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**Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Proposal Comments for the
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**Anchorage Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee at Cabela's Conference Room
November 21, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: [6:30] by [Frank Neumann/Chair]
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Willow Hetrick & J.R. Gates.
Members Absent: Tyler Loken.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4.
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Complete, unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Complete when submitted to the Board of Game for November 10-17, 2017 Meeting at the Lakefront Anchorage.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None.
- VI. Guests Present: None.
- VII. Old Business: None.
- VIII. New Business: See comments in "Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal" below. On November 21, 2017 the AAC discussed Proposals 70 – 114.

**Anchorage Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee at Bass Pro Shop Conference Room
December 7, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: [6:30] by [Frank Neumann/Chair]
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Willow Hetrick & Tyler Loken.
Members Absent: J.R. Gates (excused)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4.
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Complete, unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not approved yet, will rollover to the new meeting.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Rick Merizon.
- VI. Guests Present: None.
- VII. Old Business: None.
- VIII. New Business: See comments in "Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal" below. On December 7, 2017 the AAC discussed Proposals 115-163.



**Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting at Rabbit Creek Rifle Range
January 9, 2018**

- I. Call meeting to order: [6:35] by [Frank Neumann/Chair]
- II. Roll Call
Present: Frank Neumann (Chair), Kevin Taylor (Vice-Chair), Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Kenny Rodgers, Dino Sutherland, Martin Weiser, Ernie Weiss, Matt Moore, and Shawna Williams Buchanan.
Excused: Gerold Gugel, Brian Nelson, and J R Gates,
Unexcused: Bryce Eckroth (alternate) and Tyler Loken (alternate).
- III. Invocation: Complete
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance: Complete
- V. Advise Guests of Public Testimony sign-up sheet: Complete. Sign-up is as follows: Joel Doner, Gary Stevens.
- VI. Establish a quorum: Complete.
 - a. Present (11; 10 by the time voting on Game proposals occurred): Frank Neumann (Chair), Kevin Taylor (Vice-Chair), Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Kenny Rodgers, Dino Sutherland, Martin Weiser, Ernie Weiss, Matt Moore, and Shawna Williams Buchanan.
 - b. Excused: Gerold Gugel, Brian Nelson, and J R Gates,
 - c. Unexcused: Bryce Eckroth (alternate) and Tyler Loken (alternate).
- VII. Approve Agenda: Approved with the addition of Israel Payton of the Board of Fish for a Q&A session.
- VIII. Introduce Department Guests: Dave Battle, Cory Stantorf, Sean Farley.
- IX. Approve Minutes of prior Meeting: December 5th, 2017 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.
- X. Public testimony:
 - a. Gary Stevens – Would like the AAC support at the Dillingham meeting to strongly oppose proposal 92. He is concerned that the Board of Game is not as concerned with this proposal since there are a lot of proposals this year. Would like to see the CSH be completely removed. Sees this as a gateway for further allocation issues. Also let the AAC know that the DEC is proposing to list the Kenai River, the Little Su and another lake in the Mat-Su Valley as impaired water bodies. Suggests that the ADEC is using old data to make this determination and standards are subjective. The Kenai River listing is of particular concern. These rivers are glacial fed and support huge runs of salmon and this designation could have negative implications to the fishing community in terms of harvest and the regulators in terms of management.
 - b. Joel Doner – Brought a Peninsula Clarion (by Elizabeth Earl) article to share with the AAC. The article states that ADEC reports conclude motor boat traffic is linked to turbidity on the Kenai River, suggesting a Category 5 classification, which it was before the 2008 regulation requiring 4 stroke engines. This would require a recover plan for the Kenai River. In the past, this AAC has advocated for proposals that limit the number of vessel traffic on the Kenai River. “We” (e.g. the State of Alaska) are always behind the curve on management. Requesting the AAC and members to make comments to the ADEC. The public comment period ends January 29, 2018.
- XI. Old Business: None.
- XII. Committee Reports:



- a. Fish Sub-Committee Chair, Kevin Taylor: Statewide proposal index (21) is on proposal 166 in the book of proposals regulations. These will be addressed at the next AAC meeting Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 pm at the Cabela's conference room, located at 155 W 104th Avenue at 6:30 pm. Janet Rumbolt said she will be present, if only over teleconference, to discuss 9 proposals. There is at least one Board of Fish-generated proposal, 236, that will be added to the proposal book.
- b. Copper River Prince William Sound Board of Fish meeting report, Shawna Buchanan: Seining gear stacking proposals were removed from the conversation after a notification of Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Regarding seine gear length, BOF eliminated the need for a seine which means that a fisherman can use up to 225 fathoms of gear and no use of a lead. Most proposals were either withdrawn or failed. A big win for the local Cordova fishing fleet was the allowance of subsistence fishing on Saturdays so long as there was at least a 24 closing between commercial fishing and the subsequent Saturday.
- c. Israel Payton, update on the Board of Fish. The Anchorage and Fairbanks AC represented well at the Board of Fish meeting. At the Valdez Board of Fish meeting, the Board of Fish removed the paired restrictions to the personal use and commercial fishery. The Board of Fish took no action or voted down on the majority of proposals. One of the messages that the Board sent, namely to Ahtna, was to not fracture the use or allocation of fisheries. The Department proposed a new SEG on the Copper River chinook salmon and the Board of Fish had planned to vote on the issue, but the chair suggested the Department back off the proposal, and they agreed. Mr. Payton suggested this was a mistake on the Department's end and that they should have pushed harder for this discussion. Unrelated to the Valdez Board of Fish meeting, the chinook salmon in stocks in the Mat-Su Valley is of concern. The Department has been managing these fisheries on an EO each year. Mr. Payton has suggested more management from the Department of this fishery and that a more proactive approach to the management of this fishery.
- d. Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) Working Group report, Neil DeWitt: In December, the working group had a meeting. The Department has implemented a new camera counting system (see ADF&G article) that significantly improved the mechanisms for counting the herd. The calf:cow ratio is high and the bull:cow ratio is acceptable. The WACH would like to close the western areas, namely Unit 23, to non-subsistence hunting for a two-year period. Seven proposals were brought up to the WACH; 3 were opposed, 2 proposals (lumped as 1) were supported (not by unanimous vote), 1 modified, 2 proposals were not acted on. The federal subsistence board meeting is tentatively on April 10 -13th, 2018. HB 211 by Dean Westlake was also raised, currently pending legislation, that is focused on the caribou herds in the northwest. The management plan is going to be written, and the AAC representative would like to be on that technical re-write committee.

XIII. New Business:

- a. Department (Dave Battle, Cory Stantorf, and Sean Farley) Update:
 - i. Update on the 14C Moose population survey – **Dave Battle** informed us that the Department is not seeing enough snow to survey moose populations this year which is the same as several of the last few years in 14C. The Department does not have any indication that the moose population has declined. Last winter the Department was able to survey 20-miles and there are currently 150 moose which was the same as 2016 and is exactly what the Department would like to



see. 14C is one unit were you cannot fly too late as the sex:age composition is compromised and the moose move into lower, (human) populated elevations. Proposal 155, discussed more below, is very important to the Department to manage the populations and would like to have the moose at the moose populations at the low side of the goal as road kills are lower and this provides more hunting opportunity. Mr. Battel would like for 14C to be removed from intensive management. **Sean Farley** gave us an update on the Anchorage bowl moose survey. The Department has implemented a new technique piloted last winter using DNA technology to produce 'family trees' of the population in the Anchorage bowl to determine an abundance measure. Clarified that this is a *research* project, not a *management tool*. This winter, there will be nine teams of surveyors for three days in late February, the Department will be taking biopsy samples of any encountered moose in the survey area. This data collection effort is only a small portion of the entire survey; there is a lot of continued effort in the genetics lab and later the abundance measures. The Department does not conduct bear counts in the Anchorage area. They are suggesting conducting a count of black bears in Prince William Sound.

- ii. Proposals 155 – See notes in the matrix below.
- iii. Proposal 156 – See notes in the matrix below.
- b. Review, approve Game Sub-committee finding on the Central Southwest Proposals. Proposal 70 through 63. See notes in the matrix below. Phillip Calhoun motioned to accept the unanimous votes. Kevin Taylor seconded. Vote was 9 supports, 1 opposed. Kenny Rogers would like to address proposal 100 which was previously unanimously supported. The AAC will re-open 100 in addition to the split votes from the Game subcommittee meeting. All notes regarding abstentions were removed. Frank Neumann will represent the AAC at the Board of Game meeting in Dillingham.
- c. Possible Future Proposal for the BOG Southcentral Region, and BOF proposals. Deadline is May 1st, 2018.

XIV. Adjourn: 9:39pm.

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 pm at the Cabela's conference room, located at 155 W 104th Avenue at 6:30 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
71	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated so long as the proposal is not mixed with an archery only hunt.
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		



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Opposed	2	8	Support the proposal were for reasons stated. The later season allows bow hunters to utilize the rut to their advantage and the wounding rate would presumably be low. Those opposed because of the extension of days into September moves into the rut and the opportunity to take a moose is too easy. There is already plenty of opportunity to harvest moose, both for rifle and for bow hunters. In many of the units listed, such as 14A, there is an early archery only moose hunt. Suggest narrowing down the number of units in the proposal and each Unit/subunit are widely different from each other. See Department comments on moose numbers in select units.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed, because in most of the units listed, there are youth hunts during the same time period and do not want conflicts with the youth hunters. Suggest narrowing down the number of units in the proposal and each Unit/subunit are widely different from each other. This allows another week for guides to take hunters into the field and they have a high success rate which could affect the population negatively. Suggest having a draw hunt not a registration hunt.
74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
Opposed	0	10	Oppose this proposal because this AAC thinks that non-residents do not need more opportunity to hunt sheep and are in favor of the current regulations.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
Opposed	0	10	See comments on proposal 74.
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
77	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B and increase permit levels in Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. AAC could like to note the extra 500 cows (up from 1,000 to 1,500).
78	Authorize an any bull draw permit hunt in Unit 14B		
Support	10	0	Those support for reasons stated.
79	Modify the hunt structure for Dall sheep in Unit 14A		
Opposed	0	10	Those that opposed the proposal were because of the limitations around aircraft and that this is a complicated proposal. The AAC does support the language in the proposal for the legal ram to be full-curl, broken on both horns, or at least eight years old.
80	Open a resident registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Would like the Department to speak on conversation concerns of this proposal, if any.
81	Increase the bag limit for brown bear and allow the harvest of brown bear at black bear bait stations in		



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	Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Suggest including all of GMU 14 instead of only 14A.
83	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 16A		
Opposed	1	9	Support the proposal are to reduce wanton waste of moose observed in 16A when a sublegal moose is harvested. Those that opposed the proposal are because do not believe that this would help the issue of illegal harvest of moose. This limits the opportunity to harvest those large moose that have less than three brow tines on at least one side. There are already filters in place that make hunters consider harvest. If this proposal were adopted, the same people would shoot the same illegal moose; this would not solve the problem. See Department comments on this proposal regarding new category of moose and enforcement issues.
84	Raise the population objective for moose in Unit 16B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. This AAC would like to see the data and are hoping the Department is able to get a survey in. Suggest the Department consider this proposal when new studies have been conducted and/or published.
85	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 16B Remainder (DM540, YM541 and RM574)		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Support harvest of moose if available.
86	Shorten the season for black bear baiting in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to this proposal because the harvest of bears is not unsustainable in Unit 16.
87	Prohibit the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed, there are too many bears and harvest is minimal. There are no biological concerns.
88	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed, there are too many brown bears and harvest is minimal. There are no biological concerns.
89	End the predator control program for black and brown bear in Unit 16		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because there is currently to IM program implements in Unit 16. If the Department needs to use IM, then this AAC supports that.
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. It would require a lot of effort by the Department to re-do the ANS. Shouldn't have to live in the GMU to be counted for that hunt. The AAC serves constituents that have an urban zip code but hunt elsewhere.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	10	0	The Anchorage AC does not support the Board of Game's efforts to create a special allocation of state resources to a single user group during times of abundant harvestable surplus. As a Fish and Game AC, we represent everyone in our geographic area and believe it is our job to do what is most reasonable for all in accordance with current statute and codified regulations. The Alaska Board of Game (BOG) has taken it upon itself



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			<p>to create a community subsistence hunt that would address a perceived shortcoming. The ANC committee is unaware of any statute that requires the Alaska Board of Game to adopt a CSH hunt area and adopt condition to participate in that hunt under 5 AAC 92.072. Nothing in AS 16.05.258 requires the BOG to provide a priority to harvest a specific age class of moose when ANS objectives are being far succeeded. AS 16.05.330(c) is quite clear the BOG may adopt regulations to provide subsistence harvest permits, but only when non-subsistence users are threatening subsistence use. That is not currently the case in GMU 13 while at a Tier I status.</p> <p>The Board has opened a Pandora's Box that could spread statewide on state and private lands. This current hunt structure for the Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kaah Community Harvest Area, 5AAC 92.074(c) is not working out as the BOG had hoped. So now the move to tighten the definition of what constitute a community, in an effort to weed out Alaskans that are currently qualify and participate in this State hunt, it appears as an effort by the board leaning back to what the board passed in 2009 that was struck down as unconstitutional by the State court. We truly believe that this will drive a wedge between all resident hunters. As time has passed, we have had multiple meetings, multiple proposals, and an increased cost to the State regarding this matter. Your actions here could put this hunt in direct conflict with our States Constitution Equal Access Clause (Article 1, Section 1), and our Common Use Clause (Article 8, Section 3). Our Fish and Game issues should NOT be decided by lobbyists and special interest groups. Since 2009 the 3 largest AC's that represent the major of hunters in the field for GMU 13 have been on record opposing this hunt. They have all voted consistently on numerous proposals, occasion and meeting to repeal this effort to allocate a State resource to one users group. Again, we have the Board or at least a majority of the Board ignoring the majority, to appease a single user group in a time of surplus.</p> <p>The Anchorage AC is the elected body, from the local public, responsible for advocating for its constituents. Which more than 29,000 are hunters who purchased a state hunting license and are carrying a moose harvest tag, 2216 of these went moose hunting in Unit 13 in 2016. Every one of the moose hunters the AC represents would appreciate the opportunity to hunt an any bull moose. Consider the number of Alaskans willing to pay for a chance to participant in the drawing hunt for 5 any bull moose harvest permits in GMU 13. It's their license and permit drawing fees that provides funding for the state game management necessary to achieve a sustainable harvest of bull moose above the harvest necessary to meet the ANS for the population. All hunters deserve the opportunity under the Common Use clause of the Alaska State Constitution, Article 8, Section 3, to participate equally when amounts of harvest reasonably necessary for subsistence uses codified in regulation under 5 AAC 99.025, are being met.</p> <p>If the board takes into consideration all the current opportunity that exist for the Ahtna</p>



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			<p>people; a 50-day fall hunting season for federally qualifying rural resident hunters for any bull moose plus two caribou, a 20-day general season State moose hunt, a very generous State Tier I Caribou hunt, and 1.7 million acres of private [exclusive] lands to hunt in GMU 13, 11 and parts of 12 you could easily justify that the ANS is reasonably being met under AS 16.05.258.</p> <p>The Board of Game has gone above and beyond to provide for a game priority for members of Ahtna Tene Nene' in GMU 13, 11 and parts of 12. (examples RC 121 and the special Glennallen meeting) The interpretation of the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence use, 5 AAC 99.025(b), and whether the state and/or the federal subsistence hunting programs were fulfilling the ANS remains with the board.</p> <p>Moving forward, you will have to consider the ANS impact of the Department of Interior (DOI), and its MOA with The Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC) where they signed an MOA to create a cooperative management plan between them, allowing <u>Ahtna tribal members</u> an allocation of moose and caribou on federal lands in the Ahtna region. (2018-2020 Wildlife Proposals; WP18-17, 18, and 19). This is not what the Anchorage AC would support on state and private lands in GMU 13, 11, and parts of 12.</p> <p>The ANC AC strongly recommends repealing the Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kaah Community Harvest Area, 5AAC 92.074(c) and stop trying to differentiate among Alaskan hunters during times of abundant harvest. When state management allows for a segment of the moose population to provide for a limited harvest above the current ANS set by the board for the game populations <u>all Alaskans should have an equal opportunity</u> to hunt on the 9.5 million acres of state lands within GMU 13, along with all State lands, State wide.</p>
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Would suggest that registrations tags be made available in Anchorage and other urban areas or online.
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		



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Opposed	0	10	Opposed because this AAC strongly opposes the C&T in Unit 13, 11 and a portion of 12. Additionally, everyone should be required to report if that is what the Department requests.
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Opposed	5	5	Those support because there are a lot of people who wish to moose hunt in other areas of the State and support the potential reduction on the number of moose hunters in Unit 13. See comments on Proposal 100.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Opposed	5	5	Support for reasons stated. Those opposed because if this gets de-coupled, there would be more people applying for Tier caribou hunts which equals more pressure on the herd. There are draw hunts available for the unit, so if you want to harvest moose elsewhere, apply for this draw tag.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Support youth hunting and safety.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because it is already difficult for residents to draw this tag. This proposal suggests 10% of tags and not caribou harvest (which is presumably much higher).
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. If there will be a CSH, then the seasons should be aligned.
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Support the Department in having the tool to reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons.
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed think that because the Department is doing a fine job of managing the Unit.
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because do not see a biological concern for removing the hunt. It also provides more money to the Department.
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Support as Amended	10	0	The AAC suggested an amendment. This proposal also leaves the CSH and this AAC does not support that hunt. Suggest the following language in the second paragraph: "Eliminate the Community Subsistence Hunt. Retain all other existing seasons and bag limits."
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed because they Department went to 4 brow tines for biological reasons.
109	Change the "any ram" bag limit to "full-curl ram" for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
Opposed	5	5	Those supported were for reasons stated. There are already youth hunts designated,



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			don't need any more. Sheep are trophies. Those opposed because this is already a limited, highly regulated hunt and because it opens up the ability to family/youth hunt. Some of the largest rams in the State are taken from this area. This small area allows a window of opportunity for youth, those that are not as physically fit, or disabled, to harvest a sheep.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
Support	10	0	Support the proposal because the area is difficult to access and this would open opportunity to harvest goats. The toughness and remoteness of the area will likely eliminate to opportunity for overharvest. Would like to know if there is a biological concern for the population.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	6	4	Those support for reasons stated. Those opposed because it would extend into the mating season and disrupt the population. See Department comments regarding conservation information lacking in Unit 13.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	6	4	Those support for reasons stated. Those opposed because it would extend into the mating season and disrupt the population. See Department comments regarding conservation information lacking in Unit 13.
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
Opposed	0	10	Limits the number of grouse available for harvest. There is no biological concern from the Department. This proposal is not based on scientific data.
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		
Opposed	0	10	There is no conservation concern as most of the harvest for grouse occurs by the end of November and shortening the season would not affect the species. This proposal would take 20 days off the beginning of the season.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support as Amended	10	0	Majority of harvest in Unit 13E & B is largely between mid-February and March, which reduces the spring breeding population. Natural mortality rates are higher in the fall and level off in the early spring. Within 3km of the Denali highway, there is a higher mortality rate to grouse and willow ptarmigan is higher than further away from the highway. 13E populations are at lower density than 13B. Average is 1.5 birds per hunter per day. For snow machines only, that average doubles meaning that snow machine hunters are more effective and successful. Amended to using the last day of February as the end of the season instead of March 31 in all subunits of Unit 13.



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120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Take no action	--	--	See comments/vote on Proposal #119.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Take no action	--	--	See comments/vote on Proposal #119.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	10	0	Support the Department in this housekeeping proposal for reasons stated.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	10	0	Support the Department in this housekeeping proposal for reasons stated.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Opposed	3	7	Support the proposal because it may be a way to eliminate the CSH in Unit 13 as stated. Those opposed because of the added amount of people and therefore congestion in the area and it opens up more opportunity for abuse.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
Opposed	3	7	Supported the proposal was because it opened up the opportunity for harvest when hunters spend a lot of money to get to Adak. Those opposed because there is a concern for the number of animals available for harvest and would prefer a closed season. Note: The Department is concerned with overharvest and lack of harvest data.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
Support as Amended	10	0	AAC chose Solution 2 to discuss. This AAC supports solution 2 only as amended. Dates presented in the proposal are incorrect compared to the regulations. Solution 2) suggest the following text (for 9A, 9C, 9D, 9E): RBXXX resident fall season, odd numbered year, September 25-October 21. Non-resident hunters October 1 - October 21. RBXXX resident spring season, odd numbered years, May 5-31. Non-resident hunters May 10-31. Suggest the following text (for 9B): RBXXX resident fall season, odd numbered year, September 15-October 21. Non-resident hunters October 1- October 21.



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			RBXXX resident spring season, odd numbered years, May 5-31. Non-resident hunters May 10-31.
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Opening the season, a week later and closing it a week later. New season date. August 30 through September 25.
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Take no action	--	--	Took no action on this proposal because of action on #137; see comments on Proposal #137. This only extends to season by 5 days. August 25 through September 25.
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	Weather considerations can limit non-resident hunters, and this is a very short season, currently 10 days, for those spending a considerable amount of money. Support for reasons stated.
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to any special allocation to those species that are not required to be guided. Non-residents should be draw permits only.
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to any guaranteed allocation to those species that are not required to be guided. Do not support non-resident preference.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to creating a registration for non-resident hunters. Would like to see the Mulchatna herd to continue its recovery.
146	Open a guide-required nonresident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 17B		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to an exclusive allocation to those species that are not required to be guided.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	10	Opposed to registration for non-resident hunters. Also opposed to continue to recover the population of the Mulchatna caribou herd.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	10	0	This is a valuable tool for the Department and the harvest and populations numbers are typical and as expected. Harvesting the surplus is better for the population. If the population, especially in 20-mile, were to get too high, in a tough winter, the moose do not fare well and the Department would rather see moose able to be harvested.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		



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Support	10	0	See comments above.
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
166	5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou; 99.025. Customary and traditional uses of game populations; and 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Available surplus must be harvested.

November 21, 2017 Adjournment: 9:00pm

December 7, 2017 Adjournment: 9:00pm

January 9, 2018 Adjournment: 9:39pm

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick

Minutes Approved By: Frank Neumann

Date: February 1, 2018



BETHEL Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 3, 2017
ADF&G Office, Bethel

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: *(6 for Quorum)*

Lekander

Tikiun

Kassman

Hunter

Lavalle

Kohl

Rodgers

Hunter excused at 7:30pm

ELECT OFFICERS:

Chair: Jamie Kassman

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Jon LaValle

INVOCATION:

MOMENT OF SILENCE: *In honor of Greg Roczicka*

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: *(List)*

Sara Mutter resource specialist AVCP

Patrick Jones area bio

Ken Stahlnecker USFWS

Tim Andrew ONC

Jennifer Hooper AVCP

Dave Runfola Subsistence

COMMENTS:

- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **PUBLIC**: None
- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **AC MEMBERS**:
- Henry Hunter- Concerns about the fishing in the summer of 17, wanted to make sure we take up concerns on the next meeting.
(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)



APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Henry Hunter motion to approve agenda 2nd Jon LaValle Motion carries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *January 24, 2017*

Thad tikiun Motion to approve

2nd kohl

motion carries

NEW BUSINESS:

- BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE PROPOSALS (*Comments due October 27, 2017*)
 - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26) Change the definition of “edible meat” for large game birds.
 - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
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 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game.
 - **Proposal 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
 - **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
 - **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
 - **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
 - **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
 - **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
 - **PROPOSAL 62** – 5 AAC 92.029: Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild.
 - **PROPOSAL 63** – 5 AAC 92.029: Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild.
 - **PROPOSAL 64** – 5 AAC 92.029: Eliminate domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*) and goats (*Capra hircus*) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat.
 - **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
 - **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
 - **PROPOSAL 164** – 5 AAC 92.080: Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.



- BOARD OF GAME (BOG) **ACR 1:** Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A.
- FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Regional Proposals:

- **WP18-27** – Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.
- **WP18-28** – Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.
- **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
- **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
- **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.

Crossover Proposals:

- **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
- **WP18-23** – Add residents of Units 9C and 9E to customary and traditional use determination for caribou in Units 17A and 17C.
- **WP18-25/26** – Establish new hunt area and may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 17C.
- **WP18-33/36** – Shorten season to align with State and require state registration permit for moose in Unit 21E.

Statewide Proposals:

- **WP18-51** – Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARDS (*Deadline Oct. 31*)
- ELECT AC REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO ATTEND 2017-18 BOG/ BOF MEETINGS.
Alyssa Rodgers

NEXT MEETING DATE: 6:00pm on October 24th

ADJOURN: (TIME) 10:30



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157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 nd Kohl
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 nd Tikiun
164	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.		
NO ACTION			Kohl Motion to support, 2 nd Tikiun Kohl rescinds motion Kohl motion to take no action
ACR 1	Open a registration hunt for moose in 19a		
Support as Amended	6	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 nd Tikiun LaValle motion to amend, 2 nd Kohl Amend to say: Registration permits should be made available at all license vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage. We want them available at all vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage because of the long history of tradition use from downriver villages hunting in this area.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 10/24/17



October 24, 2017

ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: Quorum established: Yes

Present: Mike Riley, Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Jaimie Kassman, Henry Hunter,
Jon Lavalle, Henry Kohl, Alissa Rogers, Jerry White

INVOCATION: Robert Lekandar

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Patrick Jones Area Biologist, Dave Renfola subsistence division

MEMBER ELECTIONS:

Jaimie Kassman re-elected

Thad Tikiun re-elected

Leaving two empty seats

Alissa Rogers is the new subsistence seat on the board

Jerry White, clarification for title: Guides

OFFICER ELECTIONS: *Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary*

Secretary- Alissa Nadine Rogers M- John Lavallve 2nd-Thad Tikiun , Unanimous Decision

Chairman- Jamie Motion- Mike Riley 2nd- Henry Kohl, Unanimous Decision

Vice Chairman- Henry Kohl M- 2nd-Thad Tikiun, Unanimous 5- vote

COMMENTS:

- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **PUBLIC**: (None)
- CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF **AC MEMBERS**: (None at this time.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M/M-Jerry 2nd- Thad

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 03, 2017 M/M- Thad 2nd- Rogers, Unanimous*

Changes: *Add Mike Riley, Change Alyssa to Alissa*

OLD BUSINESS:

- BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE PROPOSALS (*Comments due October 27, 2017*)
 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game. (*Tabled from Oct. 3, 2017*)
Introduction given by Jones, ADFG comments from AK Wildlife Troopers on the proposal. The use of cellphone and satellite technology.

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October 24, 2017

ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.



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Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

Dave Runfolda, ADFG Subsistence Division- In general what we are talking about a permit for all Alaska residents and will be effective upriver from Aniak and fishing can start as no earlier than June 20th 1 per household up to 10 king salmon. We are still working on exactly how this is going to be ruled out, 1.

Write the permit. 2 decide how and where 3.

Jan 2016: A lot of people feel like this is going to happen when this is going to be a federal takeover of the river. This can happen at any time.

Additional opportunity to get some king salmon in times when salmon fishing with lethal gear is closed. Hunter- if they are allowing permit holders to catch 10 king salmon. How many permit holders are going. Below Aniak, we have fisherman that are abiding by the king salmon role. Yet you are bringing up the King Salmon and yet you allow fisherman above Aniak for 1-1000 people to catch 10 king salmon.

Ideas came out. There was a proposal that came out to catch a few kings.

LAW- Discussion BOF/ Subsistence, AVCP, the AC voted on permits. "Any state waters" Middle Kuskokwim that permits were going to be ok. Lower Kuskokwim didn't want permits. Conservation 1: In the past several years they have felt like when there were opening the had shorter time periods that were close to down river opening and felt like they needed to use set nets they had to use 6 hours or more, because we are not as efficient in catching King salmon.

There is a threshold by the manager to close this fishery.

Lavalle- What happens if a family that catches 20 kings?

ADFG- allows for proxy fishing, like the same thing for hunting.

Needs to have a 24 hour reporting system.

ADFG Dave- 907-322-8737

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tentative: Feb 13th, 2018

ADJOURN m- Thad 2nd –kohl

Electronic Signature by Jon Lavallve, 8:30PM, 10/27/2017

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ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.



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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	1	8	<p>There isn't enough resources to open up a nonresidential draw hunt for Caribou in Unit 8.</p> <p><u>M/M to Support:</u> Kohl 2nd - Lavallve</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>In that proposal, there is not enough for subsistence. Yet, he wants to open for nonresident. Pat- Opposed, the herds are hovering right around 300 or take. It just has been in access. We are still trying to grown that herd. It's just not a right time to open it. Lavallve- Have an increase of the population before we open it up to non-residence. Kohl- Entertain the idea to charge a drawing ticket price of 2,500.00 a piece.</p> <p><u>Oppose</u>, 1-White in Support, because it opens up the possibility for tourist hunter to harvest caribou.</p>

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October 10-11, 2017

ADF&G Office, 9:00am

570 4th Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 1:15pm

ROLL CALL: Roll call by Stan M. Atchak with 6 present No quorum, asking to review the musk ox first. Musk ox discussion and HB 199 were discussed first. A quorum was determined after these discussions.

INVOCATION: Annie Cleveland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Passed on Oct. 11, 2017

Stanley Tom made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. Motion passed to approve the meeting minutes, all minutes approve by everyone.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Patrick Jones, Dave Runfola, Walter Blajeski (ATS), Jen Peeks
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public/ Other: Melanie Brown, Emily Andrew, Evan Anderson, Jennifer Hooper, Sarah Mutter

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2017/18 Board of Game (BOG) Proposals:**
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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	10	Hunting season and bag limits for caribou. Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 & 19. The Mulchatna herd is going down. Stanley Tom makes a motion to accept, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Motion fails with 10 roll call votes.
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
No Action			The current population for the moose in the remainder of Unit 18 is about 20,000. This would be reauthorized every year. ONC Andrews stated F&G is right that there are too many moose on the Yukon area. To take no action on proposal 157.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	8	0	Brown bear tag fee exemption for the residents. Annie Cleveland moves to support the motion, seconded by Peter Julius. Motion passed.

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
18-21			
Support	10	0	To decrease the caribou to 2. Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.



Meeting called to order (10:30) 12:41pm, Napaimute Office, Aniak

Approval of Agenda:

Roll Call: Lisa Feyereisen, Ricky Ciletti, Sophie Sakar, Lucy Simeon, Nick Kameroff, Tim Zaukar, Walter Morgan, Darlene Heckman, Mark Leary **Quorum:** (6)12:48pm

Invocation:

Introduction of Guests: Josh Peirce (ADF&G Wildlife), Jon Barton (ADF&G Wildlife), Eddie Hoeldt (secretary), Jeremy Havener (Galena), David Runfola (ADF&G Subsistence Division), Dan Gillikin, Elections: Expired Terms/Vacant Seats, Officers: Secretary

Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2017

Comments:

- Chair's Comments: Lisa Feyereisen: Will try to run meeting quickly. Open the discussion to members of the public. Respectful of differences and refrain from commenting using people's names who are not attending meeting.
- Public Comments: None

New Business:

- **Moose Survey Update** – Josh Peirce, ADF&G (see presentation slides at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=187306>)
Josh Peirce: Provided a presentation of the moose count survey. Last survey in Aniak was 2010. Unit 18 population is "booming." Survey results TM680: Harvest surplus is 165 (4% of total population) moose. 19A total surplus is 252 moose. TM 680: Most radical increase from 0.5 moose/mi² in 2006 to 0.7 moose/mi² in 2017. Unit 18 now has good moose establishment. 2017 great sample size. Calve to cow size is really good (objective is 30-40 calves per 100 cows, current is 52). Discussion of Proposal 165. SHAC did not want to support this this early: Sleetmute and SHAC want to wait one more year (2019). SHAC came up with several ways to limit the hunt. Suggest that the CK AC start thinking about their Tier II area moose hunt for the 2020 meeting cycle. Discussion on what to suggest to the Board of Game.
- **Board of Game Proposals (Comments October 27, 2017)**
Motions need to be stated to "adopt" or "accept" Proposal X. If you agree with the proposal vote "yea," if you disagree you vote "nay"
 - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26): Change the definition of "edible meat" for large game birds.
 - **PROPOSAL 5**– 5 AAC 92.990: Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine.
 - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
 - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
 - **PROPOSAL 10** –5 AAC 92.085(8): Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game.
 - **PROPOSAL 11**–5 AAC 92.085(8): Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
 - **PROPOSAL 12** –5 AAC 92.085(8). Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
 - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game.



