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Advisory Committee Comments

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Game Subcommittee
November 10, 2016
Bass Pro Shops, 3046 Mountain View Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501
6:30-9:00pm**

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
December 6, 2016
BP Energy Center**

- I. Call to Order: [6:30pm] by [Game Subcommittee Chair Frank Neumann]
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Willow Hetrick, Joel Doner.
Members Absent: Jim Bolgiano, Phillip Calhoun
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3 for Subcommittee
List of User Groups Present: State Troopers, ADF&G, Public.
Public: Mont Mahoney (proposals 39 & 41), Brad Sparks, JR Gates (Proposals 8, 12, & 16)
- III. Approval of Agenda: N/A
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Cyndi Wardlaw, ADF&G
- VI. Guests Present: Resident Hunter of Alaska (Brad Sparks & JR Gates) – Proposals 8, 12, & 16
Mont Mahoney - Proposals 39 & 41
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

ACR 5 – Renew the Unit 15C Intensive Management Program. Call to question: 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

ACR 9 – Kenai Peninsula hunters to take ADF&G hunter orientation course. ADF&G is neutral. “Is this moose legal?” video is being re-vamped. Also developing an online moose quiz. Draw hunts and general season hunts. Unit 7 & 15 – 47 sublegal moose. 30 of 47 were in 15C (70% of moose taken on the Peninsula were from 15C). Spikes are currently legal. Call to question: 2 opposed, 0 in favor, 1 abstain. Opposed to the idea, not wanting to see another hurdle or obstacle discouraging hunters. Believe that watching such video’s is a good idea, just don’t want to see it made mandatory.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Support	13	0	Support the Department is efforts to monitor harvests.
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	13	0	ADF&G is neutral; concern lack of broad public support. ADF&G also concerned with administration implications. AAC considers the data as being beneficial. New procedures may have backlash, but it's time to get all the residents in the State are the same. Federal regulations do not require reporting in Unit 23. Allowed 15 caribou per day, season is open year round. Suggest federal rule may change.
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Oppose	0	13	Opposition from public stemmed from safety reasons regarding pilots, both private and commercial. Decreasing safety and impacting schedules. State Troopers think this is absolutely unenforceable.
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	2	9	Any prey species, this proposal is not clear that the proposer wanted, for example, moose to stay open for harvest if caribou went under IM. Would have implications on the registered guides in that area. Refer page 7 of hunting regulations where it states the guidance for non-resident hunters. Suggest authors amend the initial sentences for more clarity. Opposing until wording can be clarified per certain species (i.e. moose or caribou; suggest adding the word "certain" instead of "any" of first sentence. 1 abstain.
11	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
Support	13	0	Federal bag limits on sheep in Unit 26C. AAC supports record keeping and good harvest data.
12	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to draw permit hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		
Support	13	0	Seek clarity on the difference of this proposal with numerous others over the years proposed on the same issue – draw tags in other regions such as Tok and the Chugach are set at 10% which is why authors seek that precedent. Want conservative hunting as sheep numbers in the region are at an all-time low. Highlighted the biological and social experiences of over-crowding in the field. Non-residents will go to 10% permit allocation, not harvest allocation. Residents could still hunt as they please. To control harvest to sustain the sheep population, have to start with the control of non-residents.
16	Establish a 90/10 percent permit allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear		
Support	13	0	Agree with proposal as written.
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	1	12	Abstain: not familiar with AMBCC information. Supporters don't want not taking certain parts illegal. Motion to reconsider Proposal #17: Frank Neumann motioned, Martin Weiser seconded. It's not illegal to take more meat than you want if you so choose
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	10	2	Purely allocative shift of harvest away from residents. Would be fewer second degree/next of kin hunters. Think this is an important proposal to support. Impacts



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			residents more than non-resident hunters. Opposed: doesn't like second degree/next of kin in general. All non-residents use guides. State of Alaska is getting revenue from each hunter, but only one tag is punched. Handcuffing resident hunters more than non-residents. 1 abstain.
20	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	13	0	As long as there is a specific hunt for crossbow only. Refer third paragraph, last sentence. Wouldn't change how State Troopers does enforcement.
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	13	0	Will align the bear season with the resident season. Residents typically do not hunt for bear in this area (public comment).
38	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	9	3	Local constituent approached the AAC with this suggestion (author of proposal 39); AAC spoke to local area biologist in Kotzebue. Suggested August 20 start date. Opposition because don't think they need an additional 5 days. 1 abstain.
39	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	12	1	Extra week hunting bears in the Arctic due to weather; most guides in the area leave in an attempt to not get stuck. Allows non-resident hunting a week earlier to allow guides an extra week. Believes this will not affect resident hunters. Most of the local population does not hunt bear. Proposal 38 put forth by the AAC suggests adding 5 more days to proposal 39. Opposition: suggesting changes on 37, would like the same changes on 39.
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed-do not want additional restrictions on the area for non-local resident hunters. .

Adjournment: 9:00pm

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick
Minutes Approved By: Frank Neumann
Date: November 10, 2016 & December 6, 2016



**+Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee
10/25/16
Fish and Game Office Bethel Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: 2:08 pm by Annie Cleveland
Owen Beaver: Invocation
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: David Bill, Annie Cleveland, Willi Atti, Owen Beaver, Leo Moses Jr., Benjamin Lozano, Tommy Kusaia, Edward Kiokun
Second day: Stan Atchak, Leo Moses Jr. present,
Members Absent: Stan Atchak, James James, Joseph Moses John, David Carl, James Nicolai
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Willi Atti: motion to accept agenda as revised.
Ben Lozano: seconded
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/5/15 minutes have been pre-approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards)
Phillip Perry (DWC)
Lisa Olsen (Subsistence)
Aaron Poetter (Fisheries)
- VI. Guests Present:
Janessa Esquible, Ornie Reich, Anna Rose McArthur, John Active (Translator)
- VII. Public Comments/Concerns
Owen Beaver: Gold mining on the Kuskokwim by Bartletts
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:



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3			Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou
5			Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings
6			Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions
8			Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met
Supported	8	0	<p>-Owen Beaver sports hunters</p> <p>-David Bill: This is our way of life and I was raised and learned about sports hunters and fisherman, they always tell us to not let sport hunters, sports hunters take our fish and game. This is the warning of the past and we should try to continue this to the future, thank you Ms. Chair.</p> <p>Annie Cleveland: I like this proposal my cousin ran into a bunch of hunters when he was upriver, in the boat there was a caribou antlers but no meat, he told them first the meat, they should eat it. There are some people who come in and shoot moose or reindeer and caribou.</p> <p>Phil Perry: Explains Intensive Management in different parts of the regions.</p> <p>-Explains habitat improvement</p> <p>-Explains predator populations</p> <p>-Explains higher human harvests</p> <p>Willi Atti: Inquires about the reasoning behind intensive management and clarifies that Unit 18 is not under intensive management.</p> <p>Phil Perry: Explains that there are larger numbers of moose on the Yukon and the Kuskokwim and adjust the intensive management numbers.</p> <p>Motioned by Owen to support</p> <p>Seconded by Ben Lozano</p> <p>David Bill: agrees with the motion</p>
17			Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds
Support as amended	8	0	<p>Willi Atti: Inquire about the Yupik words for edible meat, when we hunt and kill an animal we use all of the animal.</p> <p>Annie Cleveland: Explains the use of all of the bird from the head to the feet.</p> <p>Ben Lozano: Last year on TV on the outdoor channel I was watching people in the south Lower 48, they shoot all of these birds and they only take the breast. Where we come from here our grandparents said take everything and don't leave anything behind, everything is edible except for the guts.</p> <p>Willi Atti: Inquires about enforcement of the extension of the definition.</p> <p>Annie Cleveland: How do we change it so that you have to take the whole duck, so that no meat is wasted. All through my years I have never been told to eat certain parts and leave the rest. We didn't have any rules and regulations like that. I don't feel</p>

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			<p>comfortable with this one.</p> <p>Ben Lozano: If I see a bird coming are the breasts going to fall off, no the whole bird falls down. My grandparents told me eat everything, and that is how I was raised.</p> <p>Phillip Perry: Explains this is a minimum, this region this is a very relativant proposal.</p> <p>David Bill: We as native people we have laws for everything, not eating the meat is playing with food. If you are hunting anywhere, don't try to kill anything that you are not going to eat, so we don't do that. If you waste any food the animals will find out and they will find you and ask you. Women cooks everything on the bird.</p> <p>Edward Kiokun: We have different cultural collisons we have different cultures from the Lower 48 that takes the breasts and legs, and from our perspective we eat the whole bird. We are in the 21st century, we also think it is important to consider that we don't.</p> <p>Willi Atti: Would like to motion to eat the whole bird besides the guts</p> <p>Stanley Anthony: When we were growing up we were told to eat the whole bird. They made little parkas out of down and use the down for other things That is how we used to it, that is now how everyone does it these days. After the bird was cooked we ate everything off of the bone was eaten, but not now a days.</p> <p>Willie Atti: The proposal came from here. This proposal as is written, should say if a person is going to hunt migratory birds should keep the whole bird not only just the breasts.</p> <p>Willie Atti: Motioned amend the proposal to say: for all game birds that meat of the whole bird should be harvested besides the guts.</p> <p>Stanley Anthony: Seconded the motion</p> <p>Leo Moses: Agrees with using the amendment.</p> <p>Willie Atti: Explains the guts are the intestines and the lungs</p>
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	8	0	<p>Ben Lozano: Motion to support</p> <p>Seconded by Willie Atti</p>
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
Support	8	0	<p>Ben Lozano: The winter hunt would depend on the unfilled?</p> <p>Owen Beaver: Land claims have discrimination, and there was different history between marine mammals versus .</p> <p>Annie Cleveland: Explains the reason behind the proposal, because of the difference in the boat motors. I am comfortable with approving this one.</p> <p>Leo Moses: Motion to support</p> <p>Ben Lozano: Seconded</p>
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
Opposed	0	8	<p>Leo Moses: Inquires about whether they are subsistence hunting.</p> <p>Phil Perry: Explains the definition of non-resident, this would allow them to hunt in the winter time to shoot a cow.</p> <p>Leo Moses: Inquires about the availability of people coming up in the winter and hunting a cow moose.</p> <p>Phil: Explains I am fairly confident there would be a big demand.</p> <p>Leo Moses: I am not in favor of this proposal.</p>

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			Leo Moses Jr.: motions to oppose this proposal. Willie Atti: Seconded
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	8	0	Leo Moses: Inquires about whether it is residents versus non-residents Leo Moses: motion to support Ben Lozano: seconded
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Opposed	0	8	Leo Moses: Would like to opposes this proposal. Willie Atti: It is not hunting to bait bears, we don't bait anything. Everything about this is in my mind, we don't hunt animals by baiting. If someone is a good hunter, he doesn't wait for bears, he goes out an hunts them. This proposal uses the word hunting, when you are hunting you don't use bait the person goes out and looks for game. Leo Moses: I wasn't raised to use bait. Leo Moses: Motion to oppose Willie Atti: Seconded
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	8	Phillip Perry: Explains the state requests to consider this at the January 2018 meeting, during a different year. This is a herd that needs to get larger before non-residents were able to hunt them. Owen Beaver: Inquires if there are complaints about too many hunters in the area. Leo Moses: Motioned to oppose proposal 25 I am against this proposal, if this passes it will give lower 48 hunters to come up and hunt, not to open it to nonresidents. Right now the numbers of caribou in our area are not lots. If they come from the Lower 48 they are rich and they hunt anyway they want. Ben Lozano: Seconded

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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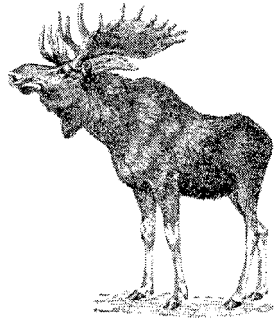
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			Leo Moses Jr. motions to oppose this proposal. Willie Atti: Seconded
			Leo Moses: Inquires about whether it is residents versus non-residents Leo Moses: motion to support Ben Lozano: seconded
			Leo Moses: Would like to opposes this proposal. Willie Atti: It is not hunting to bait bears, we don't bait anything. Everything about this is in my mind, we don't hunt animals by baiting. If someone is a good hunter, he doesn't wait for bears, he goes out and hunts them. This proposal uses the word hunting, when you are hunting you don't use bait the person goes out and looks for game. Leo Moses: I wasn't raised to use bait. Leo Moses: Motion to oppose Willie Atti: Seconded
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stan Atchek

Minutes Approved By: Leo Moses Jr. Date: 12/19/16

St M. Atchek
Leo Moses Jr.



ADF&G Office, Bethel December 2, 2016

I. Call to Order: Lisa Feyereisen

II. Roll Call: Members Present: Ricky Cilette [Aniak via teleconference], Nick Kameroff [Aniak], Billy Alexie *joined at 9:56am* [Upper Kalskag], Darlene Heckman [Lower Kalskag], Walter Morgan [Lower Kalskag], Mark Leary *joined at 10:04am* [At Large; from Napaimute], Lisa Feyereisen, Chair [At Large; from Crow Village]

Members absent: Sophie Sakar [Upper Kalskag], Tim Zaukar [Crooked Creek], Lucie Simeon (Chuathbaluk]

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: A quorum established 1

III. Approval of Agenda: Nick Kameroff made the motion - Walter Morgan 2nd

IV. Agenda approved with two additions and the plan to move items around to fit guests schedule. Additional items; Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission update by Nick Kameroff & Develop 'Areas of Concern' that the Central Kuskokwim AC members have

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Last meeting was a teleconference on December 19, 2014. It is unknown at this time where the minutes are for this meeting or who was taking them.

VI. AK Fish and Game Staff Present: Aaron Tiernan *in person*, Patrick Jones *in person*, Josh Pierce *in person*, Marc Cloward *in person*, and Jen Peek *in person*, Lisa Olson *via telephone*; USFWS Present: Yukon Delta Refuge, Kent Stahlnecker *in person*, David Phillips *in person*, and Chris Tulick *in person*.

VII. Guests Present: Andrea Gusty *via telephone* (The Kuskokwim Corporation), Henry Cole (Lower River AC), Grant Fairbanks (Bethel Resident), Dave Cannon (KRWC).



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

A quorum was established at around 10:00 am, but before that the following topics were discussed.

Forgetting the lessons our elders taught us: Information and education and community outreach on having an elder promoting "Take only what you need" - Sophie Sakar was used as an example. Lisa will talk to Sophie Sakar about being an elder rep.

Need for reduction of motor size on the Aniak River: Nick Kameroff stated there was a need for reduction of motor size on the Aniak River and other rivers - maybe propeller only and that boundaries should be established for where boats can go during spawning season.

Josh noted that the regulation on the Holitna to limit boats to 40 HP was not intended to protect fish, but reducing user conflicts with residents from outside the region with big boats. That's been in place since 1992.

It was noted that whatever regulation be implemented be fair, but should target guides since they go places where they shouldn't be going.

Ricky said that Dan Gillikin stated that there was no direct evidence that jet boats harmed fish more than props. Need evidence. Possibly the Kipchuk and Salmon as well as Buckstock

The AC decided to keep this topic on the list for further discussion.

Whitefish Lake and overharvest of species and littering - lack of accountability of users.

Andrea Gusty with TKC said that they will support the AC in sign posting efforts and will work with the AC. TKC put land around Whitefish Lake into conservation easement - this should add more teeth to enforcement. Refuge has agreed to put specific signs; in the past, Lisa has worked with Spencer Rearden. During Kalskag's Spirit Camp in spring would be a good opportunity to post some signs, making sure that they aren't place on any allotment. The signs, however, should be respectful and not come across negatively. It was recommended to wait for a few years to see how successful the signs are before having Kalskag do any enforcement.

Kalskag residents are seeing lots of non-local people overharvesting whitefish in the fall when fish are firm. Sometimes nets are bank to bank but there has been no enforcement. Walter noted that if it were a king salmon issue, then enforcement would be all over it. He noted how whitefish are treated differently.

The state said that the remoteness of Whitefish Lake doesn't allow for easy enforcement.

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The discussion of 4" mesh nets and incidental harvest of whitefish came up but was postponed until later when a quorum was established and proposals dealing with this issue would come up..

The need to increase predator control for bear and wolf was brought up by people from Kalskag and Crooked Creek; some folks from those villges wondered why aerial control around Aniak and above wasn't happening.



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Lisa said geographically speaking- there was too much forested area to effectively shoot the wolves.

Josh noted that all of 19A was a predator control unit and at one time had an active aerial program all the way down to Kalskag but it wasn't very successful. Access was denied on FWS lands as well as TKC lands, and generally the snow conditions are too poor to see the wolves easily.

He noted that working upriver with MTNT and Doyon is working well and that they do have land use agreements.

TKC did give permission for two years for bear control for ADF&G officials only. For now, ADF&G says that this option is totally off table unless TKC gives permission. Lisa was hoping to get copies of liability clauses from Doyon and MTNT and will work with TKC.

Josh noted that they can harvest 40% of wolves but not put a dent in the population.

Josh also stated that it would take a new regulation, but the AC should put in proposal to allow hunting wolves (May 31) over bait. Josh said that if a person has a trapping license and since wolf (and bear season is open), then a person can shoot a wolf over a bear bait.

Andrea Gusty noted that the TKC board barred any kind of baiting on TKC lands.

Lisa would like to see some kind of presentation to the TKC board with the hope of convincing them that effective predator control is important.

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Proposal #7 Ricky stated his concern for a lack of ethical hunting and whether it could be addressed with hunter education classes, etc. He noted that there is a new generation of hunters, some of which are not aligned with what elders teach; he saw four killed cow killed in the vicinity of Aniak and left to rot). He'd like to see something done geared to the youth that is not required, but teaches them about safety and ethics..

David Phillips noted that the Fish Wildlife Service offered an outreach program with archery and air rifles that promoted safety in several villages that was very successful, and that villages have been receptive to it.

Ricky will try one to get something going in Aniak and see how it goes.

No proposal was made, but it will stay on the to do list.

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Proposal# 8 was discussed after quorum was established. This discussion from earlier was re-initiated. It was noted that overcrowding on Aniak River was a problem and that zoning off of sections might be a solution (e.g., Buckstock on down o.k.)



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It was noted that even fishing guides are feeling overcrowded, and if something is done, there should still be some economic opportunity allowed.

Walter Morgan said that between Sept 1 - 10 it's like a highway. He says you can't call for moose because of the activity; the moose don't come out with so much traffic. He's concerned for expense on gas because people can't hardly afford to go up there and not see anything with all the traffic.

Walter also said that rainbows aren't near as common as they used to be.

Lisa doesn't want to stop people who regularly fish there and have for years.

Aaron stated that the overcrowding issue will take time to hash out - everyone has equal opportunity to access unless it's private land.

Lisa asked whether or not traditional use areas could be designated?

Will hold off on this topic for another year and consider possibly limiting motor.

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First official vote once the quorum was established.

Don't want to speak for people outside of area -

Motion to adopt minutes from previous meeting - approved

Motion to approve agenda as amended to include the two proposals not listed on it - approved

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8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it. The justification was that when you have predator control non-resident hunting will not be allowed.
11	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	6	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it. One member had stepped out and did not vote
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.

This is an excerpt from the Central Kuskokwim ACs approved minutes. For a complete set, please visit their AC webpage at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.acinfo&ac=central_kuskokwim



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Support	6	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it. One member was absent during the vote.
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	7	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously to NOT support it. Proposal # XX (Same as 83) - The AC did act on this and voted unanimously to NOT support it.
ACR 12/ Prop. 160	Extend the moose season in Unit 18, Kuskokwim Area to September 30		
Support	6	0	One member commented that they would support, not sure if need to complicate with zones. 1 Absent from the vote

This is an excerpt from the Central Kuskokwim ACs approved minutes. For a complete set, please visit their AC webpage at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.acinfo&ac=central_kuskokwim



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

VIII. New Business:

IX. Other/ Miscellaneous Business:

- **State/ Federal MOU:** AC decided to review material and provide comments to Lisa by Dec. 18
- **Rep for upcoming meeting:** Lisa Feyereisen will attend BOG meeting in Bethel and BOG in Fairbanks, Walter Morgan Alternate; Nick Kamerooff to attend BOF meeting

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, 5:18pm. Passed (Unanimous)

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 12/22/2014



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3206

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Board of Game
VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: Central Peninsula AC

Date: 11-15-16 Page 1 of 1 Proposal Packet _____

Use this form to record the votes and comments of members regarding Board of Fisheries and Board of Game proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a particular proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary for the committee to spend time on that proposal, just write "no action" in the Abstain column.

[illegible]

Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
ACR 9	9	0	1	<p>Majority felt this was not too time consuming for the hunters. It may help to reduce the illegal moose kill which is too high.</p> <p>The abstention person was against more regulation of hunters.</p>
ACR 5	10	0	0	<p>We felt that intensive management should be left on the books even though it may not be need now.</p>



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3306

NOV. 18 2016 05:18PM P4

Central Peninsula AC Pg 3

11-15-16

Minutes

David Martin made announcements:

- ① LCF BOF NOV. 30 - Dec 3
- ② Acknowledged the staff of ~~Bo~~ Fish + Game
- ③ Need to make the Chairman or his designee the representative to LCF BOF meeting - passed unanimously.

Gary Fandrei of Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association gave a report on Res. Bay cost recovery. He explained each proposal: 39, 40, 41 (See in voter comments)

Jeff Salinger (Game Biologist) gave a report on Moose in 15c.

The AC then took up the ACR's:

ACR #45: Intensive management renewal
10 yes - 0 no
we need to keep it on the books

ACR:9 Require on line course for antler identification:

9 yes - 0 no - 1 abstention

We took up lower Inlet proposals:
See voter records



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

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NOV. 18 2016 05:17PM P3

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Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Date: 11/15/16 Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
John McCombs		all	
Don Presley			
Teague Vanek		Fishing, hunting, trapping, etc. fish	
Joe Simpson			
Gary Tandrei			
Jeff Selinger			
Jessie Adams			
Greg Excelowski		Fishing, hunting, trapping & much more	
David H. Smith			
Steve Vanek			
Joe Blum		All	
Doug Blossgren		All	
Michael Thompson		All	
Nick Koz			
Carol Kalkbrenner	ADF&G		
Barb Faylor			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
6 - Photography 7 - Guiding 8 - Processing 9 - Personal Use 10 - Outdoorsperson
11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central PeninsulaLOCATION (town): NiñilchikDATE (of meeting): 11-15-16MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCombe, Teague VANEK
Greg Encelowski, David Martin,
Steve VANEK, Dan Presley, Joe Thompson
Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom, Madeline Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Ramon Berger, Jeff Berger, Gary Daiman, Mike Schuster
Robert Lucas,

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Gary Fandner (CIAA)
Jeff Salinger (ADEG), Carol Kerkvliet (ADFL)
Mike Bay, Bart Failer, HDEGTime Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting recessed 10:15 PMMeet again on
11-17-16Steve Vaneke
Signature, Committee Secretary

COASTAL LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE



AC05
1 of 3

December 3, 2016
ADF&G Office, 8:30am
570 4th Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

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- I. **Call to Order:** *Ray Oney, Chair, 8:35am*
 - II. **Roll Call:** Ray Oney, John Lamont, Daryl Manumik, Eric Olsen
 - III. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve 10/27/2015 meeting minutes.
Motion passed (unanimous)
 - V. **Introductions:**
 - a. Fish and Game Staff: Phillip Perry (Unit 18 Wildlife), Patrick Jones (Unit 18 Wildlife), Holly Carroll (Comm. Fish/ Summer Yukon), Jeff Estensen (Comm. Fish/ Fall Yukon), Jen Peek (Boards Support)
 - b. Other Agency Representatives: Marc Cloward (Alaska State Wildlife Trooper), Ken Stahlnecker (USFWS).
 - c. Members of the Public/ Other:
 - VI. **Public Comments/ Testimony:**
 - VII. **Old Business:**
 - VIII. **New Business:**
 - **2016 Lower Yukon Fishery Report:** *ADF&G Comm. Fish*
 - Jeff Estensen (ADF&G) reported that 2016 preliminary estimates indicated a run size of 1.4 million fall chum and escapement goals were expected to have been met. Districts 1 and 2 caught approximately 440,000 fall chum salmon in the commercial fishery. Overall, Mr. Estensen reported a good year for fall chum and coho salmon on the Yukon.
 - Holly Carroll (ADF&G) commented that 2016 subsistence reports indicated that people more than doubled their harvest from 2015. Ms. Carroll reported that the Chinook salmon boarder goal with Canada was met. Ms. Carroll commented that the drainage-wide escapement goal for summer chum was expected to have been exceeded and the commercial fishery for summer chum, which was restricted to dipnet and beach seine gear, had a record harvest of summer chum and pink salmon. Ms. Carroll invited the public to share traditional knowledge and information with ADF&G.
 - **Western Region, Game Management Unit 18, BOG Proposals and AC comments:** *(See p. 3-4)*
 - **ACR 12: Extend the Moose Hunting Season in Unit 18, Kuskokwim Area to September 30.** *(See Proposal 160 on p. 4))*
 - **Elect AC Representative and Alternate to Attend 2017 BOG/ BOF Meetings.** Ray Oney was elected to attend the BOG meeting in Bethel. Eric Olsen and Daryl Manumik will serve as alternates.
 - **Federal/ State Subsistence MOU Revisions:**
 - **Comments:** John Lamont commented on conservation and mapping projects that occur looking at different issues such as over land traffic and studies on the natural resources. Ray Oney commented that the state and federal governments should be working closely with the tribes; often times the tribes work on projects that the state and federal governments are unaware of. Eric Olsen commented that Elders are very resourceful and the state/ federal governments should be working with the Elders on renewable resources.
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- Committee requested more time to discuss the MOU with their Tribal Council submitting comments.



