

BETHEL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Bethel City Chambers, Bethel, Alaska

February 27th, 2014, 6:00PM

Teleconference number: (1-800-504-8071) Access number: (5432709#)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. **Call to Order:** 7:05PM Greg Roczicka

II. **Roll Call/ Elections/ Establish Quorum/ Officer Elections:**

Henry Hunter	Undetermined	2yr 2/27/2016	543-7963
Robert Lekander	Undetermined	(Absent)	543-1285
Thad Tikiun	Undetermined	3 yr 2/27/2017	543-3530
Glen Watson	Undetermined	3yr 2/27/2017	545-4805
Greg Roczicka	Subsistence	1yr 2/27/2015	543-0521
Kevin Carter	Sports	(Absent)	543-1919
Jon LaValle	Trapping	2 yr 2/27/2016	545-3553
Henry Kohl	Watchable Wildlife	1yr 2/27/2015	545-3768
Ross Boring	Hunters Education	(Absent)	543-4865
Rafe Johnson	Guiding	2yr 2/27/2016	545-2763
Louie Andrew	Commercial	(Absent)	545-5280

Chairman: Henry Hunter

Vice Chairman: Glen Watson

Secretary: Ross Boring

III. **Approval of Agenda:** (*Keep Boundary on floor for discussion*)

Motion to approve- Greg Roczicka, 2nd- Thad Tikiun

IV. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Phillip Perry, ADFG Wildlife

Patrick Jones, ADFG Wildlife

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support

V. **Guests Present: (21 present, in additional participants that didn't sign in.)**

Henry Kohl	Ben Eisen
Kevin Carter	Glen Watson
Thad Tikiun	Bev Hoffman
Bill Kristovich	Mark (Last name unreadable)
David Cronk	Roberta Chavez
Rafe Johnson	Henry Hunter, Sr.
Jamie Kassman	Paul R. Sheman
Jon LaValle	Sean Menhirney
Allen Joseph	Julian L Garata
Hugh Dymont	Kevin Tressler
Martin Smith	

VI. New Business:

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BOG or BOF	Prop #	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	S	O	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	176		Modify the hunt structure for musk ox on Nelson Island.
<p>Support With Amend:</p> <p>Motion to support option 3 w/ amendment that up to 80% are issued to the Nelson islands and 20 % are issued to the remainder of Unit 18</p> <p>Correction</p>	All		<p>Motion to Support- Henry Kohl 2nd- Rafe Johnson Discussion: Rafe Johnson- They has to get some way around the island and not everyone is going to fly a machine out there. Henry Hunter- If you have those guided hunts on Nunivak Island; you are required to have a guide? Patrick Jones, ADFG- 5 folks out there are...it's not required to use a guide for muskox. People choose for logistical reasons. Thad Tikiun- From the majority of those people apply for the 40, are those for the people in the villages? Why their numbers are staying at 40 when there is a surplus. Patrick Jones, ADFG- This was a board generated proposal to increase the other opportunity for others to hunt. The majority of the comments for the permits to be given to the village and the surplus are handed out to Bethel. Jon LaValle- In the past 3 years how many went to those villages? Thad Tikiun- Surplus increase for the 40 village tags? Glen Watson- If the 40 number is going to stay the same 104 being reduced to the in person registration. Greg Roczicka- In the past the permits have been rotated between the villages, how about splitting it up between the villages instead of rotating them. Given the land ownership, with our accommodating folks and shutting them down. Patrick Jones- Nelson island is open to all residents from unit 18. They keep it open to locals of unit 18, but will shut it down to outsiders of unit 18. Allen Joseph- If they considered transporting the Muskox. Hugh Dymont- I got experience hunting on Nelson Island, I would be opposed and be supportive of the nelson island land owners. That satisfies what they want and it guarantees both side's opportunity for a hunt and increases opportunity for online registration. Jon LaValle- Are there any guides that are registered to transport people? Patrick- someone will have to. (Clarifies proposal) Rafe Johnson- 850 to become a transporter. I don't know if anyone will be willing to do that with the corporation land. I know on Nunivak they charge 3.000 dollars to and from the location. To go with the last option to harvest as much as we could off the island. That would give opportunity for people from Bethel to go out to Nelson Island to hunt. Jon LaValle- Allocate 25-20 permits to be here in bethel. Allen Joseph- I will support that permits is given to the Nelson Island and Nunivak island to.</p>