- **PROPOSAL 14** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Prohibit the taking of bears in dens.
- **PROPOSAL 15** – 5 AAC 92.260: Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
- **PROPOSAL 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
- **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
- **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
- **PROPSAL 42** – 5 AAC 92.069: Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
- **PROPOSAL 52** – 5 AAC 92.106: Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
- **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 54** – 5 AAC 92.070: Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
- **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
- **PROPOSAL 147** – 5 AAC 85.025: Open a nonresident drawn hunt in Units 18 and 19.
- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
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- **PROPOSAL 165** – 5 AAC 85.045: Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A
- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals**
 - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
 - **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
 - **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
 - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.
 - **WP18-33/36**: Shorten season date to align with State and require State registration permit for moose in Unit 21E
 - **WP18-51**: Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

- **Kuskokwim River Fisheries Permit Discussion**

Dave Runfola (ADF&G Subsistence Division) provided an overview of the status of the permit. Asked that people to help inform members of the public that this will be an optional opportunity to harvest during times of conservation.

Old Business

- **Concerns/Comments of AC Members** (previously discussed)
 - 1) **Need for reduction of “Motor” size on the Aniak River and potential for” propeller only” regulation (no jets).** *Tabled for next meeting.*
 - 2) **Use of 4 inch mesh nets and the incidental harvest of other species besides whitefish.** *Tabled until more members are present.*



3) **The lack of ethical hunting and whether could be addressed in Hunter's Education classes, posters, etc.**

Progress has been made. Jon Barton (ADF&G) is able to provide hunter education courses; plans to provide them in McGrath and Aniak. Jon Barton will look into now hunting.

4) **Sport Fishing up the Aniak and whether they are or are not being compliant with local traditions. There appears to be over crowding in some areas (combat fishing). *Tabled.***

5) **ADD to next meeting: Law Enforcement. Josh Peirce (ADF&G) encouraged writing letters to the legislature about fully funding LE positions. Ricky- supported sending a letter.**

(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 5 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)

Other/Miscellaneous Business:

- Reps for upcoming Board meetings: Statewide meeting: Lisa Feyereisen, Central/Southwest: Nick Kameroff

Next Meeting Date: _____

Adjourn2

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	6	0	Discussion of what is important for edible meet.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support	6	0	Discussion on current legalities. Lisa- This is just clarifying the regulations.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Support	5	1	Discussion that if people incidentally catch that they should be able to keep it. Tim- hard enough to make a living on trapping, so if they catch it they should keep it. Mark- maybe increase the number. Lisa- if you are trapping outside of a season there is often a lower quality of fur so people aren't likely to trap out of season.
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
			No Action. Board is unable to act on this.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	5	Walter- doesn't see any reason why not to fly and hunt the same day unless the population is of concern. Same day airborne will also keep meat from spoiling. Nick- it is going to benefit the sheep herders. Lisa- like the current regulations. Tim- seems like it is easier for guides. But it may make it easier to tell where the sheep are.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			1 Abstained
11			Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
			Not addressed
12			Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
			Not addressed
13			Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game
No Action – see comments			Lisa- should be allowed to have cellular for safety. Will be hard to regulate. Would not want to prohibit use for safety. Use any type of electronic device for non-game taking. In favor of the use of game cams for bear baiting sites for safety concerns. Walter- don't have a problem with that, can't afford to fly out to do stuff. Would allow us poor people a way to hunt. Don't see any problems with phones to help salvage. We have to have our phones for safety. Lucy- Would like to see their definitions before they vote on it.
14			Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
Oppose	0	7	Discussion of how hunting bears in bear dens is conducted. Mark- there would not be small cubs this time of year. Sophie- dad use to go bear hunting in the dens during the winter. Tim- Mother bears and cubs usually have a deeper den than the male bears.
15			Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
Oppose	0	7	Ricky- will oppose because it is similar to Prop. 14
24			Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting
Opposed	1	5	Lisa- not support bc she thinks the land should be returned to the way it was. Ricky- neutral because he doesn't use a tree stand. Think it's a DNR problem Nick- oppose this as well. 1 abstained due to believing it is a DNR issue.
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide
Oppose	0	7	Sometimes it is difficult to get it depending where you live. Ricky- Have to get it sealed anyways. Lisa- Additional requirement to turn in a ticket, asking to fill out more paperwork.
31			Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts
			No action
41			Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag
Support	7	0	Discussion, yes for rural expect the state does not discriminate between rural and urban.
42			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
Oppose	0	7	Nick- likes the idea of moose hunters having guides for safety.
52			Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
Support	7	0	Prohibit non-residents moose or caribou until management objectives have been met. Nick- agrees to keep it because we are still under intensive management.



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			Walter- Thinks we should leave it alone, it is good how it is right now. Observation that we have more moose. Interested in another moose count. If there are enough moose and we get out of Tier II and perhaps we can hunt cow moose. Josh- the survey last year has shown an increase in moose.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	7	0	Lisa- We don't know what is happening statewide and don't have the information to make a decision. Walter- It doesn't include 19A, we are always getting left out and 19A should be included. Dave Runfola provided background for this proposal. This is for all GMUs and all migratory game birds.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	8	The WHOLE AC felt strongly against this. There is a reason that these factors are rated on the Tier II permit. Part of that deals with access to food at a reasonable price. People who live in this area pay much higher prices for food. Leave it as it is. It is working
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Oppose	0	8	Nick- move to support this because it could help support feeding people during celebrations. Discussion on how people will use ceremonial moose. Josh- discussed how more urban areas at times have issues with this type of hunts. 1979 supreme court decision that mortuary moose must be allowed. Sophie- we only use this when someone dies or once a year they use a moose for a potlatch. Walter-the tribal council understands the situations. Lisa- would oppose this because it is too wide open and could allow a lot of people asking for the potlatch if this passed. Someone felt like the language was too "iffy"

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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
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		



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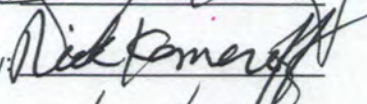
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	8	
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	8	0	
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	7	0	Don't want to pay the additional fee.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	Ricky- same as 162, just different units. Only exempts residents.
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support as amended	6	0	Nick Kameroff motion to accept Prop. 165, Sophie Sakar second. Mark- is there a reason to sell the permits at the store? Josh- SHAC wanted it at the TC. Lisa- would be okay if the store is a vendor to sell them at the store. Ricky- support SHACs amendments to the proposals. Lisa- Don't support that it is done at a tribal office, but it should be done at a vendor. Support SHACs proposal but must be given out at a vendor. Discussion on where permits should be distributed. Support SHACs amendment.



Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife

April 2018

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
WP18-21	Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.		
support	8	0	Strongly supported this last year and would like to align it with the state regulations.
WP18-29	Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder		
support	8	0	
WP18-30	Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
Support	8	0	Amendment: to keep the dates as Aug. 10- May 30.
WP18-31	Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.		
Support	8	0	It is just changing the date and may help rebuild the herd.
WP18-33	Shorten season date to align with State and require State registration permit for moose in Unit 21E		
No Action			
WP 18-36	Align the state and federal seasons and permit requirement in Unit 21E.		
Support	8	0	
WP18-51	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	8	0	This would align with state regulations.

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 10/27/2017



Central Peninsula AC
1/8/18
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- I. Call to Order: 7:14 by David Martin
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Rion Vanek; David Martin; Gary Deiman; Mike Schuster; Joe Simpson;
Madeline Thompson; Jeff Berger; John McCombs; Steve Vanek; Doug Blossom; Aaron Berger
Members Absent: Richard Encelewski; Dan Presley; Jesse Clucas
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 1. Letter from Sherry Wright was read about Certificate of Appreciation for John McCombs, Mike Schuster, Richard Encelewski, and Rion Vanek. Certificates were passed out.
 2. Joint Board call for ideas as to whether there should be a Joint Board Meeting. We had no reasons, however, a motion was made and seconded that we send a letter suggesting the Joint Boards meet by teleconference to deal with any problems that other ACs may have. Passed 11-0.
 3. Announcement: Comments on Statewide stocking due Jan. 30.
 4. Announcement: Comments on Turbidity to DEC due Jan. 29. It was moved and seconded that we write a letter from the AC outlining causes of turbidity and possible solutions. Passed 11-0.
 5. Announcement: Board of Game proposals are due May 1st. We decided to have a meeting on Feb 19 to discuss any proposals that the AC might want to submit.
 6. Elections for vacant seats on the AC was held. It was moved and seconded to keep the same members who were up for election. They are: Jeff Berger; David Martin; John McCombs; Steve Vanek. Alternates are Aaron Berger and Doug Blossom. Passed unanimously.
 7. It was moved and seconded that the chairman or his designee represent us at BoG and BoF.
 8. We then took up statewide shellfish proposals and reauthorization of moose hunts.

**Central/Southwest Region Board of Game February 2018 proposal comments**

Proposal	Support	Oppose	Discussion
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	11	0	No predators there. Need to keep the population stable.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Oppose	1	10	This is a two part proposals which we do not like at all. It should have been two proposals. The Dept. knows better. The Bull cow ratio is high, We don't need to kill more cows. One person thought it ok to kill cows along the highway. Don't know how he felt about the Homer hunt. We could only vote once on two proposals. Not very smart for the Dept.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	11	0	This is an area that has limited land. We want to keep it on the books.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek

Minutes Approved By: Chair

Date: 1/17/2018

(Page 2 was BOF Shellfish proposal comments)



**Chignik Advisory Committee
1/30/2018
Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 1:36 p.m. by Jacob Shangin, Chair

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Alfredo Abou Eid, Chignik Lagoon
Raechel Allen, Chignik Bay
Gene Carlson, Chignik Bay
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay
Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Austin Shangin, Perryville
Boris Kosbruk Jr., Perryville
Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay (entered meeting shortly after roll call)
Brandon Daugherty, Alternate (became member during elections)

Members Absent: Mitchell Lind Sr., Chignik Lake
Ronald Lind, Chignik Lake
Steven Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: The Chignik AC is comprised of three members from each of the five communities in the region and 2 alternates. Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay, and Perryville were represented.

III. Approval of Agenda: The order of Board of Game proposals and Board of Fish proposals taken up was reversed. The revised agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support; Nathaniel Nichols, Area Management Biologist; Tyler Polum, Area Manager; Dawn Wilburn, Chignik Area Management Biologist; Ross Renick, Assistant Area Management Biologist

Guests Present: Marty Takak, Brandon Daugherty, Don Bumpus, George Anderson, Chuck McCallum, CRAA and Debbie Carlson, Chignik Bay Tribal



- V. AC Elections: After nominations were accepted, roll call elections were held for the two alternate seats by all community members willing to participate. Taryn tabulated the results. Brandon Daugherty and Rome Abou Eid were elected. Gene made a motion to remain status quo with current officers. Gary seconded. Status quo was approved with unanimous consent as follows: Jacob Shangin, Chair; Alfredo Abou Eid, ViceChair; Raechel Allen, Secretary
- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates: Nat Nichols gave a brief P.Cod update reflecting the smaller quota and no other change. Dawn Wilburn informed the AC the salmon run forecast had been released and was online.
- VII. New Business: Board of Fish proposals 208 and 209 were introduced by Nat Nichols. Board of Game 125,126,134 and 135 were introduced by Taryn O'Conner-Brito. No Game Management personnel was available for comment. The AC discussion and consensus on each proposal are found in the tables below.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
208		Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.		
	Oppose	0	10	The AC unanimously opposes proposal 208. Alfredo, who has participated in the fishery, advises that 50 to 100 pots is not enough to generate profit. Other comments were: -unequal pot limits will create new costs to participate such as needing larger vessels -restrictions based on vessel size alone with no allocation seems discriminatory -more pressure would be put on the Chignik area as effort may be inclined to shift and seek less restrictive areas
209		Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.		
	Support	10	0	Discussion on proposal 209 was based on agreement that this was a good idea to encourage responsibility in maintaining gear. Ghost pots are an issue and "rotten cotton" doesn't always work on old gear. There was concern on how this would be enforced? One member said 14 days might be tricky for a fisherman to achieve when considering breakdowns and long runs to deliver.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
No Action			The 10 AC members unanimously support taking no action. Discussion included concerns that the herd strength should be maintained or strengthened. It was seen as favorable to assist subsistence hunters. It was noted there was lack of information due to no Board of Game staff presence.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
No Action			The AC unanimously supports taking no action.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	AC members shared agreement that this would help conserve a dwindling resource.
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	A member noted that none had been seen in a few years. Al stated they were hunted in the past. He also noted that they were customarily and traditionally used and that his parents snared them.

VIII. Old Business: none

IX. Other/Miscellaneous AC Business: Taryn reminded the AC of the Feb. 2nd deadline for Board of Game Comments. A motion to authorize Jacob to approve the minutes of this meeting was unanimously approved.
Al asked for a King Salmon Proposal addressing too much pressure on stock by anglers to be drawn up by April 10th. Al and CRAA will work on a draft. Taryn will include the draft proposal in the next meeting notice.

X. Set Date/Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting tentatively is scheduled for the week of February 26th through March 2nd or later with the exact date forthcoming.

Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen

Minutes Approved By: Jacob Shangin

Date: 2/2/18



Coastal Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes October 16-17, 2017 ADF&G Office, Bethel

CALL TO ORDER: 1:25pm, Oct. 16, recessed at 5:30pm and reconvened at 9:00am Oct. 17.

ROLL CALL: Quorum 4: Ray Oney, David Bunyan, John Lamont, Stanley Pete (teleconference)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: December 3, 2016

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Holly Carroll (CommFish), David Runfolo (Sub. Division), Patrick Jones (Wildlife), Deena Jellan (CommFish), Jen Peeks (Boards)
- Other Agency Representatives: Ken Stahlnecker (USFWS), Sarah Mutter (AVCP), Eva Patton (USFWS)
- Members of the Public/ Other: Allen Hanson (Alakanuk Tribal Council), Christopher James (Alakanuk), Bill Alstrom (St. Mary's)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

- Stanley Pete- Nunam Iqua Tribe opposes (WP18-29) to extending the moose season.
- Allen Hanson- Wanted to be added to the CLY AC informational notices.

OLD BUSINESS:

OFFICER ELECTIONS-

John Lamont- Nominated for Vice-Chair, accepted

Secretary- Will discuss at next meeting.

Ray Oney will remain Chair

NEW BUSINESS:

FISHERIES

- 2017 Yukon Fishery Summary, ADF&G Staff**
 - Holly Carroll (ADF&G):** Summer run exceeded 2016 run size. Good commercial catch of summer chum. Commercial harvest for chum was one of the highest on records. Overall commercial harvest was above average and earnings were better than 2016. ADF&G will not have a subsistence harvest estimate until December 2017. ADF&G would like to hear if subsistence fishing went well for people. Nearly all goals for Chinook and summer chum were met.
 - John Lamont:** People were satisfied with the subsistence fishing, he hoped the run size continues to build.
 - Allen Hanson:** Appreciated the management effort for subsistence harvest to meet people's needs. Keep up the good work ADF&G! He asked about the use of selective gear in the beginning of the summer 2018 noting the hard work to get the numbers up.
 - Holly Carroll:** Responded probably for the next few years there may be selective gear. She commented on the Bering Sea project on juveniles that may help predict estimates. Next year may be a little smaller. We don't have a good idea on the run until a lot of the run have passed by. The selective gear allows harvest of summer chum while letting the Chinook salmon pass.
 - Ray Oney:** 2017 was one of the better years thanks to ADFG and all the people involved with paying attention to the Emmonak ADFG reports. People were happy with commercial and subsistence outcomes in the lower Yukon. People were happy to keep their Chinook salmon and hopefully see a commercial in the future. Also, a good season for chum salmon.
- Yukon River Agenda Change Requests (ACRs)**
 - ACR 13 – ACR 18: *Tabled until after BOF work session.*
- Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish Proposal Deadline:** April 10, 2018
Jen Peeks reminded to let Tribes start thinking about fishing proposals

WILDLIFE:

- Statewide Board of Game Proposals**
 - PROPOSAL 4 – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26)** Change the definition of "edible meat" for large game birds.
 - PROPOSAL 6 – 5 AAC 92.095:** Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.



- **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
- **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game.
- **Proposal 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
- **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
- **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
- **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
- **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide
- **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
- **PROPOSAL 147** – 5 AAC 85.025: Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19.
- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the resident and nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals**
 - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
 - **WP18-27** – Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.
 - **WP18-28** – Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.
 - **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
 - **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
 - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.
 - **WP18-51**: Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER RECOGNITION

ELECT ALTERNATE FOR BOG/ BOF MEETINGS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Patrick Jones (ADF&G) - Discussed Musk ox surveys, more animals than expected. Moose surveys on the Yukon in February 2018. Outreach program was occurring on AK hares, ADFG is interested in hearing about them in the past or present.
- Ray Oney- Commented that his area hunt [hares]. They also use to encourage people to leave the musk ox alone. Commented Roger Seavoy encouraged to leave them alone and would educate people. Ray would like to see public education in schools to teach that we are trying to build up populations in hopes we have a hunt in the future.
- David Bunyan- Jack rabbits in Hooper Bay use to be abundant, but now they don't hear of them. He never knew what a moratorium was at first. He had to learn that it was to build up the populations. Signs/ flyers through the tribal office helped to educate.
- John Lamont- what are the possibilities for relocation? Also, education on the reasons for trying to rebuild.
- Patrick Jones-Commented that there used to be a lot of hares, but now they are hard to find. ADFG is interested in collaring them to monitor.



- John Lamont- Commented that sometimes they are abundant by the airport in Emmonak, they come out when the days are longer. He was willing to show people where they are. Discussed the best ways to snare them and commented that you need patience.
- Stan Pete- Liked that the rabbits were being discussed because he had not been seeing them. Hunting methods got so efficient, blinding, flashing headlamps in their eyes; saying you "Can almost bat them over the head". Hunting methods were efficient that almost brought them to extinction. He hasn't caught them in almost 20 years. Is there something we can do to put a stop to jack rabbit hunting?
- Patrick Jones- Commented that ADFG is looking at the low numbers and trying to gather information. He mentioned that many other people had similar comments. Considering a proposal to shorten hunting, and bag limits. AC can also right a proposal.
- Dave Runfola (ADF&G)- Subsistence Division did a project on whitefish/ sheefish in lower Yukon. Will be contacting the tribal councils to update on the project and get their feedback on the information to make sure it is included. It is an OSM project.
- John Lamont – Commented that there were a lot of wildfires and that they have a part in changes along with climate change. Winters are low snow and animals move inland.
- Ray Oney- Commented that global warming has an effect. There used to be real winters with ice 6-8 feet deep with snow piles sometimes over homes. He commented that a lot of changes happening as a result of global warming. Break-up activity has also changed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 2017, Daytime

Location: Teleconference

ADJOURNMENT: 9:50am, Oct. 17, 2017




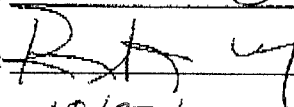
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147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19.		
Oppose	0	4	John- subsistence users should have the right to hunt them and we should give the herd a chance to build. Ray- oppose because the herd is trying to rebuild. Stan- leaning toward opposing this proposal.
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	4	0	Ray- wondered how the moose are doing in the area. Patrick Jones (ADFG) said there may be too many moose in the area. The harvest was nowhere near the amount of moose needed to keep the moose population healthy. Ray- would like to see more hunts for non-profits, like the Elder home, pre-maternal home, for the moose population. Pat Jones- ONC was working on a project to help with that. John- would support...have been doing this hunt for many years. If people didn't hunt in the fall, they have a chance to hunt in the winter. Ray- saw lots of moose on the flight to Bethel. David- Pastor in Hooper Bay...wanted to give a bingo board for spotting moose. Last summer 4 cows, 6 bulls half a mile from town. Stan- Supports this proposal
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	4	0	John- voted on it last year, support it. Ray- we have to reauthorize this for residents every year.



WP18-51	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	4	0	John- sounds like it will make things simpler to align the state and federal regulations. Ray- Would support it as well, it would make it simpler for hunters knowing that the date is the same for both state and feds sides.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 10/27/2017



Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/20/18

Call to order 12:02 PM

- Members present: George Heim, Theo Lexmond, Robert Gibson, John Pearson, Billy Coulliette, visitors: Jeremy Lewis, Jason Lesmeister
- Election: nomination Jeremy Lewis, Jason Lesmeister, Carl Coulliette; resigning: Theo Lexmond, George Heim
- All three nominations are elected with seven total votes: Jeremy, Jason, Ed. Six total votes for Carl, Gerald Neis, Mike Adams alternate
- Nominations for officers: seven in favor for Jeremy Lewis president, seven in favor for Ed Holsten Vice President
- Board of fish/shellfish comments: none
- Board of game comments: re-authorize antlerless moose hunt: proposal 155: seven in favor, carries unanimously
- Discussion of fish proposals: Monday silver fishing, ADFG tagging program
- Meeting adjourned 2:45PM



Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Date: 01/23/18

Location of Meeting: Glennallen School

- I. The meeting was called to order: 5:21 PM by Chuck McMahan
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Lee Adler, David Bruss, Christopher Gene, Nick Jackson, Chuck McMahan, Jim Oden, Dave Sarafin, Bradley Sinyon, Alysia White

Members Absent Excused: Don Horrell

Members Absent Unexcused: Frank Hobson, Chad Gerlach, Brad Henspeter

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Ahtna

Approval of Agenda:

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Fish and Game
- V. Guests Present: Gloria Stickwan, Ahtna
- VI. Public Testimony
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Aaron Bloomquist resigned and Mike Roscovius will not run again

Elections: Alysia White, Chuck McMahan, Don Horrell, Brad Sinyon, Lee Adler, Chad Gerlach

Officers: Alysia White Chair, Chuck McMahan Vice Chair

Proposals 91-98 Discussion: Over 40 proposals in spring 2017 meeting. Most proposals were to get rid of the hunt all together. Community hunt has a quota of up to 100 any moose bull tag. So after the meeting it was decided to use the Tier 11 type criteria (5 questions) when you signed up for the community hunt. With only 100 locking moose tags out hopefully it will take longer to fill the tags, not a race because every three households got tags so everyone was rushing to get a any bull before they get shut down. We are hopefully more unit 13 residents will get more of the any bull locking tags using this method.

Are we spinning our wheels here because we haven't even tried the system?

Like to see things play out this year. The things we are voting on here aren't going to go into effect this year.



Alaska Board of Game 2017/2018 proposals

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in units 9,11,13,14a,14b,16,17		
Oppose		9	No need for special hunt, plenty of opportunity during regular season. This proposal is at the end of moose season when moose are rutting. They want to have it so they have their own time period.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in units 9,11,13,14a,14b,16,17		
oppose		9	No need for special hunt. Sheep season is long as it is. They want to have it so they have their own time period. Want an advantage with early season, they can still hunt with bow during normal season.
74	Remove the resident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
oppose		9	It might only affect 8 sheep in the whole state if you go by Chris Harper reasoning, so it probably wouldn't make much difference either way. Some would like to see one every 4 years across the board for residents and nonresidents. Sheep numbers are down compared to the number of hunters. Some think residents should have an advantage over non residents.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in Central/Southwest region		
			See 74
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemption for the central/southwest region		
support	9		Leave the way it is now
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
No action			Community hunt brought more hunters to our area. We like the original intent of the community hunt for the local people, but now it is open to everyone. Due to the state constitution. Too many people. Hundreds of people in Eureka and Chistochina trail that did not hunt here before. Had special meeting in spring 2017 had special meeting to address the issue. We support the idea of a community hunt but not as it is being ran now. Like the idea of eliminating the community hunt but don't like the number of 100 moose. Will this satisfy state subsistence? Drawing permits don't meet subsistence laws.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for caribou in unit 13		
No action			So many chances to hunt caribou in this area without the community hunt. With the current caribou hunt structure subsistence needs will probably be met.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for unit 13		
No action			Attempting to offer something as a replacement to the community hunt for moose. Anyone in the state could sign up for it. Will be like a race like it is on the Taylor highway. Winter 2014 winter registration hunt had 400 people sign up, so even more would sign up in August. It would be a high demand quick hunt.
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier1 caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in unit 13.		
oppose		9	We will end up having more hunters by uncoupling the caribou and moose requirement for Tier 1 caribou. If you uncouple then more people will put in for the Tier 1 hunt. We already believe the hunt is too crowded as it is now.



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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
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier 1 caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
withdraw			Withdraw, all 9 members want to withdraw our proposal
101	Establish a youth hunt season for caribou in unit 13		
oppose		9	Don't need a special season for youth. Youth generally hunt with adult anyways.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in unit 13 and allocate 3 up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
oppose		9	<p>If herd is 40000, then state would probably do this.</p> <p>Unit 13 is already too congested with resident hunters. Only so many parking areas off highways and trails and area for people access the area. Do we want to add nonresidents to the mix.</p> <p>Since this area is a subsistence hunt area do we want to see it open to nonresidents? At times when you need to take more caribou because of high population and we aren't meeting quota then why not utilize the opportunity to issue more tags, even to nonresidents. Will this then bring in more guides to the area? Caribou do not require guides anyway. Do we want to wait to do this until the state goes to a guide use area on state lands?</p> <p>How do you sell for a permit in Nov. or Dec. the year prior when the population estimates for the year haven't been set yet. We are issuing permits way before we know how many tags we have to issue to begin with. Nonresidents may apply for tag and then state may not be able to issue</p>
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to with the general hunt		
No action			Then there is no subsistence priority as far as time goes. The community hunt takes only about 20 percent of the moose taken in unit 13. No action
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in unit 13		
approve	9		<p>Gives the State the opportunity to do a hunt if numbers allow. Only issuing 10 permits right now. Could issue up to 1 percent. It is a good tool for biologists.</p> <p>Does this take away the tool of predator control, no. Both are tools the state can use to keep health populations of moose. A split season hunt fall and spring, about 7 out of 10 actually take an animal. Spring the cow may be pregnant, but this will help with animal population. If you only shoot bulls you really skew the cow bull ratio.</p>
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in unit 13		
			No action see 104
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt dm324 for moose in unit 13		
Oppose		9	Only 5 permits issued.
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in units 11 and 13		
Oppose 1 abstain		8	<p>Some years no snow in Nov. rivers not frozen up. So most opportunity would be along the road. How would you administer the hunt? A bunch of people would be showing up to try and get permit, big line at fish and game. Winter hunt 2014 400 people showed up. A lot of private property along the highway.</p> <p>Hunters on broken out trap lines because of ease of using those trails.</p>
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in unit 13		
Oppose	1	8	



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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
109	Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in unit 13d and 14a		
Oppose	2	7	The drawing hunt with any ram has less tags but has decreased hunter competition. Not hurting the population. Average is 5 sheep taken. 2016 mean age is 8 and a half. Ave. age in last 5 years is 8. Only issuing 12 tags. Gives opportunity. Not that many taken. Sheep are not a subsistence animal, 90 percent of people are hunting for horns. Trophy hunt. Good meat to eat, some people prefer it. Most full curl anyway.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13d to a registration hunt		
withdraw			Withdraw it. All 9 members want to withdraw our proposal
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in unit 13		
Oppose	0	8	No closed season for bears now except over bait. Don't like fall bait season during moose season. Don't feel safe walking around. Meat taste bad bears eating fish.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in unit 11		
Support	8		What will it hurt. We will kill more bears but don't take that many there anyways. Along the river one side is June 30 and other is June 15, making it the same will be easier
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in unit 13		
No action			No action see 115
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in unit 13		
No action			No action see 115
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in units 11 and 13		
As amended support	8		As amended to last day in February (to take leap year into consideration). It used to go until end of March before. This proposal is for end of February so generally still good fur. No biological reason to not do it for all of 11 and 13. It can be monitored and if a problem is detected that numbers are going down then we can do a proposal to go back to January if you have to. Wolverine are pregnant in November as they are in February.
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in units 11 and 13		
support	8		Incidental take does happen. This proposal would help trappers by allowing them to have two incidental takes. There is no bag limit on the number of furbearers you can trap during the trapping season. So we don't believe allowing 2 incidental takes would hurt populations. We believe that many times the take is happening and just not getting reported. Wolverine that get taken in Wolf traps will die, if one is still alive you have to kill it to get it out of the set. Otter get caught in beaver sets. The seasons do not align with each other.
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in unit 11		
Oppose	2	6	The ones causing the problem are generally over bag limit anyways, they don't follow the rules anyways
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in unit 11		
Oppose	1	7	May help ruffed grouse population
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in unit 13b		
support	8	0	Most of Alaska goes beyond the Jan date.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in units 13e and 13b		
No action			No action see 119



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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
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in unit 13b		
No action			No action see 119
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use area		
support	7		House keeping. Allow hunters to camp in the sourdough campground which is within the sourdough controlled use area. Also allow hunters to launch boats and travel the gulkana river to access the western boundary of the sourdough controlled use area.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area descriptions.		
Support	7		Using Trails as a boundary are easier for hunters to understand than using a drainage.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements.		
Oppose		7	Is this different than other areas of the state? If you eliminate the specific proxy requirement you will end up having people taking advantage by taking a lot of other tags and filling them and folks not getting the animal. Before the reg was put in place to begin with a lot more people came out to hunt. This is tied to proposal 93.

Other items: Ruth McHenry asked that we support House Bill 272: Tangle Lakes as a Refuge. She said we supported it in the past.

Christopher Gene had to leave at 8:38 pm

Lee Adler left 10:09pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Alysia White
 Minutes Approved By: Chuck McMahan
 Date: 1/31/18



Copper River/PWS AC
Committee comments
October 24th, 2017

Members present: BAKER, CARPENTER, COLLINS,
HANSON, MASSOLINI, Renner, OBRIEN, Weise, ZADRA

Members Absent: BOCCI, LOHSE, Kimber, King, Sapp,
Tirrell

Proposal 152, reauthorize antlerless moose hunt 6C.

Adopted 9-0

Committee comments: The copper river/pws AC adopted proposal 152 as we have for many years. Since 1999-2000, antlerless hunts in 6C have been executed through the federal subsistence program. We request this hunt be kept on the books as a tool for ADFG managers. The 6C moose population is very healthy and vibrant with a population of 610, a bull to cow ratio of 50-100, with 25% calves.



Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 6:30 PM

Delta Junction City Hall Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm By Carl Taylor

ROLL CALL

PRESENT;

Carl Taylor (Chair)

Rusty Craig (Vice Chair),

Jacob White

Liz Neipert

Earl McNabb

Jeff Lipscomb

Vern Aiton

Paul Dudgeon

Ross Baker

Don Quarberg(ALT)

Tony Williams(ALT)

ABSENT:

Robert Mathews (Secretary) (excused)

Tim Webb (excused)

Don Bunselmeier(ALT)

Jack Windsor(ALT) (excused)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – unanimous with addition of Legislation,
Letter to Commissioner, Dall’s Sheep News, and License Revenue.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES; December 13, 2017, with corrections
(Attached)**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None



CORRESPONDENCE - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- **ADF&G Staff Update**
 - **Brandy Baker**
 - **Lake George had up to 27 inches of ice as of 4 JAN 2018**
 - **Fielding Lake had 25 inches of ice, 14 inches of snow as of 12 JAN**
 - **Statewide Stocking plan available on line or at ADF&G offices. Comments were due by 30 JAN.**
 - **Bob Schmidt**
 - **Cam Carroll will be down in February to talk about the habitat project, which is now complete.**
 - **Bison harvest is up to 60, 42 of which have been bulls.**
 - **Awarded BOG/BOF Certificates of achievement for 6 or more years of service on the AC to Jacob White, Ross Baker, Jeff Lipscomb, Jack Windsor, Rusty Craig, Vern Aiton, Don Bunselmeier, and Carl Taylor.**
- **Habitat Enhancement Project; Cameron Carroll, ADF&G. This visit was deferred until the February meeting.**
- **Comment on Central/Southwest BOG Proposals**
 - **Includes Antlerless Reauthorization for GMU20 & out-of-cycle 40Mile Caribou Herd season & bag limit proposal**
 - **See attached table.**
- **Legislation: Don Quarberg told the AC about four pieces of legislation that he felt we should be aware of and weigh in on if desired.**
 - **HB260 – concerning use of electronic devices to carry licenses and tags digitally.**
 - **HB263 – Concerning exempting water taxi operators from certain licensing requirements.**



- **HB267 – Concerning release of guided hunting and fishing information to municipalities.**
- **HB272 – concerning restrictions on uses of Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge.**
- **Letter from Delta AC to the Commissioner regarding reissue of Mr. Pinkleman’s Delta sheep tag. The AC voted unanimously to send the letter, as amended.**
- **The AC discussed information contained in the Dall’s Sheep News.**
- **Vern Aiton asked a question to Bob Schmidt regarding the effect on license revenues from the increase in non-resident license and tag fees. The concern is that if the increased fees are reducing spending, it is also reducing matching funds. Additionally, there is concern that the same is true of Sr. and indigent licenses.**

ADJOURN: 8:47 pm

Delta AC action on Central/Southwest BOG Proposals. For purposes of deciding whether or not a proposal is supported by the AC, the majority of votes cast for or against decide the matter – Abstentions do not affect the outcome.

Proposal #	Supported	VOTE	COMMENTS
70	Y	4-0-7	
76	Y	11-0-0	
77	Y	11-0-0	
78	Y	6,0,5	
101	YES - As Amended	11,0,0	Amend to make this a drawing hunt that would allow ADF&G to limit the number of hunters to help avoid overcrowding.
104	Y	9,2,0	
105	NAT		
119	Y	8,0,3	
120	NAT		
121	Y	8,0,3	



122	Y	10-0-1	
123	NAT		
124	N	0,8,3	The AC believes proxy regulations should be made more restrictive, not less.
158	Y – As Amended	7,0,4	Delta AC support is conditional on a limit of 100 cow permits until a survey of the area is conducted, the results of which can be used to determine the correct harvest goal.
159	Y	3,0,8	
160	Y	11,0,0	
161	NAT		
162	Y	11,0,0	
163	Y	10,0,1	
164	N	0,3,8	There is already a process in place for any individual physically unable to use a conventional longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow to get permission to hunt in these hunts with a crossbow or full draw hold device. Additionally, the physics of crossbows makes the argument that they are better at longer ranges flawed. While some individuals may well be more accurate at longer ranges with a crossbow, that fact is more than offset by the reduction in kinetic energy that results from shorter, lighter projectiles. Less kinetic energy results in less penetration, and a higher likelihood of wounded animals.
165	NAT		
166	Y	11,0,0	



**Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 11, 2018
Cantwell School Library**

- I. Call to Order: 7:15 pm by Don Holum
- II. Roll Call:
 - Members Present: Bruce Gore, Jeff Burney, Ray Atkins, Justin Mason, Don Holum, Caleb Holum
 - Members Absent: Lance Williams, Gordon Carlson, Marie Gore
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
 - List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Already done
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Sands AST
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:

Certificate of Appreciation handed out to committee members.

Voting for the the 3 seats Jeff Burney - 6 Votes

Don Holum - 6 Votes

Caleb Holum - 6 Votes

Motion by Don Holum Seconded by Jeff Burney

Unanimous Vote:

Election for Officers Gordon Carlson - Chairman

Lance Williams - Vice Chairman

Justin Mason - Secretary

Motion to send Gordon to Dillingham by Don Holum Seconded by Jeff Burney



Gordon Carlson has volunteered to go to Dillingham to represent the Denali AC. Don Holum is unable to attend.

Various discussion about CSH hunt in unit 13 regarding the pros and cons of it.

The committee still supports Proposal 58 for salvage requirements.

January 25, 2018 next AC meeting to further discuss Alaska Board of Game Proposals.

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting February 16 – 23, 2018 Dillingham			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support			This will also help prevent ptarmigan predation kills. Committee members feel population numbers are up for wolverine in the area.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Support			Pilots and users in the area feel that population of birds are substantially down at this time. Early spring birds being killed are breeding birds that are vulnerable. Committee is concerned that future generations of bird hunters may not experience the quality of hunting that is being experienced currently.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Justin Mason
Minutes Approved By: Caleb Holum, Jeff Burney
Date: 1/11/18



Denali Advisory Committee
January 25, 2018
Cantwell School Library

- I. Call to Order: 7:35
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Harold Mowery, Ray Atkins, Lance Williams, Don Holum, Justin Mason, Caleb Holum, Gordon Carlson (late)

Members Absent: Bruce Gore, Jeff Burney, Marie Gore,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Already completed
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Sands ATS, Frank Robbins ADFG
- VI. Guests Present: Jeni Mason
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Frank Robbins presenting numerous proposals

Caleb Holum is concerned about the unlimited proxy hunting going on in Unit 13 due to the community hunt regs. We have stated that community hunters should proxy hunt for the disabled, handicapped, and elderly only.

Population crowding and Quality of hunt issues are concerning Lance Williams and Justin Mason. Lance Williams is wondering what we can do to Caribou hunt to help change the crowding of DH corridor. Lance Williams is wondering what the historical size of the unit 13 herd is. Best guesstimate is about 70,000.

Justin Mason is frustrated with crowding on Denali Highway during caribou season and would like to see some sort of test to participate in the Community Harvest hunt.



The committee as whole would like to see check stations and more enforcement in Unit 13 especially along the Denali Highway corridor.

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Pro- posal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	6	0	No Discussion
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
			Tabled due to the reason of ANS is not being followed at this time anyway. Not sure why the author is wanting this.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	6	0	Lance Williams supports since we are meeting/exceeding ANS at this time and keep all drawing for bull and add the 100 any bull tags to the drawing from the CSH.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	6	0	Return to Tier 1 Hunt and allow proxy hunting for Alaska residents who are blind, 65 years of age or older, are physically disabled, or who are developmentally disabled.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
Oppose	0	6	Lance Williams is concerned about overcrowding and a quick season closure. Overcrowding concerns.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	6	Concern after talking with the biologist that this may cause larger crowding problems. Due to the reference from 1997 when 36,000 participants applied for the unrestricted hunt.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	6	0	May help overcrowding. Gives more opportunities for youth.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Support	7	0	Committee supports in hopes that this should provide some economic benefits for the community.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
			Tabled
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	5	2	Gordon not in favor of a cow hunt. Harold Mowery does not agree with the dates in March for the cow hunt, he is concerned about the harvest of pregnant cows. Justin Mason was in favor of the proposal so that biologists have tools to help manage the population of animals if necessary to prevent over browsing and a population crash.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	7	Lance Williams is concerned this will turn into a trophy hunt. He is also concerned that this is the time of year that population surveys conducted. Lance has not been seeing many large bulls in Unit 13 this year especially the areas that are easily accessed and hunted hard. The animals during this time of year are very vulnerable do to increased and easy access with snow machines.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	6	Gordon Carlson abstained from the vote stating that he is torn between each side of this proposal. Lance mentioned that this could cause an over harvest of younger breeding bulls.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	7	Lance is concerned about user conflict with bait stations and enforcement issues with users on the DH. Gordon is concerned with moose kills being used for baits. Justin Mason is also concerned with user conflicts during this time of year especially the non hunting community who already have many complaints during hunting season along the Denali Highway corridor.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
			This will also help prevent ptarmigan predation kills. Committee members feel population numbers are up for wolverine in the area.
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
	7	0	Denali AC supports amended to 1 incidental Catch.



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Pro- posal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Oppose	0	7	Don Holum opposes this due to the fact that this will hurt willow ptarmigan populations. Rock ptarmigan are not being counted accurately by the dept. Spring snow-machine hunters are over harvesting the willow ptarmigan. To prevent a sliding baseline of populations we need to protect this for future generations of hunters.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
			Pilots and users in the area feel that population of birds are substantially down at this time. Early spring birds being killed are breeding birds that are vulnerable. Committee is concerned that future generations of bird hunters may not experience the quality of hunting that is being experienced currently.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	6	0	Don Holum abstained due to lack of knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the issue. Lance Williams feels this is more of a house keeping issue. Gordon is wondering what the difference of this is compared to launching boats at the Susitna Bridge and the Clearwater Controlled Use Area.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	7	0	Lance Williams is in favor of clarifying the boundary for less hunter confusion. Will prevent user conflict amongst hunters.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		



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Pro- posal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	6		<p>1 abstained Don Holum.</p> <p>Support with the amendment of capping at 5 proxy hunts.</p> <p>This should be tied to Proposal 93. Lance Williams was thinking of possibly capping the proxy hunt to 5. Gordon Carlson feels it needs to be capped also. Caleb Holum feels that this will be abused like the CSH caribou hunt.</p>

Adjournment: 11:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Justin Mason
Minutes Approved By: Lance Williams
Date: 1/29/18



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1-10-2018
Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK**

I. Call to Order: Chair at 18:37

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Valerie Baxter	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	John Wisniewski	Warren Giuchici	Mark Richards
Present	X	X	X	X		X		X
Absent								
Abs/Excused					X		X	
	Lyle Shelnut	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Mike Quinn	Mike Kramer	Vince Holton	
Present	X	X	X				X	
Absent								
Abs/Excused				X	X	X		

III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous with additions of ACRs and Fish Stocking Program discussion.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 2017 approved unanimously with typographical corrections.

V. Correspondence: None.

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: DWC-- Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson.



VII. Guests: BoG - Tom Lamal, Public - John Giuchici, Mike Prax, Jennifer Yuhas, Chris Sandlin, AWT – Trooper Bump.

VIII. Comments

Chair Comments: Update on Yukon Salmon Treaty Panel and BoF meeting.

Vice Chair – proposal comments and need for a RAC member

AC Member Comments: Al – trapping subcommittee: nothing, WACH working group update; Kirk – comment on authority of AC representative to pull AC proposals at board meetings. Add this and officer elections to February meeting; Bill Larry comments on stocking program.

Public Comments: Prax – aircraft user fees.

IX. F&G Staff Reports:

Tony Hollis, 20A sheep, caribou and moose updates. 20B moose updates. 25C sheep updates. Wolf updates.

X. Old Business: None

XI. New Business:

Comments on BOG proposals: moved to adopt subcommittee recommendations 10-0. With the following taken up by the whole AC:



Prop 70: amend to include "big game" only support 10-0

Prop 97: TNA based on subcommittee action on 92 10-0

Prop 101: amend to draw 10-0 support 10-0

Prop 103: support 10-0

Prop 108: amend to 3 for resident 8-2, oppose 2-8

Prop 111: support 8-2

Prop 131: support 9-0-1

Prop 132: oppose 3-7

Prop 158: support 9-0-1

Prop 159: support 9-0-1

Prop 160: support 8-0-2

Prop 162: support 10-0

Joint board meeting, full AC support a full open call, Al Barrete to write letter.



Stocking program, Dune lake needs rainbow trout, Bill to write letter

XII. Adjourn: 20:00

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm



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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
70	Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Support as Amended	10	0	We would amend the language in (7)(C) to read: “no motorized vehicle may be used to transport hunters, hunting gear, parts of big game ,... This amendment would allow permitted trappers to travel within the corridor and carry fur they have harvested and bait used for trapping. We would also like to point out that the Bettles Winter Trail is an RS2477 and should remain open to the public.
71	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Oppose	0	10	
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	10	We generally oppose special season hunts for one take method.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	10	Same comments as 72.
74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	10	Not necessary to change this.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	10	This is too complicated a solution and problematic to track.
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	10	0	
77	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B and increase permit levels in Unit 14A		
No Action			FAC not in this antlerless jurisdiction.
78	Authorize an any bull draw permit hunt in Unit 14B		
Support	10	0	It has worked in 20A and we support as long as there is no biological concerns.
79	Modify the hunt structure for Dall sheep in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	10	The current system seems to be working and provides a different data set to compare with full curl regulations.
80	Open a resident registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	10	Too much risk for overharvest.
81	Increase the bag limit for brown bear and allow the harvest of brown bear at black bear bait stations in Unit 14A		
Support	10	0	We support being able to take brown bears over bait if there are no biological concerns.
82	Create a management area for the Mat-Su Borough's Government Peak Recreation Area in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	10	We emphatically oppose any new Management Areas.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
83	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 16A		
Oppose	0	10	Should keep the antler spread in regulation.
84	Raise the population objective for moose in Unit 16B		
Oppose	0	10	This would have negative implications for the existing hunting seasons.
85	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 16B Remainder (DM540, YM541 and RM574)		
No Action			
86	Shorten the season for black bear baiting in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	No biological reason for this, no need to shorten the season.
87	Prohibit the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	We support the taking of brown bears over bait statewide if there are no biological concerns.
88	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	Not necessary to shorten seasons or reduce bag limit.
89	End the predator control program for black and brown bear in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	10	The program is not currently active but should remain on the books.
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
Support	10	0	This is allowed in other areas of the state with no issues.
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
No Action			This seems more appropriate for Joint Board consideration.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	10	0	We would like these hunts to be eliminated.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Same as 92.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	See 92.
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	See 92.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
Support	10	0	See 92.
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
No Action			We agree that this requirement should not exist but cannot support the language of this proposal.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	10	We concur with the Department of Law's opposition to this proposal.
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	This requirement is unnecessarily restrictive in light of the population size and harvest needs of the Nelchina herd.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	See comments for 99.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support as Amended	10	0	Our amendment is that this hunt be implemented as a drawing permit.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Support as Amended	10	0	We amended this proposal to remove the October 21 to March 21 season.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
Support	10	0	First, we DO NOT support the community subsistence harvest hunts at all but if they have to exist, the moose season should match the general season.
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
No Action			
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	10	Antlerless hunts should be allowed when the population can support them and as a management tool.
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	10	Removing this is unnecessary.
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	10	This could lead to the crazy, "Wait in line," for a permit scenarios like Minto was – lengthen the season for everyone instead.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	8	The two who supported thought that residents could go to 3 brow tines while non-residents stayed at 4 brow tines. That amendment was not supported.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
109	Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl ram” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
Oppose	0	10	No need to change these hunts. We support the existence of a few hunts where hunters can take any ram instead of full curl – it is easier on the hunter and allows for hunting for meat.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
Support	10	0	No biological concerns.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
Support	8	2	The two members in opposition were concerned about the potential for user conflicts amongst moose/caribou and bear hunters. They also thought a buffer from the road or trails should be used.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
Support	10	0	We support more opportunity as long as there is no biological concerns.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	No issues with this.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	10	0	Same as 113.
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	10	0	
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	10	This would be too difficult to track – how do you know who has taken what incidentally?
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	10	No need for this change.
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	10	No need for this change.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	10	0	We support increased opportunity.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
No Action			Based on Proposal 119.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	10	0	Same as 119.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	10	0	Makes sense to re-word this CUA as described.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	10	0	Clarifies the boundary better with new language.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Support	10	0	The proxy regulations should be consistent statewide.



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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
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
No Action			Not an issue for the FAC constituency.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
Support as Amended	10	0	No non-residents should have a bag limit over 2 caribou at any populations level.
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
Support	10	0	No biological issues, we support this AC's proposal.
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
Oppose	0	10	We cannot support the no harvest ticket required portion of this proposal and some of the gender regulations in place make biological sense.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	10	0	This seems reasonable and we support this AC's proposal.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	10	0	Registration permits should ALWAYS be easy to acquire or it is discriminatory.
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Support	8	1	1 abstention. The opposed member thinks that there could be very negative consequences to changing this bag limit. The supporters do not feel that this poses a problem based on the data that residents do not return frequently currently.
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
Oppose	3	7	The supporters feel that residents should be granted a leg up and that there should be resident preference. The opposition do not feel that this is necessary in Unit 9.
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
Support	10	0	The data indicates that harvest should be reduced.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
No Action			
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
No Action			
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
No Action			No FAC jurisdiction
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	Makes sense to shift the existing seasons as this AC feels that safety is an issue.



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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
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	See 137
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	10	There should be a separation between starting dates.
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	10	This does not seem necessary.
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	10	There is no biological basis for this, the current 20% to non-residents seems adequate.
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
No Action			This proposal is difficult – is it for 17A or 17C?
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
No Action			Not an issue for FAC constituency.
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
No Action			Not an issue for FAC constituency.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	10	The population is not yet at the population objective.
146	Open a guide-required nonresident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 17B		
No Action			Not in the BOG authority.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	10	Same as 145, the population isn't there yet, not meeting ANS.
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
No Action			There are GMUs in the proposal that are not in this call for proposals. We would prefer not allowing for caribou or wolverine in any units.
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support as Amended			We would amend to add a season: 1 September to May 31 st under a trapping license, firearms, bow, allowed and no sealing requirement.
150	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Unit 1C		
No Action			
151	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, the Nunatak Bench hunt		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
No Action			
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
No Action			
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
No Action			
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
No Action			
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
No Action			
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
No Action			
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
No Action			
158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	1 abstain vote
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	10	0	
160	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	8	0	2 abstention votes
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
No Action			
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	10	0	
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
No Action			



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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
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
No Action			
57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	15	The Fairbanks AC is disappointed that the Board of Game continues to try to legitimize an AHTNA preference with the Community Subsistence Harvest hunts. This is a totally unenforceable definition of community and the CSH hunts simply need to be abolished entirely.
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	15	Making salvage more challenging is not enough, CSH hunts should be repealed.
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			Board does not have authority.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Secretary, Kirk SchwalmMinutes Approved By: Advisory CommitteeDate: 1/10/18

**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee****Oct. 24, 2017****NERRS Building****Call to Order:** 6:08 by Dave Lyon chair**Roll Call:****Members Present:** Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Thomas Hagberg, Marvin Peters, Dennis Wade, Doug Malone, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred, Phillip Jones.**Members Absent:** Ty Gates, Lee Martin, Gary Sinnhuber, Dan Anderson,**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 8**List of User Groups Present:** None**Approval of Agenda:** Approved**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved by Chair.**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jason Herreman**Guests Present:** Dale Hall, Alaska Falconers Association.**Old Business:** Brief discussion about BOF meeting. Board did not consider an ACR regarding Kodiak intercept fisheries.**New Business:** None**Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting**

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
Support	12	0	Purpose of the proposal is to prevent chick from being removed from the nest before fully fledged.
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
Support	12	0	Need to avoid exploitation.
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
Support	12	0	Makes it easier to track illegally taken falcons and to prosecute.
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	This appears to be a backdoor attempt with the intent of leading to increased take of other, more financially valuable falcons.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Opposed	3	5, A-4	Doug Malone, who was involved in this proposal, said that limiting harvest of big game by nonresidents is done in every other state. It is now needed in Alaska because of a



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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
			conservation concern over dwindling sheep populations. He also said that limiting nonresident harvest first is consistent with Alaska's Constitution, particularly Article 8 and Article 1, Section 3 Resident Preference. While the proposal states that the nonresident allocation should be limited to 10%, that number is negotiable. Those opposed or abstained said they were concerned about the impact that such a significant reduction would have on guides. They suggested a higher percentage might be more acceptable. They also said more data is needed about harvest. This discussion came about because of some confusion over the difference between the percentage of permits for residents and nonresidents and how that relates to success rate.
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Opposed	2	4, A-6	The discussion for this proposal was basically similar to proposal 36.
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Opposed	0	12	What is being proposed is overly complicated and blurs the distinction between what is and is not legal.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Opposed	0	12	The objections here are the same as proposal 38.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
Support	12	0	The discussion focused on the authority of the Board of Game and whether it, rather than the legislature, can add species to the must-be-guided list.
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
Support Amended	7	4, A-1	The discussion by the AC was that limiting waste of game meat should apply to all hunters, not just guided hunters. Accordingly, an amended was proposed to strike "a guided" and "the guide". This passed 9,0,3.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support Amended	7	4,1	The discussion was that the purpose of predator control under intensive management should be to provide better opportunity for traditional use and that allowing nonresident hunters to participate in areas that have had predator control to increase game harvest is inconsistent with that purpose. An amendment was proposed to replace "moose and caribou" with "any big game population." This was approved 8,3,1.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0	
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	9	1, A-2	The vote against was based on the belief that there are not enough cows now for breeding bulls.

Adjournment: 7:50

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
 Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon, Chair
 Date: 10/25/2017



ADFG Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee

--Special meeting on Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee proposals to designate federal priority for Berner's Bay moose for subsistence hunting purposes.

Monday October 16, 2017
University of Alaska Southeast
Egan Room 218.

In attendance: AC Members, Atlin Daugherty, Ed Buyarski, Henry Webb, Jason Kohlhase, Kevin Maier, Jesse Walker, Kris Trott, Nicholas Orr, Terry White

GUESTS: Stephanie Sell, ADFG Wildlife Biologist; Lauren Sill with Southeast Alaska Subsistence Resource Specialist with ADFG Subsistence, and Kristy Tibbles with ADFG.

Stephanie Sell opens with a bit of history:

Draw hunt was Closed for 7 years, re-opened in 2014. Since we reopened the bull hunt in 2014 there have been 5 draw permits annually. 7 "any bulls" draw permits this year. All 7 hunters were successful. One from out of state, one from POW, 5 from Juneau.

115 Moose in last survey. 30 collared cows. Sighatability estimate: 130-140 moose in the area. Not a lot of connection to other moose populations. There's a nutritional carrying capacity in the area, so the hunt is managed to keep this herd around this number. Geographically isolated. So this population is carefully managed through hunting.

Stephanie doesn't know the RAC history with this proposal.

Lauen Sill, with ADFG Subsistence, Customary and Traditional Use finding requested in 2010. Berner's Bay was included in the 2014 or 2015 decision, which deemed all of UNIT 1C, including Berner's Bay, as a C and T area. That is, there is a positive evidence of C and T use there.

Feds have a vested interest in finding access for federally qualified subsistence users.

With their "Preliminary Conclusion" document drafted for the Federal Subsistence meetings Federal Biologists have de facto endorsed the plan in the proposal to designate Berner's Bay as a subsistence area. They have drafted a mgmt.. plan for a Federal Draw permit for one bull, and possibly for a cow draw permit as well, if numbers allow.

Their mission is to privilege Federal users.



97% of land base in Burner's Bay is Federal.

492 people put in for permit in 2013.

717 people put in for 7 permits in 2016 for the 2017 hunting season. Most of whom are from Juneau. Trends suggest over 1000 applications for draw permits this year.

Ed moves to oppose this proposal to the RAC to provide a Federal Priority for moose in UNIT 1C in Burner's Bay for rural residents. Jesse Walker seconds. VOTE IS 8-0, Kevin abstains.

VOTED to SUPPORT Board of Game PROPOSAL #150 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in UNIT 1C. 9-0. Unanimously passes.

Brainstormed ideas for Ed to include in his testimony.

Agreed to send BOG Statewide proposals to Stephanie Sell and Atlin. Also send BOF proposals we want to discuss to entire e-mail list.

Adjourned at 6:55pm.



**Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee
Oct 26, 2017
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Campus Room 218.**

I. Call to Order: 5:35 by Ed Buyarski--acting chair.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ed Buyarski, Nicholas Orr, Thatcher Browuer, Jesse Walker, Mike Bethers, Jesse Ross, Henry Webb, Jason Kohlhase, Richard Yamada, Terry White, Kristine Trott, Kevin Maier

Members Absent: Atlin Daugherty

List of User Groups Present: Commercial, sport/hunt/personal use, charter-Salt, charter-fresh, trapper, non-consumptive

Elections: motion to re-elect Henry Webb, Jason Kohlhase, Jesse Walker, and Kevin Maier to their respective seats. Also to elect to alternate seats: Melanie Brown and Mike Cole.

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Fish and Game Staff Present: Dan Teske, Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, David Love, Asst Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, Dave Harris Comm fish area mgmt. bio) Scott Forbes, Asst comm fish area mgmt. bio, Ryan Scott, Director, game biologist

Guests Present: PUBLIC: Mollie Dwyer, Bree Simpson, Wes Strausberger, Sommers Cole,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
164	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older		

BOG PROPOSAL 71: 8-0 (with 6 abstentions SUPPORT

BOF 39: No action

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
53	Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.			
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended /no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
54	Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.			
55	Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.			
56	Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.			



Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
204				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.
	a	8	3	Amend: open to fishing Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 1-fish per day, 4 fish/year. (3 Abstentions)
205				Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.

Adjournment: 9:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Kevin Maier _____

Minutes Approved By: _____ Ed Buyarski _____

Date: _____ 10/27/2017 _____



Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Date: 01/11/2018
Location of Meeting: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:45 by Mike Crawford, Chair

I. Roll Call:

Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	X		
Alex Agosti – At Large			x
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	X		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing		Resigned	
Dick Dykema - Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	X		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate			x
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Joe Bressler – At Large		Resigned	
Joe Thomas – At Large	@8:47pm		
Marlene Loomis – At Large	Resigned		
Michelle Williams – Hunting	X		
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	X		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	X		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use			x

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Jeanie Schwartz, DEC

II. Approval of Agenda:

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:



IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

V. Guests Present: 2

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

Jeanie Schwartz with DEC to talk about turbidity and Kenai River:

Went through categories of water body impairment. (1-5)

Still working on 2016 report (late) so they can then submit the 2018 report on time.

3 Water bodies to be listed in 2014-2016 report on the 303d list: Lake Lucille, Little Su, Kenai River in July.

Kenai levels showed impairment for drinking water and contact recreation (10ntus over 10% of the time) and secondary recreation (15ntu's over 10% of the time). Not the third level – aquatic wildlife 25ntu's over 10% of the time).

Kenai was over 57% of time for 1st, 32% for 2nd, and 3% for 3rd.

Report does not commit DEC to action. Just helps to create action on the issue.

DEC cannot write citations for the clean water act. Only has authority on permitted facilities. All they can do is understand problem, communicate what problem is, and provide funding to fix.

Study was 2008, 2009, 2010.

Turbidity issue was the main reason that report was held up – specifically how to evaluate it since it's not an absolute measurement.

Tidal influence did not seem to change turbidity readings.

The 96 readings per day were averaged so as eliminate momentary spikes.

Concerned citizen from the farm across the street talked about belugas pooping on the beach.

Break - Michelle left.

Back from break 8:23

Brian Marston ADFG:



Deep water release mechanism has 98% success in keeping yelloweye rockfish alive. Getting them back down quick makes a huge difference.

Monte made a motion to write a resolution requiring saltwater anglers to have deepwater release mechanism on board their boats. Andrew seconded. Unanimous consent. 9-0

Paul passed around his proposal to the joint board to let people be available for question when the BOF deliberates submitted petitions.

Ted Spraker – in reference to Paul's joint board discussion/proposal, said that the joint boards should have a scheduled meeting once in a while, but it's expensive. Possibly tack on a day at a statewide meeting every 2 years for the joint board to meet.

Board of Game Issues. Joe Thomas showed up 8:47pm



Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose
71	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	10	0	Support proposal, but only to allow crossbow in restricted hunts that allow multiple weapon types (bow, muzzleloader, etc) but not in specific restricted hunts (such as muzzleloader only or bow and arrow only). We don't want to see bow hunts turn into crossbow hunts, or muzzleloader specific hunts turn into crossbow/muzzleloader hunts, etc.
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17		
Oppose	0	7	Lots of Discussion: Thought proposal was too broad. Access should be given to all Alaskans if there are excess animals even though we support bow hunts opportunity. 3 abstained
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fees exemptions for the central/southwest region		
Support	10	0	Joe proposed and Monte seconded an amending the proposal to say that resident hunters would not be required to have locking tags statewide. This would still require most guided hunters to have a locking tag, but would simplify regs that now try to draw lines around communities to eliminate locking tag requirements around them. As Amended 10-0
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	0	Concerns were brought up about crowing on the rather small island considering that it is a rifle hunt. Possibly steps like shotgun only or mandatory hunter orange should at least be discussed
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in portion of Unit 15c		
Support	10	0	
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 & 14C		
Support	10	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Todd Smith
 Minutes Approved By: Chair
 Date: 2/2/2018



**Kotzebue Sound AC Meeting
10/24/2017
Northwest Arctic Borough**

1. Call to Order: 7:10 pm by Alex Whiting
2. Roll Call: Members Present: Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary), Cyrus Harris, Michael Kramer, Karmen Monigold, Lance Kramer, Eugene Smith

Members Absent: Pete Schaeffer (Chair), Victor Karmun, Enoch Sheidt
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with deletion on BOF proposals and proposal 57 - unanimous approved.
4. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 11/03/2016 – Motion to Approve minutes - unanimous approved.
5. ADF&G Staff present: Brandon Saito, Hazel Smith, Alex Hansen
6. Guests present: NPS WEAR – (Hannah Adkisson), USFWS Selawik Refuge – (David Zibriskie) USFWS OSM – (Joshua Ream, Megan Klosterman, Lisa Maas), AK Troopers – Justin McGinness, Public – Reid Magdanz
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business – Board of Game Proposals



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10-17, 2017 - Anchorage

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	# 4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds	
Supported	6	0	Support utilizing all edible portions.
BOG	# 6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers	
Supported	6	0	Good to allow small incidental take
BOG	# 7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide	
Supported	6	0	Bow and arrow is legitimate method of take, need more beavers taken in Unit 23
BOG	# 8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license	
Opposed	0	6	Concern of overharvest of wolverine
BOG	# 9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes	
Supported	6	0	Need to control spread of coyotes
BOG	# 14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens	
Opposed	0	6	Traditional method of take in northern Interior
BOG	# 15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs	
Opposed	0	6	Traditional method of take in northern Interior
BOG	# 25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide	
Opposed	0	6	Unit 23 has hunting license only brown bear hunt and that has been working well for the area, we want to keep this approach.
BOG	# 41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag	
Supported	6	0	Spring waterfowl subsistence hunts no longer require federal stamp would like to also not require state stamp to simplify requirements
BOG	# 43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting	
Supported	6	0	Already strict regional and individual quotas to deal with conservation issue, would allow for Elders and others that have difficulty hunting to use their individual quota and enjoy eating this goose on occasion.
BOG	# 49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold	



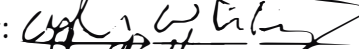
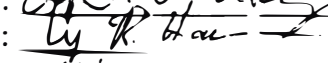
Supported	6	0	Good way to track sale of bears and provide useful information for future decisions surrounding this issue. Would already need to seal the bears and could pick up permit same time.
BOG	# 52		Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
Supported	6	0	Nonresidents should not be allowed to harvest from populations with severe conservation concerns and intensive management
BOG	# 53		Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide
Supported	6	0	Already in place in Unit 23
BOG	# 54		Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
Opposed	0	6	We are satisfied with the weighting to benefit high cost and subsistence dependency as current Tier II is structured
BOG	# 58		Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts
Supported	6	0	Good to take all the parts out of the field whole to ensure full utilization under this special opportunity
BOG	# 60		Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course
Opposed	0	6	Support voluntary hunter education and would encourage more efforts to educate youth, but mandatory system would be very problematic in rural areas where very few people of any age have taken a formal course.
BOG	# 163		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A
Supported	6	0	Unit 23 has hunting license only brown bear hunt and that has been working well for the area, we want to keep this approach.

9. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

November 10-17, 2017 Board of Game Statewide Regulations
Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: October 27, 2017

10. General discussion of caribou migration, which was stuck in mountains for lengthy period, likely due to warm weather and the hard time local hunters had of harvesting. Discuss enforcement action activities in Unit 23 with Trooper McGinness. Discuss current status of the caribou herd population and regulations in place whether they are working or not. Look forward to new population number coming out in December from ADF&G new photo/counting system. Discussed House Bill 211 Rep. Westlakes bill to require non-resident hunters to hire professional guide for caribou hunting in Arctic caribou populations.

11. Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: 
Minutes Approved By: 
Date: 10/25/17



**Lake Iliamna Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Port Alsworth**

- I. Call to Order: 11:25 by Randy Alvarez 10-17-2017
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Lyle Wilder, Elijah Eknaty, George Alexie, William Trefon,
Members Absent:
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Advisory Committee board members, Facilitator, Fish and Wildlife biologists
- III. Approval of Agenda: Lyle Wilder moves to approve, William Trefon seconds, unanimous approval.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Lyle Wilder moves to approve, Elijah seconds, unanimous approval.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Lee Bordon, Taryn O'Connor-Brito
- VI. Guests Present: Warren Hill
- VII. Elections: Nominations for Port Alsworth seat, George Alexie nominates Warren Hill, Randy Alvarez nominates Lyle Wilder, Vote of members present, Warren Hill is elected to Port Alsworth seat with a term expiring 2020. Thomas "Tinney" Hedlund nominated as Vice Chair for advisory Committee, and elected with unanimous support. Warren appoints lyle Wilder as alternate for port Alsworth rep through 2020.
- VIII. Staff Updates:

Taryn - Statewide Board of Game meeting Nov 10-17th Oct 27 deadline for commenting. Central/Southwest Board of Game Feb 16-23rd, Feb 2nd deadline for commenting. Board of Fish Meeting November 2018.
As a board we need to have minutes approved rather than draft minutes submitted to improve our procedures. Chairman Randy Alvarez is appointed by committee to approve the minutes from this meeting for submission to the board.



Dave Crowley – discussion of Moose collars placed on 24 cows this spring to improve understanding of moose cow and calf survivability, 56% twin calf occurrence, Calf mortality currently 70% with high bear and wolf presence. Still strong Moose presence, unit 9C hunting season increased by 5 days in response to numbers.

IX. New Business:

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting November 10 – 17, 2017 Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	5	0	A harvestable portion for Customary and Traditional use is recommended by the board, would like to see customary and traditional uses of state game be acknowledged by the state in the future.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Oppose	0	5	This regulation would water down the rules and make taking of game too liberal for any occasion. The proposal is not specific enough in that any celebration or event would be reason enough to take a moose or other game for use.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	1	4	Discussion over older hunters needing to be grandfathered into the system and would be very difficult to capture the entire state worth of hunters into the system when they are used to hunting as they always have. Discussion about hunter education needing to come from the elders and passed down through family to the young hunters in the rural villages. No efficient system in place to spread to all villages but it is a good idea for young hunters to have training.



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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
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	5	0	
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
Support	5	0	The Mulchatna caribou herd drops down below the branch river occasionally and then becomes off limits, this would allow the herd to be harvested when in the area for the local hunters.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	5	0	Changing the season would make the federal and state seasons the same and make it more simplified.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	5	0	No action on the proposal as stated BUT would like to AMEND proposal to allow for permits to be available on line. Would like to support the departments proposal to remove the requirement of showing up in person for a permit and making the permits available on line.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
Support	5	0	Board would like to limit spring hunt of birds to prevent a majority of adult birds from being harvested. Ptarmigan are cyclical in their population like other animals and we can move bag limit again later as population rebounds from current low.
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
Support	5	0	AMEND - Board would like to see a November hunt only and amend proposal to read 2 animals per day, 4 in possession with reporting requirements in place.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	5	Discussion of not adequate caribou for out of state harvest, progression should be the reverse of de-regulation. Same day airborne should be re-instated first before out of state hunters are introduced.
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
Support	5	0	Division of Subsistence technical paper #47 by Steven R. Behnke sited wildlife utilization and the economy of Nondalton. The change to the regulations would be not requiring the user to be off the snowmachine prior to harvesting the animals. Board agrees this is a reasonable idea.

Date and time of next meeting: Call of the Chair, tentatively October 2018 in Nondalton.

Adjournment: 2:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: _Lyle Wilder_

Minutes Approved By: _Chairman Randy Alvarez

Date: _10-25-2017_



**Lower Bristol Bay
Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December 15, 2017
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: Approximately 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Mitch Seybert with 8 members present.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
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| Mike Enright | Tim Enright |
| Brian Cato (until 11:45) | Tom Bursch (until 11:00) |
| Mary West (until 11:45) | Eddie Clark (until 11:00) |
| Kim Rice | Mark Kosbruk (starting at 11:00) |
| Mitch Seybert | |
- Members Absent:
- Eric Beeman excused for medical appointment.
Tracy Vrem actively tried to call in from out of state and was unable to.
Gerda Kosbruk
John Christensen Jr.
- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Normally 8 (but 7 this meeting because Egegik Village elected, and Port Heiden Village elected seats are currently vacant.)
- List of User Groups Present: Egegik, Pilot Point, Port Heiden, Ugashik
- III. Approval of Agenda: Tom motions to approve agenda, Eddie seconds.
Agenda approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approval of Minutes from 4/26/17.
Tim motions to approve minutes, Brian seconds.
Minutes approved unanimously.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
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| Paul Salomone – Commercial Fish | Travis Lons – AWT |
| Dave Crowley – Wildlife Conservation | Taryn O'Connor – Brito – Boards Support |
| Lee Borden – Sport Fish | |
- VI. Guests Present:
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| Chuck McCallum – Lake and Peninsula Borough | Cody Larson – BBNA |
| Gene Sandone – BBEDC | Caiti Bursch – Set Net Fisherman |
- VII. Elections: 5 seats open for election, Seats were previously held by Mark Kosbruk, Kim Rice, Tom Bursch, Tracy Vrem, and John Christensen.
Tracy has expressed via email his wish to run again for his seat.
Brian moves to open the floor to nominations, Tom seconds.



Eddie Clark nominates Tracy Vrem.
Mitch Seybert nominates Kim Rice.
Mitch Seybert nominates Tom Bursch.
Mitch Seybert nominates John Christensen.
Mitch Seybert and Tim Enright nominate Mark Kosbruk.
No more nominations...Tim motions to close nominations, Eddie seconds.
AC Members running unopposed, Members seated with unanimous consent.

VIII. New Business:

Designated Board of Fish Proposals for Bristol Bay and Area M.



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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
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
Amended	8	0	<p>Dave would favor an amendment to open season August 10th, and close season October 10th.</p> <p>Mitch-Wants to know about calf survival.</p> <p>Dave-The NAP has seen marginal survival rates for an increasing population. AC will re visit proposal.</p> <p><u>Proposal 125 revisited</u></p> <p>Brian motions to adopt proposal 125, Tim seconds.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Mitch likes Dave's proposed season amendment from earlier.</p> <p>Tim motions to amend the proposal to change the season open dates to August 10th through October 10th, Mark seconds.</p> <p>Amendment carries 8-0</p> <p>Proposal 125 as amended carries 8-0</p>
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
No Action			<p>Dave-Department wants to contain the herd to 4,000 to avoid the peak and crash situation that shut it down for 10 years. Wants to be able to manage for max harvest when the time comes.</p> <p>Mitch-Wants to know when Dave would open up a commercial hunt on the SAP</p> <p>Dave-Right now it is open to nonresidents by harvest ticket.</p> <p>Mitch-How about the NAP?</p> <p>Dave-Population objectives for NAP are about 8-12 thousand. Number of tier II permits issued was just raised, but there is a long way to go.</p> <p>Eddie-(phone breaking up bad, so I could barely hear Eddie) asked about the option for same day fly and shoot to be brought back as a tool to control the SAP.</p> <p>Dave-Yes, it went away when the SAP crashed, but could be an option, the herd is a ways from needing it, but eventually maybe yes.</p> <p>No motion made, AC moves on.</p>
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
No Action			<p>Dave-Relates to 9B/9C caribou.</p> <p>Mitch doesn't have a problem with the proposal.</p> <p>Eddie thinks it might clear up some issues.</p> <p>No motion made, AC moves on.</p>
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
No Action			<p>Dave-128 would allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10 (Adak). Department will probably be neutral, but at the same time would encourage cow harvest.</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
			Eddie-Has hunted down there, it is pretty weather driven, hard to hunt if the wind in not blowing the right way. He is after met, and doesn't really care if it is a cow. Dave agrees it is a hard hunt. Dave doesn't think it is that hard to determine sex. No motion made, AC moving on with concerns for quorum.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
No Action			Dave-Unit 9B moose Moving on.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
No Action			Dave-Unit 9B moose. Moving on.
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Opposed	0	8	Dave-Would remove the brown bear resident bag limit. The department will probably be neutral. Dave notes that harvest has been dropping. Mark-With the harvest already dropping would oppose. Mitch-Would support the department in opposing this. Mike-Wonders why someone would want this, and wouldn't support. Dave-The group advocates for resident sport hunters. Tim motions to adopt, Brian seconds. Prop 131 Fails 0-8
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
No Action			Dave-Proposal would effectively double resident hunting opportunity. Department will probably be neutral. Dave has voiced some personal conservation concerns. Mitch-Likes to see residents come first. Dave-Currently residents have the same opportunity as nonresidents, plus additional opportunity under the RB505 hunt. This proposal seems unnecessary. Tim would like to move on & revisit proposal 125 before Brian and Mary have to leave.
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
No Action			Dave-Proposal would change nonresident brown bear registration hunt to a drawing hunt. Department would consider shorting season by a week in Unit 9C. The proposal is pretty complex. Not sure what the department's strategy will be, but Dave doesn't think they will want to go to a drawing permit. This proposal is for state lands in drainage, but he could see hunters (probably not guides so much) being confused about which are federal lands. Mitch-Would be opposed to this proposal.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			Mark-Wants to know if the department shortened the season by a week for conservation, if they would consider lengthening it again if the population were to rebound. Dave-Thinks that they would. Tim motions to adopt proposal 133, Eddie seconds. Remaining 6 members voice their opposition to 133, however it is noted without Brian and Mary there is no quorum.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
No Action			Mitch notes that Ptarmigan population has been low down near Port Heiden. Also notes the lemming population is quite high; wondering if there is a correlation.
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
No Action			AC did not get to Proposal 76 to reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemption, or proposal 134 related to Ptarmigan, and proposal 135 related to Alaska hares. Taryn would welcome anyone who is interested to submit public comments. The onetime deadline is February 2 nd . Dave explains that King Salmon is pushing a campaign to learn more about Alaska hares on the Lower Peninsula, and would welcome any information. People can call him at the King Salmon office. Also, Info is wanted in communities regarding cows. ADF&G will be circulating more information, so keep an ear out. The Ptarmigan proposal mentioned was an Iliamna AC proposal. The Department will likely be neutral, but unofficially Dave would advocate for them.

Adjournment: Approximately 12:15 p.m. by Chairman Mitch Seybert.

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Melissa O'Domin

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee Meeting



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Minutes

October 25-26, 2017

ADF&G Office, 1:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 1:24pm (Reconvened on Oct. 26 at 8:32am)

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: 8 members, quorum established

Present: James Charles, William "Charlie" Brown, Henry Parks, John Twitchell Sr., George Berry, Phillip Peter Sr., John W. Andrew, Sandra Nicori.

INVOCATION: William Brown

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Tim Andrew, ONC

Patrick Jones, ADF&G

Jen Peeks, ADF&G

Pat Samson, Translator

Dave Runfola, ADF&G (teleconference)

Alex Nick, Bethel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: John Twitchell, motion to approve; seconded by Phillip Peter.

James Charles discussed the difference between the state and federal proposals. Motion passed unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Twitchell moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimous.

COMMENTS:

- **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF PUBLIC:**

Tim Andrew (ONC)- Started working at ONC on June 5, 2017, took the place of Greg Roczicka who had been very helpful to all the ACs for fish and wildlife issues. Previously he worked at AVCP.

- Henry Parks- Thanked Tim for being supportive, "we will back you up in your job as well."
- Charlie Brown- Greg was very supportive, he helped us with technicalities as well as a source of information for the AC.

- **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF AC MEMBERS:**

(Note: If concern/comment needs more than 3 minutes, item should be placed on the agenda to be presented later in the meeting)

Phillip Peter- complaint of boys hunting for caribou: a chopper and airplane guided the herd away from the hunters. He tells people that when possible please take the aircraft number, colors, time, etc.

Charlie Brown- Near Kwethluk lake there is a problem. Aircrafts have been warned. A berry picker saw an aircraft harassing. The caribou are in that region for their food source.

James Charles- Right now there are a lot of native pilots. We can also tell the feds about wildlife harassment.

Henry Parks- only want to ask about the whale caught on the Kuskokwim River summer 2017. He wants to know where the case is right now because he heard the hunters might be facing charges. He would be happy if they didn't face legal issues.

Trapper John- Since a little child, he used to summer in the mountain lakes. Late 1970s the planes started coming from Anchorage and landing in the mountain ranges, harassing caribou and we have been seeing them since 1980s herding brown bears and bringing them toward the lake. Also in Heart Lake we witnessed planes herding caribou toward hunters, we knew they were from Bethel. They had hunting camps with lodge like tents and small boats so I know they weren't from this area [Kwethluk]. Some people came back to the villages saying that animals had been herding. They are coordinating using communication systems.

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Draft Agenda

October 25-26, 2017

ADF&G Office, 1:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting			
November 10 – 17, 2017 Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
No Action			<p>Tim Andrew and Dave Runfola explained.</p> <p>Charlie- Sometimes we see emperor geese [by Eek], but it's not their normal path.</p> <p>Henry Parks- no emperor geese by the tundra villages.</p> <p>James- no one is targeting emperor geese by Tuntutuliak.</p> <p>John Andrew- no action bc this does not affect us. The coastal villages may go hunt, but not in the fall time</p>
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie Brown- We use to use birds in parkas and other clothes when stores were not plentiful. We utilized everything including migratory birds. That is customary and traditional. In the spring time we use to use the salmon skin as clothing too.</p>
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Support	8	0	<p>John Twitchell- Suggested adding elders who are unable to go hunting. The meat is needed by the widowers and elders. Patrick Jones (ADFG) responded that there is another regulation to help Elders hunt.</p> <p>Charlie- There was an elder and orphan who died recent- does this mean I could have gotten a moose for them? It does help us for these feeds. It is important to us. If it includes religious and funeral I like this.</p> <p>Sandra- potlatches are in the interior. They don't pertain to us.</p>
64	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat		
No Action			
Alaska Board of Game Central/ Southwest Region Meeting			
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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Charlie- heard that the caribou herd is declining. Non-residents come with planes and have the ability to herd the animals. I would be opposed bc the caribou population is too low.</p> <p>Phillip- they opened the subsistence hunt for all of us. So all residents can hunt</p>

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Draft Agenda

October 25-26, 2017

ADF&G Office, 1:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

Alaska Board of Game Central/ Southwest Regulations Meeting February 16-23 Dillingham			
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			<p>for them during the open season. Some of the hunters will hunt more than allotted to. I don't want the non-resident hunts and we also need to pay attention to wanton waste. A lot of sport hunters waste. Saw this on the Holitna with rafters hardly having any meat in their boat. They had moose and caribou antlers and no meat. We keep telling young people not to hunt out of season bc we want the numbers to grow.</p> <p>Charlie- I have never seen rafters with meat in the raft. When I go up river by Eek I wonder "What are these airboats?" I do not want this pass.</p> <p>John T. – these proposals seem to be redundant. I know the non-residents do not take all of the meat that they hunt.</p>
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie- We just heard the moose population growing on the Yukon. We will face this on the Kusko. We don't just eat the meat, we eat berries. With the moose population growing they will screw up the tundra. The Yukon areas are now over populated and the food will be affected. Concerned about the terrain and hurting subsistence food gathering</p> <p>Phillip- sometimes there are teachers who are non-resident who would like to go hunting. Also, the female cows are higher than bull moose. When moose eat black spruce trees they were also good tasting. On Yukon their taste is different now, there is a low number of moose we catch that has the original taste, because of the limited food they now have.</p> <p>John Twitchell- Elders say the moose taste different bc of what they are eating. They change when they are in rut. When they aren't rutting, the meat tastes better. In the tundra villages, they tell us we need to catch what we need but not waste. We don't mind people coming by to hunt, but we don't like the trash.</p>
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	8	0	<p>Phillip Peter made motion to accept, seconded by Henry Parks. Tim Andrew- discussed the history. Explained it continues the tag fee exemption. ONC supports.</p> <p>James- they want to exempt the tag fee.</p> <p>Charlie- wondered why bears go through the door [of a structure] and exit through the walls.</p>
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie Brown- make motion to accept, seconded by Phillip Peter. Patrick Jones (ADF&G) and Dave Runfola (ADF&G) summarized.</p> <p>John Andrew- Local residents know where to go hunt moose even in bad weather.</p> <p>Patrick explained Tier I and Tier II.</p>



Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee Meeting

Draft Agenda

October 25-26, 2017

ADF&G Office, 1:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

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					any bear baiting near villages. John Twinnell: I do not agree with the baiting. Baiting can affect the quality of the meat. We do not use the baiting stations in our area. Henry Parks - should do a roll call vote.

James A. Charles
LKAC Chairman

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: *Donna*

Minutes Approved By: *Donna*

Date: 10.27.17



**Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
December 13, 2017
MTA Building, Palmer**

I. **Call to Order:** 7:02 PM by Dan Montgomery, Acting Chair

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Steve Bartelli, Mel Grove, Austin Manelick, Bob Marshall, Terry Nininger, Hans Nordstrom, Birch Yuknis, Mike Buirge, Dan Montgomery, Dave Young, Neil DeWitt, Chris Alderman, Danny Lewis, Chad Lipse, Tim Stephens

Members Absent: Andy Couch, Herb Manasavage

Number Needed for Quorum on AC 8: 15 members present: quorum met.

Approval of Agenda: Mel Grove motioned for agenda approval, was seconded by Bob Marshall- Agenda approved.

III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept the election meeting minutes by Neil DeWitt, seconded Birch Yuknis. Meeting minutes approved.

IV. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Gino Deflate, Chris Brockman, Rick Mezion, Tim Peltier, Todd Rinaldi

V. **List of User Groups Present:** Rod Arno, AOC

Guests Present: Rod Arno, AOC

Persons To Be Heard:

Rod Arno: he criticized the MVAC for not sending someone to the BOF. Some good things at the meeting: Ahtna was trying to ban the use of boats for dip netters, this got shot down. Ahtna also tried to ban fishing for catch & release, this also was shot down. The AC can be thankful for Israel Payton and his positions; also, Reed Morisky has started to develop more backbone of fisheries issues. Regarding the Board of Game: this board has spent a decade wasting your money on caribou in the Nelchina Basin. He is asking the department to come up with criteria to match what Ahtna is asking for-to work toward elimination of community subsistence hunts for all Alaskans. Prop 92 would give all Alaskans an opportunity for hunting. It would be a really bad precedent to approve Ahtna's position. Steve Bartelli: he echo's this. At the special meeting in Glenallen every single AC voted to do away with the community harvest, yet the board voted to retain it. I don't know where else to go-even Ahtna reps were in support of taking away the community harvest. Birch Yuknis: at the BOF meeting he was very disappointed because our comments never got put in. Rod adds if you don't get your proposals in you can always go and comment in person. Steve: word last year was that Ahtna was trying to transfer some of their lands into federal trust; Rod: fortunately, Hilary was



not elected or it would be rolling out right about now. Ahtna is trying to have Ahtna lands included in federal lands.

Neil DeWitt: He sat in on the western caribou herd meeting. The current herd count is 239,055. There had been hope that they could add more hunters in the area. Also, there was a briefing from the NPS: Chris McKee, USFS wildlife division chief-office of subsistence management. They have 5-6 new proposals (in the Western Arctic Caribou Book). One proposal says federal public lands in unit 22,23 & 26a were to be closed to nonfederal subsistence users in the Northwest part of the state. Neil suggests the MVAC needs to write letters to let them know where we stand. 95% of the caribou were taken by local NW folks. There is no reason why we shouldn't be able to go back in there. All non-local residents are only 5 to 8 percent of the total hunters. Neil argued strongly for this at the meeting. Dan Lewis asked Neil if they have figured why the herd has declined so much Neil said they either didn't know or wouldn't comment. Dan Montgomery said he lived up there for several years. The population is right where it should be right now. The herds are coming through later. There is absolutely no reason to be closing to everyone but locals.

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business: Dan Montgomery nominated Birch Yuknis to be our new secretary. It was seconded by Steve Bartelli. There were no objections-motion passed. Terry Nininger will remain alternate secretary.

VIII. Mat Valley AC review of BOG proposals 71-83:

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71	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	15	0	Steve Bartelli makes a motion to adopt (MTA), Seconded by Birch Yuknis. Mike Buirge says the only way he would support this proposal was if cross bow archers had to take an archery cross bow course. Chris Alderman notes that there is already a ADFG requirement to have cross bow hunters to take a CB course. Chris just trained ADFG personnel for this course. Steve would like to support this proposal: it adds another tool. Dan thinks it's a good tool.
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	6	9	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Neil: in his area there are a very limited amount of moose. Birch is adamantly opposed. Season is already long enough. Mel Grove: hunting is an opportunity-it's a short season: it offers a little extra opportunity and time and you can spread it out-why not. There is no biological concern. Bob Marshall would support-bow hunting; it is a lot more challenging-and takes a special skill. Hans is opposed. Steve is



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			also opposed. Steve: this AC has always been opposed singling out a specific user group and giving them an advantage. Danny Lewis: he is an avid archer and he opposes – season is long enough. Mel Grove: would consider himself special because he has a bow permit-if you have to take the course-he considers it increased opportunity. Todd Rinaldi (ADFG) the Dept. is neutral. If we increased the harvest in some areas that are marginal they may have to reduce other area harvest, some other hunts may suffer. Austin Alderman supports-thinks it will be beneficial-to avoid user conflict. Dan adamantly opposes-the quality of meat during this time period would be the worst of the whole season. A lot of these areas don't have a surplus of moose.
73	Establish archery-only registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	5	10	
74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	15	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Danny is opposed. Todd (ADFG): does not specify resident or nonresident. Chad Lipse: it looks like another opportunity to exploit. Steve opposes. Austin: why not more opportunity-more money for the state. Birch: we have one of the longest sheep seasons in the nation. Mel is against. Dan is opposed: it would open all draw permit area where is already a limited opportunity.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
Oppose	0	15	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Birch is opposed to the change. Steve is also opposed: it increases the pressure. Dan is opposed. It is a good regulation already in place.
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	14	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Todd (ADFG) The Dept. comments will be coming out next several days. Dan supports this proposal. Mel: we are giving money back because we don't have the matching funds. Dan: the state gave back \$ 2 million this year. Gino Delfrate (ADFG): the Dept. is asking for 36 million in spending authority. The Legislature wants the Dept. to spend it all but also telling the Dept. not to spend. It can't use money for enforcement or for construction. 1 member absent.
77	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B and increase permit levels in Unit 14A		
Support	15	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Tim Peltier (ADFG): Unit 16a has 271 units able to be surveyed. There were 8,653 moose in 16A with a range of 7,200-10,100 The bull to cow ratio is 23 to 100., they manage for 15 bulls to 100 cows. We saw a ton of moose in places we didn't expect to see any. Mel: in unit 16a- ½ of the area is in predator control-it sounds like it is working. Tim: there have been pretty wimpy winters. Neil: Did you see any bear? Tim: None at this time.
78	Authorize an any bull draw permit hunt in Unit 14B		
Support	15	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Tim (ADFG): The Dept. supports this proposal. Currently harvest is below what it should be. This will increase opportunity. This is a new hunt. Todd (ADFG) Likely the population is higher than the estimate. Steve: Once it's in the



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			books it won't have to be approved anymore? Tim: that is correct. Steve:-this is fantastic –no biological concern.
79	Modify the hunt structure for Dall sheep in Unit 14A		
Oppose	3	12	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Dan: he would like to see more opportunity later in the season for those without aircraft. It would allow for some good full curl rams. All of this area is accessed by foot. Neil: it's hard enough to see if its full curl, and moving the 10% to 20%-now we got it lets leave it there. Todd (ADFG) The Dept. has the highest count in 14a since 2008. Tim (ADFG): They expected to see a decrease in horn length but didn't see that. The Dept. is officially neutral-The current management strategy hasn't resulted in a decrease. Steve: he is opposed- historically the AC has supported 10%. Steve also supports the great harvest opportunity. Dan: he is shooting for keeping nonresidents on a draw permit-he also favors the full curl hunt.
80	Open a resident registration hunt for mountain goat in Unit 14A historically this AC has pushed 10%, also like to opportunity		
Support	10	3-1 abstain	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Tim(ADFG) The Dept. is neutral-there is not a biological concern. The Dept. would like to keep the percentage at current levels. The Dept. harvest goal was met the last couple of years. Birch: the Dept. says it's hitting management goals with what they got. Dan: he considers this an opportunity to hunt without a permit for residents. In 2008-2017 nonresidents took 12%. Total 6% of goats are available for the hunt. Steve proposes an amendment to eliminate the 6%-let the Dept. set the percent. Dan:-this would be a registration hunt which would be subject to EO closure. Chad Lipse left the meeting.
81	Increase the bag limit for brown bear and allow the harvest of brown bear at black bear bait stations in Unit 14A		
Support	14	0	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Bob will support this –so many brown bears up there right now –they need to be weeded out. Tim (ADFG): the Dept. is neutral-there is no biological concern. Steve will support this proposal. 1 abstain?
82	Create a management area for the Mat-Su Borough's Government Peak Recreation Area in Unit 14A		
TNA passed 9 to 5	9	5	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Mike is opposed-he doesn't want to see any more restrictions. Todd (ADFG): the BOG could take this and create another management unit. Gino (ADFG): this is really complicated and may not help anything. The Borough would like to BOG to create a management area. Todd (ADFG):-the concern is that there has been some hunting in the area that should not be. It may have not had appropriate signage. Tim (ADFG): There is not a biological issue. Steve moves to TNA, Neil seconds.
83	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 16A		
Oppose	1	13	MTA by Steve, 2nd by Birch: Neil: in 16a people are shooting animals and not taking the meat and just left them lay. Steve is opposed-it eliminates the opportunity for someone taking a 50 inch but doesn't meet the brow tine requirement. Geno (ADFG): this method of recognizing a moose that is not in place anywhere else. The Dept. is currently making a new video that hasn't taken this into account. Tim (ADFG): the Dept. is neutral. May decrease the harvest. Danny: he –does a lot of hunting in 16- has not seen or harvested



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			many moose over 50 inches with 3 or 4 brow tines. Dan: he cannot support this proposal.

MVAC Member Comments; Mel: the halibut charters went over quota. The new regulations is 1 fish of any size, plus a chicken-second fish. This ties the boats at the dock on Tuesday and Wednesday: this just applies to charter boats not private boats. The Prince William Sound will go to one ling cod next season. Regarding the John Sturgeon lawsuit: it -will by-pass the 9th Circuit. It's such a liberal court, so they are appealing back to the U.S. Supreme Court. They Think they are a pretty good chance getting heard again.