- **Next meeting date:** Next face-to-face meeting suggested to occur in Hooper Bay or Emmonak.

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting			
January 6-9, 2017, Bethel			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	5	0	Some members discussed possibly amending the proposal to include the entire bird. Members pointed out the importance of subsistence and teaching the younger generation. No friendly amended was added. Proposal was voted on as is.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
Support	5	0	Some of the members commented that residents in the proposal area should be able to go hunt [in the winter] to catch the rest of their quota if they weren't able to hunt earlier [in the season].
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
Support as Amended	4	0	Some members discussed their concerns that this proposal would bring in more non-local hunters to their region. Other commented that there were enough moose in the area and an additional hunt would be okay. Proposal was supported with the following amendment: Amendment- The proposal will be for an antlerless moose for meat only and for no sport hunters. • <i>AC member Joseph Uisok had left the meeting due to personal reasons. A quorum was still met with 4 members.</i>
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	4	0	One member commented that if the moose population was good, then they would support the proposal in order for people to fill their freezers. Another member commented that winter was a good time to go hunting for moose.
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Oppose	1	3	Members discussed that if this proposal passed, there were concerns that it may bring in other people to the area. Some members commented that they did not agree with bear baiting.
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	1	3	One member commented in opposition since the herd number had been dwindling and it was important to feed the residents first and not open a nonresident hunt.
156	Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	4	0	



157	Set a customary and traditional use finding, and establish seasons and bag limits for En		
			A member commented in opposition considering that local residents had a long period of not being able to harvest them and it is too early to allow this proposal to happen.
Opposed	0	4	Other members agreed to oppose.
160	Extend the moose season in Unit 18, Kuskokwim Area to September 30		
			One member spoke in support of the proposal and commented that it was hard to hunt in a 10 day season because of weather or other things that may come up. He also pointed out that the moose population had increased in the Kuskokwim area and ONC and other Kuskokwim residents had a good relationship working with Fish and Game.
			One member discussed that the federal government had their own boards that should be commenting on this proposal and suggested that the State change their openings to occur after the Federal season is closed.
Support	4	0	

IX. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 11:48am. Motion passed (unanimous)

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date:

R. J. Grey
12/10/16

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date:

John H. [Signature]
12/15/16



**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
12/14/2016
Glennallen High School Library**

- I. Call to Order at 5:20 pm by Chair Chuck McMahan
- II. Members Present: Christopher Gene, Don Horrell, Nick Jackson, Chuck McMahan, Jim Odden, Mike Roscovius, Dave Sarafin, Bradley Sinyon, Alysia White
Members Absent: David Bruss, Chad Gerlach, Brad Henspeter, Shirley Smelcer, Leif Sorlie
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: All
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: not needed
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Heidi Hatcher, Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Frank Hobson, Josh Heibaugh, Becky Schwanke, Bruce Cain, Gloria Stickwan, Lee Adler, Karen Linnell
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Elections were held with the following results:

Frank Hobson elected to fill the Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/18
Chad Gerlach elected to fill the Undesignated seat with term expiring 6/17 (to correct 1/3 turnover)
Aaron Bloomquist elected to fill Kenny Lake seat with term expiring 6/19
Nick Jackson elected to fill Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/19
Jim Odden elected to fill Lake Louise seat with term expiring 6/19
Dave Sarafin elected to fill Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/19
Brad Sinyon elected to fill Alternate seat with term expiring 6/17
Lee Adler elected to fill Alternate seat with term expiring 6/17

The Undesignated seat with term ending 6/18 and the Glennallen seat with term ending 6/19 were left vacant at this time.

These were done by unanimous consent.

Officer elections were held with Chuck McMahan to continue as Chair and Alysia White to continue as Secretary. The Vice Chair position was left vacant.

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/ Western Region

Motion to adopt 8 and 51 - Horrell , 2nd Gene, discussion (see below), Question: McMahan

Proposal 8: non resident in areas with IM program Oppose vote: 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non



residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska.
Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal.

Proposal 51: non resident in areas with IM program Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska.
Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal.

Motion to adopt 9,10,12,13,14,16, 52,57-62 – Bloomquest, 2nd Gene, Question: McMahan

Proposal 9,10,12,13,14,16: non resident percentage based hunt proposals Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska.
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Proposal 52,57-62: non resident percentage based hunt proposals Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska.
Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal. Already doing percentage based in some areas that saw the need.

Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	1	This seeks to repeal the effect of Proposal 207 that was taken up by the Board of Game. The use of aircraft for spotting Dall Sheep is unenforceable. There have been no successful prosecutions on this. It creates a crowding problem because people want to go at the beginning of the season now. The commercial services board passed a rule that says that aircraft used by professional guides can't be used with multiple consecutive passes over game animal.
64	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years		



Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	10	1	1 vote abstained. There are a lot of sublegal sheep harvested, people who take sublegal get to hunt next year. Might make people think twice before taking the shot. This should be a state wide regulation.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	The committee prefers to keep this as it is and proposed one every four years.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	This committee opposes special seasons.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
Support	7	5	Between April 15 and May 1 it's pretty nasty with break up. If you prepare your bait station on April 1, there won't be many bears on the sites anyway. This would still allow people to get out on a snowmobile. Some conflict with trapping season, and some generally don't like bear baiting. Some have seen more bears in areas they hike due to bear bait stations.
69	Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20		
Opposed	0	12	This would be during the rut. Committee doesn't support special season hunts.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support as amended	12	0	Federal law prohibits this unless it is under predator control. Amended to require a hunter be 300 ft from the plane before shooting.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
Opposed	0	12	This would only expand the problem. We want to see the community subsistence hunt as it currently is ran taken off the books until it can be re worked.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Support as amended	12	0	There are people that are overharvesting with a large group of hunters. Five per day should be enough for anyone. Ruffed grouse are just getting a toe hold around here but by Spring were gone. Not sure what was getting them. Amended to include Unit 11 and 13 by Wrangell St Elias Subsistence Resource Commission. There was some discussion of the committee whether they could amend at this time to add Unit 11 and 13. They would like to amend at this time, but intend to submit a proposal for the Central /SW BOG region meeting. This may be more of a social issue. People harvesting grouse while hunting moose, especially with children in tow could be a hardship if the bag limit was reduced. The bag limit is pretty liberal, and there was some thought that reducing the



Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			bag limit, might make it less appealing for groups that come out and take a large quantity, which creates some local depletions. Ptarmigan hunting used to be abundant and has been depleted. Amended to leave the existing end of season March 31.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
Support	12	0	Supported to keep it on the books. Used as a tool to keep moose populations down to a good number for the health of the population. This gives the opportunity for the animal to be used rather than just die when populations are high.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		

Committee had some discussion about the upcoming BOG meeting, seasons and required retention of moose taken in the community hunt and a few of the proposals they know about.

There was no one that wanted to represent them at the BOG Interior/NE Region meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alysia White
Minutes Approved By: Chuck McMahan
Date: 12-20-2016



DENALI ADVISORY COMMITTEE MNUTES
December 06 2016

Meeting Called to Order By Vice Chairman Lance Williams at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Vice Chairman Lance Williams, Caleb Holum, Harold Mowrey, Bruce Gore, Ray Atkins, Gorden Carlson.

Members absent: Chairman Don Holum, J Marie Gore, Jeff Burney.

Alaska State Trooper Maggy Stang was present,

Members of the public present: Justin Mason

Old Business

Vice Chairman Lance Williams reported that Don Holum had submitted the two proposals as discussed from the last meeting to the board of Game for the special Copper Basin moose and caribou meeting. There was no further old business.

New Business

Discussed and confirmed 01/ 26/ 2017 for our next meeting, the purpose of this meeting is to have election of members and officers, discuss the proposals that are submitted for the special Copper Basin moose and Caribou meetings.

Discussed proposals from the 2016/2017 Board of Game proposal book for the Arctic/Western Region and the Interior/Northeast region.

Proposals 19, 49, and 50. all dealing with removing the bag limit Restrictions for Resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred.

IN FAVOR: 6

OPPOSED: 0

Those in favor feel that a Resident hunter should not have to loose their hunting opportunity just so they can go hunting with a nonresident relative. They feel that this law, as it stands now, is unfair and punishes the residents of Alaska that would chose to have an enjoyable hunt with a nonresident family member, and is discriminatory towards the residents of Alaska. This law should be repealed state wide. There were no comment from those opposed.

Proposal 72, Allow the harvest of wolf and coyotes by land and shoot with a trapping license.

IN FAVOR: 6

OPPOSED: 0

Those in Favor were generally in favor of more predator control. They liked the idea of the nonresident participation, it would give the guides and outfitters another opportunity to market hunts. There was some questions about the land and shoot instead of aerial, as some units already have aerial hunting for residents now, and that coyote hunting is already open to land and shoot hunting. There were no comments in from those opposed.

Proposal 141 and 142 Areas closed to hunting and trapping in portions of Unit 20.



IN FAVOR: 0

OPPOSED:6

Those in favor, There was absolutely no positive comments for these proposals.

Those Opposed, Feel like the park boundary is the boundary. There is no biological reason for these proposals as there is no shortage of wolves in this area. These proposals unnecessarily hinder Alaskans from legal activities of hunting and trapping in this area. There is no need for added protection of wolves as they are going to go back and forth across lines no matter where the lines are. This is a way to implement a new buffer zone that hasn't worked in the past and won't work in the future. The members of the Denali AC feel that the Park Service is continuously trying to move and expand their authority beyond the park boundaries and the Board of Game needs to stand firm and protect the Alaska hunters and trappers from this unnecessary expansion. The Denali AC is Strongly Opposed to these proposals and urge the Alaska Board of Game not to ratify proposals 141 and 142.

There was no other request to consider other proposals at this meeting, the meeting adjourned by Vice chairman Lance Williams.



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
11-9-2016
Alpine Lodge**

- I. Call to Order: 1836 by Virgil Umphenour
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Kirk Schwalm, Lee Hazen, Mike Tinker, Larry Morris, Virgil Umphenour (Chair), Valerie Baxter (Vice-chair/Secretary), Mike Kramer, Warren Giuchici, Al Barrette, Chuck Derrick, Jeff Lucas, and Vince Holton.

Members Absent: Andrew Glasgow (excused), Bill Larry (excused), Glen Holt (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: quorum present

List of User Groups Present: Mark Richards, Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK)
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved as amended to include report from Lt. Colonel Bonin and John Haddix, US Army Alaska, and report from Lieutenant Justin Rodgers, Alaska State Troopers.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young, Fairbanks Area biologist; Tony Hollis, Fairbanks Assistant Area Biologist.
- VI. Guests Present: Reed Morisky, Board of Fish; Lt Colonel Bonin, USARAK; John Haddix, Environmental Resources USARAK; Sgt. Dave Valentine and Lt. Justin Rodgers, AST;
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Chair's Comments: Virgil attended the Eastern Region RAC meeting. They discussed predator management and that it is a worthwhile pursuit. There was discussion about increasing the bag limit for Federal Subsistence for the Nelchina herd.
 - b. Other AC Member Comments: Al Barrette attended a presentation on lead contamination and toxicity in big game. Lead present in big game can have deleterious impact on scavengers.



c. Staff Update:

- i. Tony Hollis: The Minto Flats antlerless hunt is up to 5 animals taken out of target quota of 30. The Division of Habitat issued a blanket permit for access to the state game refuge by the public.
- d. Report by Lt. Colonel Bonin – US Army Alaska Integrated Moose Hunting Strategy
 - i. Another successful season of managing hunters and access on Army lands in the midst of the busiest training season to date.
 - ii. Lt. Colonel Bonin provided a handout detailing how the season went, with statistics on numbers of people registering, compliance, and demographics of users. Will have the same public outreach effort in 2017; publication of available land in July and more outreach with maps and registrations.
 - iii. Mike Tinker made the comment that it would be great if the signs along the Richardson Highway about Arctic Anvil exercise could be taken down when the ranges were not active as they may cause confusion and compliance issues.
- e. Report by Lt. Rodgers, Alaska State Troopers, Wildlife Detachment
 - i. Lt. Rodgers provided some general statistics from the 2016 hunting season
 - 1. Troopers made about 2300 hunter contacts
 - 2. About 170 citations were issued, half of which were non-criminal
 - 3. About the same number of warnings
 - 4. Roughly 20 sub-legal moose tickets, 15 of which were self-reported
 - 5. 4 accidental cow moose shootings, 3 self-reported
 - 6. 3 closed season moose
 - 7. 5 whole wanton waste moose cases; this is higher than in the past and one of the moose was actually legal.
 - 8. There were a few complaints about hunters using rifles within the Fairbanks Management Area boundaries, which generated a couple cases.
 - 9. There were some Controlled Use Area violations; Occurred in the Delta CUA, Clearwater CUA, and Glacier Mtn CUA.
 - 10. Sub-legal sheep were very reduced – only 4 citations and a few “close,” warnings. 5 self-reports.
 - 11. The youth hunts seemed to go okay.
- f. Don Young, ADF&G Fairbanks Area Biologist – Report on Dall Sheep season
 - i. Fairbanks office: 197 sheep sealed, 1 sub-legal
 - ii. Anchorage reported 222 sheep sealed, 1 sub-legal
 - iii. Palmer reported 152 sheep sealed, 6 sub-legals
- g. Game Subcommittee Report – Arctic/Western BOG proposals
 - i. The game subcommittee met on Monday, November 7th, and went through all of the Arctic/Western Board of Game proposals. The subcommittee referred Proposals 8 and 20 to the Full AC for discussion and voting.



1. Proposal 8: Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western region until harvest and population objectives are met.
 - a. The AC discussed this proposal and heard from Mark Richards, RHAK, as this is their proposal. Comments from AC members expressed disagreement with the proposal, including that the highest and best use of the resource is not necessarily just use by residents. There were also concerns expressed about the constitutionality of excluding nonresidents in the IM plans – Common Use Clause of the AK constitution. Finally, there were concerns about the long term impacts to removing nonresidents: would there be pushback that could result in setting harvest and population objectives too high to too low such that there would be no predator control or Intensive Management implementation in new areas.
 - b. AC Voted against this proposal with a vote of 10 opposed, 2 abstained.
 2. Proposal 20: Allow the use of crossbows in restricted weapons hunts.
 - a. There was a lot of discussion on this proposal as the use of crossbows remains controversial. It was noted that there will be crossbow safety classes coming in 2017/18. There did seem to be broad support for the proposal as written. There was an amendment proposed that narrowed down the opportunity to use crossbows – the amendment was to allow the use of crossbows in only the ADF&G Targeted Hunts. The amendment passed and subsequently the AC voted unanimously to support the amended proposal 12 in support, 0 opposed.
 3. The rest of the Proposals: The AC voted unanimously to accept the votes of the Game Subcommittee on the rest of the Arctic/Western proposals 12 in support, none opposed.
- h. Proposals to special BOG meeting – Copper Basin Area: the AC discussed the whole situation with the special meeting on moose and caribou hunting in Units 11-12-13. The AC has a history of being against the Community Subsistence Harvest program and its design and implementation. The only recommendation at this time is that splitting up the moose and caribou hunting should be pursued.
 - i. Ethical Standards for Guides – the AC was provided with a proposed regulation change that the Big Game Commercial Services Board would be considering relating to aircraft use in sheep hunting. After discussing the wording and the jurisdiction of the BGCSB, the AC decided to take no action and not provide comments on this proposal.
 - j. Input into Federal – State MOU; there was some discussion about this MOU but not much controversy. The AC decided to take no action or provide comments on the MOU.



- k. No other business was brought forward.

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting January 6-9, 2017, Bethel			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	12	0	We support the separation of the Western Arctic herd amounts necessary from the Teshekpuk herd; We want the ANS to be based all subsistence users and use and we want to make sure that the ANS for the Western Arctic herd goes down commensurate with the splitting out of the Teshekpuk herd.
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Support	12	0	We support this proposal but absolutely want to ensure that the registration permits will be available at all main ADF&G offices as well as online.
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	10	2	There was not agreement on this proposal. Those opposed mentioned that ADF&G thought registration permits would work better for this area (see proposal 2) and also were concerned that failure to report on a harvest ticket had no direct consequences whereas failure to report on a registration permit does – better compliance with registration.
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Oppose	0	12	We feel that this proposal will not fix what the stated problem is.
5	Change “general season” to “subsistence” for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	12	0	We support this proposal as we feel it adds consistency to the codified. Since there is a positive ANS, it should be a subsistence hunt.
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Support	12	0	Same comments as for Proposal #5.
7	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep in Unit 26A		
Support	12	0	Same comments as for Proposal #5.
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	10	0	The AC discussed this proposal and heard from Mark Richards, RHAK, as this is their proposal. Comments from AC members expressed disagreement with the proposal, including that the highest and best use of the resource is not necessarily just use by residents. There were also concerns expressed about the constitutionality of excluding nonresidents in the IM plans – Common Use Clause of the AK constitution. Finally, there were concerns about the long term impacts to removing nonresidents: would there be pushback that could result in setting



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			harvest and population objectives too high to too low such that there would be no predator control or Intensive Management implementation in new areas. 2 abstention votes.
9	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		
Oppose	12	0	We have seen these proposals many times and do not support a region wide fixed allocation.
10	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		
Oppose	12	0	We have seen these proposals many times and do not support a region wide fixed allocation.
11	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
Support	12	0	We should be collecting this information.
12	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to draw permit hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		
Oppose	0	12	We do not prefer a broad approach – area specific proposals for identified problems or issues would be preferable.
13	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		
Oppose	0	12	We think that harvest should be based on population and harvestable surplus and the ANS, not a flat or capped percentage.
14	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Arctic/Western Region		
Oppose	0	12	See comments for #13
15	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Arctic/Western Region to one every five years		
Oppose	0	12	We discussed whether or not this action is within the authority of the BOG and we also did not like this would add an additional penalty to taking a sublegal ram beyond the existing consequences.
16	Establish a 90/10 percent permit allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear		
Oppose	0	12	We have seen this type of proposal many times and continue to oppose them as we do not agree with a region-wide implementation of such limitations.
17	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		
Oppose	0	12	It is currently legal to salvage as much as you want of game birds; we do not see a reason for making this more complicated.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	12	0	We support not having resident brown bear tag fees.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	12	0	This should be repealed as there is no biological basis for the restriction.
20	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	12	0	There was a lot of discussion on this proposal as the use of crossbows remains



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as Amended			controversial. It was noted that there will be crossbow safety classes coming in 2017/18. There did seem to be broad support for the proposal as written. There was an amendment proposed that narrowed down the opportunity to use crossbows – the amendment was to allow the use of crossbows in only the ADF&G Targeted Hunts. The amendment passed and subsequently the AC voted unanimously to support the amended proposal 12 in support, 0 opposed.
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	This AC has supported this in other areas and we like consistency so we support this in Unit 18.
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Support	12	0	We support this because it conforms with subsistence regulations and allows for nonresident harvest.
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
Support	12	0	We support the efforts to not have incidental harvest of reindeer.
30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
Support	12	0	We support efforts to reduce brown bear numbers.
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
Support	12	0	We support this proposal as long as it is biologically feasible and warranted.
32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
Support	12	0	Regulations should be consistent in adjoining areas where possible.
34	Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26		
Oppose	0	12	The timing seems early for the harvest of good fur and there is a biological concern that there could easily be overharvest and a too high proportion of females taken.
35	Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26		
Support	12	0	We support this proposal for Unit 26; which is the unit this meeting impacts.
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	12	0	Consistent seasons are good.
38	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
No Action			Based on vote on #37
39	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
No Action			Based on vote on #37
40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	12	0	We support this as long as it is biologically feasible and warranted.
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
Support	12	0	This has already been passed.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
42	Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23		
Support	12	0	We support allowing baiting for both bear species, especially in an area under consideration for Intensive Management.
43	Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Support As Amended	12	0	We amended the original proposal by deleting furbearers from the proposed language. We feel that it would negatively impact furbearers, especially wolverine.
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Oppose	0	12	If the CUA was to be extended by so far a length, than adjustments should be proposed that shortens it on the western end. There should be no net increase in the CUA length.
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	12	We do not feel that this is within the jurisdiction of the BOG and would be an enforcement nightmare.

Adjournment: 2152

Minutes Recorded By: Valerie BaxterMinutes (Game Subcommittee) Approved By: ACDate: 11/9/2016



Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December 13, 2016
NERRS Building

I. Call to Order: 6:10 pm by George Matz, secretary. Tom Young (vice chair) took over at 6:20.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Thomas Hagberg, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred.

Members Absent: Dave Lyon (chair), Phillip Jones, Gary Sinnhuber.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Decided to take up ACR proposals.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

VI. Guests Present: None

VII. Old Business: Brief discussion about BOF meeting.

VIII. New Business: Discussion about Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposals to be discussed at the next meeting.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
155	Intensive Management Plans IV.		
Oppose	0	12	<p>The Homer AC unanimously objects to the BOG's recent acceptance (Oct. 23, 2016) of an Agenda Change Request (ACR) that adds Proposal 155 to its agenda for its January 6-9 meeting in Bethel. We believe that accepting this proposal for the January meeting is an improper use of the ACR process because the action being proposed is not an emergency, hence does not need to be considered out-of-cycle and (worse yet) out-of-region. Given the abbreviated time to submit comments (December 22 deadline), there will likely be little if any public review of this long-standing GMU 15C issue. As we have said before (see attached letter by Dave Lyon, Homer AC chair), this issue needs to have local discussion and input before any BOG decision.</p> <p>While it might be theoretically possible for local residents to attend the Bethel meeting to testify in opposition of this proposal, the time and cost for attending the meeting during this time of the year would be prohibitive for most. Written</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			<p>comments might appear to be another option, but given that ACR's essentially fly under the radar screen so that there is limited public awareness, the very limited time before comment deadline, and that many interested locals were distracted by the Board of Fisheries meeting which just concluded in Homer, this isn't a reality.</p> <p>According to the BOG's ACR policy (5 AAC 92.005 updated by the board in July, 2015), "boards attempt to give as much advance notice as possible on what schedule subjects will be open for proposals." Furthermore, the ACR "must specify the change proposed and the reason the proposed change should be considered out of sequence." Neither of these important conditions have been met by Proposal 155. Therefore, the ACR that put this proposal on the agenda seems to us to have questionable legal standing.</p> <p>Also, the data provided in Proposal 155 is dubious. It says "Recent population estimates have been within IM objectives, but harvest objectives have not been met in recent years (193 moose harvested in 2015 compared to the 200 moose minimum harvest objective)." The harvest of 193 moose is statistically close to the minimum harvest objective, which could easily be exceeded when bull populations recover (as they are) from very restrictive hunting regulations the past couple of year that were implemented in order to improve bull:cow. This increased harvest will, in essence, nullify the reason for any Intensive Management action. Furthermore, if the known illegal harvest were included in the proposals calculations (Proposal 159 says that from "2013 to 2015 the average reported illegal harvest was 17 percent"), the harvest objective has probably been met in recent years.</p> <p>If the BOG were to consider all feasible options, it might find that reducing the number of brow tines for a legal-sized bull moose from 4 to 3 might create more hunting opportunity and be a more cost-effective to meeting harvest objectives than wolf control.</p> <p>The BOG regulation for ACR's (5 AAC 92.005) says that "the board will not accept an agenda change request that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new information that is found by the board to be compelling." Implementing a 15C wolf control program could be considered allocative, particular when considering that other options (such as reducing the number of brow tines for a legal bull) might be available. The intent of the proposal is to increase moose populations at the expense of wolf populations. Making this choice reduces opportunity for both consumptive and nonconsumptive users who benefit by either trapping or viewing wolves. Accordingly, the decision by</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			the BOG to consider Proposal 155 could be considered a violation of 5 AAC 92.005.

Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
159	Hunter education and orientation requirements		
Oppose	0	12	<p>The Homer AC again unanimously objects to the BOG's recent acceptance (Oct. 23, 2016) of an Agenda Change Request (ACR) that adds Proposal 159 to its agenda for its February 17-25 meeting in Fairbanks. We believe that accepting this proposal for the February meeting is an improper use of the ACR process because the action being proposed is not an emergency, hence does not need to be considered out-of-cycle and (worse yet) out-of-region.</p> <p>While we acknowledge that killing sublegal bull moose is a problem, now that bull:cow are improving, consideration should be given to allow harvest of bulls with three, rather than four, brow tines.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Minutes taken by George Matz
Approved by: Tom Young, Vice Chair
Date: 12/15/2016



Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Homer, Alaska
December 20, 2016

To the BOG:

The Homer AC opposes ACR generated proposal 159. We believe this to be an unnecessary and ineffective proposal that would do little to alleviate the issue of sub legal moose taken in 15c. In addition, we question whether this proposal meets the requirements to be considered as an ACR.

The Kenai Peninsula is the only area of the state under a sealing requirement for moose, and due to this is the only area for which data on the "honest accidental" take of moose is available. Before additional onerous requirements for moose hunters are imposed on unit 7 & 15 hunters we feel that horn sealing requirements should be instituted statewide. This regulation would shed light on whether the inability to judge moose is a local or statewide issue. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that the incidence of misjudged moose is not confined to the Kenai Peninsula but is a widespread issue. We would not be opposed to further hunter education requirements, but see no justification for singling out the Kenai.

Conformity to regulation statewide is of benefit to enforcement, hunters and management, and the Homer AC feels that proposal 159 puts an unfair and undeserved burden on hunters that is likely to be unenforceable and ineffective.

In addition, the Homer AC opposes ACR generated proposal 155 on the same grounds that we objected to the original (2012) proposal. Intensive management in unit 15c is neither called for nor wise in light of not only public opposition, but the fact that moose in 15c are at or near carrying capacity for the habitat. Increasing moose harvest in 15c to meet IM goals could easily be accomplished by a liberalization of management strategies allowing for take of more cows and the institution of limited "any bull" harvest by drawing or registration hunt. As evidenced by the the burgeoning population of mid-size bulls and healthy bull/cow ratios, as well as high calf survival in recent years, the moose numbers in unit 15c are indisputably healthy and there is no reason now or in the foreseeable future to undertake IM predator control programs.

There is very little, if any, scientifically defensible justification for predator control on a moose population as healthy as that on the Kenai Peninsula. In light of the state's current fiscal dilemma, spending thousands of dollars on predator control that is unneeded strikes us as foolish and financially irresponsible.

For the reasons stated above we strongly urge you to reject both proposals 155 and 159.

Respectfully,
Dave Lyon
Chair, Homer AC



Ted Spraker
Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

December 21, 2016

Subject: Proposal 157 – Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game (Emperor Geese)

A member of the public requested proposal 157 be discussed during the December 15th Kodiak Advisory Board finfish meeting due to the comment deadline of December 22nd. We did not take formal action on the proposal due to insufficient public notice (less than 24 hours) but did discuss the proposal in depth and voted to send a letter to the BOG detailing our discussion.

There were ten AC committee members and over forty others in attendance, including staff, enforcement and members of the public.

There was unanimous support for Proposal 157 to include Unit 8 **excluding the Kodiak road system 500' seaward of the shoreline and all of Women's Bay (from Cliff Point to the mouth of the Buskin River)**. The request for this closure is due to the population of Emperors that winter there. It has not been hunted in over 30 years and they are enjoyed by local Kodiak Residents throughout the winter. There is also concern regarding ease of access and the potential for overharvesting within this area. Other concerns include safety due to multiple user groups. We believe the Pacific Flyway Council and the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council have discussed this restriction.

We concur that there should be a limited number of registration permits and there should be reporting requirements including collection of biological samples when deemed prudent.

No one expressed opposition to the proposal, **if these conditions were met.**

We appreciate yours and the boards consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Chervenak
Chairman Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee



**Kotzebue Sound AC Meeting
4/27/2016
Alaska Technical Center**

- I. **Call to Order:** Time by Pete Schaeffer - 7:00 pm
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chair), Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary), Cyrus Harris, Victor Karmun, Eugene Smith, Michael Kramer, Pierre Lonewolf
Members Absent: Karmen Monigold
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present:
Agency Staff, Subsistence Users, Commercial Fisherman,
- III. **Approval of Agenda:**
Add Jim Dau's announcement
Add Noatak and Kivalina Proposals as well as Jim Bourquin's
Add Grizzly Bears and Furbearers to the snowmachine proposal
Agenda approved unanimous
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From 11/2/15
Minutes approved unanimous
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**
Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett
- VI. **Guests Present:**
Marci Johnson NPS, Susan Georgette SNWR, Jim Dau, Justin McGinnis AST, Lance Kramer, Jim Bourquin

Public Comments and Concerns:

Brandon Saito: ADF&G agency report

Survey of moose 940 moose found in the Selawik area spring 2016 in the 2007 survey there were over 2,000. Between 2007 and 2011 a 7% decline was estimated, between 2011 and 2016 a 12% decline each year was estimated with an overall decline of 46% between 2007 and 2016. About 7% of the population is harvested annually at the moment, the population can sustain that for now but it is getting pretty close to exceeding acceptable harvest >10%. With low caribou numbers we need to watch that. We don't want our bull:cow ratios to decline. There are 40 bulls:100 cows, which is okay, although a drop from 2007- 54bulls: 100 cows. Calf production was about 10:100 now we are at 14:100 cows. This is not localized to the Selawik Area the NSP went from 900 to 700 the Upper Noatak has always been pretty low. These declines are region wide.



Eugene: Can you determine if this is happening with predation if the overall harvest has remained the same.

Brandon: We harvest 99% bulls and very few cows. You would see skewed bull: cow ratios if these problems were human induced. Predation is a probable option.

Mike: Inquires about the non-resident take versus local take.

Eugene: Inquires what sort of animal is creating this decline.

Brandon: Explains declines likely due to bears and wolves.

Mike: We need to take protective measures on the moose, we may need to go to drawing and only 20 permits per year to make.

Brandon: Explains we dropped the number of moose permits by 25% doing within house without board approval. The majority of the harvest is taken by local people. The federal and state agencies are both in on the harvest data.

Eugene: The bear population on the Noatak, the predator populations are not maintained we are going to start losing our game. We have to seriously consider what we are doing with predator control to liberalize regulations.

Atamuk: Inquires about the numbers of bears in the Selawik area.

Susan: Explains that only a few bear per year are taken in Selawik.

Atamuk: We need to start watching our resources. We need to do something to help our resources to stay in higher numbers.

Mike: What is the department's next step?

Brandon: Explains departments procedures to determine if we need to regulate people to help the population. Do we keep ratcheting back on the locals or non-local residents.

Mike: Where were most of the harvest taken with moose and you need to figure on which part of the river they are taken.

Brandon explains: Most of the moose are probably taken on the lower quarter of the Selawik closer to the village.

Atamuk: Is that the only place that we see declines on the Selawik.



Brandon: Explains that we have seen declines on the Seward Peninsula and on the Upper Noatak.

Pete: At what point will decide you are a different level of risk.

Brandon: Explains when we start taking more of the harvestable surplus at 7%.

Pete: Inquires about when do we take action? Do you have emergency authority?

Brandon: If we didn't have the numbers that we have had in bull:cow ratios that has been our saving grace. We would like to keep the moose season open as long as we can to compensate for the decline in caribou.

Jim Bourquin: I submitted a proposal for Unit 23 to increase the brown bear take up to two bears per year. I hunt caribou and moose subsistence basically. This year while dog teaming I have come across bear tracks that were taking moose and caribou. I have a close friend in Noatak who takes bears every year. He has seen decline in the moose and has seen the rise in the bear population. There is a two bear limit in other parts of the state and I am sure it is for a good reason. This can only help reduce the bears and help the moose and caribou population.

Alex Whiting: Explains we could sign on

Carmen Daggett: Explains the legalization of selling bear hides and skulls that accompanies 2 bear limits.

Jim Bourquin: Explains he would be in support of promoting increase in number of participants in the hunts.

Motion to support and cosponsor proposal to increase limit to 2 grizzly bears per year in GMU 23.

Discussion:

Pierre: I come from a place they managed to hide hunt 50 million animals (bison) to nothing. You don't need to have two bears per year and they are part of the ecosystem and they rise and fall. Moose and bears have been chasing forever. I am against a two year a bear limit. That is my opinion.

Alex: In order to sell these things they would have to be properly sealed by the state. How does the state feel about getting pretty accurate statistics on the bear harvests. If the state feels like it is getting pretty accurate numbers. I am pretty sure the board of the game would pass it as it seems like the board has been pretty supportive of increased bear harvests.



Brandon: We don't have good population numbers for bears so we would have a hard time monitoring their decline. The subsistence bears are taken with a permit. We only use 1-3 of these permits per year. Most of the harvest is taken through the regular hunting licensed.

Eugene: I used to be conservative on this committee in regards to bears, as we have gone through the years I have seen more bears. Last fall there were 14 bears on one stretch of the Noatak when I was fishing on the Eli we counted 28 bear incidences. If we don't do some predator control we are going to be in trouble we are seeing declines in caribou and moose we have to start doing some predator control.

Pierre: Explains bears are fishing where they know there are fish and the bears are concentrated on the river.

Brandon: Explains the state and the feds are going to be doing another bear survey this spring in the Noatak area. We have seen over double the number of bears in 1988.

Atamuk: I would support this if we don't allow the hide and the skull for sale. There were over 200 nests destroyed by bears in the last three years. Over 30 bears in 1.5 miles. Not even crossing the river they were going down to catch spawning salmon. I don't like the idea of hides and skulls being sold. That will be something the youngsters may abuse. We could make this not to be true for Unit 23.

Alex: Explains how the two proposals go together, how many times can you get two bears year after year.

Mike: We need to support this proposal. We have control over how many hides and skulls can be sold by each person. If the moose the population comes back then we know that we are doing the right thing. We have control over the sales through sealing. Otherwise we could shut it down.

Question:

1 opposed 6 support motion carries to co-sponsor the proposal.

VII. New Business:

a. New Board of Game Proposals

- i. Motion to support the Noatak Kivalina AC Proposal to extend the CUA upstream to Cutler River.

Discussion:

Lance: my views that I will share are my personal view. I like what they are doing to extending the CUA to try reduce the user conflict between the subsistence hunters and the transporters that really pile into that area. I am glad that they put that proposal in and I hope the AC would support them in that.



Pete: Wants to co-sponsor the proposal

Atamuk: All of the way to Cutler, there are hunters way up there and I have seen them up there too.

Question called:

Unanimously supported and co-sponsoring the proposal

- ii. Motion to support the Noatak Kivalina AC proposal to spacing of big game hunting camps

Discussion:

Eugene: I think that this would protect Noatak.

Alex: Not sure about jurisdiction of BOG to address this issue, seems like a NPS permit issue.

Cyrus: Explains this is meant break up the condensed hunting camps on the river.

Question called:

Unanimous Support

- iii. Motion for the Kotzebue Sound AC to submit proposal to add Grizzly Bears and Furbearers to the pursuit with snow machine allowance.

Question called:

Unanimous Support

VIII. Old Business:

Federal Regulation Review

Susan Georgette: Explains the federal proposal to temporarily close federal lands for one year. Discussed the many questions that arose concerning implications of the proposal on field situations, like non-locals in boat that was hunting caribou on federal lands and similar circumstances where it was not clear how to enforce or what the rules would be. Brought up the GMU 23 user conflict working group meeting next week in Kotzebue where many of these issues could be discussed and that Tim Towarak the FSB Chair would be attending the meeting, that it would be broadcast on the radio and have public comment opportunities. The federal agencies would be working on the questions surrounding the temporary closure of non-locals on federal lands for caribou hunting.

Lance Kramer: it is isn't just about food security and it is about our spirituality and culture which are part of the 801 and 804 of the ANILCA which is what made the federal subsistence board sway on this item. Non-local effort may concentrate in the Kivalina area on State lands, this should help out some in law enforcement. It should be interesting to see how the lack of airplane hunters in the Bairds and Delongs will impact caribou migration next season. The Northern Seward Peninsula RAC opposed it and the vice chairman is a big game hunting guide. It passed by FSB 5-3 the three were opposed were USFWS, NPS and BLM.

Susan: Discussed the snowmachine proposal to align federal regulations with the recently passed state regulations in regards to the use of snowmachines to hunt caribou, wolves, and wolverines and that they passed it only for BLM lands, as the NPS and USFWS had agency specific regulations opposing the use of snowmachines to herd or harass animals. In order to have this implemented in those area changes would be needed in their agency regulations.



State BOG actions on proposals

Carmen Daggett discussed that the BOF passed the KS AC proposal to do away with licenses for subsistence fishing with rod and reel, but the sport bag limits would apply. She then went over the BOG decisions regarding the state management proposals that were reviewed last fall by the Kotzebue Sound AC and voted on by the BOG this spring. The majority of which were decided in line with the support and opposition decisions made by the Kotzebue Sound AC.

Adjournment: 8:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
11/3/2016
Northwest Arctic Borough

- I. Call to Order:** 7:10 pm by Alex Whiting
- II. Roll Call:**
Members Present: Alex Whiting (Secretary), Enoch Shiedt, Michael Kramer, Pierre Lonewolf, Cyrus Harris
Members Absent: Pete Schaeffer, Victor Karmun, Karmen Monigold, Eugene Smith
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:**
Cyrus: motioned to approve the agenda
Seconded: Pierre
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** 4/27/16
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:** Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- VI. Guests Present:** Lew Pagel, Trooper Justin McGinnis, Paul Atkins, Chris Bryant,
- VII. Old Business:**
Elections:

Cyrus: Motioned to open nominations

Mike Kramer: Nominated to keep at status

Pierre: Nominated Lance Kraemer, Seconded: Enoch Sheidt

Pete Schaeffer, Alex Whiting, and Mike Kramer (3 years)

Victor Karmun, Lance Kramer, Eugene Smith (2 year terms)

Motioned by: Cyrus Harris

Seconded by: Mike Kramer

Pete Schaeffer: Chair

Alex Whiting: Secretary and Vice Chair



VIII. New Business:

Brandon Saito: Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update, caribou population count 201,000 – any harvest reduction recommendations.

Mike Kramer: Mentioned he wants to do five per day both federal and state, the RAC voted to go for five per day. Accommodates most people, except maybe super hunters that harvest a large number of caribou and hand them out to elders, then hunt for themselves. As for returning harvest tickets, one recommendation I made at the RAC meeting, I suggested have a reward for turning in your harvest ticket to increase reporting rate, then get \$5 off their hunting license. It benefits everyone including the caribou. Might encourage people to get their hunting licenses too.

Enoch Sheidt: Suggest a lottery per village, stipulate with needing a hunting license in order to be entered for stove oil/other prize. We averaged 14 caribou per year while our herd is healthy. On the decline questioned where are all of the bodies of the animals of the number of animals have been lost? Maybe parts of the herd moved to other places like the Koyukon country.

Alex Whiting: We should understand if the caribou regulation adjustments that were implemented this year made any differences. The population parameters indicate the herd might still be decreasing, but we just made regulation changes. The State claims while the decline continues that there are a lot of good signs of calf survival, weight, health and similar indicators of a healthy herd. The WACH WG everyone with the state are going to have a big discussion, along with the management plans. It is not really necessary for us to think about reducing harvests at this time until we have the benefit of the WACH WG proposals and the harvest reports and other data from this fall.

Cyrus: We reduced our federal take from 15 to five and reduced the bull season.

Alex Whiting: We need to spend more time to evaluate the situation, it seems premature to make recommendations today.

Atamuk: Cyrus is on the WG, we need to do something, so we have enough for the future.

Alex Whiting: We are going to see some changes, due to changes we have already made. We have some time to consider further regulations after we get some data and the WACH WG meeting and when we make decisions. I am not against doing more, but it seems premature.

Atamuk: I know what you are saying, but we need to conserve for the future. Noatak had caribou last fall. Something needs to be done to preserve for the future.

Alex: I still have a lot of confidence on the WACH WG in making decision, that is the only reason that group exists, and including additional the data from harvest data. Would like to offer changing things at the next AC meeting.

Brandon Saito: Gives moose update, 2011-2016, 12% decline per year in the Selawik and Tag Rivers and Kobuk Delta and 8% decline in Noatak. Going to survey the Selawik.



Lance Kramer: Would like to review predator control. It would help with the calving situation for both species. Predators should take a hit not just human take. We should be out there increasing take of predators. The State might as well do predator control since they are going to be rich from the new license fee increase.

Mike Kramer: The RAC motioned to close all federal lands to non-federally qualified subsistence users for moose hunting and it is going to be considered by the FSB. Predators need to be reduced. There were a lot of bears this year were shot along the Kobuk River that were stealing caribou from hunters boats and camps. I really encourage the sale of hides and skulls. There are some villages that are really out hammering the wolves. I know I will be up on the Kobuk this year. Predators need to be hammered first, before we need to be reducing take and put non-residents on the lottery.

Alex: If we going to move on further resident restrictions, we definitely need to take out non-resident harvest. Inquires about the number of moose that non-residents take.

Brandon: Explains residents are taking the majority of moose that are being harvested.

Alex: The first thing that should go is non-resident harvest, then shortening the season, and/or other adjustments to residents since bag limit is only 1 per year.

Atamuk: We saw over sixty wolves in Kiana the predators are still in big numbers.

Alex: Explains state versus federal approach to predator control, in that the Feds do not allow it and the majority of lands are federal in the region.

Carmen Daggett: Presented information on the MOU, Alex Whiting offered to spearhead comments on the MOU – need more time to review.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	5	0	Believe the BOG should re-evaluate combining the WACH and the TCH for the purpose of an ANS finding.
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
No Action			Having a caribou registration hunt would allow for collection of more data which would be helpful to monitor the herd during this period of decline and increased regulations, as long as it was not implemented



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			with any specific time frame, like the RM880 for example, but was available year round.
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Opposed	0	5	This would be addressed if proposal 2 is adopted.
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	5	This proposal makes no sense and would be impossible to implement in any event, given all the non-caribou hunting related flying that occurs and the majority of federal land in the region on which flying (landing) activities occur.
5	Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Opposed	0	5	Not clear why it was needed or who would benefit, have no problem with the way hunts are defined now.
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	5	Not clear why it was needed or who would benefit, have no problem with the way hunts are defined now.
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Opposed	0	5	Specific regulations will be developed on a case by case basis when populations are in decline.
9	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		
Neutral			Non-resident sheep hunting opportunities have been almost nonexistent in the past couple of decades in GMU 23 and with the latest sheep crash will not be available for many years to come.
10	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		
Neutral			Non-resident sheep hunting opportunities have been almost nonexistent in the past couple of decades in GMU 23 and with the latest sheep crash will not be available for many years to come.
11	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
Opposed	0	5	
12	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to draw permit hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		
Neutral			



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13	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		
Opposed	0	5	Not in favor of non-resident opportunity above 10%
14	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Arctic/Western Region		
Opposed	0	5	Not in favor of non-resident opportunity above 10%
15	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Arctic/Western Region to one every five years		
Opposed	0	5	There are already penalties for illegal harvests do not need more.
16	Establish a 90/10 percent permit allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear		
Opposed	0	5	Do not want to arbitrarily limit brown bear harvest and other species can be dealt with on case by case basis.
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	5	0	Agree that these parts should be used for human consumption.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	Need to encourage and make it easy to harvest bears in the region.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
No Action			Not sure about implications
36	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23		
Support	5	0	Still relatively low harvest - helps people who need the meat and did not harvest bulls.
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	5	0	Encourage bear hunting in the region is needed to reduce numbers and help moose.
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40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	5	0	Encourage bear hunting in the region is needed to reduce numbers and help moose.
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		



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		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
42		Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23
Support	4	1
		One member expressed it was not fair method of harvest, the rest agreed if some people wanted to hunt this way then okay since it would encourage bear hunting in the region which is needed to reduce numbers and help moose. Also agreed it would need rules in place like signage and other similar parameters to do it safely and in a structured manner.
43		Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23
Support	5	0
		This is needed for the same reasons the original proposal was put in place for caribou, wolves and wolverines, which has shown to have had no noticeable impact on conservation as was predicted by proposers during the discussion over caribou, wolves and wolverines.
44		Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23
Support	5	0
		We support the community of Noatak in controlling the impact to their hunting grounds
45		Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area
Support	5	0
		We support the community of Noatak in controlling the impact to their hunting grounds

Lance Kramer nominated to attend the Board of Game meeting.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Whiting

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 11/10/16

Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee
10/27/16
Fish and Game Office Bethel Alaska



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- I. Call to Order: [Time] by James Charles
- II. Roll Call: Willie Phillip, James Charles, James Nicholai, John Twitchell Sr., Earl Samuelson Sr., Nick Henry, Henry Parks, George Berry, John Andrew, Phillip Peter Sr.,
Members Present:
Members Absent: Sandra Nicori, Jackson Williams, William Brown
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Earl Samuelson wants to add proposals 17, 34, 74, 75, 76, 80, 81, 82, 83
Seconded by James Nicholai
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 11/12/15 minutes have been pre-approved
Earl Samuelson: Moved to approve minutes
Henry Parks: Seconded
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards)
Patrick Jones (DWC)
Lisa Olsen (Subsistence)
Aaron Poetter (Fisheries)
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Public Comments/Concerns
James Charles: Expressed concern over elections
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:
Board of Game Meeting: Earl Samuelson: Nominates: James Charles, and Phillip Peter Sr.

Board of Fish Meeting: Motioned to nominate main James Charles, seconded James N.

Alternate nominated by Henry Parks: Earl Samuelson to be the alternate, seconded

James Charles: Explains people are alarmed at seeing wood bison.

Tom Seaton: Bison is a meat resource for people, you can harvest a lot larger portion, they evolved with moose also benefit each other, moose eat willows and brush and bison eat a lot of sedge, bison fur is good birds and increases survival of birds and small mammals, the feces supports the life of small mammals. Small mammals

economic benefit, the people are trying develop economy based on photography and viewi and the Canada border. They were sighted in 1915. We let go 130 animals population has we are hoping to open the hunt in about 5 years. Explains the exploration of a bison cow on the Kuskokwim, she is teaching us where good wood bison habitat is.



James Charles: Inquires about how to tell the difference between bulls and cows.

Tom Seaton: Explains males have L shaped horns and a penis sheath, and females have a C-shaped horns, we are working with school curriculum so young people will be trained how to tell the difference. Explains

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I saw that bison it was scary and it reminded me of buffalo.

Tom Seaton: A lot of the reason to bring bison back is to establish a food source.

Earl Samuelson: Looking at migration patterns, are there are any migratory pattern.