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			<p>Question has been called.</p> <p>Motion to support:</p> <p>Option 3 w/ amendment that up to 80% are issued to the Nelson islands and 20 % are issued to the remainder of Unit 18. – Greg Roczicka 2nd- Henry Kohl</p> <p>Correction on Proposal 176 (10 MARCH 2014) Motion to Support amended – Henry Kohl 2nd- Rafe Johnson</p> <p>Patrick Jones, ADFG has introduced the Bethel AC Amendment for current approval of AC at the 10 March 2014 meeting. AC members have suggested changes to the current Bethel Amendment proposal.</p> <p>Discussion: Rafe Johnson- clarifies that Nelson Island would want to get all their tags and once a harvestable surplus exceeds 42. Then 80% of the permits will be distributed in Bethel. Phillip Perry- addresses a diagram of the distribution of 80% between Nelson Island and Bethel. “We rotate between the 5 villages and we have an agreement.”</p> <p>Clarification: (Language to be e-mailed by: Patrick Jones, ADFG)</p> <p>Question has been called.</p> <p><u>Unanimous Consent</u> (Proposal 176 is Supported w/ amendment)</p>
BOG	179		Modify the hunt structure for musk ox on Nunivak Island.
Tabled	All		<p>Motion to Table for March 10th, 6:00PM- Rafe Johnson 2nd- Henry Kohl</p> <p>Discussion/Question: <i>(None was brought forward.)</i></p> <p>(Proposal 179 is tabled till March 10th, 2014)</p>
BOG	10		Modify the boundaries for Unit 18, 19 and 21.
Support With Amend: Motion to support LKAC language w/	All		<p>Motion to support- Greg Roczicka 2nd- Glen Watson</p> <p>Discussion: Henry Hunter- Lower Kalskag and Upper Kalskag and the CKAC supported this change and I’m asking that Unit 18 hunters will not be effected? Jon Lavalle- This will be effecting Unit 18. Lower Kuskokwim AC boundary line is very well to follow, but if we were to follow the CKAC line. It would easily lead to potential violations without people knowing it. Greg Roczicka- Gives clarification for Henry Hunter. I also will ask for the generated board boundary line. The handout that I just gave you and with the</p>

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amendment to change language of mouth of White fish creek, cutting across to Ophir Lake.			<p>change on the west boundary would be to cut straight through whitefish lake from white fish creek directly across to Ophir Creek. Phillip Perry, ADFG, gives clarification for proposal.</p> <p>Question has been called.</p> <p>Motion to support LKAC language w/ amendment to change language of mouth of White fish creek, cutting across to Ophir Lake. – Greg Roczicka 2nd- Rafe Johnson</p> <p><u>Unanimous Consent.</u> (Proposal 10 is Supported)</p>

Adjournment 10:21 Motion- Thad Tikiun, 2nd- Jon LaValle

Minutes Recorded By: Alissa Nadine Joseph, Western Regional Coordinator

Minutes Approved By: _Bethel AC (Draft Minutes)_

Date: ___10 MARCH 2014___

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STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

ADFG OFFICE, Bethel, Alaska

Monday, March 10th, 2014, 6:00PM

Teleconference number: (1-800-504-8071) Access number: (5432709#)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING:** Glen Watson

II. **MOMENT OF SILENCE/ INVOCATION:**

III. **Establish Quorum :**

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Allen Joseph	Subsistence	Alternate	543-3336
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IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to support- Henry Kohl 2nd- Thad Tikiun

V. **INTRODUCTIONS:**

VI. **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** OPEN FOR ALL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

VII. **BETHEL F&G AC BOARDS SUPPORT AC BUSINESS:**

Elections for Representative at BOG: _____ Glen Watson, Vice Chairman _____

VIII. **RESOURCES REPORTS:**

I. **State Of Alaska Department Of Fish &Game (543-2433)**

i. Wildlife Division: Phillip Perry & Patrick Jones

a. Statewide BOG Proposals

ii. Commercial Fisheries Division: Travis Ellison

a. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management WG Emergency Petition

No fishing with over a 4” mesh.

