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Name of Advisory Committee
Naknek kvichak AC
Date 2/10/2016
Bristol bay borough assembly room

- I. Call to Order: 7:05 William Regan

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: William Regan co-chair, Everett Thompson co-chair, Brian Cato, George Wilson Jr secretary, Ralph Zimmin, Marc Watson, Joe Klutch, Joey Klutch

Members Absent: Fred Pike no longer lives here, Richard Wilson excused, Gustie Talikpalik absent

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 5, 8 present

List of User Groups Present: Trappers, hunters and commercial and sport fishers

- III. Approval of Agenda: Everett motion to approve agenda, Brian 2nd with discussion of Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian Island/ Chignik Finfish to the top of agenda. M/C

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Board approves Everett and George Wilson to approval previous meeting minutes

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Quist AWT, Chris Peterson, Paul Salomone, Taryn Oconnor-Brito.

- VI. Guests Present: Jon Wise, Paul Hansen, Mary West, Tom Betts NPS-KATM, Gene Sandone BBEDC,

- VII. Elections for three undersigned seats which expired 12/31/15; William Regan nominated by Joe Klutch, Marc Watson 2nd. Ralph Zimmin nominated by Brian Cato, Everett Thompson 2nd. Jon Wise nominated by Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr 2nd.
No elections because only 3 nominations with 3 open seats.

- VIII. New Business:
 - I. Discussion of Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island/ Chignik finfish Proposals
 - II. Discussion of Board of Game Statewide Game proposals
 - III. Discussion of Sturgeon Case, and Federal boundary issues



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| BOG or BOF | Proposal Number | Proposal Description | |
| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal |
| BOG | 1 | Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | We feel that the rivers and streams in our area do not warrant the use of hovercraft or airboats. All streams and rivers in our area can be accessed with either prop or jet. |
| BOG | 2 | Modify the definition of ATV | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | We felt that modifying the ATV definition would make any track vehicle legal on hunting lands. There are huge vehicles that could be defined as ATV if the weight was removed. |
| BOG | 3 | Establish a definition for general hunt | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | We felt that definition of general hunt on the books works well. |
| BOG | 6 | Modify the definition of a moose antler | |
| support | 9 | 0 | we liked this proposal as it would make the definition of moose antlers easier for enforcement and easier for hunters to understand what is legal. |
| BOG | 7 | Clarify the definition of antler point | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | we understood that current definition of points was accurate and understandable. |
| BOG | 19 | Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | We felt that this proposal would cost the state more money in have to have more meetings if a board was to make a proposal, and definition of in the public's best interest would be up for interpretation |
| BOG | 20 | Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife | |
| support | 9 | 0 | If an individual that wanted specific information on the locations of fish and game that individual should do their homework and research the best place to hunt or fish without having to ask the fish and game department to tell them where to hunt or fish |
| BOG | 21 | Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting | |
| no action | | | We tabled all sheep proposals until the sheep working group came up with more information. |
| BOG | 50 | Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | we like the reg's of leaving the sex attached to the animal. No one has problems with the requirement |
| BOG | 51 | Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative | |
| support | 9 | 0 | the board felt that the resident that was accompanying the non-resident on the hunt would be getting the meat for consumption anyway. |



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| BOG | 52 | Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game | |
| support | 9 | 0 | We felt this proposal would make it clear as to what means can a hunter use to recover wounded game. |
| BOG | 54 | Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | we did not support this |
| BOG | 55 | Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | we felt that the local bear hunt are doing enough for individuals that want to hunt every year if wanted. |
| BOG | 56 | Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged | |
| support | 9 | 0 | We felt that this proposal was the same as antlers need to be packed out last after all eatable meat has first been packed out |
| BOG | 57 | Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls | |
| No action | 9 | 0 | |
| BOG | 66 | Allow the use of felt soles | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | We understood the states reason of outlawing felt soles for the protection of waters of alaska. |
| BOG | 68 | Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices | |
| support | 9 | 0 | The use of night vision aids in hunting is not eithical because you can not tell the species, sex of animals hunted. Hunters have the daylight hours to have a successful hunt. |
| BOG | 69 | Prohibit hunting with domestic dog | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | We would not want the assistance of dogs on hunts. |
| BOG | 70 | Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting | |
| support | 9 | 0 | We felt having an aircraft to spotting big game should not be used |
| BOG | 71 | Clarify same day airborne prohibitions | |
| support | 9 | 0 | We supported this proposal |
| BOG | 72 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | we did not like telling hunters what calibur to use on a hunt. The hunter is responsible for an ethical hunt and kill. grouped 72 thru 74 proposals |
| BOG | 73 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts | |
| no action | | | refer to 72 |
| BOG | 74 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts | |
| no action | | | refer to 72 |
| BOG | 79 | Require traps to be checked every 24 hours | |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | We thought it would be difficult to enforce and cost the state money to enforce. we would not want to tell trappers how to trap |
| BOG | 80 | Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more | |
| No action | | | |
| BOG | 84 | Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits | |



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| oppose | 0 | 9 | We understand when troopers ask for our license and do so regardless of the circumstance |
| BOG | 103 | | Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information |
| oppose | 0 | 9 | Grouped 103 and 104, we don't want to justify or give reason for our tier I hunts for subsistence reasons |
| BOG | 104 | | Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report |
| no action | | | refer to 103 |
| BOG | 129 | | Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region |
| support | 9 | 0 | We support this proposal like the community hunts and feel they are working as hoped |
| BOG | 134 | | Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C |
| support | 9 | 0 | We like have the option of hunting either sex before january date. |

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr
 Minutes Approved By: Everett Thompson
 Date: 2/12/2016

**Noatak and Kivalina AC Meeting
10/30/15
Noatak School**

- I. Call to Order: Time by 12:45 pm Enoch Mitchell
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Janet Mills (Secretary), Melford Booth, Thurston Book, Frank Onalik
 Members Absent: Stanley Hawley, Joe Luther, Enoch Adams Jr., Austin Swan Sr.,
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
 List of User Groups Present: Students, subsistence users.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
 Agenda Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 2/11/15
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett, Carmen Daggett
- VI. Guests Present:
 Telephonic: Hillary Robison, Ken Adkisson, Marci Johnson, Gerald Walton, Stella Shaw, Mike Sherman, Hillary Robison, Ken Adkisson

 In person: Justin McGinnis, 40 students Noatak School, Tim, Phillip Booth
- VII. Old Business:
 Updates on caribou herd- Noatak is happy about getting caribou they crossed
 Caribou agenda change requests
- VIII. New Business:

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| BOF | 141 | Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District. | |
| X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 5 | 0 | We have been using rod and reel since they came out people have been using them as subsistence gear. Frank Onalik motions, seconded Melford, |



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| BOG No action | 55 | | Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year We are already getting one bear every regulatory year. We don't want to change their laws. |
| BOG Support | 57 5 | 0 | Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls We can't eat them anyhow. Frank Onalik: Makes a motion to support Thurston: Seconded |
| BOG Support | 71 5 | 0 | Clarify same day airborne prohibitions That would be good for sport hunters, to stop sport hunters and make them stay on the ground and hunt all of the time. That is a good proposal. Motion: Melford, seconded; Frank, |
| BOG Support | 72 5 | 0 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts We take care of wounded animals and go after them. These regulations don't apply for us on the Noatak River, Melford: This would be good for sport hunters, but it is not good for us. Motion to support Frank Seconded: Janet |
| BOG Opposed | 73 0 | 5 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts We only use 22's for hunting; we want to use the smallest caliber as possible when we shoot them in the water. We don't want to ruin the meat and the head. The head is a delicacy. Frank: I would not recommend this for this area. Motioned by Frank, Seconded: by Melford |
| BOG Support | 74 5 | 0 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts Motion to support Seconded |
| BOG Opposed | 79 0 | 5 | Require traps to be checked every 24 hours -We check traps every four-seven days to not make tracks and disturb your traps -You won't catch anything I tried that before -It would use too much gas. -There is a lot of difference between the different types of traps. |
| BOG Opposed | 80 | 5 | Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more -This could apply to us if our population reaches 1,000, there are people who trap close to town. We trap for otters close to town. That would be more restrictions for trappers. Kotzebue is getting a lot of foxes and trappers they |



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| | 0 | | need to be able to trap. |
| BOG | 81 | | Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares |
| Support | 5 | 0 | I would support because it helps fish and game do their job better. Motion :Frank seconded Melford |
| BOG | 85 | | Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou |
| Opposed | 0 | 5 | I think this would be more work for us and more work for Jim. This is our subsistence we are talking about we don't need a ticket for our fish we should leave our caribou like that. It will make it easier for us. Motioned: By Frank, seconded: by Melford. |
| BOG | 104 | | Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report |
| Opposed | 0 | 5 | What we have is working. It is really hard to get people to report. Janet Motions, seconded by Frank. |
| BOG | 105 | | Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system |
| Support | 5 | 0 | We only have musk ox that are in Tier II. |
| BOG | 127 | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 |
| Support | 5 | 0 | |
| BOG | 131 | | Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Frank moved to support Seconded |
| BOG | 132 | | Modify the hunting season for snowy owls |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Frank Onalik: Motioned Seconded: Janet |
| BOG | 133 | | Modify the hunting season for cormorants |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Frank Onalik: Motioned Seconded: Janet |

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *John G.*

Minutes Approved By: *Melissa Barth*

Minutes Approved By: *Thornton Smith*

Date: 12-18-15

Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support as amended: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Motion to support as amended with the addition of bears, sheep, moose and furbearers

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support as amended; 5 Oppose:0

Comments:

Can be difficult to figure out which cow has a calf.

Frank motioned to support 16-49 as amended by the RAC.

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krustenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Frank Onalik: motioned

Janet: Seconded

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support: Oppose:

Comments:

No Action: to not conflict with the decision on proposal 16-49

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Sheep numbers are low.

Frank: Motion to support 16-53

Seconded: Janet

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support as amended by the RAC: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Frank: Motion to support 16-61 with the changes as amended by the RAC.

To close Squirrel, Eli and Aggy River to sport hunters for caribou hunting.

All support Enoch Mitchell to be the WACH representative

Adjournment: 3:00 pm



**North Slope AC
February 29, 2016
Teleconference Meeting**

- I. Call to Order: Enoch Oktollik called the meeting to order at 1:51 pm.