Tom Seaton: They are spending their winter in the Holy Cross, they migrate about 30 miles to Shageluk. These bison occupy the opening in the forests, and marshlands.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about competition between musk ox and bison.

Tom Seaton: Musk ox and bison don't compete very much, musk ox like tussocks and small tundra plants, bison eat more sedges and forbs.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about education in the YK Delta.

Tom Seaton: Put flyers up, and am working more on education.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about the dangers of bison

Tom Seaton: We have done some work and research who have been injured or killed and the incidents are minimal to one person has been killed in the last 30 years. They are generally pretty safe allow them space to get away from you.

Phillip Perry: Explain prices of licenses and where that money goes.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about income levels and the value of the dollar.

Pat Samson: It is already determined and calculated.

Chariton Epchook: Inquires about boundaries and differences in regulations.

Phillip Perry: Explains regulations on land versus water.

John Twitchell Sr: All of the permit fees I do have a lot respect for our ancestors and they were were regulated through permits regulations. We will have to pay for subsistence activities. We cannot go anywhere without having money in our pocket. The cost of living is going to go up higher.

Phillip Peter: Explains for getting fined for not reporting. They gave me \$100. It is really tough to follow these regulations. It has consequences on the ticket. This kind of regulations we have, explain them carefully with


disadvantages and advantages and explain it to our tribal members. Some of our hunters it James talking on the radio explain needing to have hunting licenses and harvest tickets.




Nicholai Alexie: Inquires about price increases.

STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES
MARCH 20–24, 2017
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

BOF	244	Align sport crab fishery regulations and repeal methods and means and general provisions for shellfish for the North Slope, Kuskokwim–Goodnews, and Yukon areas.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	2	James Charles: Not a lot of us go fishing for crabs. Adolf: I am subsistence user if I wanted it to become a subsistence use the crab.

BOF	275	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	 <div>AC12 4 of 14</div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	<div>12</div> <p>James Charles: it was proposal</p> <p>Chariton Epchook: Last year salmon escapement met their goals.</p> <p>John Andrew: I agree with Mr. Epchook if we go into the Tier II system, they will only give this to indigenous people who have been here forever, it will only give fish to those people. We will be wasting our time, we will not be able to share our catch with other families.</p> <p>Jackson: We did not go along with this proposal, we do not want to go into the Tier II permit system, it is not good for villages this permit system.</p> <p>Nicholai: I oppose this proposal, last year it was under a different number and I opposed it then.</p> <p>Willie Phillip: The other thing we experienced last year and this year Tuluksak didn't participate in designating the permit system. I noticed with my extended family were complaining that appointed fisherman were not sharing their fish as they normally would. It is going to take awhile for this to come into place.</p> <p>Phillip Peter: There was no action on this at the board of fish. They didn't want to talk about it. We need to work on this so it doesn't come up again.</p> <p>The customary and traditional use from our ancestors there is no permit or tier II permit. I opposed this last year. We make a compromise with the state the way I understand it, we compromise and we pay for it. I asked the lawyers if we take allocation with the king salmon I asked them and remove these two permits, without using those two permits we could fish in the river. In ANILCA we are the first priority, in the ANILCA regulation and that little word 'rural preference' all could fish down in the river. If those fish got really low, hunger has no law when we are hungry. We could go there and we are really hungry and we forget to use this tier II permit. Hunger has no law, I would really oppose 275.</p> <p>Henry Parks: The people from the tundra villages, the villages are a distance from the Kuskokwim river and use a lot of gas to get to the Kuskokwim river, last year was a good year for us. When there was fishing this year, there were not any complaints from our fishing. If we adopt proposal 275, it will affect our subsistence way of life. So it will be fair to some families of the disadvantaged. This is not a very good proposal at all.</p> <p>James Charles: Explains there was another proposal on the RAC meeting</p> <p>Lamont: The intertribal fisheries would like the state and the federal sides to get all parties to the table to be part of the discussion to get everyone at the table to discuss these issues.</p> <p>Adolf: Asks Lisa Olson about Tier II practiced in fisheries in Nome, now they are going over this, my district, we most vehemently oppose that. There was no investigation of the effects. My opportunity will be unreasonable, I will not be able to fish. This state method to distinguish between users, it is not method under state subsistence law and constitution it is against the law. Talks about filling out application, permits will be selective, in Nome area there were only 10-20 people who got permits if 100 applied or more. I can see other people looking at someone else's fish rack. Someone said do not accept Tier II, I will be supporting the RAC and the intertribal commission. Thank you so much for language in Yupik. I am thankful for you listening to comments and the concerns we have.</p> <p>If it is repealed the Tier II system will be a moot point.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: I talked with people in Napaskiak, we are over regulated said an elder, this is not going to benefit our region. I will speak opposing the resolution. If this passes and we look into the future, how can anyone pass the customary and traditional ways to the future generations, you wouldn't be able to pass on the values to the younger generation. This is something that has come during times of low fish I do believe in co-management.</p> <p>Phillip Peter: The issue brought up by Lamont is a very good idea we should not only focus on the fish issue we should also do all of the other game. We are under a lot of regulations for everything, it is not our way of life. Need a comprehensive review of the reaguioations. all of thisese</p>	

BOF	276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during salmon runs.			AC12 5 of 14
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Support</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No Action</div>	0	12	<p>Phil Peter: Motion to adopt</p> <p>Willie Phillip: Seconded</p> <p>John Andrew: Everyone in the village want to oppose the permit system. A lot of people will not be able to go fish and will not be able to share. When the king salmon numbers are low and we brought up the permit system. Even the people on the Yukon opposed the permit system.</p> <p>Henry Parks: Right now what have I determined from my observations during the king salmon season I know in 2012 and 2010 there was a real low number of king salmon, the years that have gone by that the king salmon are slowly repopulating and we can keep fishing schedule like we did this last summer, it is hardship to go down to the Kuskokwim river to get gas, when this first came the tundra villages did not like the permits and there is differences between families and we don't want to go to permit system and it would be detrimental to the way we relate to each other. I do not want to accept this proposal at all.</p> <p>Chariton: In January, from Kwethluk, we went to Fairbanks for board meeting, we did not like the proposal for the fishing permits. Fish and Wildlife when they first come up with the permit system people were against each other negatively, they really were against people who were fishing and that they were keeping the good fish and giving the bad fish away, it made a division in the families and the young people here are not like they use to be.</p> <p>Jackson William: The upper villages where I am from, last year when we had a Unit 4 meeting, the fish are not that low, that is just my opinion. This guy from Tuluksak and he was working at AVCP, this guy from Kalskag said a guy from Stony River his smoke house was already have full of chinook. The net would sink over night, I don't like people coming here to tell us there are not enough chinook in our river that is not right, there are lots. Subsistence- we were limited to 300, 6 inch mesh 29 kings, that is a record. That is a mismanagement of the kings. Like Lamont said when we work together it is better.</p> <p>James Nicholai: I do not like this proposal at all, our ancestors used to tell us that when the salmon come when we need to take our salmon and get ready for the winter time and they didn't tell us how much to catch and to gather enough for families and our extended families and we give them what we catch too. When any of my families come and want something from my freezer I give them what they want. In the lower 48 people kick their kids out after age 18, we don't do that. I do not like the permit system. Our children and grandchildren need enough game from them , the need to provide for our families is never going to end. It is not good for our way of life to have all of these regulations. There was a Japanese officer talking about how their permit system works and it was the same way and they listen to their ancestors and that they were following their ancestral law, it is the same way with us. They are oral laws not written, we should write down our laws it would give a credence to our law. My ancestors said do not waste or throw away anything. The Japanese don't follow outside regulations they follow their own regulations. They didn't speak English they spoke their own language to their way of life. I do not like permit at all and I want to keep my way of life.</p> <p>Phillip Peter: We are concentrating Chinook, let them increase. Right now we are concentrating on the king salmon coming up here, there are other fish and game out there that will go down in numbers. I want to talk about chum and reds that follow the chinooks, we eat reds, chums and king salmon for food. A year ago I got a call from Fish and Game chums are really low, we will not be concentrating on chums. We are only concentrating on kings but chums are getting low. Reds are increasing. We had record number of years we caught almost 300 million chums commercial fishing. Some day when we accept this permit. It is not free, we have to pay for it like commercial fishing. I talked with my tribal members they do not want this.</p> <p>permit. ..</p>		

BOF	RC 38	Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan	 <div>AC12 6 of 14</div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action		<p>Henry: Motioned Seconded: John Andrew Discussion: Chariton: I was at the work session, I would maybe suggest an amendment to make it 6". We always talk about how 4" is not good for us. They want to catch sheefish, all we know that whitefish regardless if they are broad head or cisco, they can be caught in 6" mesh as well. We also talk about when we set out our 4" nets, those are killers, that one time I check my net, and I caught one king salmon and it rolled off the net I was heart broken, that was food for my family at least for a day. James Charles: The smaller mesh, catches lots of salmon, I do not like the 4" mesh, the smaller mesh you have the more fish you will catch, I think 6" and smaller and I caught more fish than when I used to use king salmon net. Jackson: How many years ago, I was really surprised, to hear people in Anchorage I heard that the BOF approved the 4 " mesh I was shocked. From my area, Akiak, the only time I use 4" is early spring and late August before kings come around, if we want more whitefish, in between when the Chinooks are swimming and have past the area, I noticed a lot of seagulls. 6" is better than 4". Phillip Peter: We don't have an opportunity to use our king net, we call 4" mesh net a killer it kills all kinds of species. If we make an amendment 6" or more, we need to start testing these nets for subsistence fishing. I want to know the accurate number if we use a king net for subsistence, we are using 6" or less 5.5" now in the Kuskokwim, the subsistence and commercial fisherman they only use 5.5 and 6" that is the only net we have right now. I really appreciate this last summer this is no one set net of river using the whitefish net in the river. If we are going use it for consumption it is going to be no good. We are trying to conserve kings salmon. I will oppose 4", if no one is making any amendments. Henry Parks: Maybe I will be wrong here, the 6" if we amend it, it will not be good. If we could used it this past summer, if we amend the 6", it will negatively affect the good season we had this summer. If we amend this to 6" it will negatively affect fishing. The four inch catches all of the species and they do they all catch the big ones, but if they change it to change six mesh, if this is going to be a set net here we should not set our nets 100 feet from the water line. If we change it to six mesh, it will affect. Fish and Game, it will affect us negatively. If we changed it to six mesh, it would change the success like we had last year. John Andrew: I know they brought this up in Fairbanks, it says here that during the closure, that only the commissioner has power to open. If you want fresh salmon for whatever you need. If you use 4" mesh, it would give you opportunity when there is a closure. Earl Samuelson: I know that Aaron said the nets would be 100 feet from shore and 60 feet long. This would be a problem because of crowding. There isn't anything wrong with the current regulation. There was no place 6", 45 mesh deep, when this was opened and you couldn't purchase this size of net. It doesn't say where you would have to tie your net. When we were restricted with the 4", people fish harder to get their quota. It will be more burdensome with the users. You will still work hard to fill your freezer. I would have to oppose this proposal, it is not satisfactory for us. Phillip Peter: The rivers, like the Johnson, some of the villages at good river, those that are using the salmon nets, they catching chum and red salmon even though they are way up river. When there is a set net near a cut river bank, there was a young boy went to check the set net along the river bank. We have a little harbor in Akiachak, and people set the nets in the harbor area, and the nets were confiscated that were placed in that area. James Nicholai: I used to put my 4" mesh away from Napakiak and I caught a lot of young jack salmon from the chinooks, I never used to catch little king salmon before that.</p>	



We are catching

Nicholai Alexie: This summer we had high water, late summer and late fall too, so if we have extensive is no snow that is probably affecting our fish too, I do not support proposal. I do not support the 100 feet from the high water mark.

Earl Samuelson: Last season if you set one week, you catch lots of fish, and the next week you catch nothing. That is how I saw it last year. Even with one window open, I fished for two days and I waited for the next opening no fish. The fish go by fast. If we oppose this, let's go back to our villages we should draft a proposal. It can go either way. I would encourage it if you are opposing and go to the big board and speak up when this comes up.

Lamont Albertson:

When we worked on this proposal we knew it wasn't going to be perfect. There were members of the Intertribal Kuskokwim Management council that would allow people to get some fresh fish.

Willie Phillip: When we use this mesh up river we don't have high and low tide and when the water is high we don't have a good place to set our set net, 4.5" nets are white fish net, there was a big hole in the middle of my net, we know as subsistence users we know how strong the big salmon. This proposal is not fair for natives trying to put food on their table. You would have to purchase a new net every year \$200-\$250 a net. We have a lot of low income people in our villages. These proposals are creating more hatred to each other. Instead of trying to help each other. Fish and Game is trying to do the best we can. These laws are made to create hardship that also break these laws. I oppose it because I cannot afford.

Earl Samuelson: Explains I would support a 6" net, most of the people on the river have a net to do so, if it is going to be limited what is the big deal. The 4" is what is the issue.

Lamont: Explains the Intertribal Fisheries Commission, some of the people would think that the department would support 4" and not 6". It is something of a compromise is what we are saying.

Phillip Peter: It is really confusing this proposal, we need to understand it clearly, if we are going to make it work, why not amend it to six inches to 10 fathoms, 60 feet is how much. I understand this proposal will be 60 feet, 45 mesh, 4 inches

Adolf: When there are fish swimming, I support the days when to open and when not to open. I appreciate the idea of getting a craving of fish during the conservation period. It is up to the Upriver down river and middle river to discuss the mesh size.

Earl Samuelson: It doesn't say anything about how long and how deep, it should be amended to add that information. We want to stay at 6" gear and we would have to go to paragraph C and come up with how long and the depth.

James Charles: I was for the 4" mesh, we have lakes we could fish at too. I didn't have any problems with using 4", only one person was using 4" net, I fished 5.75" fish all last summer and I was catching kings, reds and chums.

John Andrew: The board of fish aren't going to ratify this, a lot of people try to go catch for a fresh taste of fish.

James Charles: A couple of years ago we said it was ok, this would allow people to catch fish during the time of the king salmon closure.

Earl Samuelson: If do you do up to 6" mesh that opens the door, rather than 4" or less.

At the time of conservation they have the authority to go up to 6" mesh.

Aaron Poetter: Explains that 6" is considered king salmon gear.

Earl Samuelson: Explains this proposal is coming from our people and we are trying to put a net size, I like the 6" gear, and it lets the little guys go through, we are not targeting king salmon. We caught the big whitefish. All of us have to

come up with a good conclusion. We will have to butt heads for some conclusions, if we all work together we can be happy.



Chariton Epchook: there are two parts in my opposition, in low abundance 4" would kick in if the number of fish is restricted to 4" maybe that who you be restricted. It should be amended to six inches or less. In the subsistence regulation book for gillnets a gill net set net size maybe not exceed 6", it says that a set net may not exceed 4", it would be appropriate up to six inches.

Earl Samuelson: Explains using 6" mesh the intent is not to catch kings, but to catch other fish even though that is what you're saying.

Aaron Poetter: this closure would be enacted every year during this closure.

John Twitchell: Going back to the issue of the working group, I am not really against the 4", the 4" even if we try to amend to 6", the working group says what they want our voice will be diluted.

Earl is really pushing changing.

Sandra Nicori: I think the key word is before June 12. It is not talking about the end of the summer it is just talking about before June 12 when there are fish in the river.

Phillip Peter: There are kings in the river in May. If there is a way to fix this one, it is just a proposal. We are trying to amend it to six inches and they didn't mention length, mesh size and depth size.

Pat Samson: Noted it is for all of the salmon.

Nicholai: If it is amended I will support it.

Samuelson: The current regulations says that it is six inches already. We should use the current existing regulation that says six inch or less.

John Twitchell: The season is too late, there is a lot of heat, humidity and insects, it would be better if it the date was earlier.

Earl Samuelson: Motioned to amend RC 38 to replace 4" mesh, up to 6" mesh

Jackson Williams: seconded

Motions carried as amended

RC38 proposal as amended carries 8 yes, 4 no

Comments: I brought this up because it is going to come up again, it brings attention to other groups and to the main group and we want to see change, it might not go anywhere hey we aren't happy, at least we voiced that concern.

Ornie: This is a good example of people sitting down and talking about issues and it is exciting and sometimes boring.

Willie Phillip: We see bison hair.

Phillip Peter: I thank the working group and the hard work they have done. I thank fish and game and fish and wildlife for being given the opportunity to catch fish this summer. I really wish we would proceed in this manner from now on.

Speaks in support on the Intertribal Fisheries Commission.

Lamont: Explains the purpose and goals of the Intertribal Fisheries Commission

Jackson: We had a Unit 4 meeting, they mentioned in our meetings, it can be a rolling opening not a one side deal. Some others, like me, they used to close it in May, to me all of these years all of the time the Chinook swim mainly the first part of June, they are the fastest swimmers in the river. We want our voices to be heard and we know this river upside down.

Willie Phillip: Explains we have too many regulations and we shouldn't tie ourselves up. We have a creator that gives and takes abundantly and have given much to our ancestors once he sees His children wasting His creation, He takes it away.

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We need to work together to come to a consensus, a lot regulations come up, we need to get rid of this, we cannot be fighting native against native, let's come to a round table and we can discuss proposal 275.

Earl motioned



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Nicholai Alexie: We opposed the permit system. It did not work in our communities, the permit holders got most of the fish and the rest didn't get much. I am not in favor of this permit system

Earl Samuelson: We tried a permit system under the federal system, I took people out every day and there were other fisherman they were not delivering the fish to the people like they were supposed to. It is another regulation upon us. Until we get more educated we should leave the table open until we are all knowledgeable about this issue. We should table this issue.

Willie Phillip: We need to focus on what is happening worldwide, I have read so many articles there are a lot of animals and fish dying. We should when we make laws, these fish swim half way around the world they may be swimming in contaminated waters, if we can't eat them or they die off it is really going to affect our people. We make laws that will give each people white, native, black any culture if we make laws that will cooperate with all of them, we all have to eat something to be happy. Nowadays our government to government are talking about war, if they use the ugly bombs it will become contaminated. To be on the safe side I recommend opposing a permit system for now and the future, whether we go hungry or not. We have been here over 10,000 years and we are still here because of our ancestral laws.

Jackson Williams: I like what this guy said, first he said I don't like the moose hunting permit, permit or no permit I am going to feed my family, just the way I used to. If there are some people who have permits and some don't- they fight each other, it is not our custom. We are guardians of our own food in our area, we were here first, we do share a lot within our villages.

Adolf: As a user I don't want to change from one use to another, traditional use and customary use. I don't want to get into any new purpose. I just want to practice my way of life. The state law says that, I am speaking to the fish and game right now. They are conserving the species right now. They collect data, through subsistence surveys. What is the difference between threshold and amount necessary for subsistence? Fish and Wildlife uses threshold and State uses Amount necessary for subsistence.

Lisa Olsen: It is one way the amount necessary for subsistence is for the board, it is for the board to determine of the amount available



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8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Opposed	4	5	<p>Phillip Perry: Explains intensive management. Earl Samuelson: Inquires if Fish and Game supports or opposes this proposal. This may affect our region, at some point. I would like the board to consider remaining neutral on this proposal. Member of the public: If there isn't enough for the residents why should there be enough for non-residents. James Nicholai: Do sport hunters come to this region?</p> <p>Phillip Perry: Explains salvage requirements. James Nicholai: Motions to accept proposal 8 as written. Earl: Clarifies the intent of the proposal. George: Seconded</p>
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Supported	9	0	<p>Earl: Motioned James Nicolai Seconded Earl Samuelson: We talked about this last year, we talked about just the breasts being taken out and this proposal was written by our brothers and sisters up river to include the whole bird. We were in support of this last year. Henry Parks: Explains we talked about this last year and didn't make any action regarding this proposal, the language is good language and we do understand the intent. Earl Samuelson: I like the wording it is in the context, there was some slight modifications. I can sense we like the proposal the way it is.</p>
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	9	0	<p>Earl: Motion to adopt as written John Twitchell: Seconded Phil Perry: Explains proposal 18. Fish and Game is supporting reauthorizing this.</p>
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
Opposed	4	5	<p>Earl: Motioned to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded Earl: Inquires about the quota should it be 30? Phil: Explains quota determination it could be as high as 30, it is currently 20. Earl: Inquires why Tuntutuliak was opposed to this proposal. James: inquires if the Good News Bay and Good news River in this too? Phil Perry: Explains the availability of permits for the winter hunt. It is only good for the Good News Bay drainage, could be from Good News Bay and Platinum. James Charles: Wanted to know if Platinum is included in the Good News Bay drainage. Earl: Is 20 bulls enough to accommodate for the Platinum and Good News Bay needs.</p>



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			<p>Phil: All I can do is say how many permits were available. I think the desire is probably higher than 20, but this is how many permits there are.</p> <p>Henry Parks: What is the moose population in Goodnews Bay Area.</p> <p>Phil: The Good News Bay count was four years ago there were around 200, there is probably more than that. There are more people seeing moose. Without a good hard population count number, that is why keep the quota at 20.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Explains this will be the only winter hunt area in the area.</p> <p>Phil Perry: Explains there is a winter hunt on the Yukon Unit 18 remainder.</p> <p>Kwethluk: would like to oppose 21</p>
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
Opposed	0	9	<p>Phil Perry: Requests this to be open as an antlerless moose season, there are a lot of moose up on the Yukon this year. There has been high harvest ~600 moose. Explains the nonresident intent as someone who is living in the region but is not a resident that could take a cow during the winter.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Explains concerns about non-residents going out and a lot of waste and their meat was in sad shape. I would not mind if they want to come up and hunt during the winter. I am not in favor of this proposal till the current law is made to benefit Alaskans. You go out to the airport it is sad. Until the system is fixed I am not in support of this.</p> <p>John Twitchell: This is very important to our region, there are a lot of non-resident hunters and they do leave a lot of edible meat in the field. We do need a good understanding on this matter.</p> <p>Kwethluk: We are not in favor of this proposal, people here have sacrificed for five years to be able to have moose we are not in support of this proposal.</p>
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Supported as amended	10	0	<p>Earl: Motion to adopt</p> <p>Henry Parks: Seconded</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Philip Perry: Explains antlerless moose reauthorization</p> <p>Population is doing really well. Population is 12,000 moose, harvest rates are good and we could harvest more.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: I am not too happy with 30 day hunt for non-residents, it is hard for us to go way up to the Yukon to hunt. I would like to make the non-resident hunt 20 days. 30 days is too long for me. Asks if the AC group would support changing the length of the non-resident hunt to Sept 1-Sept 20.</p> <p>James Nicholai: I think the non-resident season from Sept 1-Sept 30 is too long.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Inquires about the department's position on changes, when you go to the airport, it's sad to see dirty and sour moose, if the non-resident hunter comes in and wastes the meat from the non-resident hunters, that is being disrespectful. If they show they can do it on their own, I don't mind shortening the season. They show they can do it on their own.</p> <p>Motion to amend the non-resident season to September 1-September 20.</p> <p>James Nicholai: Seconded</p>



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24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Supported as amended	8	1	<p>Earl Samuelson: Motion amended</p> <p>Henry Parks: Seconded</p> <p>Phil Perry: Explains bear baiting for black bears and that we have 4 bait stations a year. Explains use behind bears. It wouldn't change the season for bears or bag limits.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Inquires about adding resident versus non-resident.</p> <p>Henry Parks: I do understand the language and do support the proposal. We go out to our fish camps there are more incidents with bears coming into camps. I support this proposal.</p> <p>John Twitchell: this is the first time I have seen brown bears, our ancestors didn't use bait stations, I don't think we should jump on the band wagon with every proposal. This is the first time I have heard of using this method. Sometimes we don't have a lot of bear activity. I don't think we should be regulating ourselves more.</p> <p>James Nicholai: We do work on salmon in the summer time, a lot of people in fish camps have lost their fish to bears, some people think it is necessary to remove black bears and brown bears to protect their camps. I am in support of this proposal. I don't know about the scent. I do like the spirit of proposals and predator control.</p> <p>Kwethluk: I do not agree to this proposal, we from Kwethluk when we hunt brown bears we do not use bait stations it is only for sport hunters.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: The words residents and non-residents in this proposal, it bothers me. Questions about making this for residents only.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Motioned to: add Unit 18 as follows: Residents only under second paragraph</p> <p>Henry Parks: Seconded</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Motion to support as amended</p>
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	9	<p>Earl Samuelson: Motion to adopt</p> <p>James Nicholai: Seconded</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: This one worries me, to my knowledge our caribou herd has been low in numbers and it is slowly coming back, it would allow non-residents to come in and we still haven't seen the herd like we once saw it. This region needs to see their herd grow before we see non-resident hunters come in to hunt.</p> <p>Phillip Perry: Explains the board is going to ask taking this proposal up at the Unit 17 region board meeting. We are going to ask to delay this for a year. The Mulchatna herd is much lower than it used to be, it's now at 30-35,000 caribou. The number of animals available for harvest is lower than it used to be, it is probably premature to have a non-resident season with a restricted resident season. It is not an official position, but it would be good for the advisory committee to consider their vote.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Motions for unanimously oppose</p>



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74	Hunting Seasons and bag limits for moose		
Supported	10	0	Earl Samuelson: Move to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded Discussion: Earl Samuelson: Our people do go hunting around Aniak. Phillip Peter: Explains seasons, with bulls with spikes or forks on each side, over 50 inches. It liberalizes the bulls to three brown tines. This is a common antler restriction throughout the state, it was proposed by the Central Kuskokwim AC.
75	Intensive Management Plans VIII		
Supported	10	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson Henry Parks: Seconded 21 E a lot of people from the tundra villages go up there to hunt.
76	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose		
Supported	10	0	Earl Samuelson: Motion to adopt James Nicholai: Seconded Earl Samuelson: Tundra villages go up to the big lake up there to hunt, so it would affect our villages.
80	Controlled Use Area		
Opposed	0	10	Earl Samuelson: Motioned to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded I know the Holitna River is in the controlled use area, one of the ways is reducing horse power for erosion control and help rebuild moose populations. I don't know the moose numbers or the reason for restricting more than 40 horse power. Henry: The king salmon are in danger right now a good percentage of king salmon go up that part of the river. Earl: I do believe the motor restriction is for moose but it doesn't restrict you going there if you are not hunting. For conservation needs I like the 40 horse restriction. The locals wanted that. The more boats up there it affects the fish. John Twitchell: This restriction is only during the moose season, I like this restriction.
81	Controlled Use Area		
Opposed	0	10	Earl Samuelson: Moved to adopt Proposal 81 George Berry: Seconded Earl Samuelson: I know you can go to the controlled use area as long as you are on a scheduled. I don't understand why they want to put more designated communities. I wanted to learn more about this I don't understand why they want to do this. Phillip Perry: Explains the intent of the controlled use area, they are mostly



Lower Kobuk Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
12/21/16/2016
Noorvik IRA

- I. Call to Order: 11:38 pm
- II. Roll Call: Glenn Miller, Larry Westlake (Vice Chair), Bill Zibell, Wilbur Howarth Sr., Lonnie Tebbits
Members Absent: Leonard Brown
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Bill Moved
Seconded: Wilbur
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/8/16
Glenn: Motioned to adopt minutes
Lonnie: Seconded
Minutes Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards), Jill Klein (Liason)
- VI. Guests Present: Garfield Sampson, Les Sampson, Pauline Cleveland
- VII. Old Business:
Public Comments & Concerns:

Pauline Cleveland: Asked questions about non local hunters and regulations and surrounding non-local hunters and fisherman.

