



**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Game Subcommittee
January 31, 2017
William J Hernandez Hatchery, 941 Reeve Blvd, Anchorage**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair Joel Doner
- II. Members Present: Joel Doner, Phillip Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano, Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Kevin Taylor, Brian Nelson, Matt Moore, Gerold Gugel, Bryce Eckroth, Martin Weiser
Members Absent Excused: Ernie Weiss, Art Nelson, Dino Sutherland, Trevor Rollman, Willow Hetrick
Members Absent Unexcused: Kenny Rogers

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 – 11 present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved without objection
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2016 Approved with changes without objection
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: David Battle, Cory Stantorf, Sherry Wright,
- VI. Guests Present: Rod Arno, Gary Olson, George Jacoby, Stephen Bartelli (Mat Valley AC), Richard Persons, Martin Miegs, Joe Schuster, Tyler Loken,
- VII. Public Testimony – Joel Doner offered several opportunities for members of the public that wished to address the committee. The following people did.

Rod Arno – AOC – Heads up on the CSH proposals (Fish & Wildlife Service posted documents regarding the MOU between Ahtna and Feds. Common Use clause in State should be considered. Ahtna is seeking a Charter for Ahtna Intertribal community to represent their communities and have authority for allocation and co-management through the Federal program. The majority of would take place on state lands (9+ million acres) that may be put in trust with the federal government. Would be up to the BOG to capitulate to give them what they have been unable to get through the state process. The 3 documents are: Charter, Memorandum of Understanding, and a Traditional Use Map.

AC Questions / Discussion – Wondering if the feds has the authority to take over in this way? Right now there is not. State could lose management authority which was put into place during ANSCA. Response re: 2009 BOG actions – not any board intent to authorize a native or rural preference. The purpose was to allow issuing permits, available to anyone in the state. Wonder if the AC should even bother taking up the GMU 11 – 13 proposals coming up if there is something else underway that may take away state management? Depends on what the BOG is willing to give away. Rod Arno asks that the public make comments available for the board regarding this matter.

Richard Person – Setnetter on East side Cook Inlet. Spoke about a few proposals already – Prop 175 was put in by his son. 105 fathoms of gear is allowed. In 2014 when this was written up, they went to the local biologists to ensure they could fish their full complement of gear. ACR was taken up in Juneau that didn't pass. This is the second attempt to clear this up so they can



fish their full complement of gear. Anchorage AC proposal to do away with this altogether would also be good.

VIII. Old Business:

BOG member Ted Spraker was invited to attend the meeting. He has been in Alaska 42+ years and started working with Dept of Fish & Game in 1974 as Assistant Area Biologist in Glennallen. He was moved by ADFG to Soldotna in 1978 till his retirement in 2002. Murkowski requested he serve on the BOG and has ever since. This would be his 6th term and last. His desire is to complete his original purpose for coming on the Board - to fix Unit 13. There are still issues to deal with there and there are a couple of proposals in the upcoming meeting that may do that.

Past attempts at addressing subsistence hunting opportunities have failed miserably. The other thing that has been changed is the 2004 implementation of predator control, which has been without a doubt a very successful program. Have to deal with the high number of people that like to hunt caribou. The number interested is not acceptable for a quality hunt.

Spraker was thankful for the committee taking the time to address the Interior Region meeting. Really would like to see everyone (AC) testify at the Board meeting. He indicated he allows additional time for testimony and does not hold the public to a 3 minute limit. Listening to the public is very important. As area biologist, he worked with the Kenai Peninsula ACs, and would be at Central Peninsula AC meeting tonight, if he wasn't here. He still attends meetings on the Peninsula. He is available by phone if anyone wants to discuss anything. He asks for your support for one more go-around.

Phillip Calhoun *Question / Discussion – Should Boards submit board generated proposals?* Ted believes they should – they are not trying to avoid public proposals. Some of the proposals that come through are not totally focused – a bit here, a bit there. The board proposals provide that focus. The Board ensures there is still time for the public to participate. They could make a motion at the table and pass it, but they don't do that.

Prop 207 was one that was opposed by most of the ACs and still went through and passed. Many people were frustrated by the feeling of not being heard. They spend time away from their families to participate in the process, then come away feeling frustrated. The Board listens to all the testimony. Many comments were supportive of Prop 207 and this proposal had a long public review process. Strong supporter of ethical hunting and many people complained of people buzzing them when they had packed in and then got planes flying over them. Some have been appreciative of hunting being quieter. Spraker supported proposition 207 and still does.

Neil DeWitt *How much weight do you give FSB or Western Arctic Caribou meetings?* They have requested feds to back off and give them time. There used to be an incredible number of caribou and at one time they considered 200,000 would be a good number. Hunters need to stick together, not be divisive among ourselves. Problem is that this will put more people in other areas. Many of the people formerly from those areas also will have an adverse impact by closures.

Kevin Taylor *Back to the sheep issue – what do you think needs to be done?* His answer was personal – doesn't believe we need to do anything. Spraker is more of a long term guy, when looking at populations. Guide concession program on BLM/state lands is an answer to our problems. Letter to legislators to that effect is underway. 10 year leases promote stewardship,



limits number of animals that can be harvested, keeps them from moving. There's always a few guys that move in and disrupt things, and also disrupts the residents. Can look forward to that, especially when it comes to sheep.

Frank Neumann *Unit 13 intensive management – returning to general hunting practices – would that mean doing away with IM on wolf?* Wouldn't get rid of IM – that should be a tool available to the department as needed. General seasons – might be able to some sort of registration hunt for caribou and do away with subsistence hunting. That way, we could limit the number of hunters in any given week. As far as moose – way above ANS and could provide special provision later in the season for any bull, but the 100 bull has not been working. Different direction – even local AC wants to do away with it. MOU gives away the farm for the state.

Steve Bartelli (with Mat Valley AC) *207 was a hard pill to swallow for many AC members. There was not the support around the AC system and meetings that have been spoken of. One user type was severely restricted through that proposal. Was tempted to put in a bunch of restrictive proposals for specific types of hunting. They volunteer for their community and it was very unpopular. Just don't understand what was so compelling to cause the vote to go the other way?* Declining sheep numbers, and more and more competition for sheep hunters were some of the compelling reasons. Majority of residents don't have airplanes was another reason and the ethics of fair chase. One of the things about serving on the Board of Game is you will find out how many people hate you. If you look at his record overall, he has made a lot of decisions. He looks at the resource first, and opportunity, ethical hunting around the state. There will always be some issues people don't like.

Joel Doner *What can the Anchorage AC do to be better?* Anchorage AC is respected by BOG. When the committee voted against every cow hunt in the state – the BOG felt it was being driven more by one person, not a consensus of the group. Franks does a good job representing the committee.

Motion to support the letter written by Homer AC was made and 2nd. Prop 207 was a difficult pill to swallow – with AC opposing as a majority and felt they were not listened to. Joel Doner Commented: regardless of who is being considered, a committee that sends this type of letter is undermining their own future dealings with the BOG. The motivation for this letter seems to do more with anti-predator control than anything. We need to be careful that we don't lose the board in that regard. **3 – 6 – 2. Failed.**

Anchorage AC made a motion to support the Game Subcommittee recommendations with the following list of proposals reviewed by the full committee at tonight's meeting: 146, 151, 152, (122, 125, 130, 143 – 145, 147 – 150 were taken up under one vote and noted for the record), 47, 49, 52, 61-62, 68 – 69, 71 – 72, 87-88, 94, 116, 131-132. There was no objection on the motion.

Dave Battle spoke to the committee about the local moose populations. Dave Battle spoke to the committee about the local moose populations. The 2013 moose survey in the 20 Mile Creek drainage recorded a total of 155 animals. The bull cow ratio was 23/100 and a calf to cow ratio of 27/100. The recent 2016 aerial survey was conducted with 155 animals being recorded with a bull to cow ratio of 31/100. Dave Battle commented that the bull population number was probably higher than the survey count. He also commented that the population appears to be stable at this time. He also replied to the question of optimum bull to cow ratio as being 1 to 4.



Asked if the recent snow falls could lead to a new winter survey, and along with that the chance of increasing the number of tags if a new survey showed an increase in the population down there? The answer was not at this time. The number of permits requested for the hunt was submitted and accepted previously.