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Enoch Oktollik-Chair (Wainwright), Lee Kayotuk (Kaktovik), William Hopson (At-Large), Joseph Leavitt (Barrow), Marie Tracey (Point Lay).

Members Absent: Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut), Esther Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass), Herman Kignak, Sr. (Atqasuk), George Kingik (Point Hope).

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: None

- III. Approval of Agenda:
There was a motion by Joseph Leavitt to approve the Agenda. 2nd by Enoch Oktollik. All in favor, motion passed.

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No previous meeting minutes were approved.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section)

- VI. Guests Present: Dawn Winalski, Marjorie Long, Billy Adams, Taqulik Hepa & Mike Pederson

- VII. Old Business:
The Sheep Working Group Report will be discussed at a later meeting.

- VIII. New Business: The proposals were discussed.



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| BOG No Action | 106 | Provide for changes in hunt type (Tier I and Tier II) to occur during the regulatory cycle |
| BOG Support | 128 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A |
| BOG Support | 131 | Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A |
| BOG Support | 132 | Modify the hunting season for snowy owls |
| BOG No Action | 138 | Change non-resident, general sheep hunts on state and BLM lands to drawing permits |

Adjournment: Enoch Oktollik moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:19pm. 2nd by Lee Kayotuk. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Pederson, Executive Manager
Mike Pederson

Minutes Approved By: Will be approved at the next regular meeting.

Date: 03 04 16

**Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting
October 27th, 2015
Old St. Joe's Hall, Nome, AK**

- I. Call to Order: At 1235hrs by Charlie Lean

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Charlie Lean (Chair), Paul Kosto (Vice Chair), Kevin Knowlton (Secretary), Adem Boeckman, Nate Perkins, Daniel Stang, Charlie Saccheus (Elim), Clifford Seetook (Wales), Jack Fagerstrom (Golovin), Peter Buck (White Mountain), Stanley Tocktoo (Shismaref), At Large (Vacant), Sara Okbaak (Teller)
Members Absent: William Kakoona
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
Quorum requirements met.

List of User Groups Present: Kawerak Inc., Sitnasuak Native Corporation, and Nome Eskimo Community

- III. Approval of Agenda: Chair Charlie Lean requested to add proposals 68 and 69. MM: Kevin Knowlton to accept as amended, 2nd: Paul Kosto Motion passed unanimous.

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/22/15 MM: Nate Perkins to accept as presented. 2nd: Paul Kosto, Motion Carries by unanimous vote.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett, Tony Gorn, Letty Hughes, Scott Kent, Jim Menard, Jenefer Bell, Bill Dunker,

- VI. Guests Present:
Telephonic: Louie Green Jr.-SNC, Mike Sloan-NEC, Jacob Bloodgood-NEC, Peter Bente-ADF&G

In person: Ken Adkission-NPS, Adam Martinson, Roy Ashenfelter, Frank McFarland, Andrew Miller, Dan Reed, Therese Kenick, Brandon Ahmasuk, Kevin Keith, Ashley Brown, David Evans, Jared Miller, Rhonda Sparks, Robert Evans, Michael Oar, Perry Mendenhall, Frank Kaviarlook Sr.

- VII. Old Business:
 - A) Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update
Tony Gorn, explains Western Arctic caribou herd census. Explains the lack of data, for the second time not having a count since the 1980s. The herd seems to still be on a decline.
 - a. There was a bear survey, we have started to keep track of wolves during moose surveys, we can't figure out how to count wolves on the Seward Peninsula.

- B) Scott Kent
Escapement Goals

VIII. New Business:

- a) Conducted election to fill the empty at-large board position; four candidates – Louie Greene Jr., Brandon Ahmasuk, Tonya Ablowaluk, Sean Komonaseak Sr. Vote count: Louie Green Jr. 6, Brandon Ahmasuk 23, Tonya Ablowaluk 0, and Sean Komonaseak Sr. 3. Brandon was then seated as the At-Large member for three years.
- b) ACR-4 Establish an aggregate pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery for Red, blue and Hanasaki King Crab.

MM: Paul Kosto to support ACR-4 as is. 2nd Adem Boeckman. Motion Carried by unanimous vote.

Scott Kent described the procedure that would be put in place to manage the pot limit.

Frank McFarlan: I have seen crews up to four. Maybe you could limit pots per crew. I see it as a source of revenue for the state. With the 8% quota, is there a way to have an adjustable weight limit for the winter like we do for the summer? I think we need to think about how to control the number of permits out there.

Charlie Lean: Explains the need to reduce and address the pot loss.

Frank McFarlan: A crew of four doesn't need to have 80 pots. I just see people buying more permits. I don't think we want more permits out there.

It was recommended to get the proposal in place and see how it goes for a couple of years and see if there were modifications required at that point.

- c) Identifying an NNSAC member to be the representative At the WACH;

Kevin Knowlton asked Brandon Ahmasuk if he would be interested, Brandon declined
Charlie Lean was nominated to represent by Nate Perkins, board voted unanimously in agreement.

- d) Identify a representative to attend the AYK, Statewide BOF and BOG meetings.

Nate Perkins: Nominates Charlie Lean to attend all of the meetings, and the BOF meetings that Adem Boeckman as the alternate. Unanimous vote in support of nomination.

- e) Musk Ox Survey Update: Bill Dunker and Tony Gorn
Musk Ox bull composition is up to 20% and recruitment is at 8%. Continuing to manage population density and range.

(Pages 3-4, Fisheries discussion, excerpted)



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| BOG Opposed | 55 | | Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year |
| | 3 | 6 | Motion in support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Peter Buck. Tom Gray: Inquires about good management, I have a problem with the broad management. Nate Perkins: I think we have worked hard on our proposals, and I am going to oppose it because of the other ACs hard work. Paul Kosto: Explains the percentage of total exceptions currently, and there are other tools in the tool box for the state to manage bears. |
| BOG No Action | 57 | | Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls |
| | | | ? |
| BOG Support | 68 | 14 | Outlaw use of forward looking scope |
| | | 0 | Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. Discussion explaining FLIR |
| BOG Opposed | 69 | 0 | Prohibits use of dogs in hunting |
| | | 14 | Examples of using dogs for bear hunting, and duck hunting, and uses dogs for getting wounded bear. Dogs are good for safety. |
| BOG Support | 71 | 14 | Clarify same day airborne prohibitions |
| | | 0 | Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins. |
| BOG Opposed | 72 | 0 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts |
| | | 14 | Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins, Also for proposals 73 and 74. A 22-250 or 223 is completely capable of harvesting a moose. Sometimes people only have one gun and it is more expensive ammo to carry a bigger gun. |
| BOG Opposed | 73 | 0 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts |
| | | 14 | |
| BOG Opposed | 74 | 0 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts |
| | | 14 | |
| BOG Opposed | 79 | 0 | Require traps to be checked every 24 hours |
| | | 14 | Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. If you check your traps too soon you can scare the animals. If weather keeps you from trapping it every 24 hours. Some trap lines are really long and it makes trapping extremely expensive. Charlie Saccheus: Explains check trapping every 48 hours is best. |
| BOG Opposed | 80 | 0 | Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more |
| | | 14 | Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Adem Boeckman. |
| BOG Support | 81 | 14 | Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares |
| | | 0 | Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. Charlie Saccheus: Explains |



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| | | | that trapping beaver requires setting traps underwater. Clarifying to allow for part of the trap being under water not fully submerged. |
| BOG No action | 85 | | Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou We are hopeful that this proposal will be deferred to the Region V meeting and as a consequence we have taken no action. |
| BOG Opposed | 103 0 | 14 | Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins. |
| BOG Opposed | 104 0 | 14 | Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report Motion to Support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins. |
| BOG Opposed | 105 0 | 14 | Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins. |
| BOG Support | 131 13 | 1 | Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Peter Buck. Tom Gray: Thinks tag fees allow us to get numbers on who is out there hunting and now you don't. |
| BOG Support | 132 14 | 0 | Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Kevin Knowlton. Seems to be a house keeping reg. |
| BOG Support | 133 14 | 0 | Modify the hunting season for cormorants Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. The cormorants used to be wide open and now there is a season, people prefer to eat fledging chicks that occur in August as the preferred type of cormorant to be eaten. Charlie Saccheus: People from St. Lawrence Island eat them. April 1-October 31 st . |
| BOG Support | 135 14 | 0 | Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in 22 Remainder. Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Stanley Tocktoo. There is interest in having more bears taken. |

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 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
 Date: 11/10/2015 11-10-15



Federal Proposal Discussion:

WP 16-43: Change hunt area description and closure for caribou (Unit 18, 22A)

WP 16-44: Change hunt area descriptions, harvest limit and season for brown bear (Units 22 C, 22D)

WP 16-45: Change hunt area description for caribou (Unit 22E)

WP 16-46 Rescind closure for moose (Unit 22E)

WP 16-47 Create antlerless moose season (Unit 22E)

WP 16-37 Change in harvest limit and season for caribou (21D, 22,23,24, 25, 26A, 26B)

This is a confusing proposal and undoes all of the work we did in the spring time. Charlie Lean: Explains what happened in the WACH working group meeting. We made some concessions that we thought would be the least painful. We didn't get everything we wanted. Explains the next round of cuts is going to be more pain and changes. There is a lot of stuff in the works, and it is going to get tough. I was alarmed by the comments I heard earlier. That Unit 23 needs to cut back, that is a recipe for non-cooperation. We all are owners. There are some of the points we should work at, between federal and state regulations. Maybe trigger points needs to be laid out better. What kind of population are we trying to have?

No Action: Due to lack of time to deal with the proposal.