Elections:

Wilbur Howard: Nominate Lee Ballot Sr., Lonnie Tebbits
Lonnie Tebbits: Nominate Bill Zibell
Bill Zibell: Nominated Billy Mullik
Larry Westlake: Chair, Lee Ballot: Vice Chair, and Secretary: Glenn Miller
Seconded: Lonnie Tebbits
- VIII. New Business:
Brandon Saito: Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update
Wilbur Howarth: Explains the scheduled flights go directly up the river
Larry Westlake: Explains other flights that occur on the hunting season
I think the hunting season on the Kobuk is very short we should put in something like that.
Every little thing is important.
Les Sampson: Expresses concern about how caribou are counted.



Glenn Miller: Inquires about the predation around the young calves. Explains about the numbers of wolves in the area. I haven't seen any grizzly bears around this fall. We have seen lots of wolves.

Brandon: Explains the calving ground information and calf survival. Calf recruitment is higher than adult mortality.

Bill Zibell: Inquires about what percentage of cows come back through Onion Portage? I was wondering if we should be collaring in other areas. They cross at Soniqtuq every year it is consistent. How many are you collaring and what is the survival rate? Most of the animals are dying from natural mortality.

Brandon Saito: Moose Update explains 7500 moose population with harvestable surplus around 650 moose.

Larry Westlake: I think our caribou herd has been going further and further South predators have been high around Selawik. The RAC is already proposing to close federal public lands. You close one area and it concentrates people on the State Lands. That is going to affect us even more in this area. It is going to have to be the whole region to shut it down. We don't know how much it is going to help the caribou herd, I think it will help the moose, not sure on the caribou.

Bill Zibell: Inquires how many non-resident permits are being issued and how many of them are guided?

Brandon: Not all of the permits get used there is about 6 guided permits.

Bill Zibell: There are a lot more Kotzebue people coming up to hunt moose, 500% increase in moose numbers. Not sure what their success rate.

Brandon: Explains the projections from 2500 moose before and 1500 moose is the projection if it follows the same pattern as the Selawik. 450 is the harvestable surplus and the ANS is 350-400 moose.

Glenn Miller: when we look at the Noatak drainage, there are a lot of people from Kotzebue staying and camping and harvesting. There is a lot of traffic from Kotzebue.

Brandon Saito: Explains the Delta has one of the lowest bull:cow ratios. Our bull:cow ratios are still 40 bulls:100 cows, calf recruitment is good.

Lee: I think our moose harvest success was exceptionally good, almost everyone got a moose. The traffic held us up until we were able to get caribou.

Garfield: Inquires about the RM880.

MOU DISCUSSION:

Larry Westlake: Inquires about item 6, what kind of studies does the state and feds have on predator control, we have a problem with a declined herd the public has to know what is going. We don't know what is going on really.



Jill Klein: The FSB has their own predator philosophy on section 2 on the Guiding Principles.

Glenn Miller: I have been up here a long time and I mainly deal with Fish and Game, explains polar bear studies We have a large percentage of federal lands in the area and research happening but that information is not being shared at the ground level. Inquires about a liason with the general public meetings. Requests more data sharing between the state and federal governments with the general public.

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1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	6	0	Glenn: Motioned to support Bill: Seconded
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Support	6	0	Glenn Miller: Offers to help disseminate information as a vendor. Bill: Moved Seconded: Lonnie Discussion: Need to have a lot of dissemination work and public education.
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	6	0	Glenn: Motion to support
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	6	Larry Westlake: This won't work about us, we are weekend hunters. The altitude restriction worked better. Bill Zibell: Explains it is better if they don't buzz the caribou. Brandon Saito: Explains the differences in control on lands. Larry Westlake: There were lots of people landing on the sandbars and landing on state lands in federal closure areas. If maybe on the South Side like we proposed. Glenn Miller: We should write a proposal to fine if they aren't following the pilot orientation. Brandon: Harassing wildlife is illegal, meat care if done poorly. Larry Westlake: We don't have a no fly zone. Lee Ballot: Can we make a recommendation on altitude. A lot of these folks are not caring what day it is they are catching the migration. Brandon: If they get their caribou early. Bill Zibell: Asking pilots to be more courteous when they are flying. Glenn Miller: Motioned to oppose Lee Ballot: Seconded Opposed



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5	Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	6	0	Glenn Miller: Motioned to support Lonnie: Seconded Glenn Miller: Subsistence is a good word to increase
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Support	6	0	Glenn: motioned Billy: Seconded
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	6	0	Glenn: We have this wolf population in Kiana we need to reduce the numbers. Finding people and availability of gas. I would rather have us to go get animals than having other people coming in and getting. Glenn Motioned to Support Billy: Seconded Motion carries
9	Special Provisions for Dall Sheep and Mountain Goat drawing permit hunts		
Opposed	0	6	Glenn Miller: Motioned to oppose until sheep numbers number improve. Billy: Seconded
10	Establish a ten percent non-resident sheep permit allocation for the Arct		
Opposed	0	6	
11	Remove the exception to harvest and reports for sheep.		
Opposed	0	6	
12,13,14, 15	Establish a 10% nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to draw permit hunts in the Arctic/Western Region.		
Opposed	0	6	Until the sheep numbers come back we need to keep the hunt closed down till the numbers improve. Glenn Miller: Motion to oppose Lonnie: Seconded
16	Establish a 90/10 percent allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear as follows		
Opposed	0	6	-This would decrease brown bear take on nonresidents Bill: Motion to oppose Billy: Seconded



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17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	6	0	Larry: They used to eat the intestines of the ptarmagin dipped in seal oil. We eat everything but the feathers. Glenn Miller: Explains the amount of bird hunting down there. I am all for taking as much as you can from game. Glenn: Motioned to support Bill: Seconded Motion carries
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	6	0	Bill: motioned to support Billy: Seconded
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	6	0	Bill: Motioned to support Lonnie: Seconded Motion carries
36	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23		
Opposed	0	6	Bill: I was thinking we should oppose cow moose hunting. Brandon: Last year 21 cows were being taken, cows are really susceptible harvest. Larry: Especially during the decline of other meat. Bill: Motion to oppose Glenn: seconded
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	6	0	Bill Motioned to support 37,38,39. Seconded: Billy
38	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	6	0	
39	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	6	0	
40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	6	0	Glenn Miller: Motioned to support Billy: Seconded
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
No Action			Glenn Miller: Move to take no action because it already exists Billie: Seconded
42	Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23		
Support	6	0	Bill: They used to do that years ago. Larry: They don't have the stuff we have no a days, snow machine, boats etc. Larry: Inquires about black bears.



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			Bill: There are more black bears this last year than the last 15 years not as many brown bears. Larry Westlake there was a very good berry season. Bill: I like that idea. They use popcorn and molasses. Bill: Motion to support Lee: Seconded
43	Allow the use of snow machines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Support	6	0	Glenn Miller: Motion to support Billie: Seconded
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
No Action			Larry: That is going to put pressure to the Squirrel River and on us. Glenn: Didn't they have a big camp there. Larry: That is a lot of land. Let's not take any action on that one. Bill Zibell: Motion to take no action Billie: Seconded
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support as amended	6	0	Larry: In the mountains this would be different, that is our elders proposal in Kiana and it is common sense and it supports the migration to move camps to the South side of the river. Glenn: motioned to amend to support the Noatak and Kivalina AC amendments suggested to move the camps to the South side of the river. Billie: Seconded

Glenn Miller: Appointed to attend the BOG

Larry Westlake: What are we going to do to reduce our harvest

Glenn Miller: How do we account for people are hunting for elders.

Brandon: Explains proxy system and how limited it is. Explains the restrictions on proxy hunters.

Larry Westlake: I think we should consider it and try to work with the big game hunter and make them see that we are trying to do something also. We could bring it down to four caribou per day.

Glenn Miller: Last year I got 7 caribou last year for Emma and kids and it lasted us the whole year. The big families.

Larry Westlake: We have tradition of sharing, we don't need to get five caribou a day. We could do four a day. We have to help with the declining of our herd. That is the bottom line.

Glenn: I know we

Bill: I have seen people with semiautomatic guns herd shooting, that needs to be talked about and stopped. Maybe we should change it to bolt action. If you can't hit a caribou with five shots with a bolt action maybe you shouldn't be shooting. I don't like to limit people.

Glenn: We do what we have to do to conserve the herd. We will be in a dire situation.

Brandon: Talked about community limit.



Glenn: Explains the logistical management and people need to be honest. I know in Kiana people are good, but there are lot of people coming in and exerting outside pressure.

Lee: Even if we change it to four a day, I don't think it will be changing anything.

Bill: I think the season cap is something to think about.

Glenn: I think our community is supportive of each other and our young guys are really good.

I would be willing to write a proposal. Look at the personal cap.

Larry Westlake: I am thinking about four a day, and maybe consider a cap later if we need it.

Bill: Talked about the 1970s and the caribou decline and the restrictions that occurred during the time period. Cut a little at a time is better than a huge bang.

Glenn Miller: We could do some predator control.

Larry Westlake: We need to put a bounty on wolves. There were a group of caribou that were chased by black bears, then brown bears and then 40 wolves.

Bill Zibell: Explains you would need about \$1000 per wolf in order to get people. Wolves are the most difficult to trap.

Larry Westlake: Some pilots made good money doing.

Bill Zibell: Explains stories from old time bounty hunting for wolves.

Adjournment: 3:06 pm

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: glenn a miller

Date: 12/21/2016



Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
November 30, 2016
MTA Palmer

Call to Order: Herman Griese/acting chair: meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present: Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Herman Griese, Chap Lipse, Herb Mansavage, Terry Nininger, Hans Nordstrom, David Young, Birch Yuknis, Chris Watchus.

Members Absent: Andy Couch, (excused), Jehnifer Ehmann, (excused), Mel Grove, Tom Deland (excused), Bob Marshall, Darren Spano, (excused), Randy Talvi, (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 10 members present: quorum met

Department Staff/Guests: Tim Peltier, ADFG area biologist, Rod Arno, Alaska Outdoor Council, Neil DeWitt, Anchorage AC, Frank Neumann, Anchorage AC, Gary Stevens, John Winsor, Patricia Winsor, Daniel Treat, Joanie Nininger

Approval of Agenda: Birch Yuknis: motion to approve: Steve Bartelli, seconded. Agenda approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/26/16: Motion to approve-Birch Yuknis, seconded, Steve Bartelli: minutes approved without changes. 11/16/2016: Motion to approve-Birch Yuknis, seconded Steve Bartelli: minutes approved without changes.

Persons to be heard: Rod Arno discussed Ahtna and subsistence hunting in the Copper River Basin. There is a 4-day BOG meeting in Glennallen to look at proposals for a subsistence hunt. Rod indicated that having a meeting in Glennallen, where lodging would likely be a problem as BOG & staff will likely take most of the available motel rooms, was unfortunate, especially given that about 70% of the folks that hunt in this area come from Anchorage & the Valley. Regarding new board member Karen Linnell, Chairman Spraker determined that Linnell will not to be conflicted out of this meeting. On another issue, Sally Jewel has signed a MOA, (Memorandum of Agreement) for co-management with Ahtna groups to look at Alaska native allocations and to set allocation of harvest on federal lands, working on co-management with 8 Ahtna communities. Rod said this will need to be watched closely. Implications of co-management conflicts with terms of ANCSA, where native groups gave up their aboriginal rights. This MOA could change the overall management scheme. Right now the state does not have to participate -but Rod is not sure what will happen going forward. Herman Asked: does this include all the checkerboard lands? Rod-yes this would include these lands. Steve: can the state legally participate? Rod: the state can't participate but this is an Alaska native priority-a whole new level. If not challenged, then that will be the way it is. Rod also mentioned that Mead Treadwell's name is in the hat for Secretary of Interior. Bob Gilliam also has name on the list. Rod will send a copy of the MOA to Herman and Jehnifer. Daniel Treat from Glacierview: the community hunt in Glacierview has only 1 person locally that participates-but the hunt gets a lot of pressure from town. It is creating a



lot of stress on the local folks. Daniel mentioned that one guy from [the Valley?] said he shot 7 bulls and passed them out to others. It's hard on the resource and hard on the people who live there.

Board of Game Proposals: Herman asked that each proposal be brought to the floor by an AC member and seconded by another AC member prior to discussion:

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting January 6-9, 2017, Bethel			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	10	0-0	Birch Yuknis brings proposal to the floor: seconded by Steve Bartelli Rod Arno: the problem is the declining herd on North Slope. How can you tell if you have a conservation problem if you don't know what the harvest number is? Tim Peltier, ADFG: the Department is neutral on the proposal. Birch-Department needs to keep consistent. Mike Buirge: how can they determine how the herd is doing if you don't get the data?
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Support	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Neil DeWitt: He didn't consider moose or bear in the proposal as written so it will fail. Steve will oppose the proposal because of the aircraft issue-is there other noise that effects the caribou? Neil-boat noise is OK. Hans: agrees with Steve-their concern is not the aircraft but the person who is in the aircraft.
9	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		



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Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Steve: since he has been on the AC not one sheep proposal of 10-15-20% has ever been adopted by the board. We should take no action and not waste our time. Herb Mansavage: should we try for above 20%? Steve: we've spent a lot of time and never got the consideration from the board. Mike-because the board shoots it down do we want to make the argument for a maximum allocation? Steve is in agreement. Dave-we can't cut out complete because of the Pitman- Robertson funds (federal). Hans is in general agreement-for the maximum allocation of 10%. Mike-propose to amend all those over 10% amend to 10%. Herman-believes we should act on the 90/10 and take no action on others. Tim/ADFG: the only way you can get a 90/10 would be to go to a drawing permit. Herb-maybe we should consider a 25%-because residents are already only getting 45% of sheep.
10	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		
No action			Take no action-no objection
	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
11	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve
12	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to draw permit hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		
No action			Take no action
13	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
No action			Take no action
14	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Arctic/Western Region		
No action			Take no action
15	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Arctic/Western Region to one every five years		
No action			<p>Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve</p> <p>Chad-is this enforceable? Herman-a hunter of a sublegal animal is subject to enforcement by an enforcement officer of a magistrate. Steve is not opposed: this is something that might help solve a problem. If it helps a dwindling resource he is not opposed to it. Mike: this seems more statutory than regulatory for BOG. Hans has problem supporting -this is not an exact science-Tim/ADFG is neutral: it will not have much of an impact because so many hunters go to this area. Birch-not allowed to hunt in just in this area or state wide? Herman: It is not specified if statewide.</p> <p>Birch moves to take no action-no objections.</p>
16	Establish a 90/10 percent permit allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear		
No action			Take no action
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	0	10-0	<p>Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve</p> <p>Herman: The standard for most hunters is to breast out the meat on smaller birds. In larger bird it's a decision made by the hunter.</p>
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9	1-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Herman: we commented on this last time. Steve-we did support this proposal last time. Herman does not support because it is an unnecessary change.
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Birch is opposed-let the free market do its thing. If I draw a permit out of state, then I get info from outfitters who I can choose. Dave-putting the cart before the horse. Dave also referenced Dave Montgomery who said that if a guide could not go with a client then the client could not get another guide. Steve was more concerned about the anti-hunting group: they can put in for drawing and if they get the drawing it goes in the garbage. An actual hunter has skin in the game.
43	Allow the use of snow machines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Oppose	3	7-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Tim: ADFG has no biological concerns: Dept. is neutral. Mike opposes-fair chase issue.
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Birch is opposed-don't know how it could be enforced. Hans is opposed-3miles is a pretty long way. Tim: ADFG is neutral -if they did support they would ask for guidance on how to enforce. Dave-if it was a choke point all the camps would need to be there: if not others would not have a place to camp. Herman: is it 3 air miles or river miles? Who determines who is there first?



Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Supported as amended	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Herman-some hunts are restricted because of safety issues. There is no safety training for cross bows. Steve-in the past we have supported the use of cross bows-would like to see another weapon in the arsenal-but we need a mandatory safety course. Steve make a motion to amend/seconded Hans to include requirement for a cross bow education program. Tim: ADFG has had discussions of developing a cross bow education program-Tim thinks they will have something formulated by next summer. Amendment passes: 10-0-0: Proposal passes 10-0-0.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve AC will be voting on both proposals 49 & 50.
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Support			See proposal 49 above.
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Tim: <i>He believes</i> department is neutral because the proposal is allocative in nature. Birch: give prey to the residents-non-residents can still hunt the predators. Herman-you can harvest some of the prey, excess bulls, before reaching your objective. Hans-believes the residents should have a preference. Herman: Alaska makes most of their money with non-resident hunts. Steve-its allocative and he supports.
52	Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Herman-knows no reason to have this allocative issue for other species. (vs. #9)
57	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
No action			Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Take no action-no objections
58	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
No action			Take no action-no objections
59	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	9	1-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve AC will be voting on proposals 59/60/61/62: Herman is opposed-although the intent is the same in all the proposals, there are specific differences in each of the proposals.
60	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support			See proposal 59 above
61	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support			See proposal 59 above
62	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support			See proposal 59 above
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Birch: this proposal is specific to spotting-207 was for aircraft in general. But Dave supports. Hans-suports-207 did nothing to measurably improve hunting. Steve supports-it penalizes one user group-last time he spoke to enforcement they had not written one citation. Chad notes that it is not enforceable.

Board of Game Discussion:

Birch: he was not opposed to Linnell until Spraker said she had no conflict of interest. Steve confirms: he has no problem with her being on the board but she should have recused herself under her own will. Steve says it makes him wonder about the whole group. Hans: it shows she has a lack of judgement. Herman: BOG members frequently vote on proposals where they live and hunt or trap without conflict-many are hunters or trappers. Dave: why can't they go through regular sequence-why a special meeting? Herman-what bothers me more is that they moved the meeting to Glennallen. Herman proposes that Birch dog the minutes of the BOG meeting, and watch for interpretation from their legal department, and then draft a letter for our 12/7 meeting. Steve: what should be the content of the letter? Conflict of interest? Glennallen meeting location? Steve notes what Rod said that 70% of users come from this area. Rod also mentioned there would be no places to stay with the BOG & department taking all the housing.

Members comments: Birch thanks Tim for his time attending the meeting. Herman thanks the Department and others who showed for the meeting, as well as the AC members.



Adjournment: 9:10 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Terry Nininger

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes from
December 21, 2016 7 p.m. start time at MTA building in Palmer

Meeting Called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann

Members present: Terry Nininger, Chris Watchus, Jehnifer Ehmann, Bob Marshall, Andy Couch, Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom, Herb Mansavage, Dave Young, Mike Buirge

Members Absent: (all excused) Chad Lipse, Birch Yuknis, Darren Spano, Steve Bartelli, Tom DeLand, Herman Griese, Randi Talvi.

Public present: Sam Ivey ADF&G fisheries biologist, Neil DeWitt, Ben Allen arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: Neil Dewitt talked about the northwest Arctic caribou and what changes the Board of Game adopted.

Ben Allen — spoke in favor of allowing hatchery king salmon harvest in the Unit 2 of the Susitna River drainage — mentioned that he fishes Unit 2 and often catches hatchery king salmon and would like to have an opportunity to harvest those fish. Also spoke about the proposal that would close Unit 2 king salmon catch and release fishing when no harvest of king salmon is allowed within Unit 2.

Spoke about the proposal that would extend the weir closure area on Little Susitna River during the king salmon fishery.

Jim Creek coho fishery — has mixed feeling does not want to restrict the sport fishery anymore — however — if some additional restriction(s) were also placed on the commercial users this might be a good proposal to support.

Motion to approve minutes from Nov 9. approved without objection or corrections.

Motion to approve minutes from Dec. 7 — Minutes approved without objection or corrections.

Motion to accept agenda — Agenda approved with on changes or objections.

Fisheries proposals:

Proposal 127 One member expressed an intent to see the Kenai River goal reflect an allocation of at least 300,000 sockeye above the upper end of the escapement goal and would like to see the goal simplified. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 128 One member mentioned that he does not see over escapement as something that needs to be addressed further by liberalizing commercial regulations. We currently have several failures to attain adequate salmon escapements in the Northern portion of Upper Cook Inlet so liberalizing fisheries to harvest more fish indiscriminately could compound this problem. Motion opposed 0-9-0.



Proposal 129 with 8 of 14 stocks of Concern statewide in Upper Cook Inlet and problems attaining minimum escapement goals one member mentioned seeing no need to support this proposal. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 130 Member Mike Buirge made it to the meeting. Proposal seems impartial. On felt that all needed to share in conservation issues. Motion failed 1-9-0

Proposal 131 — no Action

Proposal 132 — This common point would allow more area for the drift fishery — this would certainly allow more fish to be harvested by the drift fishery. If this were to be approved one member requested that it be made in concert with an effort to pass more salmon into the Northern Area by restricting drift harvest in Area 2. Motion failed 0-10-0.