When asked what happens to survey funding if they aren't flying moose surveys in 14C for the last 3 years – the answer was they used it for other surveys, for sheep and goat

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	Support the Department for reasons stated.
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	1	10	Same proposal as Proposal #17. ½ of the State will have definition and the other ½ a different definition. Difficult for enforcement. It's not illegal to take more meat than you want if you so choose. Supporters don't want not taking certain parts illegal. See action/comments on Proposal #17.
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	11	0	Include language only in special weapon hunts with the addition of cross bows. As long as there is a specific hunt for crossbow only. Refer third paragraph, last sentence. Wouldn't change how State Troopers does enforcement.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	8	2	AAC supported Proposal #19; see comments and vote from full committee. In favor for reasons stated. Oppose: do not like second degree of kin. 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 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.
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Support	11	0	See comments on Proposal 19 & 49.
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	11	0	See comments on Proposal #8. Suggest amending language to be clarified per certain species (i.e. moose or caribou; suggest adding the word "certain" instead of "any" of first sentence. 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



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			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.
52	Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou		
Support	8	3	See discussion/vote on Proposal #16 for reference. Support: Residents should have the maximum opportunity for all hunting, including draw hunts. Support the language for 'draw hunts only'. Agree with proposal as written for this area as well. Oppose: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 10% is not a large enough number to provide reasonable amount of opportunity to hunt. If limit nonresidents to 10%, a lot of revenue will be lost. The species proposed are all guided species and this will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the industry. 10% "maximum" is an arbitrary number. State Troopers do not see enforcement issue/concern.
53	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	11	0	Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting.
54	Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	11	0	Same as #53 but for black bear only. Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting. Striking the word general season and substituting the word subsistence. Support for reasons stated in proposal.
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
Support	11	0	Same as #53 and #54 but for moose only. Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting.
56	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep for Units 19, 24, 25A, and 26		
Support	11	0	Same as #53, #54, and #55 but for Dall sheep only. Support for reasons stated. Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting.
57	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	The majority of the people in the field are residents, therefor the residents are the problem regarding concerns with overcrowding. Oppose: want to be consistence across the State.



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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		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: if a nonresident goes to a draw hunt then 25% is too much. Want to be consistence across the State. Support: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 25% is better than 10% but still do not like the "maximum" language. If limit nonresidents to 25%, a lot of revenue will be lost. Will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the industry. Again, 25% "maximum" is an arbitrary number. Support: Not a biologist in the State that will say that hunters are the reason that the sheep populations are declining. Removing the opportunity to hunt has more effect on the population than not.
59	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 10% is not a large enough number to provide reasonable amount of opportunity to hunt. If limit nonresidents to 10%, a lot of revenue will be lost. The species proposed are all guided species and this will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the industry. 10% "maximum" is an arbitrary number.
60	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: keep second degree of kin opportunity to Alaskan residents. Strictly an allocation issue. Wants to include second degree of kin into the guided/nonresident pool.
61	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	8	3	Support: because of language that states that "all Dall sheep draw permit hunts". Oppose: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 10% is not a large enough number to provide reasonable amount of opportunity to hunt. If limit nonresidents to 10%, a lot of revenue will be lost. The species proposed are all guided species and this will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the guide industry. 10% "maximum" is an arbitrary number.
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		
Oppose	2	9	Support: If there's that many sheep, they should have resident preference. Takes care of the problems expressed in the Prop 207 proposal previously discussed. Oppose: Keep consistency of harvest for guides or will hurt the guide industry. Going after sheep 'harvest' and makes no biological sense. Limiting 10% cuts down on revenue that supports law enforcement and Pittman Robertson funds. Residents aren't bringing in additional revenues. There is no biological concern on nonresident harvest of rams. It's punitive against the nonresident hunters, which doesn't effect population. Population of sheep are declining.
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	Anti-207 proposition. Wants BOG to rescind their action on 207.
64	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years		
Oppose	0	11	Sublegal rams are forfeited to the State (horns and meat). Currently there are no restrictions the following year in these management areas. Oppose: wouldn't give a judge and discretion. Takes sheep hunting privilege away for entire State. 5 years is too much and mountain goats are different than sheep; harvesting a nanny in Unit 7 doesn't



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			restrict the opportunity to hunt goat in another unit.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Submitted by APHA in March 2016. Oppose: support original proposal and now regulation.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: do not lengthening the sheep season. Conflicts with the youth hunt, August 1-5. Could use a plane to spot during the time frame proposed.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
Support	11	0	Register and start at the same time. Support: bears are coming out earlier. Support for reasons stated.
68	Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	10	1	Want to restrict the hunting of male calf without antlers. Currently, a male calf is legal in certain parts of the State. Support for reasons stated. Opposition: like to be able to harvest young, good tasting moose. If the biology can afford to support the harvest of any bull, then people should be allowed to harvest.
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		
Support	7	4	Oppose: end of moose season is September 30, then getting into the full rut. Support: bow hunting is more difficult and would like more time to hunt.
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: can be a veteran without a purple heart and receiving SMC. Not tying it into a specific area, would leave it up to the Department. Too vaguely written.
71	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60		
Oppose	4	7	Oppose: Can use a crossbow in the general season. Has an issue with lumping it in with archery. Support: a crossbow is a bow and 'elderly' should be able to use.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	Support: if anyone is that skilled, then we should allow it. Current regulations say that you have to be 300 yards from a plane. From an enforcement issue, doesn't add additional work to the Troopers. Why not?
73	Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyote in Unit 20		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
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75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: any proposal that discusses predator control is good for the ungulate population. Believe that the Department will do it correctly.
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: a lot of moose in the area, don't see a biological issue with extending the days. Would like to see both the State and the Feds attempt to align their seasons. This is registration permits only, not the general hunt.
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: ungulates population would presumably increase.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support as amended: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates. Proposal as written: would like to amend proposal to include 19B. Amendment failed 2, 5. Support: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates.
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates.
81	Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: clarification of questionable language is good.
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: residents from McGrath do not have trouble accessing sheep, they have a winter sheep hunt for any ram.
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: without data, cannot support. 1 abstain.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: aligning state and feds; support predator management.
85	Open a resident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 20E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: currently a registration hunt. Number of caribou available for harvest is regulated by ADFG as is, and can change by EO as determined. Would not like to see resident restricted from hunting. 1 abstain.
86	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: there is already a restriction to shooting from the highway. If things are happening that are illegal, enforcement will take over. Things addressed in this proposal are already illegal, this is an enforcement issue.
87	Lengthen the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area hunting season		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	5	Oppose: vehicle restrictions are restrictive enough as is across the State. Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
88	Clarify the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Oppose: do not support antlerless moose hunting at all.
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: not running experiments on game; would like to see science supporting idea. Bull/cow ration has improved since antler restrictions were put into place. 1 abstain.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: oppose the CSH hunting completely, will not support. Restricts resident



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			hunters.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Trying to limit the take of ruffed grouse. Oppose: reduced grouse hunting opportunity. Do not support shortening seasons.
92	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 21C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons written. Support added harvest of bears.
93	Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: do not support restricting access.
94	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 21D		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	4	Support: there are a lot of moose in this area, do not think this change would affect the population. Oppose: changing a season due to changing climates should be addressed on a statewide level, it is affecting all hunt areas not just 21C. This would put the hunters further into the later rut. 1 abstain – concern of killing more moose.
97	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated: Board of Game extends their authority not directed by our constitution.
98	Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: approve reducing wolf numbers.
99	Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
105	Change the nonresident bag limit for caribou and resident cow season in Unit 26B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated. Support limiting cow take.
106	Open a resident archery season for brown bear in Unit 26B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Dalton highway corridor is archery only. Support: reasons stated.
107	Lengthen the hunting seasons for brown bear in Unit 26B, and change the nonresident drawing permit to a registration permit		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: would better align with sheep season. Support harvest of predators.
109	Lengthen the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 25 and 26		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: reasons stated. Aligning seasons would be beneficial.
110	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Unit 25B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: harvest of additional bears is good.



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	112	Allow same-day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 25D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: predator control would be good for the ungulate population.
	113	Modify the resident bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 24B, 25A, 26B, and 26C	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons written. Protect the females.
	114	Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	11	0	Propose an amendment to start August 1 instead of July 15; July 15 is too liberal. Support as amended: support additional hunter harvest opportunity.
	116	Reduce the bag and possession limit for ruffed grouse in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	7	Support: Delta F&G AC knowledge Oppose: no biological concern for reduction.
	117	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	118	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	119	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	120	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	121	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	122	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Oppose: generally, oppose antlerless moose hunts as the females reproduce to maintain the population. 2 abstain.
	123	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0	Support: extending the season by 5 days to capture colder times. 1 abstain.
	125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Oppose: do not support antlerless moose hunts. Support: support the Department in attempting to have allocative share. 1 abstain
	126	Modify the muzzleloader hunting season for moose in Unit 20A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: safer travel.