Move to support: Paul Kosto

Seconded: By Kevin Knowlton

Adjourned 8:22 pm

Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
1/20/2016
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: Time 2:00 pm by Charlie Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Charlie Lean (Chair), Kevin Knowlton (Nome-Secretary), Nate Perkins, Paul Kosto (Vice Chair –Nome), Adem Boeckmann (Nome), Tom Gray (Nome), Clifford Seetook (Wales), Jack Fagerstrom (Golovin), Brandon Ahmasuk (At Large), Peter Buck (White Mountain) , Stanley Tocktoo (Shismaref).
Members Absent: Dan Stang, Sara Okbaok, Charlie Saccehus (Elim), William Kakoona (Brevig Mission)
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users, commercial fisherman, and hunting guides
Nome Eskimo, Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee, Seward Peninsula Caribou Working Group, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, National Park Service, Reindeer Herder's Association.
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Bill Dunker (WC), Letty Hughes (WC), Tony Gorn (WC), Nicole Braem (Subsistence), and Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- IV. Guests Present:
Ken Adkisson, Matilda Hardy (Southern Norton Sound AC-Shaktoolik), Wes Jones (Southern Norton Sound-Unalakleet), Mike Sloan (Nome Eskimo Community), Jacob Martin (Nome Eskimo Community), Kevin Keith
- V. Old Business:
Board of Fisheries results from AYK meeting
Charlie gave an update of the Board of Fish meeting that was conducted last week in Fairbanks. He advised that all of the proposals from both Northern and Southern Norton Sound AC's passed. These included the winter commercial crab fishing pot limits, cast and dip nets are allowed throughout the region on all rivers for subsistence fishing. Commercial beach seine in districts 5&6 passed, and the district boundary change proposal for the area around Stebbins passed.

Wes Jones added that the Kotzebue region got approved for use of rod and reel for subsistence fishing and how that is the first time subsistence fishing with rod and reel has been expanded in several years.
- VI. New Business:
Agenda Change Request to the Alaska Board of Game #19 Hunting season and bag limits for caribou.
Charlie Lean gave a brief summary of the agenda change request and how it address' two out of the three criteria for an agenda change request.

Adem: Addressed a spring (May 15th – June 30th) closed season for cows during calving.

Charlie: The majority of the heard are not on the Seward Peninsula during that time and that they mainly calve in Unit 23.



Roy and Tom talked about the regulations from 2014/15 would have the verbiage to address the spring season cow hunting closure.

Charlie: Inquires if there are significant harvests between April 1-August 30th.

Roy: Says he hunts in August

Charlie: Addressed ability to submit an amendment for April 1st-August 30th or that the board could change it if they saw a need.

Stanley: Inquired from Tony Gorn if the caribou herd was still in decline and just more spread out on the peninsula and if there are any indications of the herd staying on the Seward Peninsula year round?

Tony: Advised that in 2014 the herd was down from over 400,000 to approximately 235,000 and was showing a decline of around 7% annually so at this time the department estimates the herd population to be around 200,000. There are no indications that there is a herd remaining on the peninsula year round.

Another key factor in the change request was to do away with the late fall/winter closure of bull caribou putting all of the focus of harvest on breeding cows. It appears that the herd ratio is currently 40 bulls to every 100 cows, according to the department the herd could handle a ratio of 30 to 100. This closure also created a situation of accidental shooting of young bulls and instead of the hunter taking responsibility, they would wanton waste the animals.

Tony: Explains how this ACR would meet the criteria by reducing cow harvest during times of conservation, as well as due to correct a regulation because of the unforeseen event due to high numbers of cow take.

Tom: If the board wants dates for cow closure, let them propose it.

Charlie: I don't think we have strong feelings about a cow closure during the summer. Expressed past concern of shooting cows when caribou herd is in decline, we don't like shooting breeding females.

Tom Gray made a motion to support the agenda change request as it has been submitted, Paul Kosto seconded. Motion carried 9 – 0.

Charlie asked for comments from Southern Norton Sound AC who said they would submit it from the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik side of things. The two members of the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee made supportive comments of ACR 19.

Northern Seward Peninsula AC didn't have any participants.

Tom: Inquired from Tony if the department of fish and game supported the request.

Tony: advised that locally the Department did but he could not speak to what Juneau would do.

Adjournment: Paul motioned and Tom seconded for meeting adjournment at 1455hrs. Motion carried.

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Knowlton

Minutes Approved By: 

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Date: 1/20/2016



Northern Seward Peninsula AC Meeting
1/5/16
Buckland IRA
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code: 442-1717

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:20 am by Percy Ballot
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Percy Ballot, Mona Washington, Nathan Hadley, Marlene Moto-Karl
Members Absent: Calvin Moto and Ron Moto
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve by Mona
 - b. Seconded by Nathan
 - c. Agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/10/2015
Mona Washington motion to approve minutes of 2/10/15
Seconded by Nathan
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett, Brendan Scanlon (Sport Fish Division, Nikki Braem (Subsistence), Hannah Atkinson (NPS), Marci Johnson (NPS), Hillary Robison (NPS)
- VI. Guests Present: Lawrence Thompson (Subsistence Advisory for Shell), Nelson Lee, Eva Lee, Raymond Lee, Delbert Thomas Sr., Amy Barger, and Marla Thomas
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Updates on caribou herd Brandon Saito
 - b. Percy requested a copy of the preliminary reports
 - c. Percy inquired about monitoring wolves and other predators
 - d. Percy: Troopers need to be more responsive to our concerns there was a wolverine run over by some miners and we reported and I didn't
 - e. Nathan Hadley: Elders need to have meetings with teenagers to let them know what to shoot.
 - f. Percy Ballot: Invitation to celebration of life in March.
 - g. Marlene Moto-Karl: Requests to have announcements on the radio
 - h. IRA note about hunting for gathering at the gym
 - i. Marlene: Inquires about reindeer and restrictions on reindeer in this area
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Elections
 - b. Nominations: Lawrence Thomas, Raymond Lee Jr, Percy Ballot Sr, Nathan Hadley Sr., Mona Washington.
 - c. Elected: Raymond Lee Jr., Percy Ballot Sr., Nathan Hadley Sr., and Mona Washington 2019
 - d. Send Deering hard copies of meeting materials



| Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks | | | |
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| BOG or BOF | Proposal Number | Proposal Description | |
| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal |
| BOG No Action | 55 | | Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year The state is against this. Marlene: Sport hunters are about the only people are after bears. There are some people like brown bear meat in Buckland. |
| BOG Supported as Amended | 57 5 | 0 | Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Percy Ballot: Offers amendment wants to encourage more people to hunt by amending the proposal to be legally taken for one bear per season to make this proposal applicable for this region. Marlene: Explains that she has not heard of people buying it heard of it before. We need to teach our children about storage with our food. Motioned by Mona to support as amended Seconded by Nathan |
| BOG Support | 71 5 | 0 | Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Percy Ballot: It makes people more responsible for their hunting. Marlene Moto-Karl: Explains Percy Ballot: I think this would make it easier for wildlife troopers and I think we should support it. Mona: Motion to support Raymond Lee: Second |
| BOG Supported as amended | 72 5 | 0 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts Percy Ballot: I don't have a problem with this one. Marlene: What if people can't afford those guns. I will go for it. It sounds safer for the moose. Nathan: Explains we need to choose our own rifle to hunt animals. Percy Ballot: Would like motion to support to a minimum caliber .223. Discussion: Raymond Lee: Would this include outside hunters. |
| BOG Oppose | 73 0 | 5 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts Raymond Lee: We use a .22 to shoot caribou in boats, we don't have to use that large of caribou. Lawrence: It would be a waste of meat to use a larger caliber Percy: .243 makes big holes Marlene: Subsistence users can use traditional ways of hunting caribou. Percy Ballot: When it is real rough you need a larger caliber. Nathan: You will need a bigger rifle if it is a long ways away. Motion to Marlene Seconded |



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| BOG | 74 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Mona: Motion to support Seconded by Raymond Lee |
| BOG | 79 | Require traps to be checked every 24 hours | |
| Opposed | 0 | 5 | Percy Ballot: Explains you are going to waste a lot of gas, and blizzards get bad here. Raymond Lee: It doesn't make sense to check conibears every day. Percy Ballot: It is going to make it harder for rural trappers. Nathan: If you don't check them regularly they are harder to skin. Mona: Motion to oppose Seconded by Nathan |
| BOG | 80 | Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more | |
| Opposed | 0 | 5 | Percy Ballot: Explains if you are a trapper you are trying to make money. Just cause we live in a smaller place that is not a good excuse to not trap close. Mona: Move to not to support. Nathan: Seconded |
| BOG | 81 | Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Percy Ballot: I am in support of this proposal. Mona: Motion to support the proposal Seconded by Nathan |
| BOG | 85 | Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou | |
| Opposed | 0 | 5 | Percy Ballot: It sounds like we don't want to support Motioned by Nathan to oppose Seconded by Raymond Lee |
| BOG | 88 | Modify the qualification for Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system | |
| Opposed | 0 | 5 | Mona motions: to oppose 105 Seconded by Marlene |
| BOG | 104 | Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report | |
| Opposed | 0 | 5 | Marlene: There are some people are never reported. Percy: I don't want to support this. Mona: Motion to oppose Marlene: seconded |
| BOG | 127 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Percy Ballot: Explains we support this every year Raymond Lee: motions to support Nathan: Seconded |
| BOG | 131 | Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Motion to support by Mona Seconded by Nathan |



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| BOG | 132 | Modify the hunting season for snowy owls | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Percy: Wants to know why they want to close it for that season. They taste better in the winter. Mona: Motions to support Seconded by: Marlene |
| BOG | 133 | Modify the hunting season for cormorants | |
| Support | 5 | 0 | Mona: Motion to support Seconded by Raymond |

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| BOF | 141 | Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 5 | 0 | Percy Ballot: We want to support this Mona: Motion to support, Seconded by Nathan, question is called. |

Adjournment:

Minutes Approved By:

Date: 1/7/16

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett & Minutes Approved By:

[Handwritten signatures]

Date: 01/07/16



Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a caribou to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments: Raymond Lee Jr: Motion to support

Seconded by Marlene.

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Raymond Lee Jr.: Motion to support

Marlene: seconds

Percy: We don't eat calves

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krustenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Percy Ballot: I don't want to create a history of not having the majority of the permits going to people who live in that area.

I would support this.

Hillary Robison and Marci Johnson: Explain

Mona: Motion to support

Marlene: Seconded

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Percy Ballot: I have no problem with this.

Mona: Motion to support

Seconded: Nathan

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support: 0 Oppose: 5

Comments:

Mona: Motion to oppose

Percy: It is good to have consistent regulations

Raymond: Seconded

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Hillary: Explains sheep hunting has been temporary emergency closure, this is a more permanent closure for the population recovered.

Percy: It would be good not to hunt them for a while.

Marlene: Inquires about sheep in our area?



