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**Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council**  
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Mr. Cliff Judkins, Chairman Alaska Board of Game  
Board Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Dear Chairman Judkins:

The Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) met on March 1-2, 2011 in Galena, Alaska. The Council provided an opportunity for public testimony on Proposals 222 and 223 after deliberation the Council unanimously opposed the proposals. The council is in favor of allowing the ADF&G biologists to retain discretionary authority to require nullification of trophy value in certain hunts the BOG determines necessary.

These proposals if adopted would eliminate an important tool used to help manage moose harvest in Units 21B, 21D, and 24D. The Council believes the total elimination of discretionary authority will cause harvest in these units to exceed sustainability.

The nullification of trophy value is a key component of the Koyukuk River Moose Management Plan (KRMM) and was endorsed by the planning process participants.

If proposals 222 and 223 were to be adopted, hunter crowding and over harvest of the bull moose will again reoccur. Non- Residents will need to be eliminated to favor all the resident hunters that will be attracted to this area again.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with comments on this important matter and look forward to working with you on these issues. Should you have questions, please contact me via Donald Mike, Regional Council Coordinator, with the Office of Subsistence Management at 1-800-478-1456 or (907) 786-3629.

Sincerely,

Jack Reakoff, Chair

Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

cc: Peter Probasco, ARD  
Federal Subsistence Board Members  
Western Interior RAC

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Minutes of the Ruby Advisory Committee March 2, 2011

The RAC was called to order at 1:15 pm at the Ruby Tribal Office. Members present were Chairman Ed Sarten, Secretary John Stam, Vice Chair Don Honea Jr., Dale Honea, and Tim Gervais. Members of the community present were David Bobo and John Ambrose. A quorum was established.

The minutes from the Dec. 14, 2010 meeting were read by John Stam and approved by the committee.

Next, John informed the committee for the need to update the membership to its current status. Since the previous membership had expired and were no longer attending meetings, those names are officially dropped from the RAC.

Next, John informed the committee for the need for an election since Ed Sarten's term had expired. A motion was made to reelect Ed Sarten for 3 years. A vote was taken and Ed was unanimously reinstated.

A motion was made to make David Bobo a member. The matter was discussed, a vote was taken and Dave was unanimously voted on the committee, also for 3 years. The RAC now consists of 6 members.

Ed Sarten next said he was requested by the Tribe to approve the people to be hired by the state for the summer fisheries work. A discussion followed and it was decided to hire those with prior experience.

Next Tim Gervais gave a summary of the outcome of the Federal Proposals voted on at the December meeting. Proposals 11-01 and 11-02 were rejected. Proposals 11-03 and 11-08 were deferred. Proposals 11-04, 11-05, 11-06, and 11-07 were withdrawn. Proposal 11-09 was no action taken. A discussion followed about Customary Trade and Tim said a Working Group was formed by the Federal Subsistence Board and that Jenny Pelkola and Robert Walker were members from WIRAC.

Tim also said there were two new seats for rural subsistence users established on the Federal Subsistence Board and said there was discussion by WIRAC on the qualifications for these new seats. A discussion followed and a motion was made to require these seats to be federally qualified subsistence users, one of which must also be a tribal member. The motion was carried unanimously.

Next State Proposals were 222 and 223 were discussed and a vote was taken. Both proposals were rejected unanimously. It was noted that antler destruction was an effective tool which has resulted in better moose numbers and a better distribution of hunting pressure. It was noted that antler size had increased and local subsistence users were happy with antler destruction and the resulting benefits to their hunting experience and success.

Tim mentioned that two important meetings in the near future should be attended by a member of the RAC. He would be attending the NPMC meeting June 6-14 in Nome. David Bobo said he would like to testify at that meeting also. John said he would attend the YRDFA meeting in Anchorage April 13.

A date of December 7, 2011 was set for the next meeting of RAC. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

## Submit Proposals and Resolution:

First proposal 30 by New Stuyahok Traditional Council  
Change the Caribou Season from August 1 to April 15  
HUNTING SEASONS and BAG LIMITS for Caribou.  
CARIBOU SEASON for UNIT 17A, 17B, and 17C  
Log Number EG120610264 Pages 40 and 41

(Pages 66 and 47) Second Proposal 36-5 by Roger Skogen log  
number EG11151023:

Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose: Implement a moratorium (for 5 years) on NON RESIDENT MOOSE hunting in 17 B Nayukuk River to water fall from the mouth and up Nushagak River to around Harris Creek to for non resident hunters. Peter Christopher Sr. Nushagak Advisory supported and add a friendly proposal amendment to include all up the Mulchatna River in 17B for non resident hunt. -but denied by majority of Nushagak Advisory members on January 26, 2011 meeting. My Recommendation in 4-6 years ago we put in 2 mile corridor restriction on upper 17B of Nushagak and Mulchatna Rivers for non residents not to hunt just only 2 miles each side of Nushagak and Malchatna. I guess some folks don't see that as a conservation concern. The true Alaskan user group is the villages on Nushagak River are concerned- if nothing being done= will definitely wipe out with the help of wolves and bears.

Third Proposal, a copy of PREDATOR MANAGEMENT  
CONTROL OF ALL UNIT 17.



**"Chief" Ivan Blunka School  
New Stuyahok, Alaska**

Principal: Bob Thompson

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February 24, 2011

We, the undersigned students of Chief Ivan Blunka School in New Stuyahok, support the proposal to extend the caribou season in the New Stuyahok area. Many families rely on the caribou for food in our village. There are many caribou around this area, but they are spread out and difficult to find. We need more time to find these animals and to supply food for our elders and families in New Stuyahok.

Joe Kohler  
 Joshua Gualickpak  
 Simeon Yukluf  
 Nolan Christopher  
 Paul S. Pomie  
 Simeon Christopher  
 Cohen Arvik  
 Wesslie Blunka  
 Christopher Kusma  
 Shawn Andrew  
 Noah Pavella  
 Roberta Christopher  
 Charlene Hanson  
 Gabriella Andrew  
 Mathias Suskut  
 Sergei Andrew  
 Anna Epenook

Vanessa Blunka  
 Moxie Moxie  
 Devon Blunka  
 Corvella Wankhela  
 Nattie Andrew  
 Vanessa Blunka  
 Blunka Blunka Jr.  
 Nickolas Petla  
 Byron Kapotak  
 Spencer Watcott  
 Jatianna Andrew  
 Sophia Petla

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Resolution 2011-01

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PREDATOR MANAGEMENT IN GAME  
MANAGEMENT UNIT 17**

WHEREAS, the Stuyahok Limited is a recognized land owner within the boundaries of Game Management Unit (GMU) 17; and

WHEREAS, populations of wolves and bears have substantially increased to the point that, they are negatively impacting other wildlife species such as caribou, moose in Game Management Unit 17; and

WHEREAS; the Stuyahok Limited supports establishing a predator management plan in GMU 17; and

WHEREAS; **Stuyahok Limited** request the Alaska Board of Game to increase hunting pressure for predators in GMU 17

WHEREAS; according to a recent population survey, the caribou and moose populations in GMU 17 has declined below the intensive management levels and

WHEREAS, the GMU 17 desires to pursue changes to regulations for the hunting of wolves and bears to address predator vs. prey ratios

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the **Stuyahok Limited** of Game GMU 17 support predator management on and in the boundaries of **Stuyahok Limited**

Passed and approved by a duly called quorum of the **Stuyahok Limited** this 23rd day of February, 2011.

Kevin Andrew Jr.  
President

2/23/11  
Date

J. R. O.  
Secretary

2/23/2011  
Date