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127	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: biological concerns of overharvesting. Support Department.
128	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	8	Oppose: biological concerns of overharvesting. Support Department. !- Abstained.
129	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose : biological concerns of overharvesting. Support Department.
130	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B, and remove incorrect language for the winter muzzleloader registration hunt for bulls and the targeted antlerless hunts in Unit 20B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	2 abstain. Support: support Department for reasons stated. Oppose: should be two separate proposals.
131	Modify the hunting season dates for antlerless moose in Unit 20B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	8	Support: For reasons stated in the proposal. Oppose: catches too much of the rut. 1 abstain.
132	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B remainder		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	4	Support: for reasons stated in proposal. Oppose: Believe residents should have a jump start on the population and harvest.
133	Restrict waterfowl hunting in the Chena Slough, Unit 20		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: do not want to restrict hunting opportunity. Worried about species creep. 4 abstain – do not know enough about the area.
136	Reevaluate the intensive management finding for the Delta caribou herd		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Support the Department evaluating the issue.
137	Implement an intensive management program for the Delta caribou herd		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Support the Department evaluating the issue.
138	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B remainder		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: aligns two types of harvest.
139	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: adding 20F; support additional predator harvest.
140	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	See comments on 139.
141	Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Denali National Park is enough. Already have a buffer, do not need more.
142	Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Same comments as 141.
143	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 1C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	2 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
144	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 5A, the Nunatak Bench hunt		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	2 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
145	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 6C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	2 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
146	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in the Twentymile/ Portage/ Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	1	The committee would like to see harvest opportunity at its maximum potential. Survey supports keeping the antlerless moose hunts. Oppose doesn't believe in antlerless moose hunts.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
148	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	1	1 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
150	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
151	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Units 14A and 14B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for the department.
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 14C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for the department. Referenced comments on Prop 146. 14C Anchorage is not the right place to grow moose – our playgrounds, highways is in need of management
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.

Board of Fisheries UCI proposal comments:

Prop 110 - Proponent was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. If ADFG allows a person to own two permits, you should be able to fish them both. This is almost a housekeeping issue to clarify.

Vote: 11 – 0 Support

Prop 135 – Proponent’s father was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. East side is divided by Kenai / Kasilof sections. There are 7 – 8 miles between the two rivers, and the division is called the Blanchard line. The proposal seeks to add a third section – K-Beach. Also the opening time for some of these sections would change. South K-Beach currently opens when Kasilof opens, even though it is quite far away. North K Beach and South K Beach would begin July 1. They would gain 7 days roughly of fishing time. Kasilof would open June 20. South K Beach would lose around 10 days of fishing. If we are worried about early run king salmon South K-Beach would be the primary harvesters. North of the Kenai River would stay the same. Blanchard line is arbitrary any time you discuss moving it. Kasilof River has a habitual over-escapement issue. This would help. There is a concern of sport and personal use people not getting opportunity to harvest. June 20 is able to open right now (so this doesn’t move the date earlier than already in regulation. A concern exists that not enough information is available to support this. Encourage the Board to give this a good look and consider all the options. May be a good king conservation measure. Getting a period during the heart of the season, in light of king conservation may be a benefit. This represents lost opportunity for those fishing further south, when Kasilof fish come early. The July 1 date will need to really be looked at critically because of the second run of kings.

Vote: 4- 2 – 5 Support.

Prop 14 & 34 should be included in UCI BOF comments (discussed during LCI meeting).

New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Matt Moore
Minutes Approved By: Joel Doner
Date: February 3, 2017

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Call to Order: 6:40pm

Roll Call/Establish Quorum:

Glen Watson

Henry Kohl

Robert Lekander

Thad Tikiun

Jerry White

Jamie Kassman

Greg Roczicka

Jon LaValle

Robert Hoffman (alt.)

Excused: Alissa Rogers, Henry
Hunter

Invocation: James Charles

Introduction of Guests:

Jenn Peeks- ADF&G Boards Support

Jonathan Lomack- *Akiachak*

Phillip Peter Sr.-*Akiachak, Lower Kuskokwim AC*

James Charles- *Lower Kuskokwim AC*

Dan "Max" Olick- *Kwethluk*

James Nicori- *Kwethluk*

Albert Hoffman- *Bethel*

Scott Hoffman- *Bethel*

Lincoln Peter- *Akiachak*

Martin Andrew- *Kwethluk*

Tanya Epchook- *Kwethluk*

Jennifer Hooper- *AVCP*

George Guy- *Kwethluk*

Chariton Epchook- *Kwethluk*

Daniel George- *Akiachak*

Elizabeth Nicolai- *Kwethluk*

Elections: Vacant Seats (one full voting member, one alternate)

Henry Kohl Nominates Thad Tikiun 2nd Mike Riley 1111111

Robert Hoffman nominated and seconded 1111

Mike Riley wins full voting member

Thad Tikiun Nominates Robert Hoffman for alternate, second by Robert Lekander

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Robert Hoffman accepts alternate seat

Comments:

- Chair's Comments:

Update on BOG Western Region meeting

Prop 17 and 23 Birds and bear baiting, only two that did not fully reflect Bethel AC recommendations

- Concerns/Comments of Public:

- George Guy -opposed to non resident hunters spoke out about how non residents should not have any hunting rights, moose should be wide open now that we have over 1000 moose. Worried about people putting food on the table for the family, and worried their people are turned into criminals for hunting.

Greg Roczicka Clarified the non resident moose proposal only for Yukon area where moose populations were very high. Kusko area population growing- Tier I subsistence hunt only allowed.

- Chariton Epchook- prop 279 talk about 4 inch Mesh

Prop 275 and 276 Kwethluk (KWT) Corporation is against them worried about not getting a tier 2 permit and not being able to get food for his growing family

- James Charles- fisheries meeting going to be in anchorage in March, Talked about attending the BOG in Bethel. James is going to testify for LKAC Going to testify to support ONC fish proposal

- James Nicori Kewthluk IRA- BOG Prop 47 should not leave any catch behind

BOF Prop 279- Asked board to completely remove 4 inch from Kuskokwim. People were happy with King salmon returns, removing 4 inch from the river worked well last year

BOF Prop 275-Opening up a tier 2 worried anyone from the state can then apply. Recommends Bethel AC votes down tier 2

- Martin Andrew Kwethluk IRA- KWT tribe opposes all BOF 279 275 and 276. Family eats fish everyday KWT in opposition to all three proposals
- Phillip Peter Akiachak- Testified last year about Tier 2. He is chair of his corporation, he serves his people. Remove permits to take king salmon. Against BOF prop 275. Tired of compromising.

Only one tier 2 moose hunter from Akiachak, and worried it will happen to fish also.
Akiachak against Tier 2 permits.

- Dan Olick Kwethluk- 4 inch nets cost is high, close to \$300, won't last for kings elders understand king run early kings go deep and high catch more female than male kings.

Moose- didn't allow hunting once we hit 1000 moose like ADFG said Need more moose hunting opportunity, 5 day season too short Moose and fish most

- Tanya Epchook Kwethluk- Against any non-resident hunting, people speak passionately about fish because it is food. Against Tier 2 for fish, worried about king salmon fry at the

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Concerns/Comments of AC members:

Henry Kohl thanked Jen for putting together meeting packets

Approval of Agenda: motion by Jaimie Kassman, second Thad Tikiun
Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Dec. 27, 2016

Henry Kohl Motion to approve minutes

- **Add Jennifer Hooper to guests on Dec. 27, 2016 meeting**

Minutes approved

BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR REGION PROPOSALS (Comments due February 3, 2017)

Multi-Unit

(47, 53, 54, 83 were previously voted on under Arctic/Western Region Proposals)
Motion to take same stance as we did on previous proposals jaimie, second Thad
Motion passes 9-0

- **Proposal 47-** Change Definition of “edible meat” for game birds *(Same as West. Region Prop. 17, Bethel AC Supported as Amended [6, 1])*
 - **Proposal 53** – Clarify resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Arctic/Interior/Western Regions *(GMU’s 12 and 18-26). (Same as West. Region Prop. 6, Bethel AC Opposed [0, 7])*
 - **Proposal 54:** – Change “general season” to “subsistence” for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts (GMU’s 12 and 18-25).*(Same as West. Region Prop. 5, Bethel AC Opposed [0, 7])*
 - **Proposal. 83 (McGrath Area)-** Open nonresident draw hunt for caribou in GMU 18 & 19. *(Same as West. Region Prop. 25, Bethel AC Opposed [1, 6])*
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- **Proposal 55** – Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting season and nonresident general hunting seasons for moose (GMU 12, 19-21, 24)
 - **Proposal 67-** Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region
 - **Proposal 68-** Change the “any bull” or “one bull” bag limits to “antlered bull” for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region

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- **Proposal 70**-Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region.
- **Proposal 72**- Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region

McGrath Area

- **Proposal 74**- Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B
- **Proposal 75**- Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 76**- Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 77**- Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 79**- Allow the harvest of brown bear at bait stations in Unit 19A
- **Proposal 80**- Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A.