Marlene: Motions to support

Seconded by Mona

Addressed by allowing the superintendent the flexibility to adjust the harvest limits if necessary.

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 5 Oppose:0

Comments:

Mona: Motion to support

Raymond Lee Jr.: Seconded

Raymond Lee Jr. and Marlene Might be interested in attending the Board of Game meeting

Need to elect Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Need to send a letter

Send Marlene a hard copy of the minutes

Adjournment: 2:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By:

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Date:

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04/07/2016

**Nushagak Advisory Committee
February 3, 2016
Board of Game Proposals
City Council Chambers
Dillingham, Alaska**

I. Call to Order: Chairman Frank Woods called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM, 2-3-16.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: [include role here by name ie: officer; designated seat; at large member?]

Frank Woods, Chair, Dillingham, Dillingham

Dan Dunaway Sec, Dillingham, at large

Curt Armstrong, Dillingham, Dillingham

Tom (Lloyd) O'Connor Dillingham, Dillingham

Gayla Hoseth, Dillingham, at large

Travis Ball, Aleknagik, Aleknagik

Mariano Floresta, Clarks Point, Clarks Pt. arrived 9:55 to attend in person

Chris Carr Portage Cr. Portage Cr. by phone

Diana Gamechuk, Manokotak, Manokotak by phone

Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok, Alt for New Stuyahok. by phone

Steve Perkins, Dillingham, Alternate

Chris Strub, Aleknagik, Alternate

Members Absent:

Joe Chythlook Vice Chair, Dillingham, Dillingham excused traveling

Jim Woolington, Dillingham, Dillingham excused traveling

Glen Wysoki, Koliganek, Koliganek

Jonathan Forsling, Togiak, Togiak

Luki Akelkok Ekwok, Ekwok

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

Since several members were absent and the two alternates were present, Dunaway moved and Gayla 2nd to seat both alternates and Peter Christopher for New Stu for this meeting. Carried unanimous.

Quorum met.

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing, hunting, gathering

Commercial Drift (salmon & herring)

Commercial Set

Trapping

Sport fishing & hunting

Sport Fishing guide
Big game guide
Air Taxi & Pilots
BBEDC represented by Gene Sandone by phone

III. Approval of Agenda:

Dan moved to adopt and requested to add: New USFWS Non-subsistence taking of game and public notice..." to new business. Gayla 2nd. Adopted unanimous.

IV. Approval March 31, 2015 minutes, Bear and Coho Subcommittee meetings.

Gayla moved Tom 2nd. Briefly discussed meetings, proposals submitted, BOF action taken on fish items and that this meeting is to discuss BOG proposals including those submitted by this committee. Deferred most game discussion to proposal deliberations. Adopted unanimous.

V. Fish and Game / State Staff Present:

Ted Krieg ADFG Subsistence
Taryn Brito, ADFG Board Support
Neil Barton, ADFG Wildlife on phone,
Joe Wittkop Wildlife Trooper
Ali Eskelin State Parks by phone

VI. Guests Present:

Gene Sandone, fisheries consultant BBEDC phone
Violet Apalyuk [sp??? with apologies] Manokotak phone
Darren Apoliak/ Bayayuk [sp??? with apologies] Togiak phone - hard to hear name
Kay Andrew Aleknakik AC alternate by phone
Eddy Heyano, Diane Wetter, Pete Heyano Dillingham
Todd Fritze, Dillingham
Molly Dischner, KDLG reporter
this list is incomplete see sign-in sheet as guests came & went thru meeting.

VII. Old Business:

Election one Dillingham Designated seat (seat occupied by Joe Chythlook expired Dec 31, 2015)
Chair relinquished to Board Support to run election.
Chair said he had talked to Joe C and Joe would like to be nominated again.
Voting process and voter eligibility discussed - all present and on the phone using the area are eligible.
Tom moved to open nominations Curt 2nd.
Joe Chythlook nominated by Peter Christopher.
no other names offered.
Travis moved to close and asked for unanimous consent to elect Joe Cl; Tom 2nd.
No objections.
Joe Chythlook, Dillingham re-elected and to remain vice chair.

Frank Woods resumed the chair.

VIII. **New Business:**

A. Wildlife proposal reviews and recommendations.

Comments due to Board Support March 4 to get in the book.

Chair invited Barten to start with 4 proposals of greatest concern to him; "then we can go through others as we see a need". Barten prioritized 57, 122, 129, 134,. Later in the meeting Barten realized there were (8?) more proposals he hoped the AC would consider. They were brought up along with others of interest to the attending public and AC members.

Member Jim Woolington was not present but had provided the AC members with his written comments on selected proposals. His comments were read and acknowledged when those proposals were considered.

After considering the 4 proposals highlighted by ADFG Barton, chair suggested we work through the rest of the proposals listed in member Woolington's written note: 3, 5,20, general comment on Sheep, 50, 54, 55, 56, 57, Bear baiting, 66, 69 70, 71, ORV's, Misc, Hunt permits, 96-98. NOTE - In the end, AC did not consider all proposals listed by Woolington but did view his comments.

NOTE: comments, AC recommendations only appear for proposals brought before the committee; all other proposals have been removed to reduce clutter.

- Lunch Break 12:20 to 12:45
- 12:45 Chris Carr & Steve Perkins, departed meeting.
- 12:45. Proposal discussion ended moved on to other business.

B. AC Representation at BOG

need to find out BOG calendar and proposal road map.

Potential representatives in priority: Dan Dunaway, Tom O'Connor, Jim Woolington.

Dunaway needs to check his calendar.

C. AC response to: USFWS Proposed Regulations for Non-subsistence Take of Wildlife and Public Participation and Closure Procedures on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska

Dunaway introduced this item to the AC and explained his concerns that he has been following it as a member of the Bristol Bay Federal RAC but they have not taken action.

The public comment deadline is March 7 or 8 and before the BBRAC, the Board of Game and many ACs will have a chance to develop their comments formally.

"There are many who are concerned of the potential impacts of this rule and various sources seem to disagree on just what this rule does. " Some say it has potential affect refuges nationally, may actually affect Alaskan subsistence users, or the general public's timely access to FWS actions.

Dunaway said he has formally requested an extension for the public comment deadline on a personal basis as well as seeking to change it through the Federal RAC process. Others, including senators for Alaska are weighing in on this proposal. Dunaway requested the AC formally request an extension of the public comment period so there is more time to review and comment. He offered to draft and submit the request if the AC is supportive of this.

By consensus the AC agreed to have Dunaway draft and submit a letter requesting a comment period extension.

draft copy attached to these minutes.

D. Update Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Committee activities.

Chair, Gayla, Mariano, all members of this committee and each offered updates on the activities. Several meetings have been held. The population appears to be about 1,400 animals, State and Federal biologists agree carrying capacity of the range is about 750 to 900 animals and the herd should be reduced as soon as possible to protect the food supply and the long range viability of the herd. State and Federal biologists have been working very closely together, with the Committee and associated communities.

Actions currently under way.

Special Action Request to increase the bag limit from 2 to 3 animals is well on the way. Hearing already held now working thru bureaucracy.

More recently the Committee initiated 3 more Special Action Requests to A) allow same day airborne hunting ; B) Open the hunt to all Alaskan Residents. C) extend season to April 15. Maybe make it a state hunt, state regs are in place to do a registration hunt, likely same boundaries as Federal hunt; can be turned on and off pretty quickly if needed. Village councils are reviewing current SA's.

Public hearing Feb 16, and another Committee meeting scheduled for Feb 17. Beginning to prepare for Special Actions for next fall hunt as its doubtful enough caribou will be harvested the remainder of this season.

Options to consider: set threshold at 750, 900 or something else? Some are supporting over 900 threshold for statewide hunt. Create State registration hunt? Community harvest options, hunter eligibility - Fed qualified, State C&T, Bristol Bay, all State (all state may be easiest), same day airborne, bag limit, season length.

BBNA is on record as interested in exploring Community Harvest options.

Travis move Gayla 2nd to appoint Frank Woods to continue to represent the the AC on the Nushagak Caribou Management Committee. **Supported Unanimously.**

E. Board of Fish Membership

Gayla asked AC to consider the status of Board of Fish membership. No Bristol Bay member currently nominated or sitting. Gayla asks the AC to write a letter to all powers supporting having a resident of Bristol Bay to be nominated for Board of Fish for the seat that will be vacated by Fritz Johnson. There has been a very long tradition of a Bay resident on the BOF, we have the biggest sockeye salmon fishery in the world.

Dan Move, Travis 2nd to have Gayla to compose a letter requesting to re-nominate Fritz Johnson or another Bristol Bay resident and knowledgeable in the Bristol Bay fisheries to the Board of Fish. And further, to send comment to the Governor, Commissioner of Fish and Game, legislators, etc..

Supported Unanimously.