Travis Ellison, ADFG Area Biologist

Schedule for subsistence harvest of King Salmon

Closes June 1 opens around June 20 for maybe 8 hours

Closed until 1st of July opening around July 4th for open 24/7 subsistence fishing for chum and reds.

Subsistence user want a known schedule of fishing

Commercial fishing around mid July.

All fishing will be closed for Chum and Red’s that run with the Chinook.

ADFG doesn’t want people fishing on top of a peak run with the current outlook. We are planning on shortening nets to 25 fathoms from 50 fathoms which will allow us to open up the fishery for longer periods.

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BOG	144		Repeal the requirement for an export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals and fur bearers from Alaska.
Support	All		<p>Motion to Support- Jon LaValle 2nd- Rafe Johnson Discussion: Thad Tikiun- So you don’t know what fur animals that are going out? Question has been called. Motion to Support- <i>Unanimous Consent</i></p>
BOG	152		Modify the definition of edible meat for wildfowl
Support With Amend: Ducks, Geese, Swans, Cranes, and Grouse to include the salvage requirement of the entire body meat excluding the wings, head, and feet.	4	3- No 1- Abstain	<p>Motion to Support- Greg Roczicka 2nd- Thad Tikiun Discussion: Greg Roczicka- Summarizes the actions of this proposal through the BOG 2013/2014 and RAC meetings. I think this is well worth supporting. Jon LaValle- Generally are migratory managed through the federal? I know that southern states are all the same. I believe that during subsistence time that this is important, but for trapping we would only be able to use the wings according to AVCP proposal. I will not support this at this season. I don’t think that we need to make more restrictions to hinder sport hunters. Rafe Johnson- This will also do away with Taxidermy. Amendment: Ducks, Geese, Swans, Cranes, and Grouse to include the salvage requirement of the entire body meat excluding the wings, head, and feet. Question has been called. Due to a misunderstanding of the proposals intent by Mr. Tikiun a recall of Roll call was established.</p>

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			Roll Call: Thad Tikiun- Yes Glen Watson- Yes Greg Rockzicka- Yes Jon LaValle- No Henry Kohl- Yes Ross Boring- No Rafe Johnson- No Allen Joseph- Alternate, abstained Final: 3-No 4-Yes 1-abstained (Proposals 144 is Supported w/ amendment.)
BOG	174	Allow nonresident falconers to capture raptors	
Opposed		All	Motion to support- Henry Kohl 2 nd - Ross Boring Discussion: Henry Kohl- We are just starting to get our raptors back after the whole DDT and now the nonresidents want to take them away. I do not like it. Question has been called. No YAY, <u>Unanimous Consent to Oppose</u> . (Proposal 174 Opposed)
BOG	140	Require each harvest report or permit to specify whether the hunt was conducted to provide a wild food harvest for subsistence uses or for recreational values	
Opposed		All	Motion to Support- Henry Kohl 2 nd - Rafe Johnson Discussion: Greg Roczicka- I wouldn't support this one, the intent behind this is already there. That all Alaskans are already eligible for different uses. I recon the consumptive purpose that is already recognized under the law. It will be unnecessary step for the board to take. Henry Kohl- They are looking for the number of subsistence food in a non-subsistence area. Question has been called. No YAY. <u>Unanimous Consent to Oppose</u> . (Proposal 140 Opposed)
BOG	133	Require IBEP certification for all big game bow hunters, statewide.	
Opposed		All	Motion to Support- Rafe Johnson 2 nd - Ross Boring Discussion: Jon LaValle- If I wanted to go bow hunting somewhere, I have to pass this class? We want to vote no on this and put those out in the village out that want to use bows. Thad Tikiun- I don't see why I need this. Question has been called. No Yay. <u>Unanimous Consent to Oppose</u> . (Proposal 133 Opposed)