BOARD OF FISH: KUSKOKWIM

- **Proposal 279**- Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure,
- **Proposal 275**- Tier II subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Kuskokwim River fishery.
- **Proposal 276** Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs

Other/Miscellaneous Business:

- Discussion: Letter of support for the Kuskokwim Sonar Project and Kuskokwim Escapement Projects.
- Motion to approve letter of support Hoffman, 2nd Hunter
Motion passes will write a letter of support

Next Meeting Date: Call of the Chair

Adjourn: 9:55 pm

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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		
Support as Amended	9	0	Motion Amendment: Exclude the word "back" and add "statewide"
53	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	9	
54	Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Opposed	0	9	
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
OPPOSE	0	9	Motion to support Kohl, second Lavalle Greg-Dilutes subsistence meaning No purpose for this. The Department is already addressing the intent administratively where or if needed statewide.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
No Action			Kohl motion to support second Lavalle Amend the motion to take no action Kassman, second Hunter
68	Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun Good to better define bull as antlered
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd White
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
OPPOSE	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
74	Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun

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75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd white
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
Support	7	2	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun Kohl opposed for concern over fish fry Greg opposed for concern of significant user conflict
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	9	

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Jamie Kassman Motion to discuss Fish proposals ahead of other game proposals for visitors second White

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	279		Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Greg summarized the prop and early season closure Guests opposed to any 4 inch mesh, would prefer the openings be with 6 inch mesh if prior to June 11 th Lengthy discussion on potential amendments, reached no consensus Discussion to amend to, prior to June 1, limit to one 12 hour fishing period per week with 4 inch mesh Proposal failed as written.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	275	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Lavalle The Bethel AC maintained a unanimous opposition as stated at the last AYK meeting.
BOF	276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 2-2-17



Central AC Meeting

2/2/2017

Circle Mining District Historical Building

Draft minutes; submitted to make Interior BOG comment deadline

Bill Glanz, Chair, called meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Members Present: [Dean Willis](#), [Bill Glanz](#), [Olee Arnold](#), [Stanley Gelvin](#), [Jack Hendrickson](#)

Staff Present: Alida Trainor, ADFG, SUBS

Comments on Interior Board of Game Proposals

47- Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds

Oppose

The stated intent of this proposal is to reduce wonton waste. We don't waste those birds. We already use leftover parts in our traps. Not sure what goes on in the Kuskokwim but it isn't that relevant here.

71- Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60

Support

Why are people so opposed to cross bows? Compound bows are extremely powerful and deadly also. Allowing cross bows won't dramatically increase the number of moose taken. Very few people are able or know how to use a cross bow. If they do, they should be allowed to. We should manage for the good of a resource not for our own moral code.

86- Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits

Oppose

a ¼ mile is insignificant. People will still be making a mess on the roadside. If it was a half or a mile there might be more support for it but a quarter mile will just create confusion for people who think they've gone far enough off the road but haven't. There will be more tickets and headaches.

115- Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Unit 25

Support

Got no problem with this



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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 hr 10 minutes after start of meeting**

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).



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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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BOF	275		Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Tabled to a later discussion. See comments below.
BOF	276		Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Tabled to a later discussion. See comments below.

BOF proposals

275 - Lisa Olson discussed Proposal # 275 to Create a Tier II Fishery. Lisa stated that if adopted it would take several years to flesh everything out with many stakeholder meetings.

One year ago the AC was in favor of some type of permit system, not necessarily a Tier II, but something that would allow for some harvest because during times of conservation. It was noted that when a Special Action request was approved by the Fish & Wildlife Service, that allowed for some form of community or household harvest to be distributed throughout a village as long as the fish were harvested in federal waters (basically from the Kuskokwim’s mouth upstream to Aniak). However, half of the AC’s villages are not located near federal waters, with some needing to travel 100-miles or more down to Aniak and below.

The only opportunity that is allowed by the state during a special action request is an elder’s fishery which is not adequate.

Motion to open up Proposal’s # 275 & 276 for discussion purposes.



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

The decision by the BOF to keep king salmon fishing closed until the 12th of June helped middle river villages like Chuathbalk, Napaimute and above out by allowing good numbers of king salmon to get through the lower river. It was noted, however, that the Kalskag villages did suffer because of their location 33-miles below Aniak which had only a limited ability to fish following June 12 with intermittent opening by set by the Fish & Wildlife Service (they're located above the heavy fishing pressure from the lower river villages).

Eventually Kalskag was allowed to fish unimpeded towards the tail end of the king salmon run.

The state recognized that the villages upriver of Aniak had so few people, that there was minimal harvest were so few that the state restricted any restrictions.

Grant Fairbanks spoke on behalf of the Tier II Proposal (which he submitted) and noted that he proposed it several years ago. He felt that there should be a system in place in case the numbers get so low that something must immediately be implemented rather than have the state take several years to meet with stakeholders and sort the particulars out. Grant felt that Tier II worked for Nome and a similar, but adjusted for our area, should be on the books ready to go.

The concern was expressed that some people who should have received Tier II moose permits didn't get them.

Grant said that if something equitable established up and down the river, a lawsuit could be filed and they would likely win.

It was discussed that how people answered the questions should be verified – so that those that really need them get a permit and those who don't don't.

Also Grant noted that the questions on a Tier II application can – and should - be tailored to our region.

Any Alaska resident no matter where they live could get it.

Friendly amendment to separate Proposals 275 & 276. Passed

Feb 27 Statewide mtg deadline

Proposal # 275 was tabled to get more information – would plan to get together in mid January

The AC felt that both proposals (275 & 276) were so important that they should meet in person rather than a teleconference – they'd like a work session in Aniak with public participation.

Motion was made to also table Proposal # 276 and it passed.



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF			Board generated proposal to consider amending regulations for when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	2	1	<p>Aaron Tiernan says that they have been inappropriately used to target kings, have to be within 100' of high water mark</p> <p>One suggestion was when the river opens up to fishing, the openings should start in the upper river first and then progress downstream – contrary to the way it's been done in the past.</p> <p>The 100' component doesn't work in the upper river – you would have to set the net in the sand; in other words it wouldn't be in the water during low water.</p> <p>Friendly amendment strikes 100 foot language and allows more than 100 feet during high water and leave it to the board's discretion.</p> <p>AC voted, however 4 members abstained and there were not enough votes to support or oppose. At the end of the meeting, two members who opposed wanted to re-discuss the proposal. Chair agreed to table discussion until a later meeting and re-vote.</p> <p>4 Abstained.</p>



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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
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		
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.



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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
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.
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	Kuskokwim Moose Hunt		
Support	6	0	One member commented that they would support, not sure if need to complicate with zones. 1 Absent from the vote



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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
46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	6	0	One member absent
47	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		
Support	6	0	One member absent
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Support	6	0	One member absent
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	7	0	
54	Change “general season” to “subsistence hunt” for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
			No discussion
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
			No discussion
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
			No discussion
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		
Support as Amended	7	0	Amendment: To require that veterans have a permit to conduct their hunt
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
			No discussion
74	Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B		
Support	7	0	*AC wanted to clarify that it is only for the Aniak River drainage of 19B.
75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	7	0	



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
Support	7	0	
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
Support	4	0	A member was unsure about being able to sell the hide/ skull, but could imagine how some people might want to for money. 3 Abstained
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
Support	7	0	Ricky created proposal out of concern that if he got charged by a bear and shot a brown bear while baiting that he would get ticketed.
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
opposed	0	7	They felt that communities in that area did not want larger hp and wanted to respect that region.
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
support	7	0	Support the reasoning for the proposal submission
83	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.
98	Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21		
Support	6	0	A member commented that some of these things go against our values, I would not hunt wolves in the fall time but it was proposed by the AC that lives there. 1 abstain
101	Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for “celebration of life” events		
	3	1	Member commented that they support the concept but they may need more definition to define celebration. Everyone in different regions celebrate differently. A member commented that they respect the self-determination Support the concept but felt it needed more definition. 3 abstain
117	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
			No discussion
156	(Additional proposal) Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	7	0	



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: _____



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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:
Aaron Berger, Jeff Berger, Gary Deiman, Mike Schuster
Robert Lucas,