F. Next Meeting: Call of the chair.

G. Adjourn: Dan move, Tom 2nd adjourned 2:04 PM.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunnaway and Tom O'Connor

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

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| BOG or BOF | Proposal Number | Proposal Description | |
| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal |
| BOG | 5 | | Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds |
| SUPPORT | 8 | 3 | <p>Gayla move Tom 2nd. Gayla spoke of her work with AMBCC where same language was supported unanimously, regulation is now adopted by Feds, and it would be good to have State regulations consistent with the Feds, easier and clearer to enforce. Strong feelings and support in Kusko and much of western AK.</p> <p>Dan "I understand concern for waste; heard of Bethel issue; I used these parts myself but this is too detailed, oppose back, gizzard and heart requirement."</p> <p>Noted Woolington's comment: he opposes for non-migratory birds; this confuses wanton waste rules with salvage rules and would have no effect; sympathetic to the issue but onerous and cannot regulate what must be consumed; not a biological issue.</p> <p>Mariano said heads hearts and gizzards are first to be eaten at home - just caught 10 ptarmigan the other day.</p> <p>Curt apples to oranges if we bring whole bird home we meet wanton waste rule; I'm not sure the Bethel issue warrants changing regulation.</p> <p>Discussion of where the meat is on Crane legs - is there meat on the tibia - fibula of a crane; if not do we really have to bring it home?</p> <p>Concern expressed by several: would this prohibit trappers from using game bird wings as attractors and bait, they are prized and one of the best baits for trapping.</p> <p>FWP Trooper thought enforcement could be difficult.</p> <p>A couple comments were made opposing especially for non migratory game birds. Several were ok with this for waterfowl if better defined: how much of wing, leg, internals.</p> <p>Gayla moved to amend to apply to migratory waterfowl only to align with the Federal Regulation and Federal species list, Chris 2nd. Also to accommodate trappers use of upland bird wings and non- meaty parts for bait.</p> |

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| BOG or BOF | Proposal Number | Proposal Description | |
| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal |
| | | | Vote on the amendment: 10 favor, 1 opposed. Vote on proposal AS AMENDED: 8 in favor, 3 opposed. |
| BOG | 50 | Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | unanimous | Tom move to oppose by unanimous consent. Travis 2nd. ADFG Barten introduced and explained limitations of DNA testing, need for on-scene assessment, enforcement. ADFG is opposed also due to significant cost. Several members agreed they are opposed for the same reasons and want to make it easier for enforcement. No objections expressed. |
| BOG | 55 | Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | unanimous | Tom move to oppose by unanimous consent. Travis 2nd. This is directly against our current GMU 17 bag limit of 2, we want more bears harvested, this is against current management strategy and local desires. See Nushagak AC proposal 57. |
| BOG | 56 | Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged | |
| No Action | | | Discussed whether to address. Applies to where bear meat must be salvaged. Tom move, Travis 2nd to take no action. |
| | 57 | Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls | |
| SUPPORT | unanimous | 0 | Dan Moved Tom 2nd. Nushagak AC submitted this to encourage harvesting more bears in GMU. Decided to include all GMU where bag limit was 2 or more bears, hoping this would be more acceptable and would not interfere w Trophy bear areas or bag limits of 1. GMU 17 residents are tired of the growing problem of bears trashing cabins and other property; concerned about predation on moose and caribou. "We can only have so many bear rugs, they are costly and big, allowing sale would be an incentive and for some of the fur sewers / hand-crafters may be an economic opportunity. "I can't even fit one rug in my house but bears caused over \$2,000 damage to our moose camp 2 years ago, and I'd like to be able to get some money for a bear hide." Member Chris Carr Portage Cr.: "We need to do something, there are too many bears causing damage. We need to be allowed to use bait, this area is so thick |

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| | | | <p>and hard to hunt. Or make a special registration hunt allowing bait. Please pass my comments to the BOG as I can't afford to attend the meeting."</p> <p>Member Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok: "I wish we could raise the bag limit to 3 or 4. Moose numbers are still down and it would be good to take more bear; we need to control the predators."</p> <p>Several fishing guide camps were severely damaged after recent seasons when the camps were closed and stowed. The AC seriously doubts sale of these items will be as problematic as ADFG states. Feds allow sale in some areas and there have been few problems. If problems develop regulation can be changed.</p> <p>FWP Trooper noted a way to ID bears legal to sell vs not is needed. Nush AC would support a special tagging / ID system. The AC requested ADFG and Troopers look into special tag / ID options that could be used.</p> <p>Member Woolington in written comments says he is not in favor of this but will support the AC's wishes.</p> <p>Vote, unanimous support none opposed.</p> |
| BOG | 61 | | Allow the use of game as bait |
| NO ACTION | | | <p>Tom move no action, Travis 2nd. Small discussion - currently not allowed? It IS going on already here, ADFG says they support use of legally taken animals. No action since the practice of bear baiting isn't common here. General consent. One comment, why not let someone use what is otherwise discarded?</p> |
| BOG | 66 | | Allow the use of felt soles |
| OPPOSE | 0 | Unanimous | <p>Tom move Gayla 2nd to oppose and asked for unanimous consent. Travis said he was concerned about people bringing invasive spp or diseases up from the lower 48. We don't want to risk it. Dan supports existing reg, mentioned concerns for whirling diseases rock snot and mud snails, some guides or anglers are in a river in the lower 48 one day and in an Alaska river the next, waders don't get disinfected or dried out. Too bad it can't be applied to all people who might wade and not just hunters and anglers. Author overstating the problem. Woolington's note says he's opposed.</p> |
| BOG | 67 | | Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways |
| No Action | | | |

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| | | | AC discussed whether to consider. No motion no action. Comment from audience: there are real problems with this, hard to enforce. |
| BOG | 69 | Prohibit hunting with domestic dog. | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | unanimous | Tom move, Gayla 2nd to oppose with unanimous consent. Too many problems with this. It would prevent using dogs to point and retrieve birds, ducks, waterfowl. Quite a few people & even some lodges around here use dogs to find birds retrieve birds. Woolington note, opposed it appears you would be prohibited from having a dog with you for other hunting. |
| BOG | 70 | Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting | |
| No Action see # 71 | | | Consensus of AC - defer to our action in 71 |
| BOG | 71 | Clarify same day airborne prohibitions | |
| SUPPORT | 7 | 3 | <p>Travis move Gayla 2nd. Long discussion. FWP Trooper explained need to clarify language, problem w current language cannot hold hunter on the ground accountable for taking an animal if assisted by someone who was "airborne the same day" (spotting). Currently can only hold the airborne person responsible for taking or assisting. Closes a loop-hole and holds person on the ground responsible too. Designed to stop the most egregious violations of the intent but might be hard to enforce.</p> <p>Several AC members discussed various airborne scenarios, scheduled / non scheduled air taxi. What constitutes "spotting". Discussed intent. Peter Christopher shares the concern - we're seeing less moose; do away with planes for spotting. Kay Andrew- locals are struggling to get meat, those airplanes have an unfair advantage, its hard to compete.</p> <p>Tom: I have worked as a pilot and guide and I thought this (proposed regulation) was the rule already; that's how we operated anyway.</p> <p>Some members concerned: what if a guy flies over, sees a moose on a beach, tells someone who tells someone who then goes finds the moose and shoot it? Will the shooter be liable? Who is liable? Confusing and possibly unfair and beyond intent of law; unenforceable?. What constitutes spotting in this case?</p> <p>Pete C: Only wants it applied to guides and guided hunters. Dan, I support concept; let BOG work out details; awfully frustrating to hear of</p> |

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| | | | people "GPSing" or spotting game while the rest of us struggle to find animals on the ground. |
| BOG | 72 & 73 | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts | |
| OPPOSED to both 72, 73 | 0 | unanimous | Travis move to consider 72 & 73 together, Tom 2nd Several comments: its more about marksmanship and responsibility than caliber. Several comments: how .223 is very commonly & effectively used for caribou even moose. There are whimpy 30 calibers vs potent 22 calibers, more about energy. A well placed .223 even .17 can be more effective than a badly placed 300 magnum. |
| BOG | 77 | Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers | |
| No Action | | | Dan asked about this. We can already hunt furbearers with a light in GMU 17 Nov 1- March 31 - only a very few do it. |
| BOG | 78 | Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | unanimous | Public - Todd Fritze trapper - asked AC to oppose. Travis move Steve 2nd. Fritze: very opposed, bad experiences when in Idaho: hard to put a tag that will stay on body grippers and snares, harder to conceal trap, animals often tear off tag, enforcers may feel its ok to disturb set to check, signs are bad as they get torn down, give away set to artis and thieves, tear down and then trapper liable for violation. Trooper says its hard to find out who owns a trap, problems sometimes with illegal or slob trappers, neglected or abandoned traps. |
| BOG | 79 | Require traps to be checked every 24 hours | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | unanimous | Dan move, Gayla 2nd. Dan Totally opposed, impossible for larger trap lines; I'm hobby trapping a small line now and I can't or really don't want to check every day - ruins the set - need to let rest. Trail camera shows animals come by after its been left alone for a day or two. Public comment, I trap longer lines and I agree. Tom O moves to oppose and asks for unanimous consent. Steve P 2nd. No Objection. |
| BOG | 80 | Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more | |

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| OPPOSE | 0 | Unanimous | <p>Tom move to oppose with unanimous consent, Gayla & Travis 2nd. ADFG Barten explained some municipalities around the state already have rules. Dan, I oppose, too bad we have slob trappers but some communities may WANT trapping to reduce fox and rabies concerns. Others support proposal due to pets getting caught. Travis but this steps over the bounds and should be up to each community. General agreement with w Travis.</p> <p>Pets should be controlled, some dogs are out there running game. One local trapper often traps problem beaver for City for cabin owners who want to protect their place. Hard to know where every cabin is out in the woods. I don't tell people where mine is. Oppose with no objections.</p> |
| BOG | 122 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A | |
| SUPPORT | unanimous | 0 | <p>Curt move Tom 2nd. This is mostly a housekeeping type proposal. Discussion on why these hunts need to be reauthorized each year. It was noted that reauthorization is needed for this hunt and the work that was done by the AC and local communities in recent years to get this hunt plan working. The plan seems to be working well if the weather would cooperate. Several comments that in some areas "All we see are cows, are there too many?" Are we taking too many bulls? Woolington supports this proposal in his notes to the AC.</p> |
| BOG | 129 | Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region | |
| SUPPORT | unanimous | 0 | <p>Tom move Steve 2nd. Kind of house keeping too. Dan supports, as its much easier to decide to take a bear if the opportunity presents. " used to only see bears when I forgot to get a tag". We still have the sealing requirement for biological information. We want to encourage taking bears in proposal 57 and this helps to reduce predation on moose.</p> |
| BOG | 134 | Increase the bag limits for Mulchatna caribou in Units 17, 18, 19A & 19B, and 9A & 9C | |
| SUPPORT | unanimous | 0 | <p>Tom move, Curt 2nd. Barten reviewed reasons for proposal. More flexible, less complicated and population / compositions are sufficient to support this. Comment: "We like less complicated and flexibility; really appreciate ADFG's work on this".</p> |

Petersburg Advisory Committee
November 16, 2015
Petersburg Borough Assembly Chamber

I. Call to Order: Chairman Bob Martin called the meeting to order at 19:04.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 9

Members Absent: 4

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

Members Present: Bob Martin, Chairman, undesignated
 Joel Randrup, vice-Chairman crab/conservation
 Max Worhatch, Secretary, undesignated
 Stan Malcom, sportfish/charter
 Arnold Enge, gillnet
 Ben Case, undesignated
 Ted Sandhofer, undesignated
 Kirk Marsh, archery
 Frank Neidiffer, troll

Members Absent: Jerry Dahl, seine

 Andy Knight, hand troll

 David Benitz, hunting/trapping

 Wes Malcom, sportfish

 Ryan Littleton, longline

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: none noted

III. Approval of Agenda:

As this was our first meeting, there was no hard agenda other than to review proposals for statewide board of game and statewide board of fisheries. It was decided we would start with game, as there was staff available for reference.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:



There were no minutes available to approve. this led to a discussion on getting our minutes approved before submission to board support. It was decided that Joel Randrup as vice-chair would, along with the chair, Bob martin and Secretary Worhatch would consult on minutes prior to submission. All AC members present at a meeting will be able to see minutes before submission. We recognize this is a work in progress, and may take some fine tuning.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Patrick Fowler, local ADF&G sportfish biologist
Rich Lowell, local ADF&G game biologist

- VI. Guests Present:
John Jensen
Dave Randrup
Anthony Taiber
Doug Coral
David Thynes

- VII. Old Business:
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- VIII. New Business:
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As noted earlier, we started with game. We worked through BOG proposal 81. At 21:00 we took a 5 minute break, and then switched gears to statewide fisheries to take advantage of the presence of John Jensen. One member, Ben Case was excused for the evening. As we still had a quorum, we proceeded with the meeting.

