



**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.

**Comments for Arctic/Western Region meeting
November 10, 2016**

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 Kusaiak, 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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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 raindeer 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 are 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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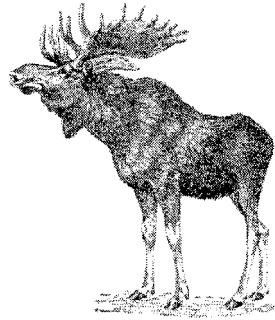
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stan Atchek

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

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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

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 Peeks *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 TCK 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 liming 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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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.
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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		
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22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
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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

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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 Kameroff 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 3306

NOV. 18 2016 05:18PM P4

Central Peninsula HC Pg 3

11-15-16

Minutes

David Martin made announcements:

- ① LCF BOF NOV. 30 - Dec 3
- ② Acknowledged the staff of the 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 yrs - 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



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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 Landrei			
Jeff Selinger			
Jessie Clark			
Greg Excelowski		Fishing, hunting, trapping, etc. much more	
David H. Smith			
Steve Vanek			
Joe Blum		All	
Doug Blossgren		All	
Michael King		All	
Nick King			
Carol Kalkbrenner	ADF&G		
Barb Falar			

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 Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niivilchik

DATE (of meeting): 11-15-16

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCombe, Teague VANek
Greg Encelowski, David Martin,
Steve VANek, Dan Presley, Joe Thompson
Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom, Madeline Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Baron Berger, Jeff Berger, Gary Daiman, Mike Schuster
Robert Lucas,

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Gary Fandrei (CIARA)
Jeff Salinger (ADEG), Carol Kerkvliet (ADFG)
Mike Bay, Barb Faylor, ADFG

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ~~ended~~ recessed 10:15 PM

Meet again on
11-17-16

Steve Vanek
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 Peeks (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.



- o 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		
Opposed	0	4	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. Other members agreed to oppose.
160	Extend the moose season in Unit 18, Kuskokwim Area to September 30		
Support	4	0	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.

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

Minutes Recorded By: _____
 Minutes Approved By: R. J. Guy
 Date: 12/10/16

Minutes Recorded By: [Signature]
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: 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. 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.

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		



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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



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			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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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 Baxter

Minutes (Game Subcommittee) Approved By: AC

Date: 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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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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			<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 of viewing wolves. Accordingly, the decision by</p>



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			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