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO _____

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Gary Fandner (CIAA)
Jeff Salinger (ADFG), Carol Kerkvliet (ADFG)
Mike Berg, Barb Foller, ADFG

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

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

Meet again on
11-17-16

Steve Vaneke
Signature, Committee Secretary



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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	Box 39087 Ninilchik 99639	a 11	
Don Presley	24436 misty lane Anchor Point, AK 99552		
Teague Vanek	P.O. Box 39251 Ninilchik, AK 99639	fishing, hunting, trapping, con. fish	
Joe Simpson	Ninilchik 4060 K-Beach		
Gary Tandrei	Kenai		
Jeff Seifinger	ADF&G Soldotna		
Jess Lucas			
Greg Excelowski	Po Box 39066 Ninilchik AK 99639	Fishing hunting Trapping & wading waders	
David Vanek	Clan Gulch		
Steve Vanek	Box 39103 NINILCHIK		
Dave Blum	P.O. Box 313 KASLOV AK 99610	All	
Doug Blossom	Box 39232 Ninilchik, Alaska 99639	All	
Michael King	Ninilchik AK	All	
Mike King	Kenai, AK		
Carol Kerkhert	ADF&G		
Barbi 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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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 Sabinger (Game Biologist) gave a report on Moose in 15c.

The AC then took up the ACR's:

ACR # ~~75~~ 5: 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



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FEB. 03 2017 04:00PM

**Central Peninsula Fish & Game
Advisory Committee**

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January 31, 2017

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call & Establish Quorum
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Review and Adopt Agenda (ACTION)
5. Minutes of last meeting (ACTION)
6. Elections: (ACTION)

Terms expiring: Robert Clyde (Bob) Clucas; Gary Deiman; Mike Schuster; Madeline Thompson
Alternates: Aaron Berger; Doug Blossom, Jr.

7. Elections of officers: current; David Martin, Chair; John McCombs, Vice Chair; Steve Vanek, Secretary
8. Old Business: (announcements)
 - a. BOF UCI Feb. 23rd to March 8th. Anchorage, Sheraton
 - b. Statewide BOF March 20-24 Anchorage, Coast International Inn
9. New Business:
 - a. Kodiak interception (resolution)(ACTION)
 - b. Ted Spraker endorsement to BOG (letter) (ACTION)
 - c. Moose Composition counts
 - d. BOG proposals (ACTION)
 - e. Chairman or his designee to attend BOF (ACTION)
10. Next meeting:
11. Closing Comments: Newly elected members fill out forms TONIGHT! and give to Chair.
12. Adjourn



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FEB. 03

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): NiNitchik

DATE (of meeting): 1-31-17

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Gary Deussen,
Mike Schuster, Rion Vanek, Jeff Berger,
Aaron Berger, John McCombs, Steve Vanek,
Joe Simpson, Dave Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Madeline Thompson, Doug Blossom

Greg Encelowski, Robert Cress, Dan Presley,
MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None - Because of bad weather

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 AM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



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FEB. 03

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Central Peninsula

DATE: January 31, 2017 PAGE 1 OF 3

Board of Game Comments for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
unit 7c } Reauthorize antlerless moose
unit 15c }
unit 15D }

Please use this format to record the votes and comments of members regarding proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary to spend time on that proposal.

Proposal #	Summary of Discussion		
	Support	Oppose	Abstain
141	0	11	
			The vast land mass of Denali National Park plus other designated areas of no hunting or trapping of wolves is sufficient to protect wolves. The author states in their issue that wolves are among the most desired species for viewing. They may be the most desired, but are one of the least viewed because they are very elusive, just like Lynx & wolverine. Most life-long Alaskans have seen none or very few in the wild. The author also states that state wildlife management includes mandates to provide for multiple uses, including non-consumptive uses such as wildlife viewing. The most viewed wildlife is moose & caribou because they are not as elusive. Tourist & Alaskans likely to see moose & caribou & very unlikely to see wolves, lynx, wolverine or even bears, even if their populations are record highs. If the predator population is high the moose & caribou population will be low and people will see less or even none of them. That is what effects wildlife viewing and tourism.

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VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Central PeninsulaDATE: 1-31-17PAGE 2 OF 3Board of Game Comments for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region

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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

Support Oppose Abstain

(include minority view)

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
				the most is seeing hardly any animals. That is why Alaska has scientific based wild life management. To manage the predators and prey for healthy sustainable populations for the carrying capacity of each area, ^{this} will produce the best wildlife viewing and hunting & trapping on a yearly sustained bases. Only hunting & trapping allows for this type of management, leaving population ^{management} into the whims of mother nature creates decade long swings of high & low predatory prey populations, which is the worst outcome for stable wildlife viewing, hunting & trapping.
142	0	11		Failed: see justification in proposal #141
146	8	3		Those in favor understand the carrying capacity of the area & moose density. This allows the department the tools to achieve the carrying capacity density. Those opposed are objective to cow hunts in general.

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STATE OF ALASKA

Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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January 31, 2017

The Honorable Governor Bill Walker,

At our January 31, 2017 Central Peninsula Advisory Committee meeting we unanimously voted to request Governor Walker to reappoint Ted Spraker to the Alaska Board of Game. Mr. Spraker was always highly respected as our local game biologist and he maintains that high respect as the Board of Game Chairman. His fairness, honesty, respect for the people, but most of all his knowledge and respect for the resource are paramount. His work shows a lifelong quest for biologically managing Alaska's game, using the best science available, for sustained yield. Alaska is fortunate that Mr. Spraker is willing to continue his time and effort for another term on the Board of Game. With the continuation of Mr. Spraker's expertise on the BOG Alaska's wildlife will be in good hands.

Thank you for considering our request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Martin".

David Martin, Chair

CC: Senator Peter Micciche
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Gary Stevens
House Speaker Mike Chenault
Rep. Gary Knopp
Rep. Paul Seaton
Sherry Wright, Board SupportServing the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Board of Game
Boards Support Section, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99518-1565



**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.

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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
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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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



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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



Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
14/12/2016
ADF&G Conference Room

- I. Call to Order: 6:34 PM by Carl Taylor

- II. Roll Call:
MEMBERS PRESENT: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, ,
Regular Members: Jeff Lipscomb, Vern Aiton, , Elizabeth Neipert, Paul Dudgeon, Tony Williams
Ross Baker, Robert Matthews
Alternates:, Don Bunselmeier, Jack Windsor

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Regular Members: Rusty Craig – Vice Chair (excused, Jacob White (excused), Tim Webb
(excused),
Alternates: Don Quarberg (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present
List of User Groups Present: None

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No minutes have been provided as yet.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandi Baker, Bob Schmidt

- VI. Guests Present: Kim Jochum (Colorado State University Biologist for Donnelley Training Area)

- VII. Correspondence to the AC:
 - a. Letter of support from Fairbanks ADF&G Moose Biologist Don Young for BOG proposals on reauthorizing cow moose hunts.
 - b. Ahtna Tribal Resources Proposal (attached)
 - c. Federal Subsistence proposal for Unit 23 to exclude hunters on federal land unless they are federally qualified subsistence hunters for that area.

- VIII. Fishing Report by Brandi Baker: 18” of ice on Lisa and Quartz lakes. Lisa Lake trail has light snow cover. Donna Lakes Trail has good snow cover. George lake – still open water on the Tanana. Volkmar Lake crossings good.
Wildlife Report by Bob Schmidt: No moose surveys in the area due to not enough snow cover. 22 bison have been harvested so far.

- IX. Old Business: NONE



X. New Business: Delta AC action on BOG Proposals

Proposal #	Supported	VOTE	COMMENTS
46	YES	10-0-0	
66	YES	7-1-2	
68	YES	10-0-0	
72	NO	1-5-4	
73	YES	8-1-1	
87	YES	10-0-0	
90	YES	10-0-0	
117	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
118	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
119	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
120	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
121	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
122	Yes	10-0-0	
123	NO	0-6-4	
130	YES	10-0-0	
141	NO	0-9-1	
142	NO	0-9-1	
153	YES	10-0-0	

XI. Next meeting set for 18 JAN 2017

XII. Meeting Adjourned : 7:57 pm

Meeting Adjourned at PM.

Minutes Recorded By: _Jeff Lipscomb_____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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January 27, 2017

Members of the Board of Game;

At the Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting held in Delta Junction on January 25, 2017, the committee took up the game proposals that will be taken up by your board at the upcoming Interior Region meeting. One of the proposals that we discussed was our own, Proposal 117, to allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D.