After finishing statewide fisheries, it was decided to meet again, sometime mid-December to finish the game proposals and to have an election for Secretary Worhatch's expired seat. It was agreed that Bob would set a time/date based on polling members via e-mail, allowing for enough notice for an election.

Secretary Worhatch moved to adjourn at 22:08, Malcom seconded. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.



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| BOG NA | 1 | | Remove hovercraft and airboats from the definition of motorized land vehicles |
| BOG NA | 2 | | Modify the definition of ATV |
| BOG NA | 3 | | Establish a definition for general hunt |
| BOG NA | 4 | | Amend the definition of bag limit |
| BOG OPPOSITE | 5 | 0 | Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds |
| BOG Support | 6 | 9 | Current regulations are reasonable |
| BOG Support | 7 | 0 | Modify the definition of a moose antler |
| BOG Oppose | 8 | 9 | staff said no biological concern, and moose harvested with this antler configuration is very small percentage of animals harvested. |
| BOG Oppose | 9 | 0 | Clarify the definition of antler point |
| BOG NA | 10 | 9 | Current definitions adequate. |
| BOG NA | 11 | | Allow the use of lighted sight pins in restricted weapons hunts |
| BOG NA | 12 | | Update the definition of barbed arrows to take into account improvements in technology |
| BOG NA | 13 | | Modify the requirements for crossbow |
| BOG Oppose | 14 | 7 | Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts |
| BOG Support | 15 | 2 | Proponents felt it could increase opportunity for those unable to handle a regular bow. Opponents felt crossbows require less skill, might result in more pressure, degrading current status, increase harvest, reducing traditional archer's opportunity. |
| BOG Support | 16 | 0 | Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game |
| BOG Oppose | 17 | 9 | Very little discussion |
| BOG Oppose | 18 | 0 | Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older |
| BOG Oppose | 19 | 6 | Proponents felt would allow aging archers opportunity into their golden years. Opponents felt they should just get a gun. |
| BOG NA | 20 | | Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts |
| BOG | 21 | | Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows |



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| NA | | | |
| BOG | 16 | | Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 9 | It was noted that while Alaska required certification for bowhunting, not all states do. Someone stated that certification is unnecessary. |
| BOG | 17 | | Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 18 | | Prohibit the use of slingbows |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 19 | | Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals |
| Support | 9 | 0 | John Jensen explained the process for BGP's for us. Audience member suggested current process was not adequate, and could cause mistrust of board. |
| BOG | 20 | | Clarify the meaning of "specific location" of wildlife |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 21 | | Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 22 | | Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Audience member familiar with current regulation gave examples of perceived need for revising current regulation. Current regulation is adequate, as new wording seems unenforceable and is worse than original regulation. |
| BOG | 23 | | Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 24 | | Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 25 | | Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 26 | | Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 27 | | Amend the definition of legal Dall sheep ram |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 28 | | Modify seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep statewide |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 29 | | Define the term broken as it applies to the definition of full-curl horn of male (ram) Dall sheep |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 30 | | Establish a nonresident bag limit for sheep of one every four years |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 31 | | Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Audience member familiar with issue mentioned there is already a step down after a successful draw. Current management appears adequate. |
| BOG | 32 | | Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Generally felt that proposed changes would not necessarily fix perceived problems. Hunting pressure and population concerns are best left to biologists. |



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| BOG | 33 | Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | It was expressed that a non-resident only season was unacceptable. |
| BOG | 34 | Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 35 | Establish statewide sheep hunting seasons for residents and nonresidents based on last names | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 36 | Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 37 | Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 38 | Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 39 | Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 40 | Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 41 | Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 42 | Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 43 | Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 44 | Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 45 | Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 46 | Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9 | |
| Oppose | 2 | 7 | Proponents of this proposal felt that archery needed a time frame set aside for their weapon of choice, as some places it is common for primitive weapons to have their own season. Opponents felt that archers could prosecute their hunt during a general hunt without any problems or special privileges. |
| BOG | 47 | Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5 | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 48 | Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 49 | Restrict the bag limit for Dall sheep in certain areas | |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 50 | Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex | |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Nobody spoke in favor. Current regulations deemed adequate. |
| BOG | 51 | Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative | |



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| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Seen as protecting guide interests. Current regulations not perceived as an issue. |
| BOG | 52 | | Clarify the requirements regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 53 | | Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Not seen worthy of a regulation change. Current regulations seem adequate. |
| BOG | 54 | | Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | While this proposal was seen as creative, it was also seen as possibly being used as a tool to allow hunting parties, at least locally, to insure moose meat is procured every season. It would probably result in more animals being taken, and having biological issues down the road. |
| BOG | 55 | | Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 56 | | Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 57 | | Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 58 | | Prohibit the use of chocolate at bear bait stations |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 59 | | Clarify and restrict the use of liquids at bear bait stations |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 60 | | Allow use of Northern Pike designated as invasive species as bait |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 61 | | Allow the use of game as bait |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 62 | | Remove the requirement to remove all contaminated soil from bear bait stations |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 63 | | Amend bear baiting regulations to require specific locations to be given at the time of registration and to update the nomenclature of the signs required |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 64 | | Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 65 | | Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 66 | | Allow the use of felt soles |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 67 | | Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 68 | | Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 69 | | Prohibit hunting with domestic dog |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | We felt this was written too broadly as it would prohibit use of dogs for all hunting, including waterfowl and game birds. Use of dogs for bird hunting is a |



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| | | | common and accepted practice, and a large part of the bird hunting experience for many hunters. |
| BOG | 70 | | Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 71 | | Clarify same day airborne prohibitions |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 72 | | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 73 | | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 74 | | Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 75 | | Allow use of blackpowder cartridge rifles and crossbows in bison hunts |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 76 | | Adopt minimum caliber requirements for use of high-power air rifles to take big game |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 77 | | Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers |
| Oppose | 4 | 5 | proponents felt this would be beneficial to those who would like to take furbearers since most furbearers are nocturnal. opponents were of a mind that it could prove to be an enforcement issue, as it would allow poachers of deer and other species that require natural light to hunt a reason to be hunting at night with lights. |
| BOG | 78 | | Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares |
| NA | | | |
| BOG | 79 | | Require traps to be checked every 24 hours |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | Trap lines in southeast can be very spread out. 24 hours might not be enough time to turn over a trap line. Lines are often accessed by boat. Weather and darkness could cause a violation of regulation because prudent and common sense safety measures were followed by a trapper. It would also be hard to enforce as law officers would basically have to attend a line for 24 hours to enforce. |
| BOG | 80 | | Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more |
| Oppose | 0 | 9 | No need for further restrictions were recognized. Would discriminate against urban trappers. |
| BOG | 81 | | Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares |

Note: remaining proposals discussed at January meeting, minutes follow

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Petersburg Advisory Committee
January 6, 2016
Petersburg Borough Assembly Chambers

- I. Meeting was called to order at 19:05

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bob Martin, Chairman, undesignated
Joel Randrup, Vice-chair, crab/conservation
Max Worhatch, secretary, undesignated
David Benitz, hunting/trapping
Ted Sandhofer, undesignated
Kirt Marsh, archery
Frank Neidiffer, troll
Wes Malcolm, sport fish/personal use
Arnold Enge, gillnet
Andy Knight, hand troll
Ben Case, undesignated
Members Absent: Ryan Littleton, longline
Jerry Dahl, seine
Stan Malcolm
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: none

- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved unanimous consent

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting, November 16, 2015 were approved by unanimous vote

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Rich Lowell, Petersburg area game management biologist
Cody Litster, Alaska State troopers

- VI. Guests Present: Doug Corl

- VII. Old Business: none



VIII. New Business: Chairman Martin informed the committee that Ryan Littleton, longline seat, had effectively resigned. The seat now stands empty and will remain so until the next call for elections. It was noted that the undesignated seat held by Max Worhatch term had expired. Worhatch was nominated and elected to the seat by an overwhelming majority vote 10-1, much to Mr. Worhatch's dismay. We were asked by Rich Lowell to if we might consider proposal 78. He noted we had previously taken no action. The committee by unanimous consent elected to do so. It was agreed that after revisiting 78, the committee would resume working through the game book of proposals, beginning with proposal 82. We proceeded from there.

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After we finished the proposal book for game, we moved to statewide finfish. We addressed proposals 216, as it was not in the book and available to us at the November meeting. We also revisited proposal 126 from the Southeast finfish per a request by an AC member.

A motion was made to nominate Max Worhatch chairman, Bob Martin secretary, and to retain Joel Randrup vice chair. They were elected by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:35.