Proposal 133 Would allow allocate more harvest opportunity to anyone who could purchase an additional permit — but conversely if some commercial operators with 2 permits were allowed to use additional net — others who only had one net would see their harvests likely reduced. Motion failed 0-10-0.

Proposal 134 Would allow commercial harvest on all regular weekly openings through July 20 — this would take away some of the current sharing of conservation burden — and would allocate more salmon to commercial users no matter what the run strengths before July 20. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Proposal 135 No Action

Proposal 136 Would allow North Kalifonsky Beach to fish with the Kasilof Section early in the season with a 29 mesh gillnet. The 29 mesh net is an effort to limit king salmon harvest — but allowing commercial harvest. Some felt the commercial allocation would obviously increase. Motion opposed 2-7-1

Proposal 137 One member mentioned he could support if the drift fishery was not allowed to fish in Area 2 beyond the expanded harvest areas during the month of August. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Proposal 138 This would allocate more fish to the commercial fishery and take away harvest opportunity from the sport fishery. Similar to last proposal. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Motion 139 Similar to the last two proposals would take current sport allocation and give to commercial harvesters. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Proposal 140 — would allow set netters using a 29 mesh net longer net length. This is an effort to commercial harvest sockeye in a manner that responsibly harvests less king salmon. Motion approved 8-1-1.

Herb had to leave — back to 9 members.



Proposal 141 Goes further to reduce by catch than the previous proposal — is an effort to reduce commercial king salmon harvest while still allowing sockeye harvest. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 142 This would allow commercial fishing, but give sport anglers more opportunity to harvest fish that would in these streams. Commercial harvesters could still harvest salmon — but not so many cohos would be taking close to the stream mouths. These are important sport fishery streams. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 143 There is no abundance information on Susitna River eulachon information. Some felt there is not enough data to justify expanding a commercial fishery. This request would double the commercial harvest. There is on information on if the commercial fishery is primarily harvesting fish headed for specific portions of the drainage. One member did not want to see possible negative impacts to the sport fishery. 0-9-0.

Proposal 14 Would allow snagging of sockeye salmon in all freshwater Cook Inlet lakes. Could have negative impacts on coho salmon. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 34 Would allow party fishing during sport fishery. This would increase sport harvests and would likely cause conservation concerns for Upper Cook Inlet salmon. Should not be allowed. Mel felt that a lot of people currently party fish — especially private boaters. Dave Young mentioned that they always follow the rules on his boat. Motion opposed 0-7-2.

Proposal 144 Andy mentioned that he would support as he has known a person who used the proxy to simply catch and release after harvesting a limit of fish. Hans mentioned that even when fishing for a proxy he would like an opportunity to selectively harvest quality fish. Mel mentioned that proxy fishing is like party fishing except that in proxy fishing the person does not even need to be there. Jehnifer has proxy fished for her Grandmother and believes anglers who are proxy fishing should be able to release a fish if it, for example, has wounds or is too small. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Mel made motion to reconsider proposal 34 — with the opportunity to allow party fishing when fishing with a person who is eligible to have someone fish a proxy permit for them. Point of information is that the person who is being proxy fished for could be present — but could not fish at the same time. Motion to reconsider failed 2- 6- 1.

Proposal 145 Motion opposed 0-8-1. People go fishing to catch fish not to be frustrated by losing them.

Proposal 146 Silly requirement it is hard enough to catch fish. People go fishing to catch fish. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 147 No Action.

Proposal 148 No Action.

Proposal 149 One member felt that the author of this proposal has a considerable amount of research and science behind suggestions made in the proposal. Another member felt that if we could not interpret what the proposal is attempting to say it is simply too complicated. Two



members felt that it might be appropriate to take no action. Motion failed 2-1 6. Can not understand what all is being sought by this proposal.

Game proposals:

Proposal 155 One member did not understand the idea of the last sentence of this proposal - is the Department going to suggest adjusting objectives before this proposal is to be adopted? Dave supports predator control used in a responsible manner. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 156 would reauthorize Muchatna caribou intestine management. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 157 would allow limited harvest of emperor geese. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Mike Buirge mentioned that if we know someone else who would like a position on the AC he is getting busy enough at work that he is planning not to run again.

Dave mentioned he possibly might not run again.

Terry wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Jehnifer wished Merry Christmas as well. And in answer to a question by Mel mentioned that elections would be in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12.



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Board of Game
Ted Spraker, Chairman

Mr. Spraker,

We, the Matanuska Valley Fish and Game AC, respectfully request you reconsider the Board of Game's recent decision to move the March 2017 Special Meeting to Glennallen back to Wasilla. We believe the recent decision to move the March 2017 Special Board Meeting on moose and caribou hunting in Units 11, 12, and 13 was inappropriate for the following reasons.

As you yourself stated in the November 28th teleconference over 70% of the participants in the Community Subsistence Hunts for the Copper Basin are from Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. During the teleconference your Board even discussed the logistical nightmare of having enough services in the greater Glennallen area to support a meeting of this magnitude. There may not be enough bed space for people to stay for a multiday meeting. And, there are not enough local restaurants with appropriate open hours to feed the number of people expected to attend from outside the immediate area. Ms. Tibbles even brought up that the internet connections out there may make it difficult to live stream the meeting. By placing the meeting in Glennallen you may be excluding or at least discouraging the majority of resource users from attending.

A meeting in the original location, Wasilla, is between Anchorage and Glennallen allowing for better access for all participants of these hunts. There are many more services available for participants in the Special Meeting. The internet connection is of higher quality and more reliable in Wasilla/Palmer than Glennallen. A meeting held in Wasilla on this issue better serves the residents of the State rather than a select group of residents.

The Board has set this meeting that was requested by Ahtna in Ahtna's backyard. The limited lodging and dining resources will limit nonlocal input and participation making sure AHTNA will have easy access for representation. If this meeting were intended to expand hunter opportunity and participation there would be little concern, but because the intent is to further limit participation and harvest to Ahtna shareholders the meeting setting will clearly bias the input and likely the Board's decisions.

We are also concerned about the appropriateness of allowing the newly appointed Ahtna board member to vote on the move. We believe Ms. Linnell should have recused herself from the vote to move the meeting, even though you allowed her to vote. Without her vote the move would have failed 3-1-1 as you stated in the November 28th teleconference.

All of these actions make it appear as if the Board of Game has already made up its mind on the direction the Board wants to go with the Community Harvest Permit system.



Therefore in closing the Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the Alaska Board of Game reconsider the meeting location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Jehnnifer Ehmann" in a cursive script.

Jehnifer Ehmann, Chair
Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee



**DRAFT AGENDA: MID-LOWER YUKON
FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 16-17, 2016

St. Mary's, Community Hall, 1:00pm

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: Stanislaus Sheppard, Chair 1:18pm

INVOCATION: Evan Polty Sr.

ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM A QUORUM: Quorum established.

Members Present: William Alstrom, Stan Sheppard, Evan Polty Sr., Stanley John Peters, Peter Tyson and Mildred Fitka (excused at 2:52pm).

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

- **ADF&G Staff:** Phillip Perry (Wildlife, Unit 18), Holly Carroll (Comm. Fish, Summer Yukon), Jeff Estensen (Comm. Fish, Fall Yukon), Jen Peek (Boards Support)
- **Other Agency:** Jennifer Hooper (AVCP)
- **Members of the Public:** Charles Prince, John Aguviak, Erik Weingarth, Mike McFee, Walter Sipary, Isaac Prince, Melvin Paukan, Cliff Westdahl, George Beans Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda: Motion passed (Unanimous)

SECRETARY REPORT:

- **Approval of Nov. 16-17, 2015 meeting minutes (Tabled until 2:20pm):** **Motion to approve Nov. 16-17, 2015 meeting minutes** by Bill Alstrom, 2nd by Evan Polty Sr.: Motion passed (Unanimous).

Discussion regarding moose harvest concerns during the AC meeting on Nov. 16-17, 2015. Members were unsure if the proposals had been finalized and submitted. Bill Alstrom had submitted two proposals to the Federal Subsistence Board, but they were lost in the mail. Jen Peek would follow-up with Sherry Wright.

- **Mildren Fitka was elected Secretary**

CHAIR REPORT:

AGENCY REPORTS:

- **ADF&G Divisions:**
 - **Commercial Fisheries:**
 - Holly Carroll (Lower Yukon Summer Season Manager) provided an overview of the 2016 summer salmon season. Preliminary data indicated that the 2016 harvest was better than 2015. William Alstrom reported that the test fishery had been helpful.



- Jeff Estensen (Lower Yukon Fall Season Manager) reviewed preliminary data for the fall fishery. He reported that 2016 was a good year for fall chum and that escapement goals for both fall chum and coho salmon were expected to be met.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

- **George Beans:** Mr. Beans discussed concerns regarding the September moose hunts and the increase in sport hunters to the area. He was concerned about losing stud bulls and suggested the committee make a proposal for harvesting bulls with 50 inches or less. Mr. Beans also spoke in opposition to Proposal 22.
- **Erik Weingarth:** Mr. Weingarth discussed concerns regarding the sale of game antlers and the waste of meat. He suggested that the committee create proposals to address these issues.
- **Leonard Landlord:** Mr. Landlord commented that some sport hunters were disrespectful.
- **Jennifer Hooper:** Ms. Hooper (AVCP) introduced herself as the replacement for Tim Andrews at AVCP in the Natural Resource Department.
- **Melvin Paukan:** Mr. Paukan discussed the increase in non-local big game hunters in the area.
- **John Aguviak:** Mr. Aguviak agreed with the other members of the public regarding big game hunting. He suggested that the committee restrict the sale of antlers from a harvested moose.
- **The AC committee discussed the need to meet in January 2017 telephonically to formalize proposals to address concerns regarding selling of antlers, wasting game meat and the increase in big game hunting.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Western Region, Game Management Unit 18, BOG Proposals and AC comments: (*See page 3*)
- Elect AC representative(s) to attend the upcoming 2017 BOG/ BOF meetings:
 - **Evan Polty Sr.** of Pilot Station will attend the Jan. 6-9 BOG meeting in Bethel and represent the AC committee.
- Federal/ State MOU Revisions: Committee Comments
 - Stan Shephard commented that it is important that people living in a region had a say in the [fish and game] regulations. Elders from each region know, they know how the weather works.
 - Stanley John Peters commented on the changes in moose population over the years. He pointed out that if people don't watch what they are doing now, they will have nothing [in the future]. Mr. Peters also commented that people [in the region] lived in the environment.
 - William Alstrom commented on how things have changed over the years. He noted that the Federal and State governments were doing a good job but the regulations were hard to enforce and there could be better coordination between state and federal lands.



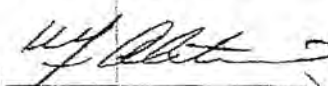

- Peter Tyson commented that he would like to see a bigger enforcement presence.
- ADF&G Division of Commercial Fisheries 2016 Yukon River season overview: *(Provided under Agency Reports.)*

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17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds			
Support	5	0		
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A			
Support	5	0		
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18			
No Action			Members wanted to abstain from voting on this proposal due to not knowing and living in the area the proposal would affect.	
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder			
Oppose	0	4	1 absent (stepped out of meeting)	
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18			
Support	5	0		
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18			
Oppose	0	5	Some members were concerned that if people on private lands allowed baiting it may entice more people to come in and hunt in the area.	
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19			
Oppose	0	5		

NEXT MEETING:

- **January 2017, Teleconference, Agenda Items:** Discuss concerns regarding moose antlers and wasting game meat. Draft a proposal for the next BOG meeting. Have Phillip Perry attend for assistance.
- **Meeting Nov. 6-11, 2017 Fall Face-to-Face in St. Mary's.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:10pm by William Alstrom, 2nd by Peter Tyson.
Motion Passed (*Unanimous*)

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: Date: 12-21-16



Meeting Minutes
Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 10, 2016
Bristol Bay Borough Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order: 7:03pm by Chair William Regan Jr.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr., William Reagan Jr., Marc Watson, Joe Klutsch, Gustie Tallekpalek, Ralph Zimmin, Richard Wilson,
Members Absent: Joey Klutsch, John Wise, Brian Cato (alt), Greg Harris (alt).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Approval of Agenda: Everett moved to approve the agenda, Marc 2nd. 7-0 passed
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Chris Peterson, Taryn O'Connor-Brito
- V. Guests Present: Steve Jones, John Rhyshek
- VI. Elections for AC Alternates: William Reagan asked to table until next meeting as not enough public participation. 7-0 passed
- VII. New Business:
Discussed Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska- We felt that we needed to see the recently revised draft after the state, federal agencies had a get together to discuss this MOU before we would act on it. The AC members all felt the importance of this document and in good spirit of working with both the state and federal agencies this board like the idea of this document. Joe Klutsch said that we have until November 18 to submit comments to which he personally was going to comment. The draft MOU was put on our next AC meeting in old business.

Ptarmigan- Dave Crowley discussed with the board the current population decline and the threat of low population numbers for years to come. The staff felt snow cover thru the winters, rainy spring weather was a huge factor in the population decline.
Everett made a motion for Fish and Game to put out an announcement to communities that Ptarmigan numbers are low and to only shoot if you must feed your family with them, Marc 2nd, AC supported unanimously. Dave with fish and game will look into this matter further for the health of Ptarmigan population.



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
156	Formerly ACR 6: Renew Mulchatna Caribou Heard Predation Management Area Intensive Management Program		
Support	7	0	The AC all felt this is a great tool for the staff to use in helping the caribou population recover
157	Formerly ACR 7: Open a general/subsistence hunt for emperor geese in Units 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 22, and 23 and establish a Customary and Traditional Use finding.		
Support	7	0	Full support to this proposal.

Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	7	0	

Adjournment: 8:30pm

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr.

Minutes Approved By: William Reagan Jr.

Date: 11/11/2016



**Noatak and Kivalina AC Meeting
4/26/2016
Noatak IRA**

- I. Call to Order: Time 2:10 pm by Enoch Mitchell
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Janet Mills (Secretary), Melford Booth, Thurston Booth, Frank Onalik, Joe Luther
Members Absent: Stanley Hawley, Enoch Adams Jr., and Austin Swan Sr.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Students, subsistence users.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Frank: Motioned to approve
Janet: Seconded
Motioned passed unanimously
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 10/15/15
Correct Thurston Book to Thurston Booth
Switch Enoch Adams Sr. to Jr.
Delete Hillary Robison and Ken Adkisson once
Janet Mills: motioned to approve as amended
Seconded by Frank Onalik
Minutes approved as amended
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- VI. Guests Present:
Peggy Wilson, Walter Wilson, Mary Luther, and Alvin Ashby
Telephonic: Marci Johnson (NPS), Ken Adkisson (NPS), Lance Kraemer (NANA)
- VII. New Business:
Caribou Hunting proposal discussion
 1. Would like to request to increase the CUA boundary to Mouth Cutler River instead of Sapun Creek.
 - a. Frank Onalik: Motioned to extend the CUA from Sapun Creek to the Mouth of the Cutler River.
 - b. Seconded: Melford Booth
 - c. Discussion: AC members discussed moving the boundary to the Anisaagiaq, however couldn't find it on a map and wanted to choose a River easy to find on a map so they chose the mouth of the Cutler River.
 2. Frank Onalik: Motion to approve of the spacing out of camps on the Squirrel, Eli and Aggy Rivers to three miles.



Seconded By Janet Mills

Discussion:

Drafted Proposal: To require big game hunting camps to be spaced at least 1 mile apart on the Controlled Use area and along the Agaasisauk, Eli, and Squirrel Rivers, to allow the caribou to migrate with less disruption.

Frank Onalik: We are staying tribal, we have had reduced numbers of caribou.

Thurston: If there are no bulls there are no caribou, we need to let the numbers of caribou numbers. There are only 2-3 bulls in big packs of females and they used to pass in 100s of bulls.

Enoch Mitchell: We could use this spacing as a step, if there is still too much conflict then we can ask for full closure

Thurston: We are going to way too far and we are giving too much.

Frank Onalik: Inquires about changing it to five miles apart, we could try it three miles apart.

Melford Booth: Three miles apart would be good

Joe Luther: 3 miles apart is good

Motion Carried, unanimously in favor of spacing camps three miles apart on the Controlled Use Area and along the Agassisuak, Eli, and Squirrel Rivers to allow the caribou to migrate with less disruption.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. Reviewed Changes in Hunting Regulations
- b. Reviewed Changes in Fishing Regulations
- c. Reviewed Changes in Federal Regulations
 - i. Ken explains that the extension of the federal land closure, you would have to go before the federal board for another special action request in 2017.
 - ii. Marci Johnson: Explained what is allowed when hunting caribou with snow machines and that you cannot pursue or drive the group with a snow machine.
 - iii. There was a long discussion on procedure and how to deal with the Federal Regulations regarding the pursuit of caribou, wolves and wolverines on NPS and USFWS lands. There was an internal conflict with the rules within Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service that conflicted with this request and that is why it didn't pass.
 1. A request needs to be submitted to the NPS and USFWS to change the individual agency rules and the FSB also needs to have another proposal submitted to address this issue.

IX. Miscellaneous Discussion

- a. Alvin Ashby: Inquires about gold panning on Park Service land.
 - i. Ken Adkisson: Individuals are allowed to pan for gold as long as they don't dig.
- b. Joe Luther: Motion to support Frank Onalik and Janet Mills to attend the Board of Game meeting in Bethel through a letter of support, that would be submitted to NANA and the Borough for funding consideration.
- c. Peggy Wilson asked questions about being allowed to hunt caribou in the water and was told, federally qualified subsistence users can shoot caribou in the water on the Noatak River and the Kobuk Rivers only.
- d. There was some discussion about the Special Action Request and the approval of the closure of federal lands to non-federally qualified subsistence users and how it is only for a year. Some AC members inquired about possibly extending it to a longer time period.



Adjournment: 3:52 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Duggett
Minutes Approved By: [Signature]
Minutes Approved By: [Signature]
Date: 11/14/14



Noatak and Kivalina Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
11/14/2016
Noatak School Library

- I. Call to Order: 12:35 pm by Enoch Mitchell
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Enoch Mitchell, Janet Mills, Thurston Booth, Frank Onalik, Melford Booth, Stanley Hawley (Kivalina)
Members Absent: Austin Swan Sr., Joe Luther, Enoch Adams Sr., Joe Luther
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5
List of User Groups Present: Students, subsistence users,
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add report from chairman
Frank Onalik: Motioned to approve agenda
Seconded
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/26/16
Frank Onalik: Motion to approve
Seconded: Janet
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- VI. Guests Present:
Evelyn Schaeffer (Noatak), Hillary Robison (NPS), Arctic Natural Resources class,
- VII. Old Business:
Elections:

Enoch Mitchell:

Nominated to 2019: Joe Luther, Janet Mills, Thurston Booth, Melford Booth, Joe Luther, Enoch Mitchell, Frank Onalik

Seconded

Nominations for Chairman: Melford to keep Janet as secretary and Enoch be Chairman.

Chairman: Enoch Mitchell

Secretary: Janet Mills (temporarily till the next meeting)



VIII. New Business:

Janet Mills: A resident would like to make a regulation for non-residents for brown bears because we have a bear problem

Brandon Saito: Explains that is already in existence. Explains current brown bear regulations

Enoch Mitchell report: lots of salmon, not as many sport hunters on the river and that happened, first caribou was taken February 2015 last year, we hunt the caribou during the winter when we don't get enough last fall. I have written letters from NANA, Teck, Maniilaq, and the Borough. Verna Westlake responded. I haven't heard from NANA, Maniilaq, or the Borough regarding my letter. SRCs are waiting to hear from us what we want to do about caribou hunting regulations. Expresses concern about testifying before the BOG and being heard. We can do proposals with the RAC every year. The SRCs want to help. There needs to be a cap on the number of transporters to what the land can hold. That is bad management. Sport hunters should go first before we have any limits on our people. The arctic resource class has been requested for letters of support. In my Dad's time they never had to leave their own traditional hunting grounds. They had lots of caribou during that time and we didn't have to travel to other villages. If the proposals don't pass what else can we do? We need to start getting legal help 10+ years and conflicts, what else can we do.

Stanley Hawley: I was at the park service meeting last week, there are two vacancies open for Noatak on the Cape Krusenstern SRC.

Brandon Saito: Presentation on caribou asks for

Melford: Explains the sport hunters need to go.

Frank Onalik: Explains there shouldn't be any restrictions on the Noatak River.

Janet Mills: Explains we are barely what we need. We only got one and a half and that is about gone now.

Question: Inquiry about data from the different villages. It doesn't seem like there are a lot of caribou harvested in the Noatak River in the last five years.

Brandon Saito: Explains how subsistence harvest surveys are done.

Frank Onalik: Explains there should be no restrictions, and things through the tribes should not be restricted there should be requirements through the state municipalities.

Evelyn Schaeffer: It is not problem for me to do it online.



Enoch Mitchell: There are a lot of people won't be doing it. I think we could get a couple of local people to get community based.

Frank Onalik: Explains there shouldn't be state people bothering subsistence hunters, including the State Troopers, we never had regulations before and our laws are food on the table. There are too many regulations.

Enoch Mitchell: If we get denied we don't know what to do.

Frank Onalik: We shouldn't have people coming in to tell us how and what to hunt for. We are looking to have no state lands around Noatak. There are all of these people are violating our subsistence lifestyle, we are looking to seek legal help.

MOU Discussion:

Frank Onalik: The treaty of session needs to be part of this. Subsistence and tribes will be priority over anything else.

Stanley Hawley: The park service meeting last week and we had Fish and Wildlife and State of Alaska. This seems to be crafted between FWS and State of Alaska. I asked them to come out to the tribes. I believe could bring this to the tribes. Whether they bring this to the village and share this with us. I would invite both of them to come discuss this MOU with us. I have heard comments from regional folks, they are unhappy with the FSB. The tribal folks need to be discussed.

Enoch Mitchell: There needs to be better communication with us. The SOA is listening more to transporters and not to us and we don't get what we want. They need to listen to the villages more often and see the way of life. We should get a seat on the board of game.

Frank Onalik: We need to have a discussion with the villages.

Frank Onalik: Motioned to hold till the state and federal agencies come up and discussion between us and the agencies takes place.

Motion carried to hold on the MOU until we more input.



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1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	5	0	Motioned to support Second The WACH is much larger than the Teshekpuk herd and this won't affect us much.
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Opposed	0	5	This would keep us the same as what we have right now.
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Opposed	0	5	This is the same as proposal 2
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	5	Wow. I would vote for this if it was coming out of the villages I won't vote for it.
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Support	5	0	Janet: Motioned to support Seconded
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support as amended	5	0	Enoch Mitchell: Would like to amend to move hunters on the South side of rivers and leave the Northside open. On the Aggy, Eli and Squirrel rivers camping the south side. Frank: Motion to support as amended Seconded by Janet

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 11/14/16



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Amendment:

Record By: Carmelo Daggett

Date: 11/14/16



Northern Norton Sound AC
12/6/16
Pioneer Igloo, Nome, AK

- I. Call to Order: 1507hrs by Chairman Charles Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Charlie Lean Chairman, Adem Boeckmann, Kevin Knowlton Secretary, Nate Perkins, Daniel Stang, Tom Gray, Charlie Saccheus, Clifford Seetook, Jack Fagerstrom, Davis Lincoln, Stanley Tocktoo, , Brandon Ahmasuk, Sara Okbaok
Members Absent: William Kakoona, Paul Kosto Vice Chairman
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8, 13 present Quorum requirements met.
List of User Groups Present: Commercial Fishing and Crabbing, Subsistence Hunting and Fishing, NSEDC, Nome Eskimo, Kawerak,
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Kevin Knowlton, second by Adem Boeckmann to approve agenda with the following additions: off shore mining concerns and beach mining and cigar fish habitat, switch items, 6 & 7, add discussion fall moose hunt 22B, Stanley Tocktoo explains Teller didn't get moose. Motion passes Unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/5/16 & 1/20/16
4/5/16
Motioned: Tom Gray
Nate Perkins: Seconded
Minutes approved Unanimous
1/20/16
Motioned: Nate Perkins
Seconded: Tom Gray
Minutes approved Unanimous
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Letty Hughes, William Dunker, Carmen Daggett, Jim Menard, Kari Rasmussen
- VI. Guests Present:
Dan Reed, Jacob Martin (Nome Eskimo), Lucas Frost (Nome Public Schools), Brian Ubelakel (BLM), Eric Osborn, Ken Keith (NSEDC FR&D), Ashley Dunker (NSEDC Fishery Biologist), David Evans
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:
- IX. Elections:
 - a. Nominations: Charlie Lean, Edward Stang, Tom Gray, Nate Perkins, Adem Boeckmann, Kevin Knowlton, Lucas Frost, Dan Reed, David Evans.
 - b. Results: Tom Gray, Adem Boeckmann, Nate Perkins, Charlie Lean, Lucas Frost, Edward Stang, and Kevin Knowlton. New members seated.