After further discussion by the committee and consultation with the department, we would like to amend this proposal to allow for the harvest of brown bear at bear bait sites in 20D North only, that is 20D north of the Tanana, but not allow it in 20D South.

We believe that there is too great of a chance of overharvest of brown bears in 20D south based on the current baiting activity as well as a large amount of access via trails and other methods. The committee would still like to see an opportunity for brown bear baiting occur in 20D north, where we believe the harvest would be less and done at a sustainable level in part due to less current baiting activity and less access.

Thank you,

Carl Taylor,
Chairman



Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016

Meeting Called to Order by Don Holum @7:05 PM

Members present: Don Holum Chair, Lance Williams Vice Chair, Caleb Holum, Harold Mowery, Ray Atkins, Bruce Gore and Jeff Burney.

Members absent: Gordon Carlson and Marie Gore

ADFG biologist present Frank Robbins

Public present Justin Mason

Chairman Holum called on any Old Business, none being brought forth.

Chairman Holum went over the agenda for the night introducing area wildlife biologist Frank Robbins and Guest Justin Mason.

Board of Game Proposal Discussion:

Proposition 147 to reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in unit 13.

IN FAVOR 6

OPOSED 1

Those in favor believed in the use of antlerless hunts as a tool for better game management and wanted to support biologist Robbins in his work. Those opposed don't believe in hunting Cows.

Then we had discussion on the Copper Basin Caribou and Moose hunts

Caribou; The community harvest topic was the key note in the Caribou Discussion, with most of the members in agreement that the community harvest program was not working as designed, and most were in agreement that it should be discontinued. Those opposed to the Community Harvest felt that it had gotten out of hand with the development of "Communities". There also was voiced displeasure in the Designated hunter ability and felt that proxy hunters should only be allowed to hunt for one person and that person should have a disability or be unable to hunt for themselves due to health or age restraints, also they felt that there was no need for the community hunt with the guaranteed permits through the Tier 1 hunt, and that the Tier 1 hunt would do everything to cover the need for subsistence hunting opportunity. Those in favor of the Community hunt only were in favor of the community hunt because of the designated hunter.

The Denali AC voted on submitting a proposal to eliminate the community harvest hunt

Those in favor 6

Those opposed 1

The Denali AC will be submitting a proposal to eliminate the Community harvest hunt for Caribou.

Moose; the Denali AC took up the discussion on seasons for Copper Basin Moose hunts, once again the Community Harvest program was the main topic of discussion, with most being opposed to the Community harvest moose program. The majority of the members felt there was ample opportunity to harvest moose in the general moose hunt, and the need for the community



harvest program for moose was unnecessary. Most were opposed to the any bull hunt in the community harvest that allowed for an 11 extra bulls above the quota to be harvested in the any bull hunt in sub unit 13E. The Denali AC felt that the moose hunts should be general season drawing hunts for cow and one bull hunt for residents and the non-resident bull moose hunt should stay as they are, or the any bull permits should be added to the bull draw DM324 hunt with drawing quotas for sub units.

The Denali AC voted to submit a proposal to eliminate the Community Harvest program for the Copper Basin Moose hunt.

Those in Favor 6

Those Opposed 1

The Denali AC Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM by Chairman Don Holum.



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.



Official Minutes of the Edna Bay Advisory Committee

December 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Patrick Richter - Chair

Six members were in attendance. (See attached sign in.)

Patrick Richter (Chair), Myla Poelstra (Secretary), Lee Greif, Carleigh Fairchild, Joe Wargi, & Heather Richter were present.

Also in attendance were Robert Fish & Sharon Wargi.

Order of Business –

1. **Annual Elections** – three seats and one alternate seat for election or re-election – Patrick Richter, Myla Poelstra, Lee Greif, and a vacant alternate seat (Spencer Richter).

- Lee Greif nominated Patrick Richter to continue filling his seat as Chair; second by Joe Wargi. Unanimous
- Carleigh Fairchild nominated Myla Poelstra to continue filling her seat as Secretary; second by Heather Richter. Unanimous
- Myla Poelstra nominated Lee Greif to continue filling his seat; second by Heather Richter. Unanimous
- Carleigh Fairchild nominated Robert Fish to fill the alternate seat vacated by Spencer Richter; second by Lee Greif. Unanimous

Discussion –

- The reminder from the Boards Support Section to transition our seat terms to commence on July 01 and expire on June 30 was discussed. The decision was made to choose Option A and set this year's seats and election to a June date going forward.
- BOF Proposals - Edna Bay AC declined to comment on the Board of Fisheries Proposals since there were none pertinent to Southeast.
- BOG Proposals - Proposal 20 - Unanimous support - With muzzle loaders and shotguns included in the areas where crossbows will be allowed, we see no problem with this proposal.
- Proposal 143 - 153 - Unanimous support - We support Fish & Game's proposals to manage moose populations in given areas.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. – All in favor.



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 11, 2017
Alpine Lodge

- I. Call to Order: 1845 by Chair Virgil Umphenour
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Kirk Schwalm, Mike Tinker, Larry Morris, Andrew Glasgow, Virgil Umphenour (Chair), Bill Larry, Glen Holt, Chuck Derrick, Valerie Baxter (Vice-Chair, Secretary), Vince Holton
Members Absent: Lee Hazen (ex), Mike Kramer, Warren Giuchici (ex), Al Barrette (ex), Chuck Derrick.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved, vote 9 in support, none opposed.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 11-09-2016 approved (9-0 vote)
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Fairbanks Assistant Area Biologist
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Chair Report: Virgil reported that SCI lawyer is looking for injured parties to file with the lawsuit against the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service on the new rules, including ban on bear baiting. Virgil has been impacted by the new rules in his operation within the Koyukuk NWR and has become a party in the suit.
 - b. AC Member Comments:
 - i. There is a new report from the Anchorage AC that they met with a USFWS representative and they informed the AC that USFWS interprets bag limits/# in possession differently than normal. The USFWS representative stated that your possession limit is what you physically possess, including what is in your freezer and has been processed by any methods. And it may include what you possess from multiple years as well. This is very different from the current interpretation that possession is what you have in the field and that once processed, it is no longer counted.
 - ii. Kirk Schwalm brought up that Click Bishop has introduced a bill, SB11, that would delete AC authorization on antlerless moose hunts and put the authority to ADF&G Emergency Order methods. This issue was suggested to be put on the February agenda for more discussion.
 - iii. Kirk also asked if there were any comments on the letter to the Federal Subsistence Board on the proposed closure of moose hunting on federal lands in GMU 23. The AC voted 9 in support, none opposed, that Kirk will testify at the subsistence board meeting and will submit the letter.
 - c. The AC moved on to going over proposals for the February BOG meeting in Fairbanks. See following template. It is important to note that the majority of the comments on proposals were conducted at the Game Subcommittee meeting on January 4th, 2017. The full AC considered and voted on a subset of the proposals, including 48, 51, 63, 81,