Adjournment: 9:34

Minutes Recorded By: Terry Nininger
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 1/3/2018 meeting



Matanuska Susitna Valley AC
January 3rd, 2018
Palmer MTA Building

Call to Order: by Herb Mansavage at 7:07 pm

- Roll Call:
Members Present: Andy Couch, Austin Manelick, Birch Yuknis, Bob Marshall, Dan Montgomery, Danny Lewis, Hans Nordstrom, Mel Grove, Neil DeWitt, Tim Stephans and Herb Mansavage

Members Absent: Chad Lipse, Terry Nininger, David Young, Mike Buirge, Steve Bartelli

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, 11 Present
- List of User Groups Present: ADF&G, Frontiersman, Representative David Eastman
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- Approval of Agenda: Agenda amended to talk about Water turbidity by Andy Couch and approved
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved without objection for the 12/13/17 meeting
- Fish and Game Staff Present:
Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III
Colson Wildlife Biologist II
Wildlife Biologist II

Kassidy
Chris Brockman
- Guests Present: Jerod McClure representing Representative David Eastman
Tim Rockey from the Frontiersman
- Old Business: None
- New Business:
- Andy wanted to let us know there is a meeting tomorrow with DEC about the water turbidity on the Little Su and Kenai River. Also possible some information on Hydrocarbons in the Little Su and Lake Lucille. Andy and Chad may go.
- Austin wanted to know why Birch was videoing the meeting. Birch stated it was so he could do the minutes and still participate.
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84	Raise the population objective for moose in Unit 16B		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil Proposes to consider, Hans 2nds.</p> <p>Niel does not feel that there are as many moose as suggested in the proposal. Current objective is 6500-7500 moose. Current 7418 moose based on 2010, 2011 and 2014 data. 1989 estimates were 8500 +/- 1000. ADF&G states good calf survival of 30%. A harsh winter could knock the population down. Montgomery won't support, he feels this could be revisited in 3 years. He feels we are due for another harsh winter. Birch concurs with Montgomery. Herb agrees moose numbers are up in 16B. ADF&G is Neutral. Andy asked about if we are in or out of Predator Control. ADF&G stated they suspended the wolf control part in 2014. Bear control in 2016. Seasons are till liberal in 16B for bears.</p>
85	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 16B Remainder (DM540, YM541 and RM574)		
support as amend	7	4	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds</p> <p>Andy supports due to hard areas to access. Andy feels that this hunt would allow for all hunters to participate without worry of a 50"/brow tine issue. Bull Cow Ratio has always been within limits. Large areas of the unit that are hard to access. Birch brought up that there is already DM540 draw for an any bull in 16B. If a registration hunt, the hunt may end early and Birch prefers to hunt later in the season. Dan can't support extending the season 5 days, afraid of overharvest at the end of the season. ADF&G is neutral. Dan feels that the earlier season option might work. Mel won't support. Mel brought up that this proposer has a proposal to increase the population objective and then in this proposal wants to extend the season. Dan does not feel that the later season and an any bull component would work. One but not both. Dan feels the BOG should proceed cautiously if either or both are adopted. Herb brought up the access issue again. That even the Tier II winter hunt people have a hard time getting out due to snow conditions. Also that extending the season could lead to over harvest.</p> <p>Andy amends proposal to: Allow an any bull season from the 20th of August September 10th. 2nd by Herb. Birch brings up again the DM540 tag of which there are 300. Out of the unit this last year 398 total bulls were taken from 16B in all hunts. ADF&G said about 20% chance to draw DM540. Andy got the tag three years ago and hasn't</p>



			<p>drawn it since. Dan clarifies the draw chances at 35% with all six chances, ADF&G corrects that you can only do three any bull draws. So percent is down to half that. Neil clarifies that Kalgin is no longer in 16B. The DM540 has a success rate of 62% of those who hunted this permit. Austin feels there would be more pressure during that early season. Austin is afraid of overharvest with the any bull. Andy does not feel overharvest early in the season would occur due to brushy conditions. Andy is not a fan of the antler restrictions. Andy knows of LE that does not hunt where there are antler restrictions. Can't take the chance on a 49" bull.</p> <p>Amend passes 7-4</p>
86	Shorten the season for black bear baiting in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consier. Hans 2nds Montgmery mentioned that this AC in the past actually proposed to have a longer baiting season. From previous discussion the calving survival rate 30 calfs per 100 cows and twinning rates (50%) are high. Dan sees no need to reduce harvest. Birch concurs. Fish and Game states their is no biological concern for black bears in unit 16.</p>
87	Prohibit the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Dan does not support. Dan feels there are still plenty of brown bears in unit 16. Dan also feels that the moose are still recovering. Dan has personally hunted in the unit and feels the brown bears are especially causious around bait stations. Birch concurs with dan. ADF&G does not feel there is any biological concern for brown bears in Unit 16.</p>
88	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil does not support due to the fact that he contacted 257 different hunters during hunting season out there this last year and all saw bears. Too many bears. Dan does not feel there is a shortage of bears. Herb concurs with Dan.</p>
89	End the predator control program for black and brown bear in Unit 16		
oppose	0	11	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil wants to reference his comments from 88. ADF&G states that the predator control program is suspended in 16. Program is on the books until 2018. Hans likes this tool available for the Department. Dan participated when this program first came out. ADF&G stated that initially that was the case, many people participated but once people figured out how hard baiting is that participation dropped off dramatically. Dan liked that the guides could use the predator areas to add an extra use area for the guides.</p>
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
support	11	0	<p>Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil likes. Birch concurs. ADF&G states that there is no biological concern for beavers in Unit 16. Austin feels that some beaver dams are preventing salmon from reaching spawning grounds. Herb</p>



			mentioned that there is a strong population of beavers in unit 16. Herb also concurs with Austin.
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
support	9	2	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Birch supports and generally agrees with the proposer. Neil feels that all residents are Alaskans. That everything should be equal for all. Herb strongly supports. Hans is in favor. Hans feels taht the proposer is trying to level the playing field, so no one has an advantage over another user group.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
support	10	0-1	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Hans supports, he feels the CSH program should be ended. Herb concurs. ADF&G is neutral. ADF&G gave a summary of the MArch meeting in Glennallen last year. ADF&G did not know if Spraker's request for a letter of guidance from the AG from the last meeting in Anchorage has happened. Neil brought up how the locals from the CSH liked it the first few years but do not like it so much now that everyone knows about it and that more residents participate. Andy abstained. He likes any bull hunts
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
support	11	0	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See Proposal 92 notes (No any bull so Andy does not abstain)
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
support	11	0	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See comments for Proposal 92
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
support	11	0	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See comments for 92
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
oppose	0	11	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Andy prefers proposal 96 over 95 which gives an opportunity for more liberal moose harvest by a registration hunt. ADF&G feels that there would be high participation and need for a quota and the hunt closing very quickly. Dan knows the proposer and cannot support due to the antler restrictions, making things more complicated. Dan feels with current regs you end up with a bunch of two brow tine bulls that don't get to 50". Herb amands wants to Amed to Any Bull for registration hunt. Hans 2nd. Herb likes registration hunts. Andy Feels the amend just takes out some of the requirements on the CSH permit. Also that there would be high participation and the hunt would be shut down pretty fast. Dan wants to see a a way to harvest these inferior bulls. Dan does not know the answer but feels that we are affecting the genetics by the current regs and harvesting a certain segment of the population. Austin does not think this would work in unit 13, more access but in



			Unit 11 and 12 might work. Amendment Fails 2-9
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
Support	7	3-1	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Andy states that when you fill out a CSH application you say you are going to follow these certain cultural practices. The proposer is saying that we are all Alaskans and why do we have to follow this groups practices. That a person can say this is my traditional way of hunting and these are the practices I want to follow. Andy supports. Birch concurs with Andy. Dan does not agree with CSH permit system at all and does not want to support anything related to it. Herb abstained due to this proposal keeping the CSH permit process. He sees Dan's point and does not want to propogatge this system
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	11	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Neil mentions that due to comment in proposal book that the BOG may take NA on this proposal. Birch wantst to vote this down based on one group forcing their practices on the rest of us. One group should not be able to force their values onto another group. Herb concurs. Danny states tht this is racial and really has nothing to do with standard bag limits. Birch just wanted to get on the record that not enough proposals are vetted. That he wished a proposal would have to be approved by at least one AC to get put in the book. This proposal would have still made it most likely but more proposals need to be vetted to make the BOG and the AC's job more streamlined. Andy does not like having to have someone go thru an AC to get a proposal in the book. See's value in both ways.
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	3	8	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds Herb strongly agrees with not having Tier I caribou hunters be forced to hunt moose in Unit 13. Neil is against it because the only road system close to Unti 13 is 16A and that is where he feels the moose hunters would go and he feels 16A moose are still recovering. Andy asks do you have more moose hunters in Unit 13 because of this? Andy supports this concept. Hans asks the Department of any concerns. If moose hunters are not tied to the Tier I caribou why apply for a drawing permit? Just apply for your free Tier I permt and get a guaranteed caribou tag then go hunt moose where you want. Lots of drawing permits for caribou for this area. ADF&G would lose a significant amount of \$ if nobody applied for the drawing hunt in this area and went with the Tier I. ADF&G has issued the maximun number of permits(5000) for this hunt the last few years. Tim mentioned there is still opportunity for caribou on the 40 mile herd. Herb feels that such a high caribou population means allot more



			opportunity. Mel does not support, if they are separated you will have allot more people hunting caribou in Unit 13. Danny again states we are managing people not the resource. Mel asks the department if they would ever issue registration permits for this area if the herd keeps growing? The departemnt states that there would have to be a registration hunt on the books and there currently is not one. Mel does not apply for this Tier I as he wants to hunt moose elsewhere. Dan brought up how the number of Tier I permits has increased for this area and has lead to more pressure and people in the area. Andy brought up that we could probably have a general season hunt, but people like long seasons and want to hunt at different times. That the Tier I hunt is basically a registration hunt.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	8-1	Neil proposes to consider. Hans 2nds See notes for 99 Andy abstained

Other Business: Dan will be our representative at the Dillingham meeting.

Herb wants an AC deadline for the AC vs the BOG deadline of Feb 2nd. AC chose Jan 31st as the AC deadline.

Next meeting: might be Tuesday(1/9/18) to accomodate Dan. Then another meeting the 17th of January

Want to cover proposals 131, 132 and 133 at next meeting in addition to the others

Adjournment: 9:15 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis

Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee

Date: January 9, 2018 meeting



Matanuska Susitna AC
January 9, 2018
Palmer MTA building

- Call to Order: 7:05pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call:
Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Birch Yuknis, Hans Nordstrom, Steve Bartelli, Dan Montgomery, Danny Lewis, Andy Couch and Bob Marshall

Members Absent: Austin Manelick, Tim Stephans, Neil DeWitt, Chris Alderman, Mel Grove, Mike Buirge, David Young, Terry Nininger, and Chad Lipse

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, Eight present

List of User Groups Present: None
- Approval of Agenda: Dan Motions. Steve 2nds. Approved without objection
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Hans Motions, Steve 2nds. Approved without objection (Minutes for Jan 3rd meeting)
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Rick Merizon Wildlife Biologist III, Chris Brockman Wildlife Biologist II, Todd Rinaldi Fish and Game Coordinator, Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III
- Guests Present: None
- Old Business: Andy went to the DEC meeting on the Turbidity of the Little Su. Little Su has turbidity issues. Turbidity Issues mainly between one mile upstream and and 7.5 miles downstream from Little Su Public Use Facility and boat launch. Andy did not see any information on how many days a year this occurs. This was not a solutions meeting. The DEC will be looking for public comments on how to fix this issue. Hydrocarbon issues as well. Andy reminded us the BOF passed a regulation that someone could not fish from a boat with a two stroke motor. The boat has to have a four stroke or improved two stroke. BOF did what they could as their authority ends with the fishing part. Comment period is open until January 29th. Andy may form a letter for us to look at, at the next meeting to see if we as an AC want to send it in.
- New Business: Next meeting Thursday Jan 18th 7pm. Possible meeting the following week. Birch will be gone the week after the 18th, so he wanted to be sure to cover 140, 141 and 146 next meeting. Rinaldi did mention that Wolf control in Unit 17 has been expanded. So far much enthusiasm not many harvested (one).



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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
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	7	1	<p>Understood motion to consider and second with no objections</p> <p>Birch likes the idea of spreading out the hunters. Dan supports but has reservations as to the bugs making it not as pleasant of a hunt. Steve likes the idea but is afraid that once a hunt is on the books it stays on the books. That currently we have a time of abundance in this Unit. Dan reminded us that the Legislature did pass legislation requiring Youth hunts. The Department is of course Neutral. The Department concurs that August 1-5th may not be the most opportune time to take a kid hunting due to bugs and heat. The Department also brought up that the BOG will have to figure out what kind of hunt this will be: registration, drawing etc. The Department also brought up that the Youth has to be accompanied by an adult who has to punch his harvest ticket for the Youth. That makes things a little cleaner for the Tier I and CSH issues. Andy is very concerned about how warm that area can be in early August. The Department did bring up that the proposer is a lodge owner in the area. Herb had talked to the proposer. Herb feels that from the author's perspective this is honestly to alleviate pressure and crowding. Steve feels we need to make a suggestion to the BOG as to what type of hunt we would like to see. Dan brought up that a five day season will not be on a weekend every season, and he does not feel that there would be more than a 20 caribou harvest with this hunt. Andy could see where this could become a very busy season similar to what is out there now. Andy fears a whole bunch of inexperienced hunters out there at once. Birch prefers a registration hunt. As does Steve. Hans likes the registration hunt idea too.</p> <p>Danny opposed due to the timing of the hunt. Too hot and too buggy. He has hunted the Unit since 1965. He has had spoilage issues in the past even when planning ahead for the heat. Danny also is opposed to the AC and BOG dealing with Safety issues. He feels we are here to manage game not people. He is not against opportunity or kids.</p>
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Understood motion to consider and second with no objections</p> <p>Dan asks how many permits are in the Draw. The Department states</p>



			<p>there are 5000 permits in the draw. Dan feels that 500 permits would be too much. Also that this would increase pressure. Dan wants to Amend to 100 permits not 10%. Andy 2nds. Dan mentions how few of the Draw permits actually go to guided clients. Birch would prefer a percentage not a set number of permits that would fluctuate with abundance. Dan does not feel a 100 permits is too much and that only about 60 of the 100 would participate. Andy states that if you did this you would have to change the objectives for the unit especially as it relates to subsistence. Andy states that the subsistence need takes all the current allocation. So to make room for NR have to change more than the proposal. Danny brings up that the proposer is a guide and that every proposal he has is for his personal gain. Dan states that the proposer just guides for black bear in this Unit. Danny can't support. Steve can't support with the subsistence issues Andy brought up. Dan asked the Department if they have made their harvest objectives. They made it last year and there is still 2.5 months left this year to reach it. Herb agrees with Steve and Andy. Birch agrees but asks the Department where can a resident hunt a caribou near Anchorage? Everything is a long drive or a Draw. Andy felt that once we got to a general harvest ticket or a general registration then maybe allow a NR allocation. Amend fails 1-7</p>
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	8	<p>We had the Small Game biologist from ADF&G present (Mr. Merizon) so we wanted to address those related proposals. Understood motion to consider and second with no objections. The Department states that in the adjacent units where they do monitor the grouse that they are at or near their near term peak. Steve is opposed to reducing opportunity with no biological concerns. Frank, the area biologist in Glennallen, had relayed to Mr. Merizon that this proposal may stem more from a social issue rather than a biological issue. Herb wanted to know how often the department has seen a small group of people harvesting the maximum? The Department states across the state they just get anecdotal information that this might occur along some road system areas. Birch wanted to know how fast these birds could recover if they had a bad winter. The Department states that the Spring is critical. A good Spring and they can rebound well. Department feels that most harvest is concentrated along the roadways. Dan can't support because the proposer is just worried about the potential, that if the grouse hunting was that good then the area can support it and he understand the road areas do get hunted harder. Andy does not have a problem with a five grouse limit but he can't support this proposal. Andy was curious why the department is so worried about the ruffed grouse with their bag limits. That the ruffed grouse have spread out well. Andy also feels that a lot of people have a hard time identifying a ruffed grouse from a spruce hen.</p>
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		



Oppose	0	8	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections. Birch does mention that some of the baby grouse are not quite ready for flight on the current opener but he still is opposed to this proposal.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	8	0	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections The Department states that the BOG reduced the season length in 2009 only in 13B. This proposal seeks to put the season back where it was prior to 2009. 13B and 13E get some of the most hunting pressure in this Unit due to the road access. Of course the Department is neutral. The Department has no conservation concerns on a Unit wide level for grouse. Currently all 5 subunits open at the same time but 13B closes earlier. Birch likes to simplify and make the whole unit close at the same time. Simplify for enforcement too. The Department states that the Rock and Willow Ptarms intermingle infrequently. Due to weather events they can co-mingle but generally the Rocks try to stay as high as possible while the Willows stay lower in the creek bottoms for winter and summer ranges. Dan asked how does one differentiate between the two in the Winter. The Department states that it is difficult to do unless you are well versed in the Ptarms. Andy states that in January not a lot of people want to access the area due to daylight and temps. That a later season will lead to more harvest and if the Department is concerned about that? The Department states that the harvest is largely road related. The Department has done mortality studies in 13B and 13E and that natural mortality rates are high for both species in the Fall and drop off in the Winter.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Oppose	0	8	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Birch states that due to our votes on 119 and 121 he cannot support. Andy notes that the Denali AC feels there is a biological concern. The Department states that after talking to the Denali AC that they are more concerned with the lower Willow Ptarms in 13E and that the surveys conducted by the Department do demonstrate a lower density in their Spring breeding surveys in 13 E over 13B. The Department does state that they do not have a conservation concern as of yet. Also that the Denali AC feels that because 13B closes earlier allot of the Ptarm pressure falls on 13E later in the season. Birch asks the Department what historical data they have and what the trend is. The Department states that they have surveys for Rock and Willow Ptarms back to 1997 in 13B and 13E. That the trend in both sub units were very similar until 2009 when 13B was closed earlier and that led to 13B having a more rapid increase in the surveys. Dan can't support also do to prior votes on 119 and 121. Dan feels that if there was a dramatic drop off in this area that the Department would be aware of it and could take action. Dan also feels that there is a lot of weather related population swings. Herb asks the Department if road corridors are where this proposal is



			more aimed at. The Department states that the Ptarms within 3km of the road corridor face a mortality risk 380 times more than those outside the 3km corridor.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	8	0	Dan makes a motion to see notes from 119 and use the same vote. Birch seconds. No objections
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
Oppose	0	8	Understood motion to consider and 2nd with no objections Birch asks the Department about any conservation concerns. Department stated that there is an "interesting phenomenon." There has been a decline in the bears there. A cohort loss possible. The Department is not sure how this will play out. Kodiak is having a similar issue. Populations are very similar. The Department is trying to decipher what the data is telling them right now. Steve had coworkers go to a place on Kodiak that is usually robust with bears and they saw none. Dan has guided down there since 1995. He has seen a definite die off especially in the middle class of bears. Dan feels there was a large die off in the Winter of 2011/2012, the Winter that never ended. Last three years have not been good berry years. Places he usually sees 20 bears he now sees a handful. Dan does not support proposal due to decline. Hans clarifies that this is a registration hunt. Hans asked the Department if that would give them a fail safe for over harvest, as they could shut down the hunt if overharvesting. Andy asked if the Department had an opinion on this, of course they are neutral on the allocative nature of this proposal. The harvest management goals for this Unit have been met since 1982. Dan read from the Department's notes about how more larger males are being harvested because not as many younger males are present. Steve can't support due to Department's conservation concerns
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
Oppose	2	6	Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Dan clarifies the current regulations of a season every calendar year, one in the Fall in odd number years and one in the Spring in Even number years. Dan states that access is very hard in this area. Expensive to get there. Dan does not see a lot of resident participation. Steve wants to support. He feels resident participation is not that great and would lead to more opportunity for residents. The Department's notes recommend reducing NR harvest before resident harvest as resident participation is so much lower in this Unit vs NR. Steve wanted to clarify with the Department that these are all registration hunts so the Department has more control of the harvest. Dan mentions the two prong proposal. He would prefer the resident only season rather than the early start for the residents as the bears get wary very fast. Dan also talks about how the weather there is very unpredictable and that is



			<p>why a lot of residents probably don't participate...too much risk. Birch too mentions the two prong proposal. His experience has been that the bears are not that wary there as they don't seem to mind following a trail he was just on or fishing from the same spot he was on. Andy mentions the proposer talks about the harvest disparity between the NR and residents but that those numbers fall in line with the hunter participation. Andy wanted to clarify that this would lead to increase seasons for residents and the department concurs that this would probably lead to increase harvest in a Unit with possible conservation concerns. Dan does not want to support. Dan brings up some history on these hunts. They used to be two week seasons not three week season. OCT 7-21 vs the new Oct 1-21. and same in the Spring, opening on the 10th and closing on the 25th of May now it closes on the 31st of May. The Department brought up that they had recommended to start both seasons a week later. Dan feels that if the Department is going to alter the Spring season to Close it on the 25th of May(May 10-25th) rather than start it on the 17th of May (May 17th -May 31st). Dan states the boars seem to come out earlier and sow harvest probably would not change. Hans likes the idea to separate out the residents from the NR. Birch states he does not like the two option proposals. Do we vote on one option or both options? Steve clarifies that we can vote and let the BOG figure out the options. That if we feel strongly on one option we can make that known. Andy brings up that the proposer states that there are conflicts out in this Unit but the proposer does not bring up any incidents. Andy asks the Department if they have heard of any. Andy likes the idea that everyone has the opportunity to go hunt and anybody can go due to this being a registration hunt. Andy wishes someone from RHAK could come and talk about their proposals to the AC. Some AC members are RHAK members but will not be supporting these proposals. Birch feels this may be better brought up in a few years when there is not a conservation concern. Birch asks the Department how many guides are registered out there as one of their areas whether on Federal, State or Native land. Department did not know. Birch states that he likes to beachcomb out there and he doesn't bother when the bear season is open out there as there is so much traffic. Dan states that the number of guides out there has dropped over the last few years.</p>
133	Change the nonresident brown bear registration hunt in Unit 9E to drawing permit hunt		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Understood motion to consider and second with no objections Birch brings up the proposer guides in the area and that if the proposer feels there is too much guide pressure there that he should get DNR and APHA together to revisit the guide concession program on State land. Dan guides in the area as well. Dan states this year there were 4 guides in the area. Total of 8 bears harvested out of 17 guided hunters. Dan feels that the proposer could flood the drawing with clients as he is such a large operation. That the propser's guide use area backs up to the Federal land. Dan states that the Spring</p>



			season there in the State land is very low harvest as it is tidal flats/lowlands but in the Fall that there are more bears there. The bears in the Spring are more in the Federal hills there. The Department does not know population size. The Department does feel there is a conservation concern with a current decline in the Unit as stated in the prior two proposals. Also see the notes in Proposal 132 on the season start and end dates. The Department does support a reduction in overall bear harvest in this Unit. Dan is concerned about the reduction in bears in this Unit. Dan would not mind going back to the original two week seasons. Dan is opposed to this proposal. Andy prefers a registration permit vs a draw permit.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
NA			Steve makes a motion to take no action. Birch 2nds. No objections
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
NA			Steve makes motion to take no action. Birch 2nds. No objections

Adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 1/24/2018 meeting

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Meeting
January 24, 2018 minutes
MTA Building in Palmer 7 p.m.



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Members Present: Andy Couch, Bob Marshall, Danny Lewis, Hans Nordstrom, Herb Mansavage, Mel Grove, Mike Buirge, Neal Dewitt, Steve Bartelli, Tim Stephens

Members Absent:and Excused: Austin Manelick, Birch Yuknis, Chad Lipse, Chris Alderman, Dan Montgomery, Terry Ninger.

Motion to approve January 9 minutes by Mike Buirge 2nd by Mel Grave.

Minutes approved without objection.

Motion to accept agenda. Friendly amendment to Include action on Comments to DEC.

Amended motion approved without objection.

Motion to Approve Comments to DEC's Little Susitna River Listings by Andy Couch 2nd By Mel Grove. Andy Couch read some typed up comments and the committee asked several questions. It was discussed that if comments are approved the Advisory Committee should also ask to be included in DEC's ongoing process for Little Susitna River listings including any discussion of regulation change. Motion approved without objection by all 10 members present. Comments to be attached and submitted with minutes. Will also need to be submitted to DEC.

Additional comments to DEC must be in writing and may be e-mailed to drew.grant@alaska.gov All comments must be received by 5pm January 29, 2018. Written comments may also be faxed to (907) 465-5117 or sent by letter to Drew Grant, DED Division of Water, PO Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99801.

Neal DeWitt wanted to discuss ADF&G's fish stocking plan, but with some other people absent who wanted to discuss stocking, Herb suggested taking up stocking at another time.

Mel Grove made a motion with Steve Bartelli's second that the Advisory Committee write a letter to support Teresa Albaugh's and Larry Van Dale reappointment to the Board of Game. Mel agreed to draft the letter. Motion approved without objection.

Neal DeWitt will be attending a federal subsistence meeting in Anchorage — and wanted Committee members to know incase the had comments they would like to add.

Game proposals — motions by Mel 2nd by Steve Bartelli

103. Steve mentioned that the Committee has a history of not supporting CSH hunts, but if CSH for Copper Valley were to continue this might be a way to shrink the impact. Steve would like to the whole committee to come to agreement in how to vote on this proposal. Bob Marshall says he likes the opportunity to align season dates. Steve mentioned that at the last BOG meeting dealing with Unit 13 all Advisory Committees were opposed to CSH, but the board continued the program anyway. Motion passed 9-1-0. The opposed vote felt like the vast majority of Advisory Committees had already opposed a CSH Hunt.



104. Steve asked Is winter portion of the hunt required? Gino Del Frate said no the Department could have a shorter season. Steve wants to oppose because of the winter hunt — March 1 - 31 dates and its impact on moose in the late winter. ADF&G started the March hunts in 2014. Motion passed 6-4-0.

105. Would eliminate Unit 13 Antlerless moose hunt. Motion Opposed Unanimously 0-10-0.

106. ADF&G neutral on allocative aspect. Regulation currently allows for small harvest of any bulls — proposal would eliminate. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

107. Would create a late season registration any bull moose hunt. ADF&G neutral on allocation. Permits would be issued from a Unit 13 village(s). Number of permits greatly limited. Steve opposed for possible unfairness of permit issuing process. Nelson Island hunt for musk ox was mentioned as one such big problem. With such a limited number of permits this is really not registration this is a race to get those permits. To be fair registration hunts should have an opportunity for everyone to obtain a permit — but if a reasonable number of permits were issued, so there was a reasonable opportunity for everyone to obtain a permit, permit numbers would be so high that excessive harvest would likely occur. Motion opposed unanimously 0-10-0.

108. Bull to cow ratios would likely start to decline with a more liberal antler restriction. ADF&G mentioned that season may need to be shorted if bull harvest were too high. Andy mentioned that this management strategy had been used previously in Unit 13 for several years and had worked successfully for a number of years. Herb asked about having alternate years of 3 brow tine legal or 4 brow tine legal moose? Would this be some kind of amendment the AC might support as a way to provide a more liberal hunt opportunity, but possibly offset and down turn in bull cow ratios. It was mentioned that with the requirement that CHS and Tier 1 permit caribou hunters required to hunt moose in the same area the number of moose hunters has expanded. This is a very popular hunt area with lots of moose hunter participation. Motion failed 3-7-0.

109. Would change the drawing hunt to full curl ram from any ram. Herb was opposed. Lot of large rams that may not be legal under full curl regulation in this area — some may still be legal under age criteria, but that make judging even more difficult.. ADF&G does not make money off these hunts on a permit basis. According to ADF&G the approach currently used in these Units would likely be cost prohibitive if it was use statewide, because of the cost of doing sheep surveys in moe remote locations. Motion opposed 3-7-0.

110. Steve Bartelli favors this drawing hunt switching to registration. ADF&G may establish smaller hunt areas with specific quotas for these areas. Motion approved 10-0-0. Gives more people a better opportunity to participate.

111. Bob likes the opportunity to hunt brown bear over bait. ADF&G neutral — have not seen any biological problems, but population may be declining slightly. Steve mentioned hunting conditions are so thick in Unit 13D that he see this as the only way to take brown bear. Motion approved 10-0-0.

112. Motion approved 10-0-0.



113. last year 47 wolverine taken — 50 to 80 per year. Wolverine start denning to have young about mid Feb. How many area of refuge are there. Gino felt this partially a social issue. ADF&G has little wolverine information. ADF&G feels Wolverine harvest may be driven by a handful of trappers on how they manage their line for catching wolverine. Neal opposes because at present our regulations align with federal season. Mel asked what the incidental catch is. Gino mentioned that incidental out of season catch turn in has been very low. He mentioned he knew of two and one of those was turned in by a trooper. Mel agrees with aligned longer season if no biological problems. Season vary for other adjourning units. ADF&G feels their are upper end healthy wolverine populations in upper end of Unit 13. Herb mentioned that a lot of the good wolverine areas have poor availability during short winter days, but better conditions later in the winter — Herb would like to support. Motion failed 3-7-0.

114. motion opposed 3-7-0.

115. motion opposed 3-7-0.

116. Would allow incidental harvest of two out of season fur bearers. Mike and Herb both oppose. Mel feels this proposal would not fix anything. Hans feels people would be more careless and take more animals out of season. Motion opposed 0-9-0 (Neal Dewitt had to step out).

122. motion passed 10-0-0. Housekeeping / clarity to use of boats / launch in this area according to ADF&G.

123. ADF&G attempt to simplify regulation. A portion of this trail is in the controlled use area and a portion is out. This is primarily an attempt by ADF&G to clarify and keep hunters from being cited. Mel wants to make the trail motorized access to hunt. Motion passed 7-3-0.

124. Would maintain status quo. Members feel this change would cause more problems in Unit 13.

Herb asked AC members to give him a priority of items they would like to work on at the next AC meeting. He is planning to cover just proposals that members want to bring up.

Other items of business that were not dealt with at this meeting include comments to ADF&G's fish stocking plan. Comments to representation at the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and implications of management of fisheries in federal waters of Upper Cook Inlet by the council. This items could be timely to consider at the Jan. 31 meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. Next meeting will be January 31, 2017.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch
Approved by AC
Date Approved: January 31, 2017



**Matanuska Valley AC
January 31, 2018
Palmer MTA Building**

- Call to Order: 7:03pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call: Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Andy Couch, Birch Yuknis, Steve Bartelli, Dan Montgomery, Danny Lewis, Bob Marshall, Tim Stephans, Neil DeWitt, Chris Alderman and Mel Grove
Members Absent: Hans Nordstrom, Mike Buirge, Austin Manelick, David Young, Terry Nininger and Chad Lipse

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, Eleven present

List of User Groups Present: None

- Approval of Agenda:
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: (For Jan 24th, 2018 meeting) Dan motions, seconded by Bob. Clarity to proposal 103 statements. Minutes approved without objection
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Sierra Doherty Education Associate III, Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III.
- Guests Present: None
- Old Business: Clarify comments on proposal 103. That the AC supported this proposal, if they had to have a CSH, but that the AC is opposed to the CSH program.
- New Business: Ms. Doherty is going to be in Dillingham for the BOG meeting doing some education outreach. She wanted to see what an AC meeting was like. Andy brought up next Weds Dunleavy with be having an informational meeting with the Borough concerning fishing and hunting issues. NOT a political meeting. Stocking plan was mentioned. BOF deadline is Feb 23rd, 2018. Herb will try to book rooms for meetings before deadline. Hopefully a meeting next Thursday, 02/8/2018. Dan wanted to know if there were specific topics he should emphasize in Dillingham. Steve wanted Dan to remind the BOG of our opposition to the CSH permit system. Andy wanted Dan to emphasize our AC's position on wanting an any Bull component to 16B. Andy briefly discussed what the North Pacific Council is considering with Upper Cook Inlet fishing in the EEZ. He will email us additional information. Mel brought up the North Pacific Council's decision on limiting the charter fleet even more this year. The council is taking away six more Tuesdays for the Charters to fish halibut. Wednesdays have already been taken. Mel said this really kills a town like Valdez on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. AC voted to allow Herb Mansavage the ability to approve minutes if there is no time to have a meeting before they are due. Motion passed unanimously.



