



**Craig AC Meeting Feb. 16, 2022**

**Call to Order:** 6:13pm

**Roll Call:**

**Members present:**

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Unexcused	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x			June 2023
Fred Hamilton	Vice Chair	Subsistence		x		June 2023
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x (phone)			June 2023
Kirk Agnitsch		Charter		x		June 2024
Brian Castle		Trapping	x (phone)			June 2023
Dave Creighton		Charter	x			June 2024
Mike Douville		Longline		x		June 2022
Ray Douville		Shellfish	x			June 2024
Chuck Haydu		Charter		x		June 2022
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet	x			June 2022
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound		x		June 2024

**Number needed for a quorum:** 6

**Guests present:** None

**ADFG Staff present:** Craig Schwanke (sport fish)

**Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 2.16.2022**

**Moved and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from 12.8.2021**

**New Business:**

**Prop 234**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Dave Creighton, Ellen Hannan & Mike Kampnich discussed the pros and cons. Kurt Whitehead asked Craig Schwanke for his thoughts. Craig said he is satisfied with their data collection so he is neutral. Bryan Castle thinks it is a good idea but thinks it will be hard to enforce. Guides are already giving the data but the unguided nonresidents don't currently give accurate data due to the time lag with the end of year surveys so if implemented this will be valuable data for ADFG and will likely force many to be more legal. We agree that it might be difficult to implement and enforce but there are many benefits to it if brought online.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**



### **Prop 235 & 236**

#### **Moved and seconded to support both prop 235 & 236.**

Bryan Castle asked about the nature of these props and Kurt Whitehead said it is to give the courts/enforcement more teeth to convict the "seasonal residents" that are fishing under resident licenses when in fact they are residents of another state and should be fishing under non-res licenses.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

### **Prop 241**

#### **Moved and seconded to support.**

Sportfish regs need clarification as well as enforcement.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

### **Prop 252 Commercial shrimping**

Ray Douville gave his input and is neutral on it.

**No Action**

### **Prop 261**

Dave Creighton & Brian Castle gave their input.

**No action**

### **Statewide Board of Game proposals:**

### **Prop 101 & 102**

#### **Moved and seconded to support.**

We prefer that archery hunts are specifically for bow and arrow and do NOT allow crossbows for healthy hunters.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

### **Prop 107**

#### **Moved and seconded to support.**

Kurt Whitehead spoke about feral cats, how many birds they kill, how many diseases they transmit. This prop would help deal with these issues.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

### **Prop 230**

#### **Moved and seconded to support.**

We oppose this prop due to conservation concerns of Dall sheep. If passed this prop would cause an increase in the harvest.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

### **Prop 117**

#### **Moved and seconded to support.**

We felt this is a good solution, a low burden and an easy ask.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

### **Prop 118**

#### **Moved and seconded to support.**

We felt it is an easy ask, a low burden for the hunter and helps makes a better hunter.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**



**Prop 121**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all like the current regs and do not like using dogs to hunt big game. We have no problem with them retrieving wounded game.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 122**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Brian Castle: Lowering the draw weight to 35lbs for deer wasn't an issue but for the other big game animals it could very well be a problem. None of us liked lowering the draw weight for larger game animals other than the deer.

**Unanimous vote-no.**

**Prop 123**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We discussed the merits of having a range finder mounted on a bow and agreed it will reduce the wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 124**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Virtually the same prop as 123 and agreed it will reduce the wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 125**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all agree to keep the archery hunts for healthy bow and arrow hunters only.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 126**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion on the pros and cons but we like the current regs.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 127**

**No action.**

**Prop 128**

**No action.**

**Prop 129**

Lots of discussion about how expanding bullets definitely reduce wounding loss and are more ethical.

We did not like the extra regulation of making it illegal if a hunter uses solids to kill a deer or caribou especially in the villages.

Most ethical hunters will use better bullets for bigger game but making it illegal to use solids on deer and caribou caused us to take no action.

**No action.**

**Prop 130**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with ADFG to do everything we can to limit the spread of CWD and prevent it from coming to AK.

**Unanimous-yes.**



**Prop 131**

We agree that trappers should be able to use wings and non-edible meat for bait but took no action because we weren't sure if this would redo the harvest requirements which we all like as currently written.

**No action**

**Prop 133**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We all agreed that beaver are very hard to kill cleanly and ethically even with a rifle and felt the bow/arrow would cause a very high wounding loss.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 134**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with the proposal.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 141**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We do not like this proposal at all for SE AK. It might work up north but is a definite no from us. We've got enough regulations plus the enforcement issue of this would be onerous.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 236**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We oppose this proposal for the same reasons we oppose prop 141.

**Unanimous vote-no. Oppose.**

**Prop 155**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with this well written prop and would like to see it enacted in GMU 3 for moose especially since the GMU 2 deer population is low. Many of the PoW locals are filling their freezers with GMU 3 moose. GMU 3 moose are not and likely never will be trophy quality.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 156**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with ADFG that physically disabled hunters that cannot pull a traditional bow should be allowed to use crossbows for archery only hunts.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Prop 159**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

We agree with this prop to make it easier to get ~~hides~~ antlers sealed.

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**April 29, 2022 is deadline for SE AK board of game proposals.**

**Next meeting tentatively set for March 15-30.**

**Ellen Hannan volunteered to represent the Craig AC at the state wide meeting Mar. 4-12, 2022.**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm**

**Minutes recorded by:** Kurt Whitehead  
**Minutes approved by:**  
**Date:**