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BOG	180		Require IBEP certification for all big game bow hunters, statewide.
Opposed		All	<p>Motion to Support- Henry Kohl 2nd- Greg Roczicka Discussion: Greg Roczicka- I don't see how this would be enforceable.</p> <p>Question has been called. No Yay. <u>Unanimous Consent to Oppose</u> (Proposal 180 Opposed)</p>
BOG	179		Modify the hunt structure for musk ox on Nunivak Island.
Support With Amendment To guarantee a total of 20 permits to be issued every year. That a minimum of 20 registration permits given out on Nunivak Island in Mekoryuk. If fewer than 20 Cow registration permits are available the remainder is made up of Bull registration permits.		All	<p>Motion to Support- Jon LaValle 2nd- Rafe Johnson Discussion: Jon Lavalle- Understanding consortium (Dale) trying to get federal management of Musk ox hunting for 30 Musk ox per year. Ending state management. I would like the board to reallocate up to 15 Bull permits which would be ½ to the residence of Nunivak Island when the cow permits are under 20. That there are always will total of 20 registration permits given out. Phillip Perry- Stated that unit 22 has done this for MuskoX on federal land. Pat registration permit for cows, Bulls for drawing permit. Maximum permits ever given out at 35 permits. Next 2 to 3 years 30 bull permits</p> <p>Greg Roczicka- I would like to make a motion to take no action on this proposal.</p> <p>Question has been called.</p> <p>Amendment: To guarantee a total of 20 permits to be issued every year. That a minimum of 20 registration permits given out on Nunivak Island in Mekoryuk. If fewer than 20 Cow registration permits are available the remainder is made up of Bull registration permits.</p> <p>Motion to Support- <u>Unanimous Consent</u> (Proposal 179 is Supported)</p>
BOG	144		Repeal the requirements for an export permit or shipping tag and an export report or postcard prior to transporting raw skins of fur animals and fur bearers from Alaska.
Support		All	<p>Motion to Support- Jon LaValle 2nd- Rafe Johnson Discussion: Jon LaValle- Would like to support the department's proposal. Pat Jones does not see allot of compliance. Does not use data at this time.</p> <p>Question has been called. Motion to Support- <u>Unanimous Consent</u> (Proposal 144 is Supported)</p>

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Support	All		<p>Motion to Support- Jon LaValle 2nd- Henry Kohl</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Henry Kohl- Puts in a suggestion to use dipnets to allow the use of dipnets on the Kuskokwim only. Under this type of fishing that all king salmon will have to be released alive, opposed to gill nets. We can provide more opportunity for chum and reds.</p> <p>Greg Roczicka- Entertains the suggestion of purse seines. Is that allowed during closures for Chinook?</p> <p>Travis Ellison, ADFG- Emergency proposal to allow dip netting. There isn't much of a test for purse seines as dipnets. They are more expensive gear and I don't know how many people will be getting that gear? They are allowed under the state regulations for beach seines and we are going to specify the gear during Chinook conservation.</p> <p>Allen Joseph- Letting know that villages may look at illegal protest fishing, would like to see a couple open subsistence periods open in early June 1st to June 20.</p> <p>Travis Elison, ADFG- Looking at subsistence runs at 70,000 total fish with only a 5,000 fish surplus. Closure to July 15 if early Chinook fishing is allowed to get total Escapement met for Chinook salmon.</p> <p>Ross Boring- What education activities are you engaged in at this time.</p> <p>Greg Roczicka- Request from village for 804 reviews which would only allow with a tier 2 federal fishery, looking at Tier 1 for active fish camps around 500 fish camps. If state department allows the Federal system to look at this proposal.</p> <p>Question has been called.</p> <p>Motion to Support- <u>Unanimous Consent</u> (Support Dipnet Emer. Petition)</p>

Adjournment 9:20PM Motion- Henry Kohl, 2nd- Rafe Johnson

Minutes Recorded By:

Secretary Ross Boring

Reformatted by Alissa Nadine Joseph, Western Regional Coordinator

Minutes Approved By: Glen Watson (Draft Minutes)

Date: 10 MARCH 2014