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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
128	Allow the harvest of any caribou in Unit 10, Adak Island		
Oppose	0	11	(00:11 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second. with no objection. Steve asks Tim P if there is any ADF&G management out there? Tim P replies that there is not really much of a management presence, yet the Department is opposed to this proposal. The Department does not want to lose one of the only management tools they have out there(harvest tickets). Birch states based on the Department's position he is opposed. Dan asked the department about non local participation. Tim P states that harvest has been declining. Dan mentions that if the bulls are not trophy bulls out there people are less interested in going as they can go elsewhere cheaper for a trophy bull. Danny hunted there two years ago in October. 70 people had gone before him He feels the caribou get a lot of pressure. They hunted 10 days and saw one caribou.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
Support	10	1	(00:15 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objection. Tim P states the department is neutral on this one, however this would align the seasons. Steve states that if there is no biological concern he will support the addition opportunity.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
Support	10	1	(00:17 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Steve asked the Department if this would present any challenges to the Department. Tim P states the Department has recommended to the BOG to take NA. The Department wants to ask the BOG for clear direction on this. Andy liked the idea of not having to spend extra time getting a permit, that one could fly out and hunt without extra delays. Steve likes the idea of equal access to a permit for everyone. No comments from the opposed



137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	8	3	(00:21 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Department states that the moose population is fine out there. Of course the Department is neutral. Neil states that the people he has talked to want to move the season later due to the weather and heat concerns for meat Neil feels he may vote against it. Dan knows some guides that work out there and there is a two moose registration permit for residents. The area is hard to access. Most of the rivers are restricted for aircraft. Dan sees no reason not to pass as the unit is above population objectives. Opposition vote stated that it is too far into the season and too far into the rut.
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	10	1	(00:25 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Neil points out that the proposer states the season is already slowing down at the end of the season. Dan wants to support. Again there is the two moose resident registration hunt. The Department is of course neutral. Andy prefers this one over 137. Dan states the nonresidents are limited to 20 draw permits.
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	5	6	(00:29 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Again only 20 nonresident draw permits that are not fully utilized. Only one guide in the area. Lots of Federal land. The guide there has a Federal Concession that allows for only four moose hunters, resident or not. Also again hard access. Neil asked Tim P that 50 permits are allowed but only 20 are issued and the proposal talks about that there was an agreement for this. Apparently there is/was a moose working group out there. Steve is cautious about this proposal that five extra days at the end of the season for guided hunters could be lethal. Andy feels that if you have made the commitment to go out that far you want to have a good chance at success. Birch brought up that those permits don't have to be guided. The guide in the area is the proposer and he bought the area last year.
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	2	9	(00:34 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch is adamantly opposed to any hunt that requires a guide beyond the three species that are already guide required. Some committee members felt this proposal would benefit



			the one guide using the area currently. Dan states that the guide in the area can currently only take 4 moose, even though the proposal asks for up to ten permits. Danny feels that this proposal is just for personal gain for the proposer.
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	11	(00:37 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch states to see his comments from 140.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	10-1	(00:38 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch asks the Department how they feel. The Department states that they are neutral, however there is active IM in the area. Herb does not like that the nonresidents leave most of the meat in the unit. That they are not there for meat. The abstention (Dan) would like to see the area out of IM before nonresident participation is allowed.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	5	6	(00:40 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Neil wants to vote against the proposal because he wants the Department to prove that the herd is improving. Neil talks about the new counting method and the cameras used. He was at the Western Arctic Caribou herd meeting and it was discussed there. The department is neutral, however the units are below objectives. The department details more about the new cameras for counting the caribou and how much more accurate their counts should be now. However the Department states that things like bull to cow ratios and calving numbers are not affected by the new cameras as those are done with spotter planes going to the collared animals they have. Residents can harvest two caribou with a registration permit. Dan states that with a three year cycle this won't be addressed again for three years. Dan feels a draw permit allows for more control over the hunt. Dan also states that he has heard that the wolves have been hit pretty hard out there recently. Also that a limited draw should not hurt anything. Andy feels there is enough caribou to allow for some nonresident harvest. Steve cannot support since the unit is in IM. Steve stated that if this was Unit 13 people would be screaming if there was nonresident participation. Dan wanted to know the



			<p>harvest data from the Department. 330 caribou in regulatory year 2016, (2100-2400 is amount necessary for subsistence, so well below that) Mel feels that as a resident we can get two caribou, that allowing for 50 nonresident permits is acceptable. The Department states that even though the harvest is well below the harvestable surplus of 1200 animals this is primarily due to lack of access more than the lack of caribou. Snow cover has not been good for several years. Dan states that the caribou used to be in the flats now they are up in the hills making access even harder. Dan brings up that with draw permits only about half the people go so really we are talking about 25 hunters. These are not required to be guided hunts. Dan likes the increased opportunity. Steve used to hunt this area all the time, as well as allot of Valley residents. It was a marvelous opportunity for the Spring fly and shoot hunts. Now if you don't live over there and have a snow machine doing the Spring hunt is very difficult as the caribou move so much. Steve would like to see the herd grow to those numbers again to allow for that opportunity again. Mel brought up how much this hunt would add to the Department's budget, with license fees and P and R funds. Steve asked if that was our goal to sell hunts? Mel states that the State essentially receives no money from a resident who harvests a caribou and that he feels the additional nonresident harvest would benefit the State. Danny can't support, he guides in the area, used to be able to get five caribou, then three caribou and now two. He wants to see the numbers go up before he could support. Birch brought up that if someone is coming to Alaska to hunt caribou, if they don't go here they will go somewhere else in the State, so the State will still get their money. Dan states that due to difficult access and limited draw opportunity you are probably talking about 12 animals harvested which will not affect this herd of 27,000. Neil brings up that one bad winter and this herd could be knocked down significantly. Neil feels we will have better numbers with the State's new camera system and then we can consider this.</p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support	11	0	<p>(01:00 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch wants to know what the Department has to say about the beavers in these areas. Department has no biologic</p>



			concern, however the Department feels that the beavers in the more accessible areas may see more harvest. The Department is also worried about lost beavers that sink and are not retrieved. Dan mentioned that he wrote the proposal. He feels there are allot of guys that would jump at the opportunity to buy a trapping license and harvest a beaver as an incidental to another hunt. Dan also states that he has seen many streams cut off from beaver dams and that it is affecting the salmon migration up some of these areas. Steve can support, Neil concurs. Andy states that the data is inconclusive on if beaver dams hurt or help salmon. Dams and ponds are great for Coho rearing. Dams can be hard for salmon to cross. That the Department does go and "notch" some beaver dams to allow for fish passage. Andy has no problem with people harvesting with a rifle. He is torn on the dam removal portion. Danny says there is allot of beavers out there and that some locals may be harvesting with a rifle already.
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	1	(01:05 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Birch brought up that Kalgin used to be in our area but it isn't anymore. Danny does not like cow harvest.
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	8	2-1	(01:08 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. The Department stated that 23 cows were harvested last year. Steve brought up that the BOG does not need our vote to authorize these hunts as these antlerless hunts are not in our area. Abstention was that this is not our area to authorize.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	10	1	(01:11 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. The Department states that this hunt has provided additional hunting opportunity. That these hunts help keep the population down to avoid winter die offs. Danny does not like cow hunts.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	10	1	(01:12 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. See Department comments for 155. Danny does not like cow hunts.



162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	11	0	(01:13 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Department supports. No biological concern. Dan says there is a robust bear population and the winters have been mild of late. With no tag fee leads to increased opportunity.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	11	0	(01:16 01/31/2018) Neil motions to consider, understood second, no objections.

166 (01:17 01/31/2018) Dan motions to consider, understood second, no objections. Steve states that there is/was a 40 mile coalition and it appears that this is working well. Current population is 75,000. The Department feels that if the herd hits 100,000 there may be a crash. Mel asked the Department if the Canadians were harvesting any animals? The Department stated that the First Nation people are not required to report harvest so there is no way to know. Tim S wanted to know from the Department why harvest quotas have not increased as the population has grown? Neil feels that the population increase may be due to the Canadian caribou migrating over to the Alaska side of the line from what he heard at the WAC meeting. Neil is for this proposal. Steve states that the proposal does not ask for anything specific, that it is just asking the BOG to look this over. Andy feels that Spraker is very cautious. That he will direct the BOG to do what he feels is best, whatever we vote. That he will want to avoid a crash. Birch just wants to make sure to avoid the rut. Support 11-0
Adjournment: 9:00 pm by Herb Mansavage

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chair
Date: 2/2/2018



McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee
10/3/17
Assembly Room, Captain Snow Center, McGrath Alaska

Call to order @ 12:07 by Roger Seavoy

Roll Call;

Lewis Egrass - McGrath
Steffen Strick – McGrath
Andrew Runkle – Nikolai
Clinton Goods – Takotna
Dan Esai – Nikolai
Roger Seavoy – McGrath
Peter Snow – McGrath
Ken Deardorff – McGrath

Ray Collins joined the meeting @ 12:35

Members Absent;

Mark Cox – McGrath
Jesse Grady – Takotna
Steffen Strick Jr – McGrath
Vacant – Nikolai
Steve/Jimmy Nikolai – Telida

Lucky Egrass pointed out that there are no longer any residents in Telida. He suggested that the board make the Telida seat and ‘undesigned’ seat.

Lucky proposed and Peter Snow seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

Approval of Agenda: So moved by Snow, 2nd by Runkle. 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Runkle, 2nd by Goods. 9 in favor (Collins now seated) 0 opposed

ADF&G staff present; Josh Peirce, John Barton, Louise Standish, Nissa Pilcher (via phone.)

Guests Present: Brett Gibbens DPS, Jeremy Havener and Bob Rebarchick USFWS (via teleconference).

Audience Members: Kevin Whitworth, Abe Rose, Elsie Ivy, Mike Tierney, Nick Snow, Francis Mitchell, John Gray, Teddy Burford



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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
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
SUPPORT	9	0	The committee supports the current regulations
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
OPPOSE	9	0	<p>Josh Peirce brought up an agenda change request submitted to the BOG by Henry Hill of Sleetmute to consider out of sequence opening moose season in 19A. It should be noted that the A/C had no hard copy of the ACR and no hard copy of Hill's proposal. Josh explained what the ACR would entail as well as two of the several restrictions recommended by SHAC since the A/C had no hard copy of those either</p> <p>After discussion, the consensus was that if SHAC and Tribal Government in the area of the proposed hunt, opposed that hunt, then the MCG A/C would also oppose it.</p> <p>It would also make more sense, in our opinion, to delay any hunt until there is data showing the effects of a full 5 years after bear control was initiated. This was successful in 19D and should be allowed to fully implement in 19A.</p> <p>It was moved that this committee support the suggested SHAC restrictions that may accompany any future proposal generated by BOG. Further, this committee opposes the ACR as well as what has now become Proposal 165.</p> <p>Moved by Egrass 2nd by Runkle. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed.</p>

Although the board dealt with this in December, Peirce explained to all again what the current regulations are.

Adjournment; Strick moved and Egrass 2nd, to adjourn @ 1620. Unanimous approval!

Minutes taken by Ken Deardorff

Minutes approved by Roger Seavoy 10/10/2017

McGrath AC



**Middle Nenana Advisory Committee
3 Oct 2017
Anderson Lions Club**

I. Call to Order: 6:21 by Alan Mortensen

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Chair Alan Mortensen

Vice Chair John Basile

Secretary Erik Haugen

Jacob Mattila

Nan Eagleson

Jeremy Wolf

Leroy Sutton

Paul Vandyke

Coke Wallace

Myron Stokes

Members Absent:

Matt Nutsvold (excused)

Wayne Valcq (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved; unanimous.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved; unanimous.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis and Mark Nelson

VI. Guests Present: None

VII. Old Business: None



VIII. New Business:

- Election of Seats:

- Anderson Seats Paul, Myron, Leroy, and Alan's seat are up for election. Paul spoke with Jeff Stenger and he is interested in filling a seat. Paul is nominating Jeff Stenger for Clear B, Myron's seat. Jeff is known by Allan and Leroy as a decent man who hunts in the area. Though not present, Paul spoke for Jeff stating he is interested in a seat on the council.
- Vote for electing Jeff Stenger for Clear B; Paul nominates; Leroy seconds; vote unanimous
- Vote for reelecting Paul for Clear A; Leroy nominates, Coke Seconds; vote unanimous
- Vote for reelecting Alan for Clear C; Coke nominates, Paul seconds; vote unanimous
- Vote for reelecting Leroy for Clear D; Coke nominates; Paul seconds; vote unanimous

- Other expired seats are in Healy; the council will postpone voting until next meeting in Healy

- Tony Hollis from F&G had comments on drawing permits. Antlerless moose hunts in 20A had 384 permits given out, with an objective of killing 120 cows. The reported harvest so far is 43. 1000 any bull permits were issued, and as of today only 156 hunt reports were filed. Of the number of permits issued, only half are usually used, and of which only half usually report a successful harvest; the number projected is 250.

20A caribou had 150 tags issued, and 66 caribou were harvested. Sheep numbers look good.

Sheep survey this July and last year show these were the best years in the number of legal rams seen. 120 sheep were taken in 20A last year. No numbers are available on this year's harvest yet, but the prediction is for a good harvest. Surveys are taken by aerial method in the same section every year. It is in the lower section of Kansas creek, over to Delta and Snowshoe Creek area. This year was also the best lamb to yew ratio as well with 38 lambs per hundred. It is safe to predict that 2021 may be a little lower.

- Leroy was questioning the any bull tag lottery in 20A. Leroy stated he was out in the field for 30 days in 20A and saw no legal (50") bulls. He did see many cows with calves. He feels that the any bull tag is hurting the herd for producing legal animals. He would like to do away with the any bull permits. He would also like to stop the cow harvest, and he would like to reverse the trend he sees in the 20A area. Leroy strongly feels the liberal bull harvest and cow hunt trend is hurting the herd. His suggestion is to keep the area in the 50" four brow tine rule for the next few years. Coke's question on the liberal harvest is this really the ideal way to help the feed range of the moose. Cokes question is did the harvest meet the numbers. Tony stated the F&G wants to keep the herd at 13,000. Tony stated that camps in 20A cannot be managed. Areas change via vegetation growth, fires, and hunting pressure. Moose will move around based on these changes. Tony stated they could look at the any bull tags and distribute them by sub-area within a game section. Once the numbers come in he will look at the data and see if a change is needed. Leroy doesn't understand how the any bull tag, taking the medium bulls in the middle of the size range, works. The area used to be any bull from 1986 through 2002. Leroy stated that it was brought up to three brow tines after that. Myron brought up the point that one year a long time ago there was no horn restrictions and a liberal cow take that dropped the population. Alan asked if the big



burns have been watched; Tony stated they are. Moose tend to go from the burn area to rut in the hills then return.

- Paul had a question about what cycle could the topic of mule deer be discussed. The question is the deer are not on the list of Ferrell game. Paul thought it would be a benefit to list them to be harvested, with a requirement to bring the hide in for moose tick inspection. Tony stated that F&G is thinking about making a proposal for Unit 20 and Unit 12 to have a no closed season, no harvest ticket, no limit, with some requirements to bring in samples of the animal for testing. Jeremy stated he saw 15 mule deer when he lived in Salcha. The tick has been found in Southern Yukon, but not in the Northern Yukon as of now. There have been reports of mountain lions as well, but no one has been able to get a picture. Someone in the Kobe subdivision stated they saw a lion with cubs last year.

- Alan asked a question about the new study with the sheep, and new judging methods. Brad Wendling is the sheep biologist, and he may attend a future meeting. Discussing a 500 animal sample swath is showing that 50% of the rams were legal the year before. The study will show a specific area and the growth in the area. Horns do not grow well in tough years and growth will show it. Alan spoke about a swath of eight-year-old rams and how different the growth was between all of them.

- Paul asked about when the next proposal deadline is for the interior. The proposal deadline will be somewhere around May 2019.

- Jacob is volunteering to go the Anchorage meeting, and Coke is the alternate. Next Advisory council meeting is scheduled for 9 Jan in Healy.

- Next topic is proposal discussion. *Since Myron gave up his seat to Jeff, Myron did not vote.*

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1			Modify the definition of bag limit
2			Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters



Support	7	2	Jacob opened discussion on his proposal. The discussion is to allow 8 yr olds to hunt. John and Erik had concerns on an 8 yr old passing Hunters Ed. Erik is a proponent of Hunters Ed. and asked for a possible amendment to this proposal. He asked for the proposal to state that an 8 yr old that has passed Hunters Ed. could participate in the youth hunt. Jacob brought up the difference between allowing an 8 yr old to hunt in the general hunt without Hunters Ed. but not in the youth hunt. Most on the council was not in favor of the amended verbiage. F&G is neutral on this topic. Coke made a motion to support the proposal, Paul seconds. Erik and Jeremy did not support.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Oppose	0	9	Alan opened discussion on this proposal. Department is neutral on this. The proposal would require a change of many regulations and laws, while not solving any issues. F&G believes it may be a non-starter due the confusion it would cause with existing laws. Coke made a motion to vote, and Paul seconds.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
			Alan opened discussion on this proposal. F&G spike fork antlers is a moose with only one or two tines originating from the base. There was no vote.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Oppose	0	9	Nan opened discussion. Nan had a concern with not having good numbers on the wolverine population, so landing same day airborne may be an unwise practice. Erik brought up the point which Coke made earlier about using an airplane to spot sheep during season is using the airplane as a weapon and that landing and shooting same day airborne is the same, but coke didn't agree. Coke said it is different. Erik did not understand how. Nan made a proposal to vote, Leroy Seconds.
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Support	8	1	Paul opened discussion on this. Paul and others stated you could not eradicate the coyotes out of the area, regardless of this proposal. Paul made a motion to support the proposal, and John seconds. Erik opposed based on the discussion in proposal eight above.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	9	Coke opened discussion and asked F&G stance. F&G is neutral on 10-12. Coke is asking to bundle these for a vote. Coke motions to vote, Leroy seconds on 10-12 bundle.
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Oppose	0	9	See above
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Oppose	0	9	See above
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Support	8	0	Alan opened discussion on 24. F&G stated DNR has regulation that bear baiters can only leave a stand or equipment in the field for 14 days, then after that a fee is required. DNR states a bear hunter that wants to leave a stand will have to move every 14 days and pay a fee. Coke stated the DNR is inept and they do not enforce evenly. Tony mentioned that DNR has regs but no enforcement capability. Coke stated bear baiting management should be left to F&G, and if any fees are collected, it should to F&G to support management. Coke makes a motion, Coke seconds. Nan abstained.



25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
			Nan asked what the F&G stance is on this. Tony stated the department's stance is neutral on this. This is because you have to seal a bear, so the harvest numbers are recorded. There was no vote.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
			Alan opened discussion to support. Alan discussed how some lower 48 states have this, but the way the bracketing works, even if you have enough points, you may never get chose. Tony stated that F&G looked at it and for the delta tag, the point system wouldn't change that much because 9000 people put in for the tag and with a limited number of tags there is not enough for all the top point holders. It really makes no difference. Coke mentioned the administrative cost of tracking it. There was no vote.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Oppose	0	7	Coke asked what the department's stance is on proposal 36 and 37. The department is neutral on opportunity between resident and non-resident. Coke asked to bundle a vote on 36 and 37. Coke motioned for a vote, and Leroy seconds for bundle. John and Nan are neutral and abstained.
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Oppose	0	7	Same as above.
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Oppose	0	9	Jacob opened discussion on this and does not like the sliding scales as it punishes successful hunters. Jacob asked to bundle this and 39. Jacob made a motion to vote, Erik seconds.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	9	Same as above
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	1	7	Nan opened discussion on this. She brought up the point that we have discussed this in the past and made a vote to restrict non-residents to hunt in intensive management areas. Tony stated F&G said 20E and 19 are the affected areas in this proposal. The department is neutral on this. No biologic affects are addressed in this proposal. The proposal only affects two of the three animals used for high human consumption. Nan made a proposal to vote, Erik Seconds. Alan was neutral.
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	9	Leroy opened discussion on this. The F&G stance is it opposes this proposal. Leroy made a motion to vote, Nan seconds.
113/114/ 115	Extend trapping season for the wolverine. All three proposals.		
Support	9	0	John opened discussion on his proposal. Tony had no information or stance from F&G because management for this unit rests with the Glenallen office. Coke makes a motion to support, Jeremy seconds.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	9	0	John opened discussion on his proposal. Tony had no information or stance from F&G because management for this unit rests with the Glenallen office. Coke makes a motion to support, Jeremy seconds.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	9	0	See above
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	9	0	See above

Adjournment: We covered what pertains to the state or unit 20, and it was agreed we do not need another meeting to discuss other proposals. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen
Minutes Approved By: Allan Mortenson per AC
Date: 10/8/2017



Middle Nenana River Advisory Council

9 Jan 2018

Healy School

I. Call to Order: 6:10 by Alan Mortensen

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Chair Allen Mortensen
Vice Chair Jacob Mattila
Secretary Erik Haugen
Nan Eagleson
Wayne Valcq
Paul Vandyke
Jeremy Wolf
Jeff Stenger
John Basile

Members Absent: Matt Nutsvold (excused)
Leroy Sutton (excused)
Coke Wallace (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: David Bump, State Troopers.

II. Approval of Agenda: Allen made motion to approve agenda, Nan seconds; agenda approved.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Paul made motion to approve minutes, Allan seconds; minutes approved.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis and Mark Nelson.

V. Guests Present: None.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

a. Elections

- i. Wayne Valcq (Ferry seat) is up for elections. Paul nominates, Nan seconds. Vote unanimous to re-elect Wayne.
- ii. Matt Nutsvold (Healy Seat A) Jacob nominates, Paul seconds. Vote unanimous to re-elect Matt.
- iii. Jacob Mattila (Healy Seat D) Allen nominates, John seconds. Vote unanimous to re-elect Jacob.

b. Updates from Tony Hollis, ADFG staff, on antlerless re-authorization and harvest data from 20A.

- i. Sheep, 273 hunters in 20A, harvested 107 sheep; about average.



- ii. Caribou, 150 permits. 93 people hunted, harvested 69; average is 55.
- iii. Grizzly to date (season goes into spring) 16 harvested. 2016 numbers were 19 bears taken.
- iv. Black bears, only 2 harvested.
- v. Moose total harvest was 527 bulls, 255 came from general season and 272 taken under any bull permit. 17 moose were taken under the muzzleloader draw. The number was up, probably due to early snowfall and extending the season 15 days into December. Drawing permits for cow moose in 20A, 64 were harvested from these tags. Last year 527 moose were harvested, 255 under the general season and 272 under the any bull tag. There was no cow hunt last year.
- c. 20 C numbers, 156 bulls killed and 420 hunters hunted.
- d. Wayne asked about non-hunter input in the Stampede area. There is a funnel in the Stampede area of hunters chasing all moose. He was wondering if any non-hunter made a comment about the hunting there. Wayne wondered if that area could be a subunit with an antler restriction to alleviate some pressure. Tony stated he did not receive any non-hunter inputs, and that something could be changed if needed. It could be done in the form of a proposal from the AC. Jeff mentioned there is a lot of pressure there, and he heard of a bull being shot by two hunters, and it ended up in an argument. Nan mentioned the Denali Borough assembly made a motion to make it a state rec area a couple of years ago, but that idea is still circulating. Nan mentioned "The Friends of the Stampede" pick up lots of trash from that area every year. Jeff would like to see more discussion on it. Tony mentioned that proposal season for us will be May of 2019, so the AC can discuss more. A draw permit, shorter season or Archery only could be options. Tony offered to look at data and see if anything stands out in way of management. Wayne stated that if you shorten the season, people would flow over from Stampede to other areas in 20A. This will move to old business for the next meeting.
- e. John asked the question about ability for a civilian to dispatch a moose that has been hit a by a vehicle. He relayed a story about a moose hit on the road, and the motorist had a gun and wanted to dispatch it, but was told it had to be the trooper. John heard the AC could make a proposal to change the rules. The trooper stated this opens Pandora's Box and he was not sure how to change the rule. The concern from the troopers is abuse of the potential rule where a person may say the moose was hit, and poach it.
- f. Jacob gave an update on the Statewide BOG. There was a lot of turnout on the removal of goats and sheep from the clean list. The other was turnout on the Ferrell cat issue. There was a proposal of trapping, neutering, and release of Ferrell cats. Many people were in favor of it. Jacob's proposal, proposal 2, got voted down. There was not much discussion on the bi-catch of furbearers, but there was hang up on the 30 day sealing requirement. A there was a change to the use of cell phones; you can treat a phone the same way you can same day airborne, and use the information the next day after 3:00 A.M. Wayne asked how law enforcement would enforce it, but many explanations came in about the amount of data available from the phones and In-Reach satellite devices.
- g. Closing, Brad Wenglener(sp?), Sheep Biologist, is willing to come down and give a presentation on the sheep horn survey that is ongoing.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
oppose		9	Jacob opened discussion. Jacob feels a sheep every four year for a non-resident good. He would like to oppose this. Most are in favor of keeping the rules as they are.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
oppose		9	Jacob opened discussion on this, and feels it should be one every four years. Same as above, most are in favor of keeping the rules as they are currently.
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
Support	9		Jacob opened discussion, and John seconds. Discussion was on benefit or drawbacks.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Oppose		9	Allen opened discussion on this. Wayne noted this was shut down the same time moose was shut down to nonresidents a few years back. Most on the AC oppose and state it should only be for residents.
158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	6	3	Comments on the Southwest BOG proposals; including the 20A antlerless reauthorization. Paul made motion to discuss, and Jacob seconded. Tony opened discussion on the reauthorization of the antlerless permit with a packet of information. Graphs showed moose populations and where it was up to 2015. 2016 had a moose survey. Tony did an extensive moose survey in 20B in 2017. The objective for 20A is to have a population of 10,000 to 15,000 moose. The surveys show an average of 13,000 that is in the middle of the desired population. Next graph showed number of twins, and twins are an indication if moose population and feed is good. 2015 saw a high number of twin rates. If the F&G see twin rates of 10% or less, it shows a high population, poor health, and poor feed range for the population. If you go above 20%, it indicates good health and good feed range. To substantiate the data, F&G will go out in the spring and weigh calves. If a 10 month old calf weighs 368 lbs. or more, it indicates good health. Next graph showed cow harvest data from 2010-2017. To keep a population at a stable level, the target is 1% of the cows. A lower harvest of cows increases the population, and a more than a 1% harvest decreases the population. F&G does not want the cow harvest to come out of one specific area. There are 15 subunits broken out to spread the harvest of cow moose. 384 permits were given, 189 were used, 69 harvested. F&G would like to have a cow harvest targeting 1%, about 100 cows in 2018 to maintain the moose population where it is. Discussion, Paul did not like the idea of a cow hunt, but he said this drawing hunt made it more palatable. Jeff mentioned some people did not like the antlerless hunt near the populated areas in 20A. Tony mentioned that the



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			hunt distribution, with a low number of permits issued near easy access areas, and more permits issued in the remote sections is a good strategy. Tony also mentioned the goal is to keep the population stable and not go back to the days of the “out of control” registration hunt. Wayne brought up a concern of shortening 20B to the 15 th and how the people who normally hunt in 20B will migrate into 20A increasing the pressure. Wayne also mentioned the any bull harvest in 20A and that it is problematic and taking too many bulls. He believes many “any bulls” come out of that area between 10 PM and 3AM illegally. Leroy also mentioned that the any bull permit has decreased the number of bulls available in 20A. The trooper mentioned that he has seen many bulls harvested under the any bull would have been legal under the general season. Allen calls for a vote. It was a split vote 6 in favor, 3 oppose.

Adjournment: 8:05

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen

Minutes Approved By: Allan Mortenson, Chair

Date: _____

MID-LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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Draft Agenda

October 30, 2017

Teleconference, 2:00pm

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 2:08pm by Stan Sheppard

ROLL CALL: Stan Sheppard, William Alstrom, Mildred Fitka, Margaret Guidry, Basil Larson, Peter Tyson. Alternate: Sven Paukan, Leonard Fitka Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Peter Tyson- Asked about a proposal on minimum caliber use on big game submitted by Paul Beans in 2015. Discussion that this may have been discussed when Sherry Wright was the coordinator. Discussion on whether this was a proposal or just comments. Stan Sheppard thought the AC took no action on limiting the caliber on big game. More discussion was tabled until the face to face meeting. OLD BUSINESS was placed after the BOF ACRs.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: William Alstrom made a motion, Peter Tyson seconded.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Deena Jallen (CF), Brooke McDavid (Sub. Division), Phillip Perry (WD), David Runfola (Sub. Division), Jen Peek (Boards), Caroline Brown (Sub. Division)
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public/ Other: Gene Sandone (Kwik-Pak Fisheries), John Agwiak (Mt. Village)

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In Honor of Mr. Paul Beans

William Alstrom- Mr. Beans had been influential in fish and game issues. He was instrumental in the testimonies he presented. He will be greatly missed on the many boards he served on.

Stan Sheppard- It will be hard to press on with meetings without him. He worked hard for the communities in supporting subsistence. He worked hard at regulating the bycatch so more Yukon River fish would come in and spawn and also advocating for the younger generation. He used a lot of what the elders used. Mr. Beans worked very hard to make sure that salmon always back for our subsistence and commercial needs and made sure the younger generation had that same resource. He is going to be missed and I appreciate all that he did. Thanks to him, he helped create an additional AC so there was more input from our communities. He made the MLY AC possible. He helped bring a bigger voice in testifying for the region.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Moose antler ACR/ Proposal Update**
This discussion was tabled to the November 20, 2017 in-person meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Statewide Board of Game Proposals**

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			Basil- if our coastal relatives would like us to support this, I will support this.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
			David Runfola explained.
Support	6	0	William- personally have a problem with customary trade and what exactly is customary trade and barter. Is it referring to migratory game birds? David Runfola explained.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
			David Runfola (ADF&G) explained. Want to include potlatch to be more inclusive. (Mildred was briefly excused).
Support	5	0	

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	5	0	Minimal discussion due to it being a yearly reauthorization.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	Minimal discussion due to it being a yearly reauthorization.

Minutes Recorded By: _____

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is Approved By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 10-08-17

Date: Nov 7, 17



Mount Yenlo Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 12-30-2017

Members and proposed members present

Chairman: Eric Johnson – present

Vice Chairman: Tom Payton – absent

Secretary: Roger Phillips – present

Following members all present:

Al Gaszak, Dave McHoes, Tom Brion, Bonnie Childs, Roger Phillips, Eric Johnson

Proposed members Present:

John Little, Shon Parker

Absent:

Steve Childs, James Ivey, Tom Payton, Mark Torkelson (Deceased) , Barry Stanley (resigned)

Meeting called to order – Eric Johnson,

1st order, note of those present and absent.

All absent excused or accepted as noted

2nd order, Vote on renewal of existing members that have expired

Election ballots handed out, voted and accepted.

All existing members voted and approved for renewal 6-for, 0 - against

New Member John Little and Shon Parker voted for approval 6-for, 0-against

3rd order, Officer Election

Eric Johnson, Chairman 8 for, 0- against / Tom Payton, Vice Chairman 8 for, 0 against Roger Phillips, Secretary – 8 for, 0- against

4th order, Discussion of purpose of meeting.

Review of proposals that are of concern for our committee, open floor comments and suggestions of proposals of concern, discussion of current Moose and Bear population.



Joined by Telephone

Tim Peltier, ADF&G Wildlife Biologist

Chris Brockman, ADF&G

Discussion of area increase in Moose population. We are now above target numbers and are looking for ideas for increased harvest

Wolf Population, 22-45 in 16b 30-60 all of 16 is target. It is believed that target is currently being met.

Bear Population, State survey not due until 2019. It is currently the general consensus of this committee that the bear numbers are Very Low which is accounting for a portion of the increase in the moose population. Tim remains neutral on the subject until the survey is completed.

Particular proposals to discuss in Tim's opinion 83-90. Tim's opinion on these proposals are neutral. He did ask that we find a way to suggest additional moose harvest especially in 16a

We dismissed Tim and Chris from the phone and continued proposal discussion and voting.

Specific Proposal Discussions:

#71 Proposal APPROVED and accepted as written Vote 8 for – 0 against, proposed inclusion of Cross Bow as written is very well defined and gives sufficient reasoning with no changes.

#83 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against, Reasoning as for change as written seems insufficient but basic need for increased opportunity exist. Area 16a has a high number of Moose and increased Harvest is needed. The exclusion of the 50" rule is acceptable. We would also like to see additional Draw hunting opportunities along with Antlerless Bull permits.

#84 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal as written is very clear and correct according to all member observations. This committee as a whole confirms NO DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS have been observed to the habitat from the increase in Moose population. The Moose appear to be very healthy with a larger general size of animal (non-scientific observations) as well as no typical signs of habitat degradation.

#85 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal to lengthen the regular hunting season to September 30th AND "any Bull" for Alaskan residents should be accepted. The large amount of in-accessible territory in 16b will naturally protect the bull population as well as "any bull" for residents will naturally control harvest due to residents being primarily being meat hunters and will normally select a larger bull.

#86 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.