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| BOG | 78 | Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares | |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | Current regs are reasonable and easy to comply with. |
| BOG | 82 | Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag | |
| oppose | 4 | 7 | The current regulation and how it is enforced was discussed with Trooper Lister. Proposal examples were discussed at length, and most felt that they did not justify changing the current regulation. officer discretion would be a factor in most cases, but it was not considered significant enough to warrant changing current regulation over. |
| BOG | 83 | Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag | |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | Noted that harvest ticket is important for data collection by F&G. It was mentioned that a harvest ticket would be helpful if metal locking tag were broken and or lost during transport. No one felt current practice was cumbersome or particularly redundant. |
| BOG | 84 | Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits | |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | Talked about what the search authority is currently available to law enforcement. Trooper insight was valuable asset to conversation. General feeling was that in remote areas, troopers should have some ability to enforce hunting laws. |
| BOG | 87 | Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience | |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | This proposal would take authority from the board of game. Committee was unified that this was not in the best interest of most users. |
| BOG | 90 | Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat | |
| support | 11 | 0 | Concerns were expressed that this was probably in the best interests to protect wild sheep. There are documented cases of wild sheep contracting disease in the lower 48, causing population issues. It was felt that it would be |

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| | | | better to be safe than sorry later. |
| BOG | 91 | | Include cow in the definition of feral game |
| oppose | 5 | 6 | The benefits of taking feral game were discussed. It was noted that it would or could be an issue with free range permitted cattle in certain parts of the state. |
| BOG | 96 | | Establish a point system for drawing hunts |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | <p>A bonus point system would attract an explosion of interest nationwide and perhaps statewide as well. People love to collect anything with a perceived value. These systems are difficult to eliminate or revise once underway because changing the rules causes an outcry by those who have been paying to accumulating points.</p> <p>The problem of more hunters than permits is not solved by implementing a fun math trick lottery game that invites thousands more hunters to apply. In the end there is exactly the same number of winners, and a lot more losers. New hunters would be the biggest losers.</p> |
| BOG | 97 | | Establish a point system for drawing hunts |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | See comments for proposal 96 |
| BOG | 98 | | Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | See comments for proposal 96 |
| BOG | 101 | | Limit the amount of drawing permits awarded to nonresidents to a maximum of ten percent |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | guided Kodiak bear hunts have always been historically prevalent. These guided hunts are within their historical range. The 10% "blanket" language was seen as detrimental to established guide businesses. |
| BOG | 107 | | Establish a permit allocation of ten percent for nonresidents |
| oppose | 1 | 10 | Comments were made regarding resident opportunity would be increased. There was some agreement with the concept, but the 10% "blanket" seemed over the top. There were no real problems identified. |
| BOG | 108 | | Remove the nonresident guide requirement for those species not required by Alaska |

| Statute | | | |
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| oppose | 0 | 11 | Rich Lowell explained current situation and clarified. Current regs were to restrict transporters. It was noted that there are tags available in certain areas, although those areas are not as desirable as other areas. General agreement that current regs are satisfactory. |
| BOG | 112 | Divide Unit 2 into two subunits | |
| oppose | 0 | 11 | Department has not expressed a need for dividing this area. It was noted that it could be easier to manage if adopted. While it might liberalize certain areas, it was generally agreed that the current regs were liberal enough. |
| BOG | 113 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C | |
| support | 11 | 0 | Committee was comfortable with the department's ability to manage these herds. Supportive of their efforts and ability in this particular case. |

Adjournment:21:35

Minutes Recorded By: Max Worhatch

Minutes Approved By: Bob Martin

Date: Jan 17, 2016

Minutes of Ruby AC, 12/17/15

Meeting was called at 7:37 pm in the Tribal Office. Members present were Don Honea, Tim Gervais, Ed Sarten and John Stam. The agenda was approved. Minutes from previous meeting were unavailable. Board of Fish Proposals were discussed and voted on.

(Fisheries proposals excerpted)

Federal Proposals were discussed and voted on.

WP 16-38 NA Unanimous (We have no winter hunt, out of area)

WP 16-40 P Unanimous

WP 16-39 P Unanimous

One Board of Game Proposal was voted on.

Proposal 79 F Unanimous

John Stam or Tim Gervais were voted to attend BOF meeting in January.

Meeting was adjourned 9:30 pm

Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2016

Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim McCracken at 7:03 pm. The meeting was held in the Seward City Council Chambers at 5th and Adams.
2. Roll Call was taken as follows: Mark C. (excused), Trent F. (present), W.C. Casey (present), Jim Mc. (present), Bob W. (present), Nate S. (present), Jim H. (present), John F. (present), Andy B. (excused), Jerimiah C. (excused), Diane D. (excused), Arne H. (excused)
3. Bob W. made a motion to approve meeting minutes as submitted from March 26, 2015, Jim H. seconded.....passed unanimously. Bob W. made motion to approve meeting minutes as submitted from October 15, 2015, Jim H. seconded, ...passed unanimously
4. Correspondence, etc.....None
5. Committee members introduced themselves (those present), and Agency Representatives did also. Jay and Corey with ADF&G came from Anchorage and Ken and Scott from the AK. State Troopers were in attendance. The local newspaper attended and two members from the public.
6. There were no citizens comments on Fish and Fur issues.
7. Under old business, W.C. stated that he would be unavailable for chairing the Kids Fishing Day event. He and Trent will brainstorm a transition plan to keep this important event alive and well. More will be reported via email.
8. Fish Proposals:
 - #202.....No Action
 - #203.....Motion by W.C., second by Jim, limited discussion, Unanimous Opposition (This was from the 10/15/15 meeting, with no new amendments)
 - #204....Motion by Bob, second by Trent....discussed intent...Unanimous Approval
 - #205....Motion by Bob, second by Jim.....limited discussion...Unanimous Approval
 - #206....No Action

#207....Motion by Bob, second by Trent....lots of discussion about language, and word "dispatch" definition.....Committee asks that language be changed to use word "dispatch" and define "dispatch" clearly. Option #3 was preferred by committee.

#208....Motion by Casey, second by Jim.....limited discussion.....Unanimous Opposition

#209....No Action

#210....No Action

#211....No Action

#27....No Action

#28....No Action

#212....No Action

#213....No Action

#214....Motion by Jim, second by Bob.....Jim withdrew motion, Bob withdrew second

#215....No Action

#194....No Action

#216.....No Action

#217....No Action

#218....No Action

#126.....No Action

Game proposals-----

#116....Motion by W.C., second by Bob.....4 Yea 3 Nay....Nay's were opposed to cow hunts

#117....No Action

#118.....Motion by W.C., second by Bob.....4 yea 3 Nay.....opposed to cow hunts

#109.....Motion by Bob, Second by Nate....Unanimous support

#6.....Moose tines.....Motion by Bob, second by Trent.....3 Yea 2 Nay 2
Abstained.....Bob elaborated on how someone could be in violation
because of an unusual configuration of tines....he opposed motion

#11.....Motion by W.C., Second by Bob.....Unanimous support

Election of Members to Committee:

Discussed term Dates (June 30-June 30)

Four seats were open, to be filled. Mark C., John F., Bob W., and Ken C.
were only nominees. The Chairman asked for and received "Unanimous
Consent" for Mark, John, Bob and Ken.

An impromptu discussion followed the election, regarding the IHC. Jim
Hubbard shared his anecdotal comments on the functions that he
attended. It was a very informative presentation, and he answered several
questions by the Committee members present.

There were no citizens comments, and no committee responses.

The Committee chose to schedule the next Seward Advisory Committee
meeting in the fall of 2016, with email notification.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12 pm.

Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 17, 2016
Sitka Sound Science Center, 834 Lincoln Street

- I. Call to Order: 6:03PM by John Murray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moe Johnson, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth, Brian Massey (Vice-chair), Jerry Barber, Tad Fujioka, Bradley Shaffer, Jessica Gill (Secretary), John Murray (Chair), Joel Markis, Luke Bastian
Members Absent: Jeff Feldpausch, Peter Roddy
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present: Seine, Hand Troll, Alternate 1, Alternate 2, Hunting, At-Large 1, Longline, Power Troll, Conservation, Charter, Resident Sport Fish, At-Large 2, Processor, Guide, Trapping
- III. Approval of Agenda:
No formal agenda.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 28, 2016
Minutes were approved electronically through email.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Kristen Green, Tom Schumacher via telephone from Juneau.
- VI. Guests Present:
Many guests were present for the voting of new AC members. Most people left after elections occurred. Matt Donahoe, Steve Reifienstuhl, Linda Behken, Eric Jordan, and Troy Tydingco were participating in the meeting.
- VII. Old Business:
Brought back BOF proposal 216. Comments are held in a different document to conserve space.
- VIII. New Business:
A discussion about how to proceed with the development of by-laws for the Sitka AC occurred. John requested small group meet to discuss by-laws. The by-laws will be simple guidelines as to how the Sitka AC conducts business for the future members. There has been talk about a designated seat, both by aquaculture or gillnet, but we're limited at 15 seats with two alternates. It would be good to know to if we have to eliminate seats to make way for new seats. We'll have a sub-committee discussion and report back to the AC.

Elections-
Guide Seat: 3 year term. Jon nominated Luke Bastian, Brad seconded. Luke gave an overview of his qualifications. He moved in Alaska in 1999. Commercial fished, started guiding in 2007, mostly hunting. Luke was voted on to the AC by unanimous consent by members of the public and AC.
Alternate Seat: 2 year term. Jessica nominated Joel Markis. Floyd nominated Eric Jordan. Wayne nominated Steve Reifienstuhl. Eric Jordan gave an overview of his qualifications. He has been reenergized in fisheries politics, sits on NSRAA board, sat on AC in various seats and offices. Tad would like say thanks to Eric for his service. Steve gave an overview of his



qualifications for the seat. He has been involved with aquaculture and salmon research for 35 years in Sitka. Last year at an AC meeting he suggested there should be an aquaculture seat because of the importance to Sitka. Worked in AC, BOF process, sits on many boards in State. Joel gave an overview of his qualifications. He was born and raised in AK, teaches at UAS. The AC is responsible for our resources and we're stewards, so he would like to add to that stewardship by sitting on the AC. Eric withdrew his name after hearing qualifications from other candidates. Written ballot ensued. Joel was voted on with a vote of 7-6.

Brian questioned how we designate seats. John mentioned that he was thinking a subcommittee would work to determine that, and then bring it to the full committee.

Tad questioned if there were any Federal Subsistence Board proposals pertaining to Southeast/Sitka area. The committee would like a D. vex update from ADF&G or others. Jessica would contact the researchers she knows to find more information and distribute that via email.