91, 105, 106, 116, 127-131. The full AC then voted to approve the comments from the Game Subcommittee for all of the remaining proposals: 9 in support, none opposed.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	9	0	This continues to be beneficial for this region.
47	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal – same as the one from Bethel meeting.
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	9	0	We support this and like that it does not apply to hunts that are Bow only.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	9	0	We support this – same as a proposal in Bethel meeting.
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
TNA			See proposal 49
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	0	9	We don’t agree with restricting non-residents in this manner, it is a selfish policy and would have negative economic impacts. It seems unacceptable to ask non-residents to pay for the IM fee and then remove opportunity from them.
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	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
53	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	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.
54	Change “general season” to “subsistence hunt” for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
Support	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.
56	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep for Units 19, 24, 25A, and 26		
Support	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
57	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
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		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
59	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
60	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
61	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
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		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	7	1	1 abstention. The supporters of repeal believe this is a bad regulation for many reasons, including enforcement difficulty, confusion for hunters, safety issues for pilots, and the fact that the Board generated the proposal themselves. The one person who opposed the repeal thinks the regulation has merit and that it should stay; there have been anecdotal reports from hunters that the sheep hunting experience last fall was much improved by less aircraft traffic.
64	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years		
Oppose	0	9	The 2016 numbers from sealing sheep indicate that the number of sub-legal animals was greatly decreased statewide. There is no biological reason and no existing tracking system for successful hunters. It seems like it would also penalize hunters twice, once for the sub-legal animal and then again by losing opportunity.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	It would be an administrative nightmare to do the changes requested.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	You can hunt during the regular season with a bow & arrow.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
Support	9	0	We support this and would clarify that the "placing of bait," is when the bait is actually available to animals. Barrels locked up in the field do not constitute active baiting.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
68	Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	There is a very low harvest of calves in the region – about less than 5. This is not a biological issue.
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		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support an archery only hunt for all of Unit 20; there is already a lot of opportunity.
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		
Oppose	0	9	There is already opportunity for disabled veterans and there is also the availability of proxy hunting.
71	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60		
Support w/Am	9	0	We support this proposal with the amendment to remove the age requirement.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	9	0	We support this for wolves within Intensive Management Areas that have a predator control program and we support it for coyotes in all areas.
73	Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyote in Unit 20		
Support	9	0	We have no issue with this proposal.
74	Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B		
TNA			We defer to the AC that proposed this.
75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	9	0	We support this proposal and would like to point out that it is very burdensome to place the predator control programs into the codified (AAC). Removing them would reduce the paperwork burden and size of the book.
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
TNA			
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
Support	9	0	We support this as long as there is no biological concern.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal as there are concerns that the bears would be overharvested.
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
TNA			
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because it does not seem that there are enough moose in the area yet to support an increase to access.
81	Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9	0	Seems logical that Medfra should be on the list.
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
Oppose	0	9	There are no biological concerns so there is no need to complicate non-resident hunting seasons and guide operations.
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
TNA			
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
Support	9	0	We support aligning the seasons.
85	Open a resident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 20E		
TNA			Local issue
86	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support road corridor closures.
87	Lengthen the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area hunting season		
Support w/Am	9	0	We support this as amended; our amendment is to not allow the use of ATV's for the youth sheep hunt in this CUA.
88	Clarify the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage		
Support	9	0	We like these boundary clarifications.
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
TNA			Defer to the proposing AC.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
TNA			Has been deferred to the special meeting.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Oppose	0	9	We discussed this proposal in detail. There was an amendment proposed that removed the species specific language with no season date changes but that amendment failed and ultimately the whole proposal failed.
92	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 21C		
Support	9	0	We support this as long as there are no biological concerns.
93	Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Oppose	0	9	We want the Bettles Winter Road to stay open to public use.
94	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 21D		
Oppose	0	9	There are noted biological concerns.
95	Eliminate the drawing permits DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C and change the RM834 subsistence registration permit to a general registration permit without the antler destruction requirement		
Support	9	0	The registration permits need to be available everywhere and online!
96	Expand the winter hunting season for moose to include all of Unit 24B		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9	0	Department proposal that seems well based.
97	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B		
Oppose	0	9	This change is not necessary.
98	Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21		
Support	9	0	We support this with the idea that the harvest may go up.
99	Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26		
Oppose	0	9	This is too early to harvest wolves.
100	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Oppose	0	9	This is not necessary.
101	Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for "celebration of life" events		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because of the issues that exist with current customary and traditional hunts: there is a reporting requirement that is not enforced or followed up on. Once these hunters demonstrate a better compliance record then expansion may be possible.
102	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
TNA			Should be addressed at Bethel Meeting.
103	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
TNA			Should be addressed at Bethel Meeting
104	Expand the bag limits for caribou in Units 24A, 25A, 25D, 26B and 26C		
Support w/Am	9	0	We support this proposal as amended: Our amendment would be that no cows are to be harvested May 16th to July 31 st .
105	Change the nonresident bag limit for caribou and resident cow season in Unit 26B		
Support	9	0	These changes make sense.
106	Open a resident archery season for brown bear in Unit 26B		
Support	9	0	We support this proposal as long as there are no biological issues.
107	Lengthen the hunting seasons for brown bear in Unit 26B, and change the nonresident drawing permit to a registration permit		
Oppose	0	9	This may lead to overharvest, especially when combined with new bow season from 106 if it passes.
108	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for brown bear in Unit 25D		
TNA			
109	Lengthen the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 25 and 26		
TNA			
110	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Unit 25B		
Support	9	0	There is no reported biological concerns.
111	Open a snaring season for black bear in Unit 25D		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9		We support the Yukon Flats AC efforts.
112	Allow same-day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 25D		
TNA			There is no IM program here.
113	Modify the resident bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 24B, 25A, 26B, and 26C		
Support	9	0	There should be no harvest of ewes.
114	Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support this season change for wolverines.
115	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Unit 25		
Support	9	0	We support the Yukon Flats AC in trying to mitigate lynx bycatch.
116	Reduce the bag and possession limit for ruffed grouse in Unit 20D		
Support	5	3	1 abstention. This proposal garnered a lot of discussion. Those in support think the restrictions would be okay and not have a negative impact and wanted to support the Delta AC. Those in opposition felt that these changes are not necessary, that there is no empirical data on grouse populations either in support or not, and have concerns about grouse species identification issues.
117	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
Support	9	0	We support increasing brown bear harvest and making brown bears available for harvest at bait stations.
118	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
TNA			See 117
119	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
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120	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
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121	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
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122	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	9	0	We support antlerless moose hunts when the opportunity is biologically sound.
123	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D		
Support	9	0	
124	Require proof of qualifying status prior to awarding disabled veterans' drawing permits in Unit 20D within the Delta Junction Management Area, and implement other changes		
Support	9	0	There should be paperwork from the Veteran's Administration presented as proof.
125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	We support with the understanding that there will be a few permits available, around 100.
126	Modify the muzzleloader hunting season for moose in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	We support this proposal as amended: amend the season to November 1 st to December



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
w/Am			15 th .
127	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
Oppose	1	7	1 abstention. Those who oppose this proposal do not want the season to be shortened if we went back to any bull.
128	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
TNA			See #127
129	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
TNA			See #127
130	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B, and remove incorrect language for the winter muzzleloader registration hunt for bulls and the targeted antlerless hunts in Unit 20B		
Support	8	1	There was discussion about how potlatch harvest is accounted for in antlerless hunting opportunity and it's negative impacts on the number of moose available by permit.
131	Modify the hunting season dates for antlerless moose in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	8	1 abstention. There were concerns that these season changes would close the season too early and reduce opportunity.
132	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B remainder		
Oppose	0	9	No need to increase non-resident opportunity or take.
133	Restrict waterfowl hunting in the Chena Slough, Unit 20		
Oppose	0	9	Do not support because of firearm discharge language and there is no boundary delineated.
134	Create a management area for the Eielson Farm Road area in Unit 20		
Oppose	0	9	Private property is not open to hunting except by permission already – perhaps there should be more enforcement effort. There is no need for a management area and it seems like a “not in my backyard,” regulation.
135	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20C		
Support	9	0	There seems to be no biological concern.
136	Reevaluate the intensive management finding for the Delta caribou herd		
Support	9	0	Fairbanks AC proposal
137	Implement an intensive management program for the Delta caribou herd		
Support	9	0	Alternative B that comes after #136.
138	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B remainder		
Support	9	0	We support aligning seasons.
139	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
Support	9	0	We support this as long as there is no biological concern.
140	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
TNA			See #139
141	Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf		
Oppose	0	9	We do not think the National Park Service should be engaging in a state wildlife regulatory process by submitting proposals. We oppose any return to closures to wolf



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			hunting in this area.
142	Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf		
Oppose	0	9	See #141; we do not support any wolf hunting area restrictions.

Adjournment: 2156

Minutes Recorded By: Valerie Baxter

Minutes Approved By: AC

Date: January 11, 2017



Grayling Anvik Shageluk Holy Cross Advisory Committee
12/7/2016
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 12:15 pm by Ken Chase, Chairman
- II. Roll Call: Ken Chase & Cliff Hickson, Anvik; Kathy Chase, Holy Cross; Keith Hamilton (alt), Shageluk; Bruce Werba, Undesignated
Members Absent: Arnold Hamilton
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3 (only 5 members seated on committee; 9 authorized)
- III. Approval of Agenda: yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 04/5/2016 Teleconference; 11/2/2015 Teleconference; 12/12/2015 Teleconference- all approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Josh Peirce, DWC; Caroline Brown, SUBS; Nissa Pilcher, BDS
- VI. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener, FWS; Brett Gibbons, AWT; Alfred Demientieff (Holy Cross), Joy Hamilton & students (Shageluk), Carl Jerue & Ron Kurger (Anvik)
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Elections

There is a concern with the election of AC members needing to be open to everyone. Make decisions for all of those in the region and not just a certain sect of people. We are here to represent the communities and the people of the communities. We have a really good makeup. We try to keep politics to the minimum and we have had members just be a part of the committee to fill a seat and not actually interested in the betterment of the resources. We have a game guide we have fishing guide we have subsistence users. At this time we are having a hard time because of funding, we aren't trying to go around the system, we are just having a hard time with elections. We are trying to figure out good ways of going through this. The members are providing a service to their communities; this is not a paid position and you have to be committed to the betterment of the resources for now and for future generations.