- c. Officers: Chairman; Charlie Lean, Vice Chairman; Nate Perkins, Secretary; Kevin Knowlton.
- X. Public Comments Concerns:
 - a. Eric Osborn: the pot limit comes into effect, the pot limit should be around 40 pots, it would be nice if Menard had the authority to add more pots. I am afraid people will still fish 40 pots or more then get more permits. Permits are going up, there was not a lot of consultation with fisherman, if it were subsistence regulation it would be illegal, I think it needs to be changed.
Charlie Lean: explains procedures for putting regulations in.
 - b. Adem Boeckmann: Expressed concern for how the subsistence crab fishing is being affected by commercial crab fishing in the winter.
Eric Osborn: Explains it isn't going to curtail the amount of fishing people are just going to buy more permits. Everyone in this area does both commercial and subsistence fishing. This commercial fishing allows families to subsist.
 - c. Stanley Tocktoo: On the coastline we have a lot of sea mammals we depend on, there are barrels up and down the coast we don't know they are going to contaminate, I don't know what is in them. On the coast is from Shismaref to Ikpik, they are out during spring and fall. We are seeing a lot of cows and a lot less bulls, no one is catching, no one can catch antlerless moose.
Charlie Lean: Explains the process for dealing with the barrels out on the coast. Just a picture that could be sent to the park service would be helpful.
- A. 22B moose
 - Davis Lincoln: Inquires about the board helping with the moose allocation. A minority of the moose taken in 22B West are taken by the residents of the subunit. Opening on Sept 1st is too warm. I think the season closes on the 7th or the 8th. We saw a bunch of moose later after the season closed. Out of White Mountain we go by boat and your gas bill gets high and it is hard if you don't get a moose. It gets pretty frustrating.
 - Stanley Tocktoo: September is too early, the big game hunters, they put the moose in trash bags when they are transporting across. Trash bags are black and makes the moose go bad.
 - Tom Gray: We have an allocation issue and a season issue.
 - Jack Fagerstrom: We noticed a large number moose were be taken by people from Golovin, White Mountain or Council. That is how we ended up with a winter moose hunt. We went back to changing the dates.
 - Charlie Saccheus: A lot of the moose hunters keeps the bags open to keep meat edible.
- B. Mining Impacts on crab
 - Adem Boeckmann: Would like to request a study on the impacts of the mining on the crab habitat.
 - Charlie Lean: Explains history of crab harvest and mining impacts on the crab. Explains the jurisdiction on process for going about dealing with this issue.
 - Adem Boeckmann: the North Pacific Research council did a study on impacts on mining on crab issues.
- XI. Jim Menard: Explains the GHL, CDQ
 - a. Adem Boeckmann: I make a motion for the CDQ on the winter proposal to have it managed as was last winter.
 - b. Seconded: Tom Gray
 - c. 13 support, 1 absention
 - d. Adem Boeckmann, I think 80,000 isn't too much. I wanted to have some impact. This is an excellent economic opportunity and we get an incredible price during the winter.



- e. Kevin Keith: Explains the benefit of the winter fishery for people who don't have boats and the winter CDQ give opportunity for people to make money during the winter.
- f. Tom Gray: What has the winter fishery has taken as far as out of the 80,000. Usually they are five percent or less. In recent years what number would we have to go to if we didn't use the CDQ.
- g. Charlie Lean: Explains that we were concerned about the trend of increased winter harvest and the impacts multiplying on subsistence in particular.
- h. Tom Gray: How can we give the winter crab fishery more of a life. I am trying to speak on behalf of the winter subsistence crab fishery and how we get a stable winter crab fishery in the future. The NSEDC number is the 8%.
- i. Charlie Lean: Explains the CDQ the GHL and the stability of the ice, the market, and before there was no upper limit during the winter fishery.

MOU: Charlie Lean: Explains MOUs

Charlie Lean: I don't think anyone has read this, I have not.

Kevin Knowlton: Suggests tabling the MOU till the next AC meeting.

Charlie Lean: I am hesitant to write a letter on my own and pretend to speak for the rest.

Nate Perkins: I think we move to take no action.

Bill Dunker: Inquires any input or guidance in how the new permitting system is working in this region. In order to assist managers in Unit 23 and 26A.

Charlie Lean: Explained frustration about the lack of the need for conservation from the board coming out of the RAC meetings. We and Southern Norton Sound ACs cut back harvest and other interests said thanks we will take that caribou.

Adem Boeckmann: Explains his understanding of conflicts on the river and inquiries about curiosity of how that Unit 23 closure conflicts happened.

Tom Gray: Is Fish and Game talking about Intensive Management for the WACH?

Charlie Lean: Several of us were talking about predators on calves. Ravens and foxes would be a significant predators on calves it would be good to know some of these lesser known predators. What predator works that age class of animals.

Adem Boeckmann: It is interesting you mention raven's we can really bumped up raven populations.

Stanley Tocktoo: We find dead fawns they are being killed by the elements, the calves are just frozen. I take them home.

Tom Gray: The bears are getting a bad rap, when there is something wolves are playing big role up.

Jack Fagerstrom: I heard this old elder talk about wolves that kill for sport. The wolf needs to be recognized as a significant predator.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: Adem Boeckmann Tom Gray: I don't want to see a no fly zone in Unit 22. I don't think other people should be deciding that for us. Stanley Tocktoo: I know what we can do for the low flying.
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	14	Motioned to support: Nate Perkins Seconded: Kevin Knowlton Charlie: Proposer believes that all Alaskans are subsistence users. Tom Gray: We need to make our own regulations, Al Barrett, I don't want to put my destiny in the hands of people on the road system
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	11	2	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: Adem Boeckmann
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	9	4	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: Adem Boeckmann Dan Reed: Explains on small grouse and ptarmigan the legs. People are going to harvest what they want. This is an example of an ineffective reg. Charlie: I harvest the legs. May be ineffective but provides direction to hunters. Stanley Tocktoo: Explains he leaves the skin on and we cook the feet Adem Boeckman: I can support the change
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	12	1	Motion to support by: Tom Gray Second: Kevin Knowlton Tom Gray: I am going to suggest get rid of tag fee and instate registration hunt. We have no idea how many people are out there. We need to go back to managing our resource. We need to know how many people want to kill bears. If we have registration history. I would be comfortable or saying the resource can take a beating or no we can't. Charlie: Inquires about Bill's comments on registrations Bill: Explains subsistence bear hunt that is not very much used. Brandon: Inquires about if the Department hears of unreported harvest. Inquiries about if the department thinks there is a conservation concern. Bill: No, The harvest has been 100 bears per year. Tom Gray: Explains that the bear increase, I want to know what the hunter interest is.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	12	2	Motion to Support: Kevin Knowlton Second: Brandon Ahmasuk



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			
			Discussion centered around clarifying reasoning and specifics of the reasons to proposals. Kevin Knowlton: If a hunter is going to pay the non-resident fees and each person should be able to harvest an animal. I am in favor of this proposal.
26	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
27	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
28	Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder		
Support as amended	13	0	<p>Motion to support: Adem Boeckmann</p> <p>Seconded: Kevin Knowlton</p> <p>Adem Boeckmann: I am hearing that hunters are coming back with spoiled meat.</p> <p>Charlie Lean: Inquires about movement in between the two units.</p> <p>Nate: Inquires about 22E hunt and the harvest quotas being met. Inquires most of the people who are guided.</p> <p>Kevin Knowlton: Doesn't the department already have tools in place for emergency orders in place they can use to close those places.</p> <p>Adem: motion to support with amendment to eliminate 22D nonresidents</p> <p>Seconded: seconded</p> <p>Adem: Explains concerns that a similar is going to 22E.</p> <p>Brandon: August 10th is way too early, it is way too hot. I would like to get rid of that August portion would do some good.</p>
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
No Action			
30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
Support	13	0	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray</p> <p>Second: Brandon Ahmasuk</p> <p>Discussion of how much safer it is to hunt earlier in the spring</p>
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
Support	12	1	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray</p> <p>Second: Adem Boeckmann</p> <p>Tom Gray: I don't think we have enough information about this resource, I am seeing less bears. I am seeing less and less bears. In Unalakleet it didn't really effect anything. We need to walk carefully.</p> <p>Brandon: The general concern I am feeling is there are a lot of bears not just council from all of 22B.</p> <p>Department is neutral on this proposal we have not been able to identify a biological issue.</p> <p>Tom Gray: In 22A there were three people in the first year that shot two bears. There were several years that people didn't take any bears. It is getting tougher and tougher trying to make my clients happy.</p> <p>Adem: I wonder how much a bear hide goes for..</p>



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32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
No Action			
244			
245	Extend the closure line North of the Northern Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery from 64 15'N Latitude		
Opposed	0	13	<p>Motion to Support: Jack Fagerstrum Second: Adem Boeckmann Jim Menard: Department is neutral Charlie Lean: Explains the original intent of the current regulation. To reduce the impact on the winter crab fishery as a result of the summer crab fishery. The majority of people were affecting Golovin and White Mountain according to Roy Ashenfelter. They wrote a proposal to put the line there and that is why it is there today. Charlie: I believe this AC supported this boundary. Adem Boeckmann: I continue to support this line, I still have concerns the crab get into open water sooner there than in Nome. I can't tell you about the last trawl survey, if I read them correctly, 70% of the crab biomass resides Cape Nome West, 70% of the harvest over there. I have concerns about increasing opportunity of 70% harvest on 30% of the biomass. Nate Perkins: Explains that the original line was moved to support subsistence crabbers. Tom Gray: I think the line should stay where it is. The impacts were that we used to be able to get 30-40 crabs in a day now we get 3-5 crabs a day. Jack Fagerstrom: Explains what it used to be now Charlie Lean: I am not hearing any one speaking in favor of this proposal.</p>
246	Add a definition for crab rakes as legal subsistence fishing gear		
Support	13	0	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray Second: Kevin Knowlton Charlie Lean explained that this is a common means of harvesting Hanasaki crab out of the rocks by residence of St. Lawrence Island. Adem Boeckmann: I think it is an established method and means in Norton Sound and Chukchi sea too Stanley Tocktoo: Explained how they use a similar tool to harvest crab through the ice while hand lining.</p>

Advisory committee: votes to send Charlie to the WACH, BOG, and BOF meetings.

Nate Perkins is the alternate, Adem Boeckmann would do the crab in March 2017 if needed.

Adjournment: 7:38 pm

Minutes Recorded By: King R. [Signature]Minutes Approved By: [Signature]Date: 12/21/2016



Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
12/19/16/2016
Deering IRA

- I. Call to Order: 12:05 pm
- II. Roll Call: Marlene Moto-Karl, Mona Washington, Raymond Lee, Nathan Hadley
Members Absent: Percy Ballot, Ron Moto Sr., Calvin Moto
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Mo
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/5/16
Motioned: Marlene Moto-Karl
Seconded: Raymond Lee
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards), Jill Klein, Susan Georgette (USFWS)
- VI. Guests Present: Alvin Iyatunguk
- VII. Old Business:
Elections:

Marlene Moto-Karl: Would like move elections to the annual IRA meeting January 7, 2017, official letters sent to member

Seconded: Raymond Lee

- VIII. New Business:
- IX. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update: Brandon Saito, 201,000 caribou is the population size, explains we are in between conservative and preservative levels in the management. Calf recruitment numbers are record, and reduced adult mortality. Could be starting to rebound or stabilize.
Alvin Iyatuguk: During the decline was it due to overgrazing to certain parts of the area, or was it due to predators. I have seen the past cycles, what did you find out?
Brandon Saito: Explains caribou are in good body conditions.
Marlene Moto-Karl: Inquires about where the body conditions were taken. Her old man brought two caribou in this season and they had no fat.
Brandon Saito: Explains in the spring time, on the Seward Peninsula looking at survival rate of the calves which was really high.
Nathan: Bull caribou came into Buckland with a lot of fat. They don't mating time.

Marlene Moto-Karl: There were two snow goes that came from the North

Discussion: Would like to get Unit 22 harvest tickets in Deering and Buckland.

Marlene Moto-Karl: Explains concerns over wonton waste and questions regarding residents and non-residents.



Brandon Saito: Explains current moose population numbers on the Selawik. Explains the susceptibility of moose to harvest when caribou numbers are low.

Alvin Iyatunguk: Inquires about the length of period do you spend to do surveys?

Brandon Saito: Explains abundance and composition surveys.

Alvin Iyatuguk: Inquires about migrations of moose. Some animals follow other animals.

Brandon Saito: Generally moose have their own home range and they don't move that much.

Alvin Iyatunguk: Explains gatherings of moose.

Marlene: Inquires about numbers of moose permits for drawing.

Brandon Saito: Explains there are no moose drawing permits in this area.

Alvin Iyatunguk: Inquires about a permit for RM880, and would like to try to make it easier to obtain RM880 permit during the registration season for locals who are out of town. It is just getting tougher.

Raymond Lee: Inquires about RM880. Would like to change the female hunting to September 15th instead of November 1st.

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1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: I think it would be better to keep it as one because it would allow for a higher local harvest. Raymond Lee: Motion to support Seconded by Marlene Moto-Karl
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Support	4	0	Kevin Moto: It is kind of regulatory a lot of hunters feel like it is too restrictive. Marlene Moto-Karl: It makes it harder on us and many Deering people fill out their surveys. Every year we have to turn in the paperwork. Kevin Moto: Explains internet access. Inquires about having quotas to account for people up river in the fall harvest versus the spring time harvest that occurs in Buckland and Deering. Brandon Saito: Explains the possibility of changing proxy hunting in Alaska to be less restrictive. Raymond Lee: Motioned to support 2



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			Seconded: Marlene Moto-Karl Discussion: Raymond Lee inquires, that this would allow. Marlene Moto-Karl: do elders have restrictions the same restrictions
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	4	0	Marlene: should not be required to be carried, but should be required to have but not have to carry it. Marlene: Motioned to support Seconded: Raymond Lee
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	4	Marlene Moto-Karl: would like to close it flight to seven days a week. Expresses concerns about plane crashes. We need privacy hunting here or super cubs flying here. If they can ban flight in this area. Marlene Moto-Karl: Made a motion to oppose proposal number 4. Seconded: by Nathan Hadley
5	Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl: Motion to support, we don't have black bear here anyways. Seconded: Raymond Lee
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	4	Everyone in Alaska is a subsistence Marlene Moto-Karl: I don't want to support it. Motioned to oppose Seconded
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	4	0	Marlene: We should support this one, our caribou numbers are declining. Raymond: Seconded
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl: Motion to support Raymond: Seconded
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	4	0	Raymond: Motioned to support Marlene: Seconded
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: Motion to support Seconded: Marlene



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36	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23		
Supported as amended	4	0	Brandon: Explains department isn't supporting this. Kevin: We could hunt antlerless because someone might need caribou, I support this because we didn't get any caribou. Raymond Lee; I would motion to amend to change antlerless moose season start date to September 15 th instead of November 1 st . Seconded by Marlene.
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	3	1	Raymond: I am in support, due to hunting late when they start hunting late, it would be good for them to start hunting earlier before the major caribou season to reduce plane traffic. It would be good to have the bear hunters come earlier and not a lot later. They should have to close the season close earlier 25 days earlier. Seconded: Nathan Marlene Moto-Karl, we need to have emergency. Kevin: They can get them all.
38	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Supported as amended	4	0	Raymond: Motion to amend August to August 1 st -October 31 st . Seconded: By Nate Reason the caribou always come when the bears.
39	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Supported as amended	4	0	Marlene Motioned to amended August 1 st -October 31 st Seconded: Raymond
40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: Motion to support Nathan: Seconded
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
No Action			
42	Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23		
Opposed	0	4	Marlene: I oppose this especially, they shouldn't use bait at all for bear hunting. Bears were breaking into houses, homes and caps. It has to be something with want and waste in that area. Kevin: They get accustomed to people feeding them. Raymond Lee: It is already illegal. Marlene: Motioned to oppose. Nathan: Seconded Discussion: Raymond Lee: it would be better to use bait we could get rid of the bears quicker, we could get a lot of bears out of way faster. If we can used bait we can't the bears, but if we can use bait we will have safer berry picking areas. Marlene: If you use bait they will be break down the windows and doors. Raymond Lee: I would not put a bait station in my camp, I would put it out way in the



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			backcountry
43	Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: I motioned to support Marlene: Seconded Kevin: It is better to hunt when there is snow. Marlene: how else are they going to get them. Marlene I would like to exempt to non-resident hunters.
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Support	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl: Motioned Seconded: Nathan
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support	4	0	Nathan: Motioned Seconded: Marlene

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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Support	4	0	
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
			Marlene Moto-Karl: Motioned Seconded: Nathan
Support	4	0	
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
			Nathan: Motioned Seconded: Marlene
Support	4	0	

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett
Minutes Approved By: June W. Wicks
Date: 12-22-16



Nushagak Advisory Committee

Minutes

**Monday, December 5, 2016
Special Teleconference Meeting**

I. **Call to Order:** 6:01 by Chairman Frank Woods

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Frank Woods - Chair

Tom O Connor Dlg

Curt Armstrong Dlg

Dan Dunaway - Sec. Dlg

Steve Perkins - Alt. Dlg

the following attended by phone

Jim Woolington - Dlg

Mariano Floresta - Clark's Pt

Luki Alkelkok - Ekwok

Glenn Wysoki - Koliganek

Travis Ball - Aleknagik

Joe Chythlook - Vice Chair Dlg

Members Absent:

Gayla Hoseth - excused

Chris Carr - Portage Cr.

Jon Forsling - Togiak

Diana Gamechuck - Manokotak

Dennis Andrew - New Stuyahok

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 , 11 in attendance quorum established.

List of User Groups Present:

Trappers, Subsistence hunters, Sport hunters, people with knowledge /connections to hunting guides, Bristol Bay Native Assn., Wildlife Enforcement, Togiak Refuge Staff, ADFG biologist, general public, Public radio.

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Dunaway moved, Armstrong 2nd - adopt agenda and adding action on proposals to reauthorize GMU 17 Antlerless Moose (150) and Brown Bear tag exemption (153) .

Carried unanimous.

Alternate Steve Perkins was seated to participate in this meeting.

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

Neil Barten - ADFG Wildlife Bio.

Taryn Brito, - ADFG Boards

**V. Guests Present:**

Victor Seybert - phone, Pilot Point, BBRAC	Joe Wassily - public by phone- Clarks Pt
Todd Fritze - Dlg trapper hunter	Robert Heyano - Dlg. public, hunter
Suzanna Henry - Togiak Refuge Supt.	Andy Aderman - Togiak Refuge Wildlife Bio.
Dave Bendinger KDLG News	Verner Wilson BBNA - by phone
Officer Whittkop - Troopers, Wildlife Enf.	

VI. New Business:**1. Staff Reports:**

Taryn O'Connor of Board Support: letters sent to 3 villages of Togiak, New Stuyahok, Ekwok that their AC representatives terms have expired and requesting elections be held. No word from any at this time.

Deferred other staff reports until after the proposals are addressed.

2. Proposals

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	11	Dan move, Tom 2nd. Nush AC is opposed and requests BOG take no action at this time; please defer to next BOG cycle for Central / SW Alaska and at that time take up issue for entire range of Mulchatna Caribou herd.
156	Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	11	0	Dan Move, Tom 2nd. Keep the plan in place. We don't want the plan to go away, especially with the rather low calf/ cow counts. The herd is not rebounding much and needs help. We have had 3 years of poor travel conditions and haven't been able to get out for wolves - they need thinning. I saw wolf tracks on many sand bars last moose season. We really need to protect our subsistence meat supply. We hope ADFG can be flexible and liberalize with a continued plan on exact dates, locations for control measures. The possibility of moving the predator control area to cover changes in the Mulchatna herd calving area was discussed.



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157	Set a customary and traditional use finding, and establish seasons and bag limits for Emperor geese		
Support	11	0	Joe Move, Dan 2nd We know the bird group has worked long and hard to develop a cooperative plan and to get this into place. Haven't been allowed to take Emperors since mid 1980's. Very important to some villages. Its a credit to all those who have cooperated to come up with a plan for all. We should support their work. They even waited an extra year to assure there would be more birds and more practical numbers to share among all the villages. I hope permits will be reasonably easy to obtain. This is only for the fall hunt.

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
150	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	Joe Move, Dan 2nd This is more like housekeeping and we should support. This is essential for the 17A moose plan to work. We worked hard among several villages to get the 17A moose plan set up and its important to keep this option in the plan.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	Dan Move, Tom 2nd We really like this option. So much more convenient for local hunters. I really like being able to take a bear if I see one without having to get a tag first.

3. Resume Staff Reports:

a) Moose in Unit 17c: Neil Barten ADFG area wildlife biologist.

First time in years we had good conditions allowing a fall moose survey.

ADFG flew key areas in lower 17B and 17C.

Found good bull/ cow ratios ins some strata - as high as 90/100 (but small numbers total).

Lowest Bull cow ratios are concerning at 20/100 and even as low as 11/100 in the lower

Nushagak R - one of the most popular hunting areas. 11/100 is not an emergency but it is very low and concerning.



ADFG very concerned at the overall picture compared to the data from previous surveys and lower than the 25-30 bull to 100 cow ratio the ADFG usually manages for across the state. ADFG expressed concerns for 2016 winter hunt if travel conditions continue to improve, there is a potential for excessive harvest.

Cow calf surveys suggest production is quite low across the range, 12%-13% calves, while 1 area had good production at over 20%, the production in the lower Nushagak was quite low. These low calf ratios not only cause population concerns but are likely to result in much lower recruitment of bulls into the harvestable population.

2017, ADFG plans a big spring / summer moose survey in 17B&C. ADFG is quite concerned about the overall population in GMU 17c.

After a long discussion, the general consensus from the AC was we are concerned for the low numbers reported but were hesitant to make immediate restrictions based on a single season survey and incomplete analysis. Lets wait for ADFG to complete its review of its recently acquired data and get back to us ASAP. Another member pointed out there is another study coming this spring.

There were several members who urged caution and avoid damaging the herd in the short term that might result in long term restrictions.

VII Approval Process for AC Comments to BOG

Dan Moved Joe 2nd

To authorize Chair Frank Woods to review and finalize draft minutes of this meeting and to submit to the BOG to meet the Dec. 22 deadline.

Carried 11 Y 0 N

VIII Date and Location of election / next meeting:

At the call of the chair, tentatively in early February. Will poll members as time nears.

Agenda to include elections for one undesignated seat now held by G Hoseth, and the two Alternate seats.

IX Adjourn: 8:16 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Secretary Dan Dunaway

Minutes Approved By: AC Chair Frank Woods

Date: December 7, 2016



Minutes
Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Teleconference
December 8, 2016 / 2:30P.M

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by the Chair Doug Carney, at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call & Quorum – 8 members / 5 for quorum

SHAC members present were

Rick Breckheimer - Lime Village

Doug Carney & Susan Hubbard - Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent were-

Faron Bobby – Lime Village

David Bobby & Charlie Gusty - Stony River.

Others Attending - The chair introduced the others attending

Nissa Pilcher, Boards Support

Josh Peirce – Area Biologist

Brett Gibbens – Wildlife Protection

Lisa Olsen – Division of Subsistence

Members' Concerns – Members were asked if they had -

- Any other proposals members want to comment on, besides those listed below?
- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting?
- Anything for future meetings?

