there is still time to work on it more. The local advisory committee would like for the Board to consider their comments which are listed at the end of the minutes (page 3 & 4). The committee voted unanimously (0-7) to oppose this proposal. Matt Snyder will be the member to attend BOG meeting in Wasilla.

Please see comments in full below

Comments to Proposal 208

Jake Combs made a motion to approve the comments to submit for proposal in place of 208. Danny Grangaard seconded. Passed (7-0)

Mike Cronk made a motion to with draw the draw portion, Lyle Cronk seconded. (4-1-2abstain)

Mike Cronk made a motion to institute a tag fee for sheep of \$50 - \$200, Lyle Cronk seconded, Passed (7-0)

Mike Cronk made a motion, if you apply for any current sheep draw hunt, you may not hunt from August 10th – 19th in a general harvest area. Jake Combs seconded. Passed (7-0)

The Upper Tanana Fortymile AC has compiled the following comments/recommendations for the Board of Game to consider during the C/SW Meeting in Wasilla on 02-13-15. The AC believes that instead of

commenting on each individual deferred sheep proposal that it would better serve the Board to provide comments pertaining to the overreaching concepts in the sheep proposals and issues identified in Dr. Todd Brinkman's recent sheep survey, so the Board could better understand our ACs point of views/desires.

If the Board chooses to make changes to sheep hunting regulations we recommend the following:

1. Institute a fee for a resident sheep harvest ticket (tag fee) of \$50 - \$200.
2. If you apply for any current sheep draw hunt then you may not hunt from August 10th – 19th in any general harvest area.
3. Motorized vehicle restrictions
 - a. No sheep hunting allowed the same day you've operated a motorized vehicle. Use wording similar to the Same-Day-Airborne law.
 - b. Allow use of motorized vehicles on state maintained roads.
 - c. Rational/Notes: People using motorized vehicles have a tremendous advantage over someone who flew into an area. Once a plane lands, hunters are all on foot and have to wait until the next day to hunt. With the advancements in ATVs, ORVs, boats and other motorized equipment, hunters are using them to travel long distances, spot and harvest sheep in the same day. This was the reason the same-day-airborne law was created, was to restrict hunters from doing just this with airplanes. We agree with the same-day-airborne law and feel it should apply to other motorized equipment equally to create an even playing field. The AC thought that there could be some sort of condition worked out so the at sheep could be retrieved with a motorized vehicle. In this discussion, "motorized vehicle" included land and water based machines. One member was concerned with grouping boats into this and would prefer it to just be restricted to ATVs and ORVs.
4. Starting resident season prior to non-resident season.
 - a. The AC does not support starting resident season prior to the start of non-resident season.
 - b. Rational/Notes: Resident guides, who are very familiar with their use areas, would be able to hunt while waiting for the ability to take clients in the field. This has the potential of not relieving any perceived hunting pressure, but also increasing the actual overall harvest of sheep.
5. Changes to Second-Degree-of-Kindred (SDK) regulations.
 - a. Allow SDK to hunt with their resident relative, but have SDK harvest count against the resident relatives bag limit. IF a SDK harvests a sheep, the accompanying Resident relative may not harvest a sheep in the same regulatory year and may not



accompany another SDK in the same regulatory year. Non-residents would still need to purchase the required locking tag in order to take a sheep.

- b. Rational/Notes: Many members on the AC have concern over the current SDK regulations. They believe that just because a person is a resident that does not mean that they spend anytime participating in hunting activities. Members came to the agreement that a change to how this is done is necessary. The AC believes that anyone circumventing this regulation would already be doing so by not having their relative purchase a sheep locking tag anyway.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

This is an excerpt of the Upper Tanana Fortymile AC's minutes. For full set of minutes, please contact the Interior Regional Coordinator.

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
 01.21.15 Meeting Minutes
 Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Chairman Umphenour 18:41

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mike Kramer	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	Andrew Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent								
Abs/Excused								
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Larry Morris	Valerie Baxter	Vacant	
Present	X	X	X	X		X		
Absent								
Abs/Excused					X			

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimous

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none

V. Correspondence: none

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Doreen Parker-McNeil, Don Young, Jackie Kephart, Nissa Pilcher,

VII. Guests: Nate Turner (BoG), Teresa Sager-Albaugh (BoG), Henry Tiffany (BGCSB), Lt. Justin Rodgers (AWT), Dick Bishop, Vern Aiken. Delta AC, Middle Nenana AC, and Upper Tanana AC telephonic. Others listed under public testimony. Others who did not sign in, estimate 60 members of the public in attendance.