There was also a request to find out what proposals were on the docket at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

Adjournment: 8:18PM

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman
Date: March 4, 2016



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| BOG | Proposal Number | Proposal Description | |
| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal |
| BOG | 5 | Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds | |
| OPPOSE | 1 | 13, 1 abstain | Brian moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned ADF&G is neutral as it's a value thing not a biomass thing. Brian mentioned that the meat is from the breast. Tom mentioned that the proposal also mentioned that for larger birds it's from the thighs/bodies. John asked if migratory bird council supersedes this proposal. Tad mentioned he likes to let the bird age for a few days, which makes the meat better, but not internal organs. Legs can go sour too if near the breast, so wasting is hard to avoid. Jerry doesn't think he'll vote for it. Having to take that extra meat is difficult for the hunter. Brian called question. |
| BOG | 31 | Allow one sheep or goat draw permit per hunter every three years | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 13, 1 abstain | Jerry moved to adopt, Brad seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned this is an allocative issue, so ADF&G doesn't come have a position on it. Jerry mentioned that goats are here and there is no draw in GMU 4, so he could see a draw in the future with the way the population is trending down. Bradley talked about other hunts that involve draw permits. Draws fund an external industry promoting hunting. He gave Kuiu Island hunting for black bear as an example of what can happen—2 bears per year then 1 bear per year, then there was only 128 bears left on the island, and now it's the 3 rd year of draw guided hunt. Average resident loses out in a draw or guides permit system. Not in favor of the proposal. Brian called the question. |
| BOG | 51 | Modify bag limits for nonresidents accompanied by a resident relative | |
| OPPOSE | 4 | 8, 3 abstain | Tad moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) elaborated on 2 nd degree kindred provision—uncle, cousin, etc non-resident can hunt unguided, but with the relative, if 2 nd degree kindred is a resident of Alaska. Hunted animal will count against resident and non-resident bag limit. Tag for species which requires a guide, a non-resident can take your animal without a guide if they went hunting with the relative. Tad mentioned that guides didn't really like that residents could take non-resident hunters without guides for economics, he dislikes proposal. Prohibits relative and resident from both taking an animal. Brian mentioned that often the resident hunter was a transient hunter (here for 3-4 years) up north. Luke mentioned that it's only brown bear, dall sheep, and goat which require a guide. He thinks it gets abused a lot with the 2 nd degree kindred, and sometimes the wrong animals are hunted (females, subadults). Jon echoes that info and questioned non-resident hunter punching their relatives' ticket, then the non-resident can do a draw and get another bear under his own ticket the next year. Can someone take 2 bears in 2 years under this regulation? Luke reads it as if your relative gets a bear, it counts to both your bag limits, so no hunting for both of them for 4 years. Randy questions why it matters if a non-resident can get a bear, because we don't have a bear problem here. Jon mentioned that we're allocated a certain number of animals, regardless of who is hunting. Taking a female has a larger effect on the hunting that everyone can do. Bradley's concern is for the interior which has different limitations with regards to other species, and |



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| | | | it's a larger issue up there with commercial interests competing with non-resident. Jerry doesn't like the proposal, and is worried about the goat hunting. Luke discussed the youth hunt bag limit—they can shoot your tags, and don't get their own tags until they're 13. Tad called the question. |
| BOG | 53 | Remove the restriction that wounded game counts against the annual bag limit | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 14, 1 abstain | Brian moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned there are people who would prefer the limit to be for people who actually take a bear, not wound it. Jon mentioned that if you see blood or hair, your hunt is over for the season, but you can get a bear next season, and he's not in favor. Jerry called the question. |
| BOG | 55 | Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 15 | Jerry moved to adopt, Jessica seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) is unsure about the motivation behind this proposal. Seems appropriate to have area specific bag limits, and ADF&G is opposed to this proposal. Would prefer area specific meetings to set bag limits. Luke thinks the proposal would be one bear a year for the whole state. Jerry mentioned that GMU 4 has a high amount of bears, and we've got a bag limit in accordance with that. Brian called the question. |
| BOG | 66 | Allow the use of felt soles | |
| OPPOSE | 2 | 12, 1 abstain | Tad moved to adopt, Randy seconded. Brad mentioned it makes it quieter for certain hunters. Jessica gave an overview of how the AC had voted in the past with regards to similar previous proposals—always voted in favor to ban felt soles. Brian mentioned in the past, felt soles were banned to prevent whirling disease in salmonids in creeks. Tad mentioned that in 2009, the AC thought it was a good idea, and the BOF discussed for a long time, and wanted to be looked upon as “doing something”, which isn't a good reason to support something. When a similar proposal was brought to BOG, they said BOF did this, and followed suit, so he's opposed to proposal. Randy voted to oppose felt soles in the beginning. Felt soles are great because they're not as slippery, and there are a lot of other mechanisms to transfer invasive species. Will vote for it, because it doesn't make sense, maybe have non-resident not have felt soles. Why are we picking on effective footwear on slippery rocks? Species from elsewhere just haven't shown up, and can show up through different vectors. John asked what other states do. Tom thinks that's where the ban originated from in the sport fishing community. ADF&G opposes felt sole boots, because of the potential for spreading pathogens/invasive species in felt soles. Luke believes felt soles are banned in most of the western states because of the potential for invasive species coming from other locations (i.e. outside of the country). Bradley called the question. |
| BOG | 67 | Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways | |
| OPPOSE | 1 | 9, 5 abstain | Tad moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned right now you can't shoot from on or across a road. Potentially trying to prevent people from hunting on their lands. ADF&G is neutral. Tad mentioned that as |



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| | | | trapping seat he is opposed to proposal because in culverts is one of the best places to trap for mink. Proposal is overly broad. Brian mentioned that there were pets getting into sets a few years ago. Bradley mentioned that in the interior it changes on the road between public land and corporation land. Bradley called the question. |
| BOG | 68 | Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 14 opposed, 1 abstain | Brian moved to adopt, Jon seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned the ADF&G is in support of the FLIR devices, and it would allow for hunting at night. Jon mentioned that technology is outpacing regulations, and supports this proposal. Bradley mentioned that the way it works is not fair. Opposed to regulation. Brian called the question. |
| BOG | 69 | Prohibit hunting with domestic dog | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 15 | Jon moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned there's a long history of hunting for waterfowl with dogs, ADF&G is opposed. Jon mentioned that during hunting season, he has his dog on the boat with him, and lets the dog off while hunting for deer. Luke mentioned that it's still illegal to use dog for bear hunts (tracking). Brian called the question. |
| BOG | 78 | Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares | |
| OPPOSE | 1 | 12, 2 abstain | Jon moved to adopt, Bradley seconded. Jon mentioned he's opposed to the proposal. His tags don't interfere with his traps at all. This season, there were traps set very close to his, and the other guy moved his traps after Jon talked to the guy. Tad envisions a scenario where the animal in the trap could rattle the tag off, making it illegal under this proposal. Jerry called the question. |
| BOG | 79 | Require traps to be checked every 24 hours | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 15 | Brian moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Brian mentioned that in the past, even in 24 hours the trapped animal will have died if cold. Tad is opposed as trapping seat as proposal is too restrictive. Jon mentioned that there's a market the trapper is trying to meet, and they're not going let the animal stay in the trap too long, but sometimes given weather it's going to be over 24 hours. Bradley thinks this proposal is anti-trapping. Jerry called the question. |
| BOG | 80 | Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 15 | Tad moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned that ADF&G is not opposed to preventing conflicts between different trappers and user groups, but ADF&G is opposed to the proposal. Tad mentioned that as the trapping seat, he's opposed. There's a big difference between a wolf trap and a mink trap, and a difference between Sitka or Craig and Anchorage—this proposal doesn't discriminate between traps or locations. John mentions there could be room for education about location of trap, but not a regulation. Jon mentioned there was a lawsuit about setting a trap in Juneau. Conflicts exist between trappers and non-trappers, and education would be helpful for both too. Jerry called the question. |



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| BOG | 96 | Establish a point system for drawing hunts | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 7, 8 abstain | Brian moved to adopt, Bradley seconded. Brian mentioned this was similar to when the PFD first came about, and was found unconstitutional to give Alaskans more weight. Bradley mentioned that in one system you're buying odds when there are low permit options. Bradley averages 25% draw, while his brother only averages 9%, so it's all about luck. It is something that will favor the commercial guiding industry, personal use versus commercial interest. Opposed to a preference point system. John asked if it would protect resident hunters. Jon supports the idea, but this proposal is pretty vague for a point system. He puts in every year, and has yet to get draw for an Alaskan hunt. Can't plan for that "dream hunt". Thinks it creates more opportunity for Alaskan hunters. Agrees with proposal, but requests clarification on point system. Tad mentioned a similar proposal from BOG previously. But it cost a lot of money for the computer system to keep track of points—state isn't going to give money now! If there's point system in place, people are going to put in for the draw to get points even if they're not going to hunt this year. It reduces chances for local hunters, and will hurt older hunters and younger hunters. Tad is opposed to the point system. Luke is neutral. Other states charge enough money to support the program. The points system doesn't mean the proposer is going to get the hunt. John asked if the preference system will benefit residents. Luke mentioned that only so many hunts are allocated to non-residents (in other states). Jon mentioned that maybe setting a "point limit" up to x number of permits. If there could be a way to incorporate the youth hunt issue that Tad mentioned. Bradley mentioned that New Mexico has 80% resident preference hunt, 20% non-resident (10% unguided, 10% guided) with different restrictions on big game. Better odds there in the non-resident/non-guided hunt. John thinks consensus is the points system is good, but needs more work on how the system would work. Jerry called the question. Jon requests that the comments get forwarded onto proposer. |
| BOG | 97 | Establish a point system for drawing hunts | |
| OPPOSE | | | Same discussion as proposal 96. Same vote |
| BOG | 98 | Establish a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for nonresident and nonresident permits | |
| OPPOSE | | | Same discussion as proposal 96. Same vote |
| BOG | 112 | Divide Unit 2 into two subunits | |
| OPPOSE | 0 | 11, 4 abstain | Bradley moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Tom Schumacher (ADF&G) mentioned ADF&G is neutral on the proposal. Proposer thought it could allow for more liberal harvest limits on S. POW, with the road system. Brian mentioned that the sub divided units wouldn't necessarily change the bag limits. Tom mentioned there is lots of boat hunting there, so there might not be more opportunity to hunt, especially given liberal limits on stuff. Doesn't think it'll create additional opportunity. Brian called the question. |