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved without additions.

Reading & Approval of Minutes - from the Dec. 16, 2014 & Dec.10, 2015 teleconference meetings.

Area Biologist –

Josh – Roger Seavoy retired – I'm the new area biologist.

We did a moose composition count in November, mainly limited to the Bear Control Area- on the Holitna then up the Kuskokwim toward Stony

The bull/cow ratio was 58/100, and the calf/cow ratio was 55/100, which is slightly better than the last count from 2013, which was a bull/cow of 55/100 & calf/cow of 50/100, and these are very good numbers.

There is a moose trend count planned for March. We hope the weather and snow conditions are good and I would like to do a larger area, in 19A including up the Stony River and around Lime Village. We hope to find a high calf survival rate and high moose numbers, and then maybe we can have a limited moose season.

The bear control program was done about 3 years ago, so bear numbers will be increasing

There's a CKAC proposal 79, which would allow the taking of brown bear at black bear baiting stations that you'll probably want to look at.

Doug – Yes, that's on our list - it makes sense to me. You recently told me about the bear bounty some villages have. You want to tell us about that?



Josh – Yes, McGrath City Council gives \$150 for both wolves and bears. When hunters bring in a sealed bear hide.

Doug –We will go over the BOG proposals and then Barb Carlson will lead the discussion on the BOF proposals. Barb has gone to many BOF meetings and working group meetings over the past couple of years, mostly having to do with the shortage of King Salmon.

Just so everyone knows, the last SHAC meeting had a direct affect on the red fishing in Lime. At the last meeting Rick & Fred spoke about their inability to fish for reds, because of the net ban for Kings, and that Kings are in poor shape and aren't targeted that far upriver. That discussion was in our minutes and comments, and Barb addressed it at working groups and the BOF meeting.

Barb -

Doug - Hopefully with this year's proposal 279 on 4" mesh will be able to exempt Lime as well.

Barb -

BOG Proposal Discussion & Votes

Doug - The BOG cycle has changed from 2-years to 3 years.

Again, are there any additions members want to make to the list I have on the agenda?– 17/47, 51-56, 68, 72, 74, 75, 77, 79- 83, 156, & 160. There are none –OK.

17 / 47 – Proposal 17 is for the Arctic/Western BOG Meeting, and 47 is the same proposal for the Interior/Northeast Arctic BOG meeting.

Josh – Fairbanks AC was against it, seems like most trappers are.

Doug - Brett, you trap -what do you think about this one?

Brett – Protection officers would have to root around trap lines to make sure grouse wings & other parts aren't used.

SHAC members voted to oppose this one.

Further discussion on 17 & 47 all other proposals are included on the attached comment form.

BOF Proposals-

Barb Carlson read and explained these proposals in detail to the committee.

SHAC discussion is contained on the attached comment form

- 3 Proposals on King Salmon – 275, 276, 279
- Proposal discussion & comments

Other Business - There was no other business discussed

Adjourn - 5 p.m.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose
17			Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds
Oppose	0	5	<p>This proposal seeks to make state game regs consistent with regs proposed by AMBCC for federal subsistence. The proposal includes all game birds, not only migratory, but AMBCC calls itself a migratory bird council. It should stick to migratory birds.</p> <p>Trappers use wings and other parts of Non-migratory game birds like grouse and Ptarmigan.</p> <p>Gizzards & hearts aren't addressed in regulations – why list them now? These parts are not presently listed in regulation. SHAC thinks present regs. Are adequate.</p> <p>The proposal claims this is the C&T practice in 19 & all the regions listed, but the use of parts other than the breast on upland game birds is generally the personal preference.</p> <p>This proposal would be a nightmare for Wildlife Protection – they would have to root around trap lines and go through boats during moose hunts, (when birds are taken opportunistically), looking for salvage of duck, grouse and other non-migratory bird parts.</p>
156			Re-authorize Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan
Support	5	0	<p>This is primarily allowing aerial predator control for wolves, and includes 19 A & B. The Mulchatna Herd is building slowly, and this program is intrinsic & necessary for herd recovery.</p>
160			Extend the moose season in GMU 18 to Sept. 30
Oppose	0	5	<p>This proposal wants the state to align its regs with federal regs in GMU 18. The state RM615 hunt quota was reached early, and the hunt closed.</p> <p>If the hunt is extended, it will result in more animals being taken on the main stem, with hunters claiming they were taken on one of the eastern tributaries. SHAC members thought that his blending of quotas could lead to excessive moose harvest in GMU 18, and increased hunting in GMU 19 again.</p> <p>The animals on the tributaries migrate to the main river anyway, and if left alone will lead to a higher quota on the state hunt.</p> <p>The issue that got SHAC's attention, is that the federal subsistence hunt was only open for 15 days out of 30 possible in 2016. Why was the hunt closed before the quota was reached? Hunters could have hunted those tributaries, which are mostly within federal land, for another 15 days. The federal hunt opening should take advantage of what is already available and be extended, before considering changes in state regs.</p> <p>If the moose herds in GMU 18 are allowed to continue to flourish, we hope it will</p>



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			help with the rebuilding of GMU 19 stocks, where we have a hunt closure and a Tier II Hunt. Bulls are in bad shape after mid-season, so why take them?

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher & Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12-12-2016



Southern Norton Sound AC
12/8/16
Community Hall, Unalakleet, AK

I. Call to Order: 12:14 pm by Wade Ryan

II. Roll Call: Wade Ryan (Chair), Jacob Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr., Frank Katchatag, Stebbins seats Vacant, Wes Jones, Milton Cheemuk
Members Present: Wade Ryan (Chair), Jacob Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr.

Members Absent: Frank Katchatag, Stebbins seats Vacant, Wes Jones, Milton Cheemuk

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users and Commercial fisherman

Matilda made comments regarding Mr. Sookiyak's passing. He served on the SNAC for several years.

III. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Morris seconded by Matilda motion approved

Morris moved to approve the Stebbins Alternate Matilda seconded motion passed

Jacob made a motion to have a moment of silent for Mike Sookiyak seconded by Wade motion passed

Matilda gave invocation

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/8/16 Moved by Matilda seconded by Jacob motion passed

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Letty Hughes (DWC), William Dunker (DWC), Carmen Daggett (Boards Support), Brendon Scanlon (Sport Division), Jim Menard (Commercial Division)

VI. Guests Present: Arley Nanounk, Renae Ivanoff, Gary Eckenweiler, Alfred Commack

Gary Eckenwieler stated that it would be helpful to use rod and reel as a mean as a subsistence tool for Chinook salmon. They catch more Chinook utilizing a set net over rod and reel. Jacob mentioned that this was discussed in the pass and we were not in support of the idea due to the guiding operation on the Unalakleet River but we were in favor for the Northern Region

Lillian said hello to the committee.

VII. Old Business:

No old business

VIII. New Business:



Letty Hughes gave an overall view of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH). She stated that there was an estimated 201,000. Wade asked why it was implement and when I was in effect. Letty explained what happened. Jacob stated that he and Charlie Lean asked to change to the permitting requirements to prevent hunters from becoming criminals.

Wade asked about the moose in the Unalakleet Drainage and Letty stated that they attempted to do surveys the past two years but the lack of snow prevented them from doing the survey. The department completed and bull cow ratio last week and the numbers are preliminary.

Renae asked how to access the permit for caribou hunting. Letty stated that you can get them at any vendors or at line.

Wade stated that if you want to obtain your hunting permit at the cost of this year, you will need to purchase them prior to December 31st. The cost of permits in 2017 is going to increase.

Alfred asked about the numbers of the moose survey, Letty told him that in 2013 there were 543 and they are still working on the numbers from last week's survey.

Jill Klien gave an overview of the MOU between the State of Alaska and the Federal Government. Wade had some questions regarding the purpose of the MOU. Jill explained that it was a coordination between the two entities.

Morris primary for BOG and Matilda as Alternate
Wes primary for BOF and Wade as Alternate



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Support	5	0	Jacob made a motion to support seconded by Matilda. With more air traffic, it disturbs the migration of the caribou and distract the hunters. We have to travel long ways to hunt and any disturbance makes it harder for us to harvest any caribou. It gives hunters an advantage when using an aircraft to hunt caribou.
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	5	Jacob moved to support seconded by Peter. Jacob disagree with the dates for closing the bulls. Wade commends the effort of putting subsistence in there.
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Jacob. Wade stated that the residence of Alaska should have the priority to hunting.
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated that if you are going to kill a bird you should take all the edible meat home.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support Matilda seconded. Wade mentioned that we have been doing this for years and there is no need to change.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support seconded Matilda. Wade stated that we should maintain status quo. Jacob stated that a resident should not be penalized for their family member coming to Alaska to hunt
26	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
Support	5	0	Morris moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated the we should not have to continuously contact Fish and Game to extend our hunting season.
27	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
Opposed	0	5	Jacob moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated that he sees a lot of hunters leaving a lot of meat behind and not taking enough home. Jacob stated that he agreed with Wade and Morris in not supporting this because extending hunting seasons for nonresident because some of the moose may come into our unit.
28	Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder		
Supported as amended	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade. Jacob said we will support the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
No			Wade there is something in place already.



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30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to supported by Matilda
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Morris. Wade said that he supports more hunting of bears
32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Jacob. Wade said that with the sea ice lingering around during the spring hinders the hunting time
245	Extend the closure line North of the Northern Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery from 64 15'N Latitude		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support seconded by Matilda. Jacob stated he supports the proposal because it should be fair to all crabbers.
246	Add a definition for crab rakes and allow crab rakes as lawful subsistence shellfish gear north of Cape Newenham.		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: *J. Helt*Minutes Approved By: *Robert*Date: 12/22/16Prop 244
No action

Prop 245

Prop 246



Togiak Advisory Committee
12/14/2016
Minutes

I. Call to Order: 11:37pm By Chairman Moses Kritz Sr.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Walter Kanulie, Kenneth Nukwak, Julius Henry, Darren Byayuk, Lester Moore, Joe Alexie, Moses Kritz Sr., Peter Lockuk (Alternate), William Sanchez (Alternate)

Members Absent:

Frank Logusak (ill), Tessa Nickersen (appointment), Roger Wassillie, Gust Bartman, Norman Gloko,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Togiak, Manokotak, Twin Hills

Walter moves to seat Thomas Dock as Alternate, Darren seconds, AC Approves Unanimously

Thomas moves to seat William Sanchez as Alternate, Joe seconds, AC Approves Unanimously

III. Approval of Agenda:

Comments: Taryn says AC should consider discussing having the Chairman approve the minutes that need to be submitted to the Board of Game before December 22nd.

Walter Moves to approve agenda with that addition, Joe seconds, AC Approves Unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2016

Julius moves to approve the minutes from March 11th, Peter seconds

There are no changes that need to be made, AC Approves Unanimously.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Taryn O'Connor-Brito- ADF&G Boards Support

Neil Barten- ADF&G Wildlife

Ted Kreig- ADF&G Subsistence

VI. Guests Present:

Andy Aderman, and Pat Walsh- Togiak National Wildlife Refuge

Gayla Hoseth-BBNA

Thomas Moore- Manokotak

Tom Low, Teo Pauk, and Joey Lockuk- Togiak

VII. ADF&G Staff Updates, and Updates from Togiak National Wildlife Refuge:

Andy Aderman, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Biologist:

- Updated AC on details of a moose survey the Refuge conducted in October in which there was no snow.
 - Areas were randomly selected in which to count
 - Sightability trials were conducted which suggested that 75% of moose were sightable.
 - Survey suggests that the herd is still growing, and may have increased by a few hundred since the last survey 5 years ago
 - Final number will be an estimate with a range
 - Saw 60-65 bulls/ 100 cows
 - Calf to cow ratio was in the lower 30's/100
- Peter- is interested in the wolf population, and Moses mentions that wolves have been sighted near town.
- Andy - Agrees that there may be more wolves. In general when the moose population increases so does the wolf population.

Pat Walsh, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager:

- There is a study that has been going on in the Refuge for the last 3 years, in which hair samples have been being collected from bears and wolves. These samples will be used to determine diet. Study will continue this coming year. No results yet.
- It is likely that the moose population growth is outpacing the growth of the wolf population
- Moses- States that the moose population is healthy and well distributed due to lack of snow, they are not gathered down in the rivers.
- There is also an observation from an AC member that bear tend to kill many calves, but that the wolves will take on the adult moose.
- Pat agrees, and also adds that milder winters make it easier for the moose to get away from the wolves.
- There is some concern among AC members and public that the wolves are coming close to the community, and what to do about this. Maybe some wolves near the community can be trapped.
- Kenneth- is interested in how far wolves will travel.
- Pat says that currently only 3 packs are collared. It has been hard to catch wolves to collar them without the snow.
 - 8-9 years of data from collared wolves has suggested that wolves travel long distances, from the lower Nushagak to Koliganek, Eek, or Bethel and back.
- Moses- wonders if the AC should start thinking about a wolf control proposal for 17a. When he was young there were no wolves around
- Neil Barten- says 17a doesn't currently have a positive finding in intensive management program. Putting one in place there would be a bit of a process
- Moses- comments that wolves in 17a will move around and impact 17b, and 17c
- Pat Walsh- comments that in the past there were not very many moose in the refuge to attract the wolves.
- Moses says the AC will keep their eye out and go from there



Neil Barten, ADF&G Wildlife Biologist:

- Wants to know what the AC thinks about the current conditions, and when he should think about opening up the winter moose hunt in 17a.
- Moses- says so far (snow) conditions are pretty new, and thinks that waiting until it looks safer to open the hunt would be wise, but comments that some people are getting anxious. Hopes the rain will harden the ground when it freezes.
- Neil agrees that it makes sense to wait for the warm weather to pass. He will stay in touch. The very latest it can start is the last week of January. And says that all of 17a is included in the hunt.
- Peter – there is concern about the trail. It is raining out now. Not sure of success rate. They will be keeping an eye on it.
- Muskox-
 - Moses is interested in what the possibilities would be for a transplant to the Peninsula.
 - Neil will share the Transplant Policy with the AC, and highlight key points.
AC would need to get the support of the community, and it would be good to try to work with the Nushagak AC.
 - Moses is interested in seeing policy, will go from there.

Ted Kreig, ADF&G Subsistence:

Subsistence was in Togiak during November doing interviews for the Chinook Respondent Program, which is ongoing; they will be back next summer. From what he heard it seemed like last summer subsistence was improved.

Moses says the AC would like to meet again in March/April to discuss some fisheries related issues when Tim Sands is back in the office- Chinook is one of the issues to be discussed, but also funding.

There is also an observation that the 3 mile line for trawlers should be discussed.

Moses says the AC also wants to work with the Togiak Traditional Council to hold an election for the Togiak community designated seat on the Nushagak AC. Taryn will email info relating to that seat to Moses, and the Traditional Council Clerk.

VIII. Elections for three undesignated seats and two alternates

Frank, Moses, and Joe's seats expired 6/2016

Also, William, and Thomas's Alternate seats are expired.

Floor is opened to nominations for undesignated seats:

William (Bill) Sanchez nominates Frank Logusak

Julius Henry nominates Moses Kritz, and Joe Alexie

No other nominations

Floor is closed to nominations:

Frank, Moses, and Joe will retain their seats with unanimous support of all present.

Floor is opened to nominations for Alternate:

Peter Lockuk nominates William Sanchez and Thomas Dock

No other nominations

Floor is closed to nominations

William, and Thomas will retain their seats with unanimous support of all present



IX. New Business:

Proposal 150: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A

Julius moves to adopt

Joe seconds

Discussion:

- Provides opportunity
- Department supports

AC Supports Unanimously

Proposal 153: Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region

Walter moves to adopt

Thomas seconds

Discussion:

- Exempts residents from the \$25 locking tag fee

AC Supports Unanimously

Proposal 25: Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19

Thomas moves to adopt

Darren seconds

Discussion:

- Neil B. – Department is asking to defer proposal to the 2017-2018 Central/SW Region meeting. Department likes to manage this herd as a unit.
- Also in book as Prop 83 for Interior NE Arctic meeting.
- William recognizes/understands the departments wish to manage the herd as a unit, and the idea to bring it up at the Central/SW BOG, however he thinks the AC should make their opposition to this proposal known.

AC Opposes Proposals 25/83 Unanimously

Proposal 156: Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan

Peter moves to adopt

Thomas seconds

Discussion:

- Department believes this is important
- AC is concerned about impact of wolves on game

AC Supports 156 Unanimously



Proposal 157: (formerly ACR 7) Set a customary and traditional use finding, and establish seasons and bag limits for Emperor Geese

Thomas moves to adopt

Darren seconds

Discussion:

- Moses- notes that Emperor Geese are primarily accessible to people in Togiak during the spring, and are not seen much during the fall/winter months.
- Teo- notes that people are seeing more now than in past seasons. Agrees that they are more visible in the spring. Would agree with this proposal though.
- Moses- notes that there is no opportunity now. Doesn't think that this will provide much opportunity for Togiak, but notes that Manokotak may have more opportunity.
- Kenneth- would support, but also prefers taste of these birds in the spring. Believes Manokotak would have some opportunity along coast after moose season, but has concern that it may be cost prohibitive to travel to the coast for a one bird limit.
- Thomas notes that prop 157 is a start
- Moses agrees

AC Supports 157 Unanimously

Discussion of proposal development for Central/Southwest BOG:

- Kenneth has been working on a couple of proposals-
 1. Wants to move the date of the **fall moose hunt in 17c**
 - KMO residents don't start seeing moose moving around until after Sept 15th in the areas they hunt (Ualik, Weary, and Snake)
 - Kenneth suggests lengthening the season by 5 days.
 - Moses Suggests that Kenneth work with Manokotak residents to draft the proposal, and bring it to the AC for support at their spring meeting.
 2. Winter moose hunt 17c (climate change is preventing hunting)
 - Kenneth would like to see a movable hunt as in 17c
- Kenneth can see Neil and Taryn next time he is in DLG for help with drafting his proposals.

Approval Process for AC Comments to BOG:

Peter Lockuk will draft minutes Taryn will supply coordinator notes, Julius H. also will supply notes.

Chairman Moses T. will approve minutes from this meeting and submit to the Board of Game.

AC Unanimously approves of plan.

Date and Location of next AC Meeting:

Next meeting by call of the chair after Commercial Fisheries staff is back in the office (tentatively March)

Adjournment: 2:30pm

Approved by Togiak AC Committee Chair

Moses Kritz Sr.

Signature:  Date: 12.20.16



Upper Kobuk Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
12/20/2016
Shungnak IRA

- I. Call to Order: 11:02 am
- II. Roll Call: Bryan Jones, Shield Downey, Murphy Custer, Louie Commack
Elected: Nellie Griest, Merle Custer, Mike Atkins, Re-Elected Murphy Custer and Bryan Jones
Members Absent: Rosa Horner, Alvin Williams
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/11/15 minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Public Comments and concerns:
Nellie Griest: Wolves abundant, everyone has to start hunting wolves before they have pups in the spring time. Mentioned wolf bounties.
Billy Lie: Inquires about transporters.
Louie Commack: everyone is happy with the caribou they got in the villages.
- VIII. Old Business:
Elections:

Shungnak Seat Filled
Nellie Griest 7/2019
Merle Custer 7/2019

Kobuk
Murphy Custer 7/2019

Ambler
Bryan Jones 7/2019
Mike Atkins 7/2019

- IX. New Business:
- X. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update: Brandon Saito, 201,000 caribou is the current population numbers, 235,000 caribou was the previous level.
 - a. Billie Lie: Inquires about who makes the decisions about how many caribou we get to harvest?
- XI. Moose Update: 7,500 moose currently, 450 harvestable surplus, the Selawik population has declined. Calf production has gone up, up to 17 calves:100 adults. Bull:cow ratios are staying high. 47bulls:100 cows, 43 bulls:100 cows so it doesn't look the moose are getting overharvesting. Moose can be really susceptible to harvest, when the population is declining the last thing you want to do is be taking cows. Last year 21 cows were taken and before it was 15 cows a year.
Billy Lie: Explains the large populations.



Shield Downey: Explains moose permits from fly in hunters. We should have more concern % take by fly in hunts versus local people hunting. Our cost of fuel is really high when we talk about a reduction in take because those families don't have access mobility we have to consider all of those.

Brandon Saito: 300 local users and 60-70 from non-local hunters.

Shield Downey: Not the same level of harvest is happening

Bryan Jones: Inquires about how close we are to the point we need to curb the harvest. Our villages are growing. How close are we to the threshold.

Brandon Saito: Explains being proactive versus reactive. How can we have people work together at Onion Portage.

Bryan Jones: Where do we look to find resources, maybe we need to start thinking about reindeer herding.

Louie Commack: Explains the observed declines, and we have super packs of wolves and we might have to decide possibly reducing to 3 caribou a day.

Brandon Saito: Explains the balance of gas.

Louie Commack: We are declining it is worrisome.

Billy: we can't afford beef or chicken.

I know there was a decline in the caribou we used to hunt every year between here and Ambler. 2-3 caribou is not enough for a family of 10 people. I didn't understand the results of cutting down to five per day. Still the caribou are declining.

Billy: Inquires migration patterns, I have a feeling we are going to have the same problem as people from the Teshekpuk once we get from the Ambler road.

Shield: I have been opposed to that Ambler Road. It is going to change migrations and harvest rates. We need to think very carefully when we agree to any kind of development. I am scared for our people. We are going to be putting our resources in jeopardy. We need to think this out carefully. I think the season changes are a good thing. We need to think about this very carefully it is serious business.

Louie Commack: I sit on the gates of the subsistence resource commission we are talking 5-10,000 hunters per fall.

MOU Discussion: Billy Lie: Inquires about tribal governments. Would like to see tribal consultation, Maniilaq tribal affairs committee, RAC. This is something our two representatives that can speak on behalf of the tribes.

Nellie Griest: Inquires about how to replace Sally Custer on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group.

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1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	7	0	Shield: Caribou don't choose where they want to go, reindeer assimilated with



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			the herd. We are going into a lot of expansive migration. The whole point when they were counting the inflation numbers of the counting, that was a question and concern by people. Brandon: There are some mixing occurs. The vast majority that unit 23 takes is WACH and TECH is being harvested by Barrow. Louie: Motioned by Louie Merle: Seconded
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned support Murphy: Seconded
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned to support Nellie: Second
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Support	7	0	Shield: I strongly support proposal number 4. That will help our caribou decline. The access is what poses a threat to the livelihood of our caribou. Billy Lie: Talking with people in Noatak and the federal closure, the people in Noatak. Louie: Motioned to support proposal 4 Murphy: Seconded
5	Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned to support Merle: Seconded
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned to support Merle: Seconded
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	7	0	Shield: I would support this Louie: Motion to support Nellie: Seconded
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	7	0	Shield: With our people we eat everything but the feathers. That supports our way of using the species. Louie: Motioned to support Merle: Seconded
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	Louie: motioned to support



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			Murphy: Seconded
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Opposed	0	7	We have a sheep problem as it is, when it opens again it will just create problems. It would create more problems. Louie: motion to oppose, for further clarification. Merle: Seconded
36	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Shield: If we have a problem with the moose population, this is not a good option. Louie: Explains that this is for starvation. I think that was the intent to help to make it through the winter. We always get a female moose in the winter time. Shield: Right now the caribou is declining, if we give every option to kill a moose we are going to be in the same. Merle: motion to support Louie: Seconded Shield: Do we understand what we are doing. Murphy: There is still a lot of caribou, we can use the moose for a death in town.
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Not too many people eat brown bear, they like to come around and damage camps. Check out nets, we don't hunt brown bear. Merle: Motioned to support Louie: Seconded
38	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	
39	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	
40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned Seconded: Nellie
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
No Action			
42	Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23		
Opposed	0	7	Louie: motions to oppose Merle: seconded
43	Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motion to support Merle: Seconded
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned to support Nellie: Seconded



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45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support	7	0	Merle: motion to support Seconded: Louie

Shield Downey will go to the BOG.

Adjournment: 1:22 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*

Date: 12/20/16

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