Oppose	0	13	Costly to public, not enforceable, will be extended to other species if passed, federal law and guide ethics already prohibit much of this behavior, localized problems, this behavior does not make profit for transporters so they wont do it.
BOG	208	BGP with options for modifying sheep hunting opportunities	
Support w/ amendment to option #1	13	0	The AC amended to include only the status quo option with updated management plans. Management plans are dated but this is a solution in search of a problem.

Valerie Baxter elected to represent the AC at the Central/Southwest Meeting
XII. Adjourn: 22:45

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm

This is an excerpt of the Fairbanks AC's minutes. For full set of minutes, please contact the Interior Regional Coordinator.

Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee

MINUTES- TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Monday, December 8, 2014, 1:00 pm

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 1:09 by Chair: James Charles, Secretary: Sandra Nicori,

INVOCATION: Lord's Prayer

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 7 (Bec. Oscarville seat vacant) QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
Present by phone was: Phillip Peter Sr., Akiachak; Jackson Williams, Sr., Akiak; James Charles,
Tuntutuliak; Arnold Brink Sr., Kasigluk; John Andrew and Sandra Nicori, Kwethluk; William Brown, Eek;
Henry Tikiun Sr., Atmauthluak; Earl Samuelson, Sr., Napaskiak. Henry Parks, Nunapitchuk came on line
at 1:50 p.m., Melvin Egoak, Atmauthluak, came on line at 1:57 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: approved

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **ALREADY APPROVED**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT:

Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll
Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Patrick Jones and Philip Perry; Aaron Poetter-
Kuskokwim Area Manager –Commercial Fisheries; Hiroko Ikuta, Subsistence Division,

GUESTS PRESENT: none

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update from new Regional Coordinator (R.C.) Holly Carroll
 - Meeting minutes format and Secretary duties, officer update-officers are James Charles, Sandra Nicori and Jackson Williams, Sr. their terms expire 6/30/2015.
 - Napakiak- John Wassilie resigned, and Oscarville membership is vacant, so may not count toward quorum until filled. Holly will send official letter to Oscarville
 - James Charles says IRA council can appoint member for Napakiak
 - Arnold Brink didn't get packet, gave address and phone to RC
 - Review Deadlines: BOF proposals due April 10,2015, BOG proposals due May 1, 2015
 - Suggest make a committee or chair to approve minutes

Samuelsen makes a motion that chair can approve the drafted minutes so that they can get submitted to the BOG quickly. (Peters seconded). No discussion. Motion passed unanimous.

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

Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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Monday, December 8, 2014, 1:00 pm

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- Formerly ACR 8- Kuskokwim River: Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (new proposal 272)

There is a March 3rd deadline for AC recommendations or comments to the Board of Fisheries. Proposal 272, formerly ACR 8, wants to have Tier 2 but it was made into a proposal in Juneau. The document is in the packet. Kuskokwim Salmon Management wants to restrict gill net gear to conserve the Chinook: use lawful gear and specifications to use gillnet. Holly read part of the article on proposal 272. Comment from (Akiak member) Jackson Williams, in previous meetings with AC the elders have stated that using the 6" gear will eventually produce smaller and smaller salmon. Lot of elders oppose restrictions because gradually fish will decline with this size of mesh, elders say that fish, after caught, going back to the water (i.e. falling out of the net), is doing more harm than good (because those fish may die before they reach spawning grounds). Also, a former Yukon resident said that dip netting in the Kuskokwim will not work because he has tried it here. John Andrew stated that dipnetting is to be used only in times of Chinook shortages.

See more discussion and vote below. 9 yes, 1 no (from Phillip Peter Akiachak).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discuss moose quota/season and discuss need to write proposal-suggested by 2 members

William Brown (Eek) asked if the 24 hour time frame to call in for a moose kill can be extended another day due to traveling and distance but the answer was to keep from going over the 100 limit of moose that it would have to stay the same to keep from overharvesting the moose. When the snow is favorable for counting, sometime in February, they will have a better idea of what the limit (quota) will be and can be adjusted accordingly.

Jackson Williams asked about a winter hunt in the Kuskokwim area but the answer was that the numbers are not favorable at the present time, maybe in 3 to 5 years it may be feasible.

Earl Samuelson commented changing the boundaries for easier access and the answer was it would take several meetings to do it. It would also result in people having to use two different permits to hunt in the same area. Phillip Peter asked about the opening date for portions of Johnson River. It poses confusion because the Yukon and Kuskokwim are close together in that area. (Long discussion in yugtun followed). Holly suggested delaying the moose subject for in-person meeting. James Charles concurred with her.

Melvin Egoak asked if the quota can be increased to 125 moose but the answer was to do that an updated moose count would have to be done.

Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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William Brown (Eek)-River at Eek for making 24 hr. report when someone gets moose or partner still hunting, not easy for him to go home in 24 hours because river is too shallow. He's worried would he be cited for late reporting? Phillip acknowledges this is an issue for any hunters that go a long way up the tributaries, but he asks that people try their best, use satellite phone, or let someone else know to call Phillip, because the need for harvest reporting as a tool to keep harvest at reasonable level.

- Choose member to send to Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel (KSSP)-before January 15th

Napaskiak –Earl- makes motion to appoint James Charles to attend the KSSP January 15th and 16th. Akiak seconds. John Andrew question. Henry Tikiun, 2nded. If James can't make it, Earl Samuelson from Napaskiak was chosen as an alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

- Decide date and time for next meeting and face-to-face location?

Earl Samuelson suggested January 5, 2015 at 9 a.m. in Bethel in-person meeting, seconded by Henry Tikiun, Sr. When further information was given by Holly, Earl and Henry withdrew their motions and it was left to call-of-the-chair and the coordinator to schedule the in-person meeting and was unanimously consented by the committee.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
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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
			<p>Earl Samuelson commented that the tundra area fishermen were unable to fish because the 4 inch mesh was unavailable for purchase in the stores. The 4 and a half inch mesh might be better to use. Thinks if could use 4.5" mesh size it would be good to catch smaller salmon like reds and chums.</p> <p>The representative can bring it up at the Board of Fish meeting. Henry Parks agreed with Samuelson. William Brown said that generally the 4 and half inch mesh if used for white fish, most people have it, he made a motion to change 4 to 4 and a half inch mesh be used, as an amendment to Proposal 272.</p> <p>Phillip Peter said fish and game came and inspected nets in Akiachak and confiscated 70, 50, 60, 45 mesh. Charlie clarified that you can amend the motion to include a depth. Earl thinks if we select 45 meshes deep, it should meet all of our needs, instead of one area. But the proposals don't say anything about depth, so it should be included.</p> <p>ADF&G Aaron Poetter clarified in subsistence fishery current regulation</p>

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Supports with AMENDMENT	9	1	already states they can't be more than 45 meshes deep. Made motion to support the proposal but change current language from 4" to " <u>4" to 4.5"</u> "By 45 meshes deep gear. motion passes with amendment to gear size language
BOG	39	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.	
supports	10	0	Akiak- motion to support, Melvin 2 nd . Discussion: Phillip Perry (ADFG) gave recommendation from department- We have 12,000 moose, recommend keeping it in place, to authorize it. Background- with antlerless moose- Advisory committees in the area need to decide if they want it to continue each year. Motion passes unanimously
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
supports	10	0	Discussion: Phillip Perry (ADFG) gave recommendation from department- Advisory committees in the area need to decide if they want it to continue. This proposal just talking about metal locking tag exemption, we want to continue to have that to make it easy for hunters and consistent with other rural Alaska areas to NOT require the metal tags. Question- if we need to harvest a brown bear (DLP) do we have to return that to fish and game or can we keep it? Phillip clarified it depends on the time of year if it's during the hunting season- you just have it sealed as usual. This bill just removes the metal tag requirement- doesn't affect the DLP rules. Question- regarding tribal residents. Perry clarified that this law is for all Alaska residents and whether or not they have to buy a locking tag and the State doesn't differentiate between a rural or urban person- just Alaska residents. Motion to support: passes unanimously
BOG		Change BOG to a 3-yr cycle	
			R.C. H. Carroll read BOG handout points clarifying the department's reasons for supporting the change to a 3-yr cycle. Much discussion about the proposed savings if go to 3-yr cycle, they want to

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Supports	9	0	<p>ensure that if \$50,000 is saved, that it could go to the advisory committees. Holly re-iterated that in light of severe department budget cuts, saving that money may just help to continue to provide same services to the AC process. Members noted it is Not easy to work for the people; AC members want people to earn money for AC process, if cycles change just to save money, move the money to Advisory committee or members. William Brown and Melvin Egoak asked if there was any way they can be given stipends.</p> <p>Patrick Jones-(ADFG Wildlife), supports 3-yr cycle, because they can miss surveys because they're at the meeting too much. Makes it easier for us to get surveys done in more time in a timely fashion. Also gives us more time to evaluate, changing rigs every year- hard to make educated decisions about the effects.</p> <p>Motion to support- passed unanimously (1 member left conference call before this vote).</p>

Adjourn Time: 4:13

Minutes Recorded By: __Sandra Nicori (Secretary) and put in template by H. Carroll (R.C.)

Minutes Approved By: _____ James Charles (Chair) *James Charles*
 Date: 12/16/14