- 1. Have the Division of Elections hold them; potential issues are how do people get nominated this way
- 2. Hold Post Office Elections; where an election is noticed; a ballot box is put at the post office, the election is then carried out; potential issues is that the postmasters might not allow this due to federal restrictions
- 3. Let city fill one seat and the tribal government fill the other; potential issues is that this still has the same issues as the committee was already having in that one seat is then picked by a tribal entity which does not speak for the community as a whole.

Chairman noted that there was a vacancy on the Western Interior Regional Advisory Council, and that it would be good to have someone on the council so there could be cross communication between the RAC and the AC. Members were given a rundown of the RAC process and told where to find the nomination forms and contact information if they were interested.



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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	4	<p>Clarification on what would be required to salvage vs what would be able to be used for trap bait, as well as the daily and possession limit. Would want to see it amended to "Human Use" and not consumption.</p> <p>Committee isn't opposed to salvage but are concerned with the wording and the impacts on trappers if this was to pass as written.</p>
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	0	4	<p>Opens the door to a lot of grey area and would like to have more information. To vague to be a valid proposal as written, to many grey areas and too many what ifs for us to talk about it further at this time. It is unclear how it would affect nonresident hunts in 21E because even if this passes there is an IM program on the books but it would not be active, so this means that no nonresidents could then hunt here.</p>
75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	4	0	<p>Corridor that one member frequents have seen a lot of wolf and bear lately and he thinks that this would be a valuable tool for the department. Pretty mild winter last year and had a big impact on predator survivability. Flying and guiding in a lot of these areas have seen this impact. After a moose has been taken, member has seen a bear on the gut pile by nightfall; they are eating all of the remaining bits, meaning they are hungry and we haven't seen this in a while.</p>
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
Support	4	0	<p>Committee noted that this proposals was submitted to align the federal and state seasons and harvest requirements, and that they only are seeking to change the early part of the season when most people are not hunting anyway.</p> <p>A member of the public noted that concern from communities came from this looks like guides/transporters (of which there are some on the committee) are trying to increase the amount of time that they can guide and bring people into the area, to which it was noted that this change is for residents only and it is very rare when a guide is guiding a resident hunter.</p> <p>Member noted that concern is justified with transporters, those that are bringing in residents to hunt that are taking up hunting areas that typically have been used by local hunters, and I think that is what the local residents are concerned</p> <p>Another member noted that locals know where the animals are and we can get them before nonlocal residents come in. Locals also have the long march season. Proposal was written to help elevate people getting confused between</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
			state and federal differences
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
Support	4	0	We have already heard when we were talking about proposal 75 that there is an increase of brown bears. Even the black bear numbers are starting to decrease because of the high numbers of brown bears. Maybe we can handle this increase within our communities. They are eating our food. Clarification on what the hunting regulation would do, and how the current regulations for two bears has changed harvest in those GMUs. Clarification that the current season wouldn't change, just the bag limit.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
TNA			One member noted that while we are not a fan of baiting, it would help take brown bears. The AC originally voted to oppose due to the dislike of bear baiting but then put it back on the table and voted to take no action because they did not want to vote against a proposal that was submitted by the local AC.

For next meeting, the AC would like to take a look at proxy hunting regulations as we believe they are being abused in this area, as well as draft FBS Proposal to mirror our moose season proposal.

Adjournment: 3:40 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase with help from RC

Minutes Approved By: Ken Chase

Date: 2/3/2017



**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.

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
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>



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
			<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>



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

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			the BOG to consider Proposal 155 could be considered a violation of 5 AAC 92.005.

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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
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
January 10, 2017
NERRS Building**

I Call to Order: 6:05 by Dave Lyon, chair.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), 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, Gary Sinnhuber

Members Absent: Phillip Jones

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Items advertised.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman (DWC), Jeremy Baum (AWT), Mark Eldridge (AWT).

VI. Guests Present: Dan Anderson, Scott McEwen, Shahla Farzan (KBBI), Jason Korrone, Josh Lockwood, Joshua Ross.

VII. Old Business: Brief discussion about BOG meeting.

VIII. New Business: Election of AC members. All AC members whose terms were expiring (Lee Martin, Georg Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, and Tom Young) agreed to serve another term. There were no other applicants for these positions and they were elected unanimously. The Homer AC also has two alternate vacancies. Dan Anderson was elected unanimously to serve as an alternate.

With election of officers, Dave Lyon, Tom Young, and George Matz agreed to continuing serving in their present positions. There was no objection from AC members.

Jason Herreman reviewed ADF&G's most recent "Wildlife Harvest and Survey Data for the Kenai Peninsula". A good presentation and discussion on many details.

Wes Humbyrd discussed recent genetic stock identification data that shows interception of several hundred thousand Cook Inlet sockeye by Kodiak area fisherman. It was mentioned that this data was not available in time to act on it via the board process. The UCIDA is closely following this.

Doug Malone suggested that the Homer AC establish a Game Subcommittee, similar to other AC's. He felt that this would allow the AC to better prepare its position and thereby be more effective with the BOG. There was considerable discussion about this. Some expressed concern that a subcommittee might have too much control over decision-making and that the AC should not just rubberstamp proposed positons. We don't want to have unanimous votes on everything. Others thought it might help decide which proposals from other regions the Homer AC members might be interested in. To



insure that there would be enough diversity of opinion, there was also a show of hands to find out who might be interested in serving on the subcommittee. A few did express interest. The suggestion was approved on the basis that the emphasis of the subcommittee would be to screen out proposals, particularly from other regions that we might be interested in considering, and to gather relevant background information that will help discussion.

Following, it was suggested that we also should have a fisheries subcommittee. All agreed to that.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal

51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	9	O – 2 A - 3	<p>The Homer AC considered this proposal because it has state-wide significance. Support was generally based on the idea that the purpose of intensive management plans is to restore the abundance of big game populations in order to achieve a high level of harvest for resident consumptive users, not nonresident hunters. (AS 16.05.255 (d) states “the taking of moose, deer, elk and caribou by residents for personal or family consumption has preference over taking by nonresidents”). Allowing nonresident hunts of prey under intensive management competes with resident consumptive use, undercutting the purpose intensive management.</p> <p>Those opposed pointed out that not allowing nonresident hunters reduces the potential for guides, which has negative economic impact. Also, many nonresident hunters are not that interested in the meat and donate it to local residents.</p>
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	11	O- 2 A -1	<p>Support was mostly based on complaints by resident sheep hunters of crowding on the hunting grounds and the disadvantage resident hunters have when competing with guided hunts for access to good hunting areas. It was said that some guides try to inhibit access by resident hunters. The BOG recently established a committee to reach some kind of solution to this issue, but it did not succeed and the committee dissolved. This proposal was essentially one of the ideas left on the table and some thought it could provide something definitive in restarting discussion.</p> <p>Those opposed pointed out that sheep guides for nonresident hunters have significant economic impact individually. Also, reducing the number of nonresident permits could reduce the possibility of having hunts with nonresident relatives.</p>
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		



Oppose	1	O -12 A -1	This proposal would increase harvest in the Mulchatna herd, which has been struggling in recent years. Though the herd may be starting to recover, it is premature to add additional hunting pressure by allowing nonresident hunters.
95	Eliminate the drawing permits DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C and change the RM834 subsistence registration permit to a general registration permit without the antler destruction requirement		
Support	14	0	This proposal was considered because some Homer area hunters hunt in the area and support the proposal.
116	Reduce the bag and possession limit for ruffed grouse in Unit 20D		
Support	14	0	This proposal was considered because some Homer hunters participate in this hunt and, based on personal experience, believe the current bag and possession limits are not sustainable.
123	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D		
Support	11	O -0 A -3	It was generally agreed that having a later hunt when it is cooler is better, given the trend towards warmer falls. But we felt that the overall length of the season should remain the same. Therefore we amended the proposal to change the opening day from Sept. 1 to Sept. 5. This amendment passed; support 12, opposed 0, abstained 2. The abstentions were due to unfamiliarity.
148	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	O -0 A - 2	We previously supported this hunt.
149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	11	O -2 A -1	The Homer AC has consistently supported an antlerless moose hunt for 15C. The moose population in the area is well within population objectives and having this hunt provides more hunting opportunity without harvesting bulls, thereby improving the bull:cow.

Next meeting will be the first Tuesday (7th) in February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes taken by George Matz

Approved by: Dave Lyon

Date: 1/14/2017



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