#87 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#88 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#89 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#90 Proposal DENIED Vote 0 for – 8 against. Current observation suggest that the Beaver population is already in decline. To include use of firearms will result in further and more rapid decline. ALSO, the use of fire arms WILL cause an increase in loss of animals due to a non-restrained animal being shot and falling into or sinking into the water. A dead animal that is not harvested is waste of natural resources in its' purist form.

#92, #93, #94, #95, #96 Proposals voted on as a block. APPROVED Vote 7 for – 0 against 1 abstain. Current Laws in regard to these subsistence hunts as they are written, in the general opinion of this committee, are contrary to State Constitutional laws and directly discriminate due to the race of the applicant.

#99 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#100 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

Discussion of our A-C sending a committee member to represent us at regional meeting Dillingham.

Vote to send Roger Phillips accepted. 8 for-0 against

*** Amend*** Roger is unable to attend so it has been decided via Eric Johnson and Roger to ask Bonnie Childs to go. She has accepted.

Approved by Eric Johnson

Motion to Adjourn by Dave McHoes

Second by Bonnie Child

All Approved – Meeting ended



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Members Present: Eric Johnson, Tom Brion, Roger Phillips,
Dave McHoes, Al Gaszak, Shon Parker, John Little, James Ivey,
Bonnie Childs

Members Absent: Tom Payton, Steve Childs

Public Presentn: Roger Bickleman

Meeting called to order by Chair Eric Johnson at 12:06pm

Reason for meeting: Clarification of previous vote on Proposal
#83 plus discuss additional proposals.

Board of Game PROPOSALS:

#5 Read – Committee decided not to address proposal

Proposal #13 Read by Eric – Motion dave-2nd tom ---

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning as written is sufficient.

#13 read – Motion tom – 2nd shon

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning as written is sufficient

#24 read – Motion Dave // 2nd Shon

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning as written is sufficient

#49 Read Motion Dave / 2nd tom

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning is sufficient

#67 Read Motion Tom / 2nd John



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Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning is sufficient

#113 Read ----No Action

#120 Read-----No Action

#83 REVISIT From previous Meeting

Read – Much Discussion

Motion to Vote again on this proposal Motion Dave / 2nd Tom

Vote 0 yes / 8 AGAINST

Reason for change of decision from previous meeting:

This proposal as written would eliminate all bull harvest EXCEPT for spike fork or 3 Brow Tines. This would decrease harvest opportunity.

Motion to Adjourn: Tom / 2nd Al

Adjourned 1:02 pm

Minutes Recorded by Roger Phillips

Approved by Chair Eric Johnson

2/1/2018



**Draft Minutes
Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Monday, October 16, 2017
Bristol Bay Borough Council Chambers
Naknek, AK**

- I. Call to Order: Everett calls the meeting to order 7:05
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, John Wise, Ralph Zimmin, Patricia Edel, Graham Morrison
Members Absent: William Regan Jr, Marc Watson, Joey Klutsch, Gustie Tallekpallek, Alexander Tallekpallek
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 we have 8 present
List of User Groups Present: Trapping, sports fishermen, local residents
- III. Approval of Agenda: Richard moves, Joe 2nd to approve agenda passes unanimous 8-0
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: John moves to approve the minutes of 2/9/17 Richard 2nd. Everett said they were not completed yet and will be available on next meeting.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Lee Borden
- VI. Guests Present: Pete Caruso, Nancy Morris Lions, Cody Larson, John Rhyshek
- VII. Elections: Joe Klutsch, Joey Klutsch and Richard Wilson all ran unopposed. Voted in unanimously.
- VIII. ADF&G updates: Dave Crowley gave a short update of his moose tagging of cows that his department started last spring. They tagged 24 cows and of which most if not all gave birth but weather and time did not allow them to see that every cow gave birth. 70% mortality rate of calves from bears and wolves.
- IX. I. comments on board of game statewide game proposals.

[record minutes]



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

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4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
support as Amended	8	0	Joe moves, Richard 2nd with an amendment to the proposal to remove heart and gizzards from the proposal. State regulation already requires wings to be left on birds.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	We felt that this proposal would extend and possible target certain species out of season to trap after the season for them have closed.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd. Everyone on the AC and general public all felt education of hunters is vital to ethical hunting and general safety of hunts in Alaska, but that It is just not feasible to require it everywhere.

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	8	0	Ralph moves, Richard 2nd. Everyone felt that this proposal continues to have wide support and continues to do so in our region.
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
support	8	0	John moves, Joe 2nd. Dave Crowley stated that caribou in this general area are not present most time during the current hunt dates. Moving them 30 days would increase the chances of local residents to have a successful hunt. Looking at amending it to include the whole unit 9E and have the current start date of August 10 thru October 10.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
support	8	0	Joe moves, Ralph 2nd. The whole AC felt this proposal is what the unit 9



			needs to sustain the caribou herd population and gives the hunters access to them without being a tier II. Dave Crowley stated that he likes this proposal in keep an eye on the population and he feels this is the best way to manage the herd.
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. The naknek/ Kvichak AC are in full support of this proposal because this area of unit 9 C was closed because of the NAP caribou herd population concerns. Now with the NAP herd doing very well and currently having harvest levels available, this portion of unit 9 C is no longer needed to be closed.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. Local hunters and naknek/kvichak AC feels that with the current weather patterns and local temperature levels the moose populations are not really moving around until the last few days of September hunt dates, which current closes on 15th of september. With the date change on this proposal it gives hunters access to dates when the bull moose are start to become active.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
support	8	0	Richard moves, Ralph 2nd. Richard was involved with the local advisory committee who came up with this regulation. The main reason was to get solid moose populations numbers from the department of game in all of unit 9 which with weather conditions we have never had complete moose population numbers. This topic went around the table for a while but most felt that moving it to an online permit it will give local residents more opportunity to obtain a permit because with fish and game fly to local villages and giving out permits isn't the most ideal way to get permits to locals to harvest moose
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd. the local residents all feel that there is adequate opportunity for residents to harvest bears within our region with the community hunts available to them. We don't need to increase the harvest opportunities because of the concerns of unit 9 E and the population levels of bears within that unit.
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd.the local residents all feel that there is adequate opportunity for residents to harvest bears within our region with the community hunts available to them. We don't need to increase the harvest opportunities because of the concerns of unit 9 E and the population levels of bears within that unit.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. Everyone on the naknek/kvichak AC and local residents understand the serious concerns of the ptarmigan population. Dave Crowley stated the most the unit 9 have seriously low population of ptarmigan and local and hunters in general have seen very low counts of ptarmigan in our areas
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
support	8	0	Ralph moves, Patricia 2nd. Dave Crowley stated that the people he has talked with in unit 9 all said they have seen very little or no Alaskan hares these last few years. Very little is known about them and there currently is no regulation to protect this species. Everyone believes this



			proposal is in the best interest of conservation of this species and needs to be adopted.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
oppose	0	8	John moves, Patricia 2nd. Dave Crowley state that the population levels of the mulchatna herd is not at the levels to support a non-resident hunt. Everyone within unit 9 understands the caribou populations levels and knows the effort need to harvest a caribou.
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, Patricia 2nd. Local trappers stated that know local trappers respect the environment and do not destroy any property to trap beavers. Dave Crowley said that you need a permit already to remove any dams from creeks which will harm chum salmon habitat. Salmon needs these dams for their juvenile salmon to survive.

Set date and location of next meeting, First 2 weeks in February as long as it works with all our schedules at the Bristol Bay Borough office

Adjournment: 10:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr Secretary

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Noatak/Kivalina Advisory Committee

Agenda

October 23, 2017 – 1 p.m.

Noatak IRA Conference room – Noatak, Alaska

1. Call to Order: 1:30 p.m. by Enoch Mitchell, Chair
2. Roll Call: Enoch Mitchell, Janet Mills, Thurston Booth, Frank Onalik, Melford Booth
Members present: 5
Three Kivalina AC member terms expired; need to hold elections
Number needed for quorum: 5
List of User Groups Present: Hunting and Fishing
3. Approval of Agenda: Yes
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes
5. Fish & Game Staff present: Brandon Saito (ADFG) Alex Hanson (ADFG) Hazel Smith (Boards)
6. Guests present: Ben Sherman Sr., Elmer Rentenaar, Vernon Adams Sr., Meeka Kelsey
7. Old business: None
8. New business – Board of Game

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4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	5	0	We have always taken all the edible meat of large game birds.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Support	5	0	
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
No action			We always trap beaver. (Laughter often follows reading of the proposal.)
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Opposed	0	5	Noatak has a CUA during caribou hunting season and very much dislike airplanes.
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Opposed	0	5	We don't get coyotes except for one or two and we oppose people who fly to hunt.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Opposed	0	5	We don't hunt bears very often but when we do, we often go to their dens to hunt them.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
No action			We do not take bear cubs or female bears with cubs.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Opposed	0	5	Too much paperwork to require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	5	0	
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	5	0	We like to help our elders and the disabled.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	5	0	If it helps DFG with better management, we support them.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	5	0	We do not have intensive management areas in Unit 23 but support those that do who wish to prohibit nonresident hunting until harvest and population objectives are met.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	5	0	We have C&T for Canada geese and support the proposal to include all migratory birds.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	5	Oppose because it would remove rural preference and we like rural preference.
57	Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	4		1 member abstained
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
No action			We don't practice community subsistence harvest hunts.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
No action			We already teach our children to hunt and fish.

163 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support – unanimous.

9. New business – Board of Fish – Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish

Proposal 206: Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.

No action because we do not harvest octopus.

Proposal 207: Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

No action because we do not have scallop dredges.

10. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

November 10-17, 2017

Board of Game Statewide Regulations

Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: October 27, 2017

March 6-9, 2018

Board of Fish Prince William, Southeast & Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish;
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp & Miscellaneous Shellfish

Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: February 23, 2018

The Noatak/Kivalina AC unanimously supported naming Enoch Mitchell as their representative to any and all fish and game meetings. It was decided among some of the members that it is good the Noatak IRA pays the balance of per diem that other organizations and agencies pay. They all decided it would be good for all ACs in Unit 23 to have a big meeting and reevaluate needs.

11. Adjourn: 2:35 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Hazel Smith (AC Secretary has eyesight problems)

Minutes Reviewed by: Enoch Mitchell, Chair

Minutes Approved by: [Signature] Date: 10/25/17



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017 – 3 p.m.

Northwest Campus Nagozruk Conference Room – Nome, Alaska

1. Meeting called to order by AC Chair Charlie Lean at 1500hrs (3pm)
2. Roll Call conducted by Hazel Present: Charlie Lean Chair, Kevin Knowlton Secretary, Brandon Ahamasuk Undesignated, Tom Gray Nome Lucas Frost Nome, Edward Stang Nome, Sara Okbaok Teller, and Davis Lincoln White Mountain. Eight members present, quorum requirements are met.
Members not present: Nate Perkins Vice Chair, William Kakoona Brevig Mission, Adem Boeckman Nome, Tommy Obruk Shishmaref, Clifford Seetook Wales (excused weathered out), Charlie Saccheus Elim, vacant Nome.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Tom Gray and second by Luca Frost to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carries unanimous.
4. Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting held on 12/6/2016 at the Pioneer Igloo in Nome: Motion Made by Davis Lincoln and seconded by Lucas Frost to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimous.
5. Alaska Department of Fish and Game that are present: Hazel, Warren Hanson, Justin Leon, Carmen Daggett, Bill Dunker, Kari Rasmussen, Letty Hughes
6. Guests Present: Ken Adkisson National Park Service, Dan Reed Self, Zoe Greeskin KNOM, Deanna Haecker Nome Nugget.
7. Old Business: Charlie Lean gave an update on the Caribou working group and advised that their next meeting is scheduled for mid-December 2017. The Advisory committee could make a recommendation of an individual to represent Nome at the working group. Kevin Knowlton made a motion seconded by Tom Gray to have Charlie Lean be the representative. Motion carries unanimous.
8. New Business:
Department Reports:
 - a. Justin Leon with ADF&G Fisheries in Nome briefed using a power point presentation showing the fisheries season round up to include winter and summer commercial and subsistence King Crab as well as commercial and subsistence salmon. Tom Gray asked a question about the commercial king crab CDQ quota being taken on the tail end of the winter commercial crab season and how that affected the summer harvest. Charlie brought up how using the CDQ in the winter could affect the crab fishermen in eastern Norton Sound seeing as they have not had good ice for the past few years. The percentage of the GHL was also to help address the large pot loss factor when the fishermen pushed the season to the point of fishing on questionable ice quality. Brandon brought up whether Fish and Game were planning on doing any research as to the effect of nearshore mining of salmon migration. His office at Kawerak had received numerous complaints of miners working just off shore at the Nome River mouth or even in the mouth of salmon streams



during the salmon runs. He recommended to put a five mile boundary of the mouth of any salmon stream for mining. Charlie also led a discussion on Salmon Lake escapement and if there was a way that the department could monitor the run closer to allow quicker response to becoming more liberal with harvest restrictions once the escapement goal is projected to be met.

- b. Bill Dunker with ADF&G Wildlife introduced other members of the department and went over how the wildlife department is being reorganized to better meet the needs of the region. Bill then gave a quick overview of current populations of Muskox, and Caribou in the region. The muskox seem to be leveling off but this year saw a lower recruitment which does concern the department. Caribou are also showing some positive data with the stabilization of population numbers. Charlie asked where is the main population base of the herd. As of last week, the herd was still in its northern range but is showing some signs of beginning to move south. Carmen Dagget gave an update on 22Aa moose. The composition counts indicate high numbers of males and a total population near the upper end of the range capacity. Staff was questioned if the situation warranted an increased harvest opportunity. Lettie Hughes provide an update on Moose, bear and Muskoxen harvests. Bear and Muskoxen hunts are much as anticipated. Moose harvest in 22D was well above the goal and shorter reporting deadlines may be a solution. Warren Hansen Introduced himself and gave an update of new research projects. 22D moose range and animal condition studies are getting under way. Members Amasuk and Okbaok expressed their concerns of a lack of subsistence opportunity and a need to prioritize subsistence.

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	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
N/A			
2	Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters		
O U	0	8	Motion made by Kevin Knowlton, Seconded by Lucas Frost to support. Discussion focused on lack of availability of hunter education for youth within the region.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		



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N/A			
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
S	7	1	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
S U	8	0	Motion by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
O	0	3	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. 5 abstain from voting
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
N/A			
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
S U	8	0	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Lucas Frost
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
N/A			
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk. Charlie requested to hear what the Department recommended.
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
N/A			
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
N/A			



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13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
S	5	3	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Discussion of how this changes from current regulations, just addresses the use of current technology for reporting harvest. Some confusion, but majority would like consistent regulation.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
N/A			
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
N/A			
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
N/A			
18	Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors		
N/A			
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
N/A			
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
N/A			
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
N/A			



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			Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
N/A			
23	Update the falconry manual		
N/A			
24	Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting		
N/A			
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
O	3	5	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Kevin Knowlton.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
N/A			
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
S U	8	0	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
N/A			
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
N/A			
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative’s permit		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.



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	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose
			Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
31			Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts
O		3	5
			Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Ed Stang. Too Vague on particulars.
32			Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts
S		5	3
			Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang.
33			Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation
N/A			
34			In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation
N/A			
35			Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents
N/A			
36			Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap
N/A			
37			Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit
N/A			
38			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents
N/A			
39			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents
N/A			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
N/A			
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Tom Gray
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
N/A			
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
N/A			
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Ed Stang.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
N/A			
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
N/A			
50	Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas		
N/A			
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
N/A			
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
N/A			Unit 22 is covered already
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
O U	0	8	Motion to support by Ed Stang, Second by Lucas Frost. Proposer is ignorant, and it shows.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
N/A			
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
N/A			
57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			



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	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose
			Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
O	1	7	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Admirable intent, not practical in remote communities.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
N/A			
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
N/A			
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Charlie Lean, Second by Lucas Frost.
64	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat		
N/A			
65	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
N/A			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
66	Update the Board of Game's policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy		
N/A			
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
N/A			
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Like in 22A moose.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
N/A			

163 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support 7 for 1 opposed Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk.

c. New business – Board of Fish – Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish

Proposal 206: Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.

No Action

Proposal 207: Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

No Action

9. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

November 10-17, 2017 Board of Game Statewide Regulations

Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: October 27, 2017

March 6-9, 2018 Board of Fish Prince William, Southeast & Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish;
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp & Miscellaneous Shellfish



Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: February 23, 2018

Motion made to have Charlie Lean or his designated representative represent the advisory committee at the above listed meetings, Second by Davis Lincoln. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 1928hrs. by Tom Gray, Second by Lucas Frost, motion carried unanimously.



**Nushagak AC
October 24, 2017
Dillingham City Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order: 9:05 AM by chair Frank Woods.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Frank Woods – Chair, Dillingham

Glen Wysoki - Koliganek

Todd Fritze- Dillingham

Dan Dunaway- secretary, at large Dillingham

Travis Ball- Aleknagik

Mariano Floresta- Clarks Pt.

Susie Brito- Alt, Dillingham

Walter Kanulie- Alt, Togiak by phone

Joe Chythlook - Dillingham

Richard King- Ekwok by phone

James Woolington- Dillingham by phone

Tom O'Connor- Dillingham - by phone

Curt Armstrong - Dillingham

Members Absent:

Gayla Hoseth- Dillingham, excused

Chris Carr- Portage Creek

Diana Gamechuk- Manokotak, excused

Peter Christopher- New Stuyahok

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing and hunting.

Commercial Fishing drift and set

Trapping

Guiding

III. Approval of Agenda:

Susie moved Dan 2nd to adopt with the change to address GMU 17 proposals first and Statewide second. Approved with changes unanimous.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Susie moved Dan 2nd to adopt. Approved minutes unanimous.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Gabriella Halas Subsistence by phone

Jason Dye, Lee Borden Sport Fish

Neil Barten Wildlife



Taryn Brito Board Support

Joe Wittkop **State Troopers Wildlife**

VI. **Guests Present:**

Catherine Carscallen public

Ted Krieg public

Gene Sandone - consultant BBEDC - phone

Gary Cline BBEDC

Cody Larson BBNA

Patrick Walsh, Allen Miller, Andy Aderman USFWS Togiak Refuge

Dave Bendinger KDLG News

VII. **Elections for AC Members:**

Dillingham designated seats open: Frank Woods, James Woolington, Curt Armstrong, Tom O'Connor.

At Large undesigned seat open: Dan Dunaway

Chair turned gavel to Board support for nominations:

Todd Fritze nominated Dunaway for undesigned seat.

Joe C. moved, Tom 2nd to close nominations. Dunaway re-elected unanimously.

Brief discussion on election process how to elect the 4 Dillingham Designated seats.

Joe C. nominated Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, James Woolington, and Curt Armstrong.

Woolington withdrew his name as his current situation makes participating difficult.

Catherine Carscallen nominated Susie Brito.

Travis moved, Joe 2nd to close nominations.

Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, Susie Brito, and Curt Armstrong were elected unanimously.

Gavel returned to Chair Woods.

Dunaway spoke thanking James Woolington for his contributions to the AC.

Joe moved to seat new members Dan 2nd - adopted unanimous

Elect Alternate:

Susie nominated Steve Perkins to fill Alternate Seat vacated by Susie. Perkins not present.

Discussion on his interest to serve. He has sat on AC in the past. It was acknowledged if he is elected that AC needs to contact Steve and to assure he is interested and able to serve. If not we can elect someone else at the next meeting.



Joe move, Travis 2nd to close nomination. Perkins was unanimously elected as alternate - pending his acceptance.

VIII. ADF&G Staff Updates:

BOARD SUPPORT: certificates of appreciation handed to several long serving AC members Joe Chythlook, Glenn Wysoki, Chris Carr, Curt Armstrong, Dan Dunaway, Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, Peter Christopher.

COMMERCIAL FISH: Tim Sands summarized the Togiak Herring and Nushagak and Togiak Salmon season. Best run EVER in the Nushagak District. Genetics estimate 2/3 of Nushagak River sockeye were Nuyakuk River system. Igushik and Togiak Towers, Port Moller Test, funded by non-State agencies and individuals BBSRI, BBRSDA, BBEDC, processors. Next year towers expected to be State funded as has been historic. Strong coho season. Post season flights and data suggest Nushagak king run was better than sonar counts indicate. Complete summaries of herring and salmon fisheries are available online or at ADFG offices.

Chair - Nushagak AC needs to plan a spring meeting to develop fish proposals. Proposal Deadline is April 10.

Gene Sandone BBEDC consultant encouraged all to begin preparing ideas NOW and he will be happy to assist writing proposals. ADFG staff also offered help. Don't wait for meeting.

SPORT FISH: Lee Borden Assistant Biologist, new to Dillingham in May 17, with ADFG since 2011, has extensive sonar experience. Lee distributed a 2017 sport fish management summary. Nushagak King salmon sonar index was a little over 56,000, below goal so June 21 an Emergency Order was issued June 21 to reduce daily bag limit from 2 to 1 and annual limit to 2 fish. Fall follow-up work suggests "average" king abundance on selected spawning areas and while 95,000 in-river fish count not met, spawning escapement likely adequate to sustain the run. Two other "EO's" were issued to expand sockeye salmon bag limits from 5 to 10/day for the Nushagak and Wood Rivers when each system exceeded escapement goals. Increased bag limit is to provide more harvest opportunity. Sport Fish conducted the 1st of a 2 year study of Catch and Release mortality on sport caught king salmon in the Nushagak River. Of 107 fish caught and radio tagged, tentatively 6.7% died, similar to the lower range of mortality estimates in Kenai River studies.

WILDLIFE TROOPER: Officer Wittkop outlined enforcement activities for the past year. There were only a few sport fishing violations - sport enforcement might not have been as intensive due to reduced officer availability. One problem was some king salmon killed, roe removed and meat wasted. Still seeking suspects. There were only 39 commercial fishing violations often improper gear, gear ID, PFD or license issues. There were 32 misdemeanors, lost nets, over-limit



of gear, closed waters or fishing time violations. The huge run and liberal fishing time seemed to reduce the temptation to violations.

Wildlife violations, 7 misdemeanors, 12 bailable violations such as no license, no waterfowl stamp, no evidence of sex retained. Biggest issue is to improve compliance with DLG Bears and unsecured trash.

AC member Susie expressed concern for inadequately secured subsistence nets around Dillingham. Nets maybe insufficiently removed from the water and accidentally catch more fish - owners are unaware of fish. Fish get wasted. She would like to see phone numbers required as part of gear identification so owners can be advised.

SUBSISTENCE DIVISION: Gabriella discussed plans for a marine mammal survey next spring and summer. Still developing the plans. There is talk of basing a subsistence person in Dillingham again.

BREAK 10:12 TO 10:25

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: Neil Barten. Caribou studies: 80 calves collared, 40 near Nishlik calving area and 40 north calving area. Seeking survival rates. In north area 5 collars still active; bears, wolves and eagles seem to be main predators. Nishlik area survival is a little better at 35% alive in late June. Still looking for some collars.

Caribou population estimates were 30K in 2015, 27K IN 2016 - herd does not seem to be rebounding as had been hoped. Intensive Management is only in effect in part of the range; for several years weather has severely limited IM activities. Most wolf are taken by snow machine. Calf survival is poor and he would like to increase the Intensive Management (IM) area to the authorized 10K square miles which is much of 17B. Right now not all calving grounds are in the IM area.

He just did fall composition counts: 32 to 34 bulls to 100 cows; 23 or 24 calves to 100 cows. Prefer to see 30+ calves per 100 cows. Pregnancy rates are good, cow condition good, need to boost calf survival. Range seems good.

AC member Glen says maybe something else is going on.

Barten wondered if IM should go to Dept removal eventually. He suggested a longer aerial season might help. open earlier. Barten says he's eager to work with locals to come up with an acceptable plan.

Wolf Project: Barten seeks wolf abundance information in IM area each year to assess if IM is effective. 17 wolves in 4 pack collared. Trying to follow the pups in each pack. Hope to collar more next March in Mulchatna area. Could offer information on moose management as well as caribou.



Moose Program : A new project started this year. There seem to be a lot of large cows in good condition, good habitat; but few calves even in late May. Spring 2017 he put 35 collars on cows, 34 were pregnant. Collared cows to avoid handling concerns on calves. Flew surveys during estimated peak of calving including around May 19. Early flights found 31 calves with the 34 cows but by now 90% of calves are dead and 4 cows died too - seems unusually high. Neil also collared 8 "short yearlings" to monitor weight etc. Average weight was 440 pounds - very good and bigger than found in many areas of interior Alaska. Barten observed 65% twin rates suggesting good range conditions. Hope is to do the study 2 more years to get a better picture. Generally the area seems to have a good moose population but very high calf mortality is concerning. Also some low bull /cow ratios in portions of the area. Plan to work west of Weed River and toward Manokotak.

King Salmon Wildlife collared 25 cow moose and found some of them make very long migrations to calve. They are also seeing very high calf mortality. Typically bears are early calf predators but maybe wolves are contributing here.

Fall moose harvest was about 173 - 174 bulls in GMU 17- a little above but close to recent years. Harvest cards are still trickling in and no analysis has been done. Indications that fly-out hunters in Wood River Lakes area did well.

Toigak moose harvest stands at 42, down from 48 last year but cards may still come in. Toigak moose estimate came in 200 animals above previous survey but within confidence interval.

Ptarmigan: Dunaway asked about ptarmigan abundance. During moose and caribou flights ADFG is noting bird abundance. Barten has noticed flock of 15 to 100+ across the area though he does not have experience with high populations here so hard to compare. Flocks observed seem an encouraging indicator.

Susie said her family has seen good numbers of ptarmigan on hikes. She is also seeing a lot of falcons, owls and ermine. Voles are super abundant.

IX. New Business:

1. Comment on proposals for the Board of Game Central/Southwest meeting (see table below).
2. Comment on proposals for the Board of Game Statewide meeting (see table below).

12:17 to 13:07 Lunch Break

14:45 Susie Brito departs quorum remains.

14:55 Curt Armstrong departs still have quorum

15:05 -15:18 break

15:50 AC member Mariano Floresta departs to catch flight. Short break to assure quorum remained. Tom O and Walter K remain on the phone. Quorum sustained.

16:10 Curt Armstrong returns to meeting.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Dan move Travis 2nd</p> <p>Last cycle there was a similar proposal and I had several people come to me very opposed to being required to salvage gizzards, hearts, entrails and I have to oppose this; it goes too far though I use those parts myself. Some small geese are smaller than the big ducks.</p> <p>Seems like this is an effort to align the State regs with some Federal regs. But this might confuse sport regs vs subsistence regs.</p> <p>BBNA supports full use of food animals.</p> <p>Once parts are salvaged there is no requirement to use them.</p> <p>Enforcement officer said he'd enforce the rule however its written even if I have to go thru and match hearts and gizzards to birds..</p> <p>Some discussion that salvaging organs very offensive to some people, possibly some religions.</p> <p>Others expressed concern this goes too far.</p>
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Dan Move Joe 2nd</p> <p>ADFG opposed due to potential abuse. Dan opposed , appreciates the quandary, has had the experience himself but is concerned about abuse potential on a statewide basis and where there may be a lot more trappers. Cody concern for precedent it will set and prefers to see trappers continue on the honor system and tradition.</p>
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
No Action			No Action - we already have Intensive Management option and laws in place.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
Support	8	0	<p>Dan Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>Yes we need clarification of what is and is not legal. Does a remote control camera help a hunter get the animal. What about texting, satellite phones and cameras? We need to deal with all this new technology.</p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Joe Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>We should oppose as we just voted to continue the tag exemption for our area. And ADFG says its not an biological issue.</p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
No Action			Need more public education. Stamp is a hassle for bush residents. Likely not within Board authority so no action.
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	8	0	<p>Dan Move Joe 2nd</p> <p>BBNA addressing spring vs fall hunt. Wants to allow a hunter to help elders who can't</p>



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			hunt. Chair supports for the sport season.
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Oppose	0	8	Joe move Dan 2nd Not that much more work for guides.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Oppose	1	8	Moved and Seconded More paperwork. Its nobody's business what or who I sell to just like for other furs. The sealing requirements provide all the biological info they need. But it wouldn't be hard to get the sale permit at the time of sealing. So what if most would get the sealing permit but never sell? Could open a can of worms, chain of custody hassle.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	Dan Move, Travis 2nd Kind of house keeping, regulatory review process requires reviewing C&T status but waterfowl issues fell through the cracks. Need to get current. Good to follow the policies and practices the State has set out.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
No Action			Nushagak AC discussed this for a while. Some felt qualification mainly by family size was strange and possibly won't meet state law requirements. Concerns were expressed for the many problems they hear about with Tier 2 in other GMU. Concerns for fairness, complaints of gaming whatever process is adopted and frequent exclusion of locals yet accessed by the slick operators. IN the end the AC felt we did not have enough information or experience to make an informed decision.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	0	9	Moved and Seconded Could not be done timely by date set out. Not possible to reach all of Alaska. Too onerous, I thought Alaska has a system to cycle in young hunters with Hunter Ed to eventually have most hunters trained. Some of us had Hunter Ed so long ago but lost our cards - I tried to get a replacement card from Idaho but they don't keep records back that far.



Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Dan move, Joe 2nd</p> <p>There are some local archers who would like this.</p> <p>Several members object as it is so common that archers carry or are backed up with a firearm; temptation to use firearm first could be high creating enforcement issues.</p> <p>Togiak AC also noted problems and issue with firearms back-up.</p> <p>One member strongly objects to the fractured, special interest and confusing hunting seasons found in many or states; we have a relatively long season use what you want.</p> <p>Special seasons pit users against each other and may be designed to sell more gear.</p>
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	9	0	<p>Dan move, Travis 2nd</p> <p>Dan supports the convenience of continuing this exemption. It is a great aid to local hunters who may want to opportunistically take a bear but are reluctant to buy a tag pre-hunt. In addition, the sealing requirements still capture the data needed by ADFG. This helps to encourage bear harvest in this area due to their suspected impacts on our moose and caribou. Brown bear are abundant here as well.</p>
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	12	0	<p>Joe Move Susie 2nd</p> <p>Essentially house keeping. This AC, Togiak AC, Govt. agencies, BBNA others worked hard to get the 17A moose plan where it is, we need to keep it going -its a good example of successful cooperation.</p> <p>The moose population is good and can support this hunt.</p>
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
No Action			Follow lead of Togiak AC taking no action in preference to 138.
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	11	1	<p>Susie Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>As written would eliminate nonresident hunt - I don't think that was the intent?</p> <p>We are clear, the Nushagak AC has NO intent to eliminate nonresident hunt- this needs to be addressed in the final action.</p> <p>Refuge supports proposal. Good data says there are plenty of moose in the area, over desired levels even.</p> <p>Long discussion whether meat is good or rutty / stinky. Some say its ok others strongly disagree. Up to the individual hunters.</p> <p>Concern for wanton waste if meat is rutty.</p> <p>Local villages really need meat and herd is strong and could supply more.</p> <p>This would increase harvest opportunity.</p>



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			<p>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal</p> <p>Chair and ADFG suggest AC make a list of options vs bogging on amendments: Togiak AC supported this proposal and asked for a 7 day increase. Togiak AC wants hunt to run later in the fall as moose move more later in season. The fall season could be started earlier a few days (+2?) , don't need to add all days at the end (+ 3 to 5 at end?)</p> <p>Concern for taking too many fall bulls, could increase cow harvest some to reduce moose numbers and herd reproductive capacity. Cow harvest might help avoid over harvesting the corridor area.</p> <p>Instead of fall hunt, what about liberalizing the winter hunt? Winter hunt based more on snow machines, effort and harvest might be spread over a wider area vs concentrated along river corridor.</p> <p><u>Emphasize</u> Nushagak AC favors the concept of more harvest opportunity and defers as much as reasonable to Togiak groups on this item and details. Also do not eliminate the nonresident hunt.</p> <p>We should allow more access (opportunity?) and let Board decide details in a single broad amendment.</p>
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Joe Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>May increase nonresident hunts but area mostly limited by Federal concessions. I Several comments would like to see increased local harvest opportunity before increasing it for nonresidents. Locals can't go the store for meat.</p> <p>If we were concerned for stinky meat in 138, this 10 days extension is worse.</p> <p>With the strong moose herd there may be a way to extend a little more nonresident opportunity but not this way.</p> <p>Concerns for more competition with local hunters is big.</p> <p>10 days is way too much.</p> <p>In the upper Nushagak one season a guide took 35 bull moose and the area has never recovered, I'm totally opposed to this.</p> <p>I'm very concerned what this guide is trying to do with this.</p>
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Susie Moved, Joe 2nd</p> <p>Several AC members very strongly opposed.</p> <p>Such self-serving is offensive.</p> <p>This would take away opportunity / allocation from the existing registration hunt to serve a single guide.</p>
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Susie Move, Dan 2nd</p> <p>Several members opposed.</p>



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			<p>It's not in the moose plan to address allocation to guides - we prefer to move cautiously step by step with this plan.</p> <p>If we liberalize this hunt too fast we might lose track of what's effective and may derail the plan. This plan is the successful result of all of us together.</p> <p>Existing plan allows for liberalization, no need to make major regulatory changes outside of the plan.</p>
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
Oppose	2	9	<p>Joe Move Susie 2nd</p> <p>This is only for season in a portion of 17C west of Weary River.</p> <p>Proposer feels moose are less available in the area during early portion of current season.</p> <p>This would require a totally new registration hunt - more paper work.</p> <p>Data is limited and hard to extract from surveys of the overall area.</p> <p>There are problems getting complete surveys in this area data is limited.</p> <p>Some ADFG data tends to show a weak or declining population and not likely to support increased harvest that might occur with date changes.</p> <p>ADFG and Enforcement don't like rivers as boundaries - harder to enforce and temptations to "fudge" might be greater.</p> <p>This could attract more effort and from what we hear and that wouldn't be a good thing.</p> <p>We are hearing that ADFG is already concerned about the status of moose in this area and they are just starting a study. I tend to agree to wait for their study data.</p> <p>This area is NOT like over in Togiak R. where there is a lot of good data showing a strong and growing moose population.</p> <p>Fish and Wildlife Togiak Refuge is opposed to this proposal and they think this population is stable or declining.</p> <p>Joe C: this whole area has a long history of a registration hunt, and to separate this portion out, I really doubt it would be helpful to the proposer. How permits would be issued concerns me as well and therefore I'm inclined to oppose this.</p> <p>Curt I like river boundaries and I tend to favor this. The season wouldn't be longer just shifted and would mostly be for the village of Manokotak.</p> <p>Much of the lands involved are non-Refuge Native lands, whether guides come in could be up to owners.</p> <p>Given uncertainty of the moose population in the area described, I don't favor this.</p> <p>FWS Aderman pointed out the proposal does 2 things: shifts the dates AND extends the General Hunt by 5 days.</p>
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Joe move Susie 2nd</p> <p>Frank and Susie agree with the concerns expressed by ADFG that data suggests caution. Let's wait for study results. Currently the science "isn't there".</p> <p>Extended season may not work well with the antler requirement - antlers more likely to be off by that time.</p> <p>It was noted the Togiak AC did not support this proposal as they agree with the biological</p>



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			<p>concerns of ADFG and FWS.</p> <p>We are sympathetic but Manokotak people need to meet with biologist and work out a better plan.</p>
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	1	10	<p>Joe Move, Susie 2nd</p> <p>Dan concerned for habitat damage, excessive access and greater harvest. Restriction probably in part to follow the Nushagak Area Plan where areas were restricted from motor vehicles and to protect locals' hunting. Lately near Dillingham 4 wheelers are being used more and more there are trails and mud holes forming damaging tundra. This would assist commercial operators to come into this area - the whole idea of the corridor was to aid locals.</p> <p>Concern expressed that this change if made, would likely go 1 way, once opened it would be impossible to close.</p> <p>Proposer pointed that his intent was to open this use to locals only , not the "Green Tag Hunters". "I intended it to help the subsistence hunters."</p> <p>Someone noted that even now Non Residents are allowed to get permits in the corridor and they would want to use ATVs.</p> <p>Knik River area where I grew up has been trashed by ATVs, its not the same, they do a lot of damage.</p> <p>Proponent encouraged to supply clear comments to the BOG by the deadline.</p>
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Opposed	0	10	<p>Joe Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Locals are having a hard time finding any caribou now, I'm not inclined to support this. As ADFG says, herd is far below management objectives even with Intensive Management; bull /cow and calf cow ratios aren't real good.</p> <p>I talked to a local pilot who flew around much of the area and could not find caribou to hunt - this proposal isn't a good idea right now.</p>
146	Open a guide-required nonresident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 17B		
NA			<p>Joe move no action Susie 2nd</p> <p>AC agree, outside of BOG authority</p>
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	10	<p>Susie Move, Todd 2nd</p> <p>Chair recapped AC concerns regarding Prop 145 and those concerns apply to this proposal as well. Other AC members agree and are opposed.</p>



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148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
Support	7	2	<p>Susie move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Very very long and vigorous discussion on this proposal.</p> <p>Several strongly oppose the proposal as unethical, especially hard on caribou where many animals are disturbed vs individual wolf or wolverine. For caribou this activity happens in mid -late winter when caribou are most stressed already, hard on pregnant females and fetuses - its not responsible hunting, detrimental to health of animals and ultimately may reduce harvestable population..</p> <p>Others say its better to accommodate a common practice, work toward better compliance, reduce fear of citations to enhance more cooperation and hunt / harvest reporting. Allow some activity and work to educate operators on ethical practices, reduce abandoned animals, reduce enforcement hassles.</p> <p>A question Board, ADFG, Wildlife Enforcement need to address is a clear difference between "chasing (illegal)" and "positioning (legal)".</p> <p>Further, the AC members in opposition say this proposal says "positioning the animal" vs positioning the hunter, hence apparently allows chasing and would be very hard to enforce fairly.</p> <p>One AC member suggested agencies get together, decide what constitutes positioning vs chasing and develop a clear video or video cartoon as an instruction tool.</p> <p>We will need vigorous public education along with this positioning regulation.</p> <p>Some members were willing to separate wolf and wolverine from caribou and offered to support an amended proposal but not for caribou.</p> <p>Another comment was to change language to allow positioning of the HUNTER not the quarry; but this suggestion was not accepted.</p> <p>Some comments suggested the disagreements here reflect differing cultural viewpoints.</p> <p>One of the most outspoken opponents had to leave the meeting before voting commenced.</p> <p>Note from the total vote count, at least 2 other members had left the meeting for other obligations.</p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Dan Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>AC noted ADFG's concern for lost sealing data.</p> <p>Several comments were made that at previous meeting cycles, several GMU 17 beaver trappers have expressed concern for our long and complicated season and potential negative impacts on the beaver populations. Health of the beaver population is a</p>



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			<p>concern and has been a sensitive issue in the past.</p> <p>One very active beaver trapper, fur sewer, and AC member is strongly opposed: "this seems designed just to facilitate big game guides accessing small creeks and rivers with no regard for beaver biology. Kits need to be raised and taught to build, forage etc. This proposal would allow indiscriminate killing of beaver just for big cam hunters."</p> <p>Another member opposed this for: 1) beaver are not vermin and are an important food fur and income resource in GMU 17; 2) APA does not appreciate the moose habitat produced by beavers and their value to the moose population; 3) I have seen for myself that beaver dams are not a major obstacle to adult or juvenile salmon passage; 4) I can't believe APA risks their public image to support such an irresponsible proposal.</p>

3. Comment on proposals for the Federal Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council**WP 18-21: Simplify Caribou regulations and align with current State regulations:**

Travis move Joe 2nd

Submitted be Bristol Bay RAC (BBRAC). This just gets the Federal regs lined up with the current regulations, less restrictive and simpler.

SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no**WP 18-22: Rescind Federal public lands closure for Nushagak Peninsula Caribou:**

Travis moved Dan 2nd

Submitted be Bristol Bay RAC (BBRAC). Allows a State hunt when herd is big enough - estimated to be over 900 animals.

Local federal caribou planning committee (reps from villages currently qualified to harvest Nushagak Peninsula caribou) was opposed and wanted to keep restriction.

Considerable discussion and disagreement on RAC at the time it was proposed.

Herd is oversized now and could over graze.

Likely to open opportunities to more communities in the area.

At RAC meetings other communities expressed desire to have the opportunity to hunt this herd.

OSM supports this action.

SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no



WP 18-23: Add Customary and Traditional findings for caribou for residents of GMU 9C, 9E for Unit 17 remainder - specifically that portion of 17A and C consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula :

Travis move, Joe 2nd

Submitted by Gayla Hoseth of Dillingham.

Nushagak Caribou popular appears to remain above desired levels.

Designed to open opportunities to more communities in the area since the brood stock for this herd came from the Alaska Peninsula area.

At RAC meetings, other communities are eager to have the opportunity to hunt this herd.

OSM supports this with some wording modifications recommended.

SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no

4. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Call for Proposals for the 2018-2019 cycle. Chair - Nushagak AC needs to plan a spring meeting to develop fish proposals. Proposal Deadline is April 10. Tentatively scheduled for call of chair during March 2018.
5. AC Representation at statewide meeting November 10-12. To be determined when members can review their schedules. Possible representatives include Joe Chythlook, Dan Dunaway, Tom O'Connor, maybe Frank Woods. Please let chair know ASAP.
6. Review and approval of minutes: While BOG is less critical regarding getting final minutes AC prefers to supply final version. By unanimous consent, secretary will submit draft to chair for his review and approval.

X. Set date and location of next meeting: Call of chair during March 2018.

Adjournment: 17:03

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway
Minutes Approved By: Chairman Frank Woods
Date: 10/27/17



Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee
September 28, 2017
Met at the home of Gary Alcott

- I. Call to Order by Chair John Schandelmeier at 6 pm.
- II. Members Present: John Schandelmeier, Gary Alcott, Steve Chmielowski, Alan Echols, Mark Schlenker,
Members Absent: Lee Harper, David Hoffmeister, Greg Swope
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:

Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee			
First Name	Last Name	Profile	Interests
Gary	Alcott		1-4, 6, 9-10
Steve	Chmielowski	Secretary	
Alan	Echols	Alternate	2-4, 6, 9-11
John	Schandelmeier	Chair	1-6, 9-10, 12
Mark	Schlenker	Vice Chair	1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12

INTERESTS REPRESENTED

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

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not applicable
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins
- VI. Guests Present: Bryan Aber
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: BOG Central John Schandelmeier will represent the AC at this meeting. The AC will meet again prior to this BOG meeting.



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92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	5	0	The following will eliminate the community hunts!
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	See above
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	See above
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	Remove the hunt
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	We agree with the removal of the community hunt, however, don't add another hunt.
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	We oppose the community hunt in any form!!
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	5	Can't modify will not work!
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	These 2 proposals would place to many hunters in the field with additional moose take.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
Oppose	0	5	No community hunts
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	2	3 abstain Board ties this IM management and number of hunter
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	5	We don't need another hunt, no biological data
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	The bull/cow ratio could not sustain the pressure
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	5	0	
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		



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Support	5	0	
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	5	0	Would support these proposals with bag limits of 5 per day and 10 in possession
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Support	5	0	Same comment as Prop 119
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	5	0	Same comment as Prop 119
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	5	0	
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	5	0	
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Oppose	0	5	

We also discussed Federal proposals and are intending to get with other advisory committees to see if we can send a group to the Federal Subsistence Southcentral RAC meeting in Homer.

John Schandelmeier will attend the next Delta Advisory Committee meeting and Mark Schlenker plans to attend the next Copper Basin AC meeting.

There was also considerable discussion on predator management protocols, and checking into other methods of changing/eliminating the community hunt.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Chmielowski
Minutes Approved By: John Schandelmeier
Date: 10/19/2017



**Valdez Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 26, 2018
Valdez Council Chambers**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chair Hope Upicksoun at 6:34 pm
- II. Members Present: Hope Upicksoun, Tim Bouchard, Nick Crump, Ashley James, Marissa Roberts, Damien James, Charles Upicksoun
- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3 Quorum Met
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2018 Approved by Committee
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VII. Guests Present: Kyle Rennie, Tursy Lincoln
- VIII. Public Testimony:
Tursy Lincoln of the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission from Copper Center was present and gave her testimony/public comments on proposals regarding Unit 13 and the Community Subsistence Hunt. Tursy explained the CSH for the committee, clarified the reasoning behind definition changes in Proposal 98 and the criteria required of a CSH permit hunter. Tursy talked about global warming and its effects on the moose rutting season. Tursy also brought up the issue with crowded hunting grounds during caribou and moose season.
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. New Business:

Motion to adopt proposals 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98 by Nick Crump. Seconded by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt proposal 99 and 100 by Hope Upicksoun. Seconded by Nick Crump. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt on proposal 101 by Tim Bouchard. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt proposal 102 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 103 by Marissa Roberts. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 104 and 105 by Marissa. Second by Tim Bouchard.

Motion to adopt proposal 106, 107 and 108 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 109 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Tim Bouchard.



Motion to adopt proposal 110 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 111 and 112 by Nick Crump. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt proposal 113, 114, 115 and 116 by Marissa Roberts. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 117 and 118 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump

Motion to adopt proposal 119 by Nick Crump. Second by Tim Bouchard.

Motion to adopt proposal 120 and 121 by Ashley James. Second by Tim Bouchard.

Motion to adopt 122, 123, 124 by Nick Crump. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
Support	4	1	Support: Committee discussed the updated survey and the benefits. An updated survey would benefit for future action taken regarding subsistence hunts. Opposed: Opted to take no action on this proposal due to insufficient knowledge on subsistence and this hunting unit.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
NA			No action: Committee discussed decisions made during the March 2017 Board of Game Special Meeting and how those changes have not had sufficient time to determine effectiveness of changes made. Committee members feel that no action should be taken on the proposals at this time.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.



98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Support	3		<p>Support: The committee feels the definitions given in Proposal 98 would be beneficial to the CSH permit and the people who utilize this permit. The definitions provide more clarity as to who is eligible for these permits and can potentially prevent misuse of the permit.</p> <p>Committee members feel that we should take no action regarding this proposal due to not enough information on CSH and Unit 13, and did not have an opinion at this time regarding this proposal.</p>
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
NA			Committee discussed the regulations for Tier I Caribou and Moose Hunts and CSH in Unit 13. Recent changes for regulations for these permits and possible hunting season changes. Committee decided not to take action for this proposal.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken on Proposal 99.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	4		<p>Support: The committee likes the idea of a youth hunt for a few days before they go to school. Committee discussed regulations for youth hunting as they are currently. The committee believes a youth hunting season would provide our youth with a safer and less crowded environment to learn about big game hunting. One possible issue would be youth under the age of 10 would have to hunt under their parents permit.</p>
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Oppose		3	<p>Opposed: Committee discussed possible outcomes of opening up permits to nonresidents and current permit regulations. Discussed the nonresidents permits opening up to caribou hunting to guide and trophy hunting. Committee members believe that the caribou drawing permits should remain as is and be allocated for residents only.</p> <p>No action: Committee members decided to take no action on this proposal at this point.</p>
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
Oppose		3	<p>Opposed: Committee discussed the overcrowding issue during general hunting season, regulations behind CSH, Tier I/II, and General Hunt permits. Committee does not agree with aligning hunt seasons.</p> <p>No action: Committee members decided to take no action on this proposal at this point.</p>
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
NA	1		<p>Support: Committee discussed antlerless hunts and reasoning for this proposal. Believes it's a good idea, in the case that moose numbers are ideal for an antlerless hunt</p> <p>No action taken due to no major opinion on the Unit 13 antlerless moose season.</p>
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 104.
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
NA			Committee discussed the Unit 13 permit hunt and decided to take no action on this proposal at this time.
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		



NA			Committee discussed the late hunting season, the hunting areas, and moose rutting seasons. Committee did not see a need for a late season at this time and decided not take action on this proposal.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
NA			Committee discussed the antler restrictions as they are, genetics of moose antlers and the proposed changes, but did not see the need to make the changes. Committee feels no action is needed at this time.
109	Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl ram” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
NA			Committee discussed the area and regulations in nearby units, but have decided to take no action at this point.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
Support	4		Support: Committee discussed the amount of work entailed in goat hunting in Unit 13D. With the drawing permit, the committee discussed that hunters are being drawn on for these permit hunts and not utilizing those permits due to the difficulty in hunting this area. If changed to a registration hunt and requiring a test to prove knowledge of goats before issuing tags, more willing and able hunters would have the opportunity to harvest in this hunting area.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
NA			The committee discussed what baiting entails, the population of bear, and issues with the bear. The committee decided to take no action on this proposal and does not have an opinion regarding a fall hunting season at this time.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
Support	3		Support: Committee discussed the lengthening the hunting season in Unit 11 would align the brown bear hunting season in Unit 11 with surrounding units. We think this would be a good idea for hunters harvesting across both unit 11 and 13. The committee also believes that there is a good number of bear in that area and it shouldn't be too big of an issue to extend the hunting season. No action taken by committee members due to not having any major opinion for or against lengthening the hunting season in Unit 11.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	5		Support: Committee discussed trapping seasons, limits, incidentals, other furbearer seasons, and the effects of overpopulation of wolverine. Committee feels that with the abundance of wolverine, extending the trapping season should not be an issue. Extending would decrease some of the incidental take of wolverine, having to turn in those incidentals and waste of wolverine take.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	4		Support: Based on action taken on Proposal 113. No action: Based on action already taken on Proposal 113.
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	4		Support: Based on action taken on Proposal 113. No action: Based on action already taken on Proposal 113.
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
NA			No action: Committee discussed that allowing two incidental furbearers may only encourage trappers to take a furbearer out of season. Trappers may just set out a trap for the incidental furbearers out of season.
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
NA			Committee discussed the harvest and possession limits as they are and the proposed changes, but decided to take no action at this time.
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		



NA			No action: based on action taken on Proposal 117.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
NA	1		Support: Committee discussed ptarmigan hunting, population and proposed changes. Ptarmigan population is enough that the hunting season can be lengthened. Committee decided on no action and doesn't feel that change is needed at this time.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Support	3		Support: Committee discussed population of ptarmigan in each area, accidental take of ptarmigan, and the effects of season changes. Committee decided that the proposal would be beneficial to ptarmigan population and hunters harvesting across these units. Committee members feel no action is needed at this time.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
NA			No action based on action taken on Proposal 119.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	5		Support: Committee discussed the previous Controlled Use Area and proposed modified area for Sourdough. Committee feels the modification to the Controlled Use Area in Sourdough would better define the non-motorized areas for hunters wanting to utilize this area.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	5		Support: Committee discussed the previous Controlled Use Area and proposed modified area in Clearwater Creek. Committee feels the modification to the Controlled Use Area in Clearwater Creek would better define the non-motorized areas for hunters wanting to utilize this area.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Oppose		5	Opposed: Committee discussed the proxy hunt issues with people abusing the system. Proxy hunters regulations should be modified in the future to say that a person can only proxy hunt for one person.
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	3		Support: Committee discussed moose population, antlerless moose hunts and how often an antlerless moose hunts occur. Committee supports the antlerless hunt in the area based on population. No action taken due to not having any major opinions regarding antlerless moose hunts in Unit 6C
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	4		Support: Committee discussed the tag fee and feels that the brown bear tag fee exemption should be reauthorized due to brown bear population, predator control and incidental take. Committee member decided to not take action on this proposal due to not having any major opinion on supporting/opposing this proposal.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	4		Support: Based on discussion and action taken on Proposal 162. No action: Based on action taken on Proposal 162.
166	Modify the hunt structure for the Fortymile caribou herd in Units 20 and 25		
NA			Committee discussed the unit, the caribou population and the migration of the caribou herd through Canada. Committee took no action on this proposal based on



			the future management plans regarding this herd.
67B	Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
NA			Committee discussed minimum age for hunting licenses and fees involved. Committee decided to take no action based on no major opinion on Unit 16.

Committee decided to hold our next meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. At the next meeting, we'll discuss Proposals for the Board of Fisheries including the shellfish proposals and deep water release mechanism proposal. Comments for the Board of Fisheries are due February 23rd.

Move to adjourn by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Marissa Roberts
Minutes Approved By: Chair Hope Upicksoun
Date: February 1, 2018



Seldovia Advisory Committee
December 14, 2017
Multi-purpose Room

- I. Call to Order: 1210 by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Walter Sonen, Stephen Payton, Allison Miller (Secretary), Jordan Cameron, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Michael Opheim (Chair)

Members Absent: Keith Gain, Bryan Chartier

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Miller moves to approve the agenda, Sonen seconds. Motion passes.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:
 - A. Advisory Committee Elections: (3) 2-year seats, (3) 1-year seats, (1) alternate seat.
Sonen moves to open the floor for nominations. Cameron seconds. Motion passes.
Miller moves to nominate all the committee members whose terms have expired. Keith Swick seconds. Motion passes.
Alvin Swick would like to add Bryan Chartier back to the committee as an alternate. Cameron seconds. Motion passes.
Committee members cast votes on ballots provided.
Vote tally:
Michael Opheim: IIIIII- 7
Allison Miller: IIIIII- 7
Jordan Cameron: IIIIII- 6
Keith Swick: IIIIII- 6
Alvin Swick: IIIIII- 6
Keith Gain: IIIIII- 6
Bryan Chartier: IIIIII- 6
Stephen Payton: I- 1
Miller moves to elect officers as previously seated, and those members who have served the longest will be 2 -year terms, the rest as 1-year and alternates as follows:
Chair: Michael Opheim
Secretary: Allison Miller



2-year seats: Alvin Swick, Keith Gain, Keith Swick

1-year seats: Michael Opheim, Jordan Cameron, Allison Miller

Alternate: Bryan Chartier

Alvin Swick seconds the motion. Motion passes.

B. Proposal 153: Sonen motion in support of the proposal. Alvin Swick seconds. Motion passes.

Discussion on effectiveness of antlerless moose hunts on Kalgin Island. All vote yea. None opposed. Proposal is unanimously supported.

C. Proposal 154: Alvin Swick motions in support of the proposal. Sonen seconds. Motion passes. All members vote yea. None opposed. Proposal is unanimously supported.

VIV. Meeting adjourns at 1246.

**Seward Fish and Game Advisory Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017**

1. Call to order 7:00
2. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bacon, Campbell, Carpenter, Casey, Clemens, Dubuc, Foldager, McCracken, Smith, White
Excused: Flood, Hatch, Hubbard
3. Approval of Previous meeting minutes: unanimous
Motion to adopt meeting agenda: unanimous
4. Correspondence: Diane Watson notified the AC about the 10/17 work session of BOF. Up for consideration is making Seward the meeting place for LCI BOF meetings in 2019. Will get an answer back on Tuesday. There have been letters of support from various organizations in Seward including Chamber of Commerce.
5. Introduction of committee members, agency reps: Jeff Salinger ADF&G Soldotna, AWT- Ken Acton
6. Citizens comments: none
7. Old biz:
Ken Carpenter gave a recap of kids' fish day. Success overall. Was able to solicit loaner rod donations, lots of prize donations- Fish House, Bass Pro Shops, Trustworthy Hardware, & Shimano. Safeway and 3 Bears donated food for the event. Grand prize drawing was held for a charter fishing trip. Attendees came from all over the state, including Valdez, Fairbanks and Soldotna. Ken sent thank you letters to donors
8. New biz:
Meeting authorization:
Casey moves, McCracken seconds authorization for Diane Dubuc to attend PWS BOF meeting on December 1 – 5 in Valdez

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

February 16 – 23, 2018 | Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	10	0	<p>Motion to adopt by Smith</p> <p>Smith has concerns with community subsistence hunt, cites ample general hunting opportunity in areas open to CSH, concerned about abuse</p> <p>Carpenter: 252 communities register for the hunt, and most are from near Anchorage. Also concerned about CSH abuse. What about game checkpoints? AWT: this constitutes a roadblock: illegal under AK state law</p>



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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
			<p>Smith: CSH was put in place for increased opportunity to Ahtna people, now is being capitalized on by a more urban population</p> <p>Smith motion to write an RC, Carpenter seconds it.</p>
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Support	4	3	<p>Motion to adopt by Foldager</p> <p>Foldager does not want hunters to be restricted for moose hunting based on where they go to hunt caribou. Campbell concurs, does not agree with locking moose hunters into an area where they choose to caribou hunt.</p> <p>Clemens mentions one favorable thing about the regulation is that it takes pressure away from other areas. Hunters must make that tradeoff when they decide to participate in the Tier I caribou hunt.</p> <p>Foldager: the current regulations force hunters who want both moose and caribou to spend greater amounts of time in the field hunting that area which can be cost prohibitive (money and time)</p> <p>3 Abstained</p>
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	6	3	<p><u>Proposal 155</u></p> <p>Motion to adopt: Casey</p> <p>Casey: would like to see the regulation remain on the books, eliminating it would be too permanent, hard to reintroduce. Leaving it on the books allows ADF&G to open it if the numbers are high enough</p> <p>White: Has hunted here a lot & doesn't think there are enough animals there to support a hunt.</p> <p>1 Abstain</p>

Schedule next meeting: April 2018

Move to adjourn 9:41

Minutes taken by Andy Bacon
Verbally approved by Chair
10/27/2017



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Agenda
October 26, 2017 – 12 noon
Community Building

1. Wade Ryan called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.
2. Roll Call
Wade Ryan, Chair
Jacob Ivanoff, Secretary
Matilda Hardy, Member
Alexander Niksik, Member
Frank Katchatag, Member
Wes Jones, Member
Morris Nassuk, Member, attempted to attend but the plane left his village before he could board. He tried to participate by teleconference but there was too much static for him.
3. Jacob moved seconded by Matilda to Approval of Agenda
4. Jacob moved seconded by Wes to Approve of Meeting Minutes – 12/8/16 Meeting Minutes approved on 12/22/16
5. Fish & Game Staff present
Bill Dunker and Hazel Smith participated in person; Letty Hughes and Justin Leon participated by teleconference.
6. Guests present – None; Clarence Towarak participated towards the end of the meeting.
7. Election of Officers,
Wes made a motion seconded by Frank to keep Wade as Chair and Jacob as Secretary.
8. Old business - None
9. New business – Board of Game

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting November 10 – 17, 2017 Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
No Action			
2	Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters		
No Action			
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Opposed	0	6	Wes made motion Jacob seconded to approve. Wes said due to the complexity of the



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November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			proposal he is against.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
No action			
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
No Action			
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Opposed	0	6	Jacob moved Wes seconded to approve. Wes stated it opens the ability to abuse trapping towards specific harvested animals.
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
No Action			
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wade doesn't like the proposal due to the amount of conflict with DOL. Wes stated that there are already so many rules with land and shoot.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes stated it starts meddling with making adjustments for all game.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
No Action			
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
No Action			
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes said that if we take up the airbow method that it does not align with a normal use of a bow.
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
No Action			
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Frank to approve. Wes will vote against because our current requirements of harvesting the bears is sufficient. Wade agrees with Wes that we have no issues with the current regulations
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
No Action			
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
No Action			



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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
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
No Action			
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No Action			
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit		
No Action			
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
No Action			
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
No Action			
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
No Action			
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
No Action			
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	6	0	Jacob move seconded by Wes to approve. Wes said the difficulty of obtain duck stamps for Federal and if the Federal stamp was removed it aligns the state with it.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
No Action			
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wade stated we have proxy hunting everywhere else. Wes asked if there was limit on the hunt and supports the proposal.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Frank to approve. Wes asked if we cannot currently proxy hunt in our region. Bill stated that in 22A there is no proxy hunt allowed.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes will vote against because it will require the Department will have to seal the antlers, it will add undue cost to the Department.
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes said that it keeps the guides inline if opposed.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
Opposed	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes stated it keeps everything inline if opposed.
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded Matilda to approve. Wade said it will be smart because the state can keep a record the transfer of meat.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wade asked how much the permit will be. Bill stated that it will be free. Jacob said it will help the state keep track of the hide and sale. Wes asked if the main goal is to see what is the harvest in the state for the Department to keep tab of the harvest of bears.
50	Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas		
No Action			
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
No Action			
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
No Action			
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
No Action			
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Opposed	0	6	Matilda moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wes stated that it does have some good components but it's hard to see a justification. Jacob asked if they already use the household size as a point system. Bill said they do not. Jacob stated there would be to many changes that would need to take place if this was adopted.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
No Action			
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
No Action			



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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
57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Opposed	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes stated that the way we need to go is to have a hunter’s certificate. It is unrealistic to have our young residence to obtain a hunter education certification. Wade stated that education is good but with the state budget it is not feasible.
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wes thinks this is a poor way to go to release sterilized cats. Cats become an invasive species. Wade thinks that no one should be releasing any type of animals into the wild.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve.
66	Update the Board of Game’s policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve.
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve.
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Frank to approve.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Oppose	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wade said this is a good idea for some areas but for our area is unnecessary. Wes think it would be a good idea for areas that require specific antler size or brow tine.

163 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
 Support 6 0 Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve.



Area Biologists Bill Dunker and Letty Hughes gave updates to the AC on current projects in the Southern Sound Area and upcoming areas of research. Bill also gave updates on personnel changes in Region 5. Justin Leon, Fisheries Biologist was going to give a presentation but the AC moved quickly.

Elder Clarence Towarak relayed his concerns to the AC about certain proposals and wanted to know how they voted which he agreed with.

10. Adjourn at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Jacob Ivanoff, Secretary

Signature

Date

Minutes reviewed/approved by: Wade Ryan, Chair

Signature

Date



Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19 & 20

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Carney at 2pm

The Roll Call & Quorum

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer attended by telephone/ Faron Bobby was absent.
- Stony River – David Bobby & Charlie Gusty were absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney was present / Terence Morgan was absent
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & John Zeller were present

Sleetmute rep /chair Doug Carney Appointed Frank Egnaty to serve in Terence Morgan's place.
The 5 members present establishes a quorum.

Others Attending -

- Josh Peirce, Area Biologist
- 17 community members, besides the SHAC members, attended the meeting –a large turnout for any meeting in Sleetmute.

Members' Concerns - Chair

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting? *Besides comments on the statewide proposals, SHAC will address the ACR1 that was submitted by Henry Hill.*
- Any proposals besides the ones listed - *None*
- Anything for future meetings? *Nothing brought up.*

Approval of Agenda –Approved

Reading & Approval of Minutes - from the Dec.8, 2016 teleconference meeting. The minutes were approved as read, with one change pointed out by Josh Peirce. It is the McGrath Native Village that pays \$150 for each wolf & bear brought in – not the McGrath City Council.

Fred Bobby - Bear control program needed in Lime Village area

Freddy was absent, so the Chair gave a short narrative of Fred's concerns. He wants to see bear control occur in the Lime Village area. Folks up there are having bear trouble. Fred's smokehouse had the whole back torn off by a bear, and fish eaten. Fred's wife had run into a brown bear as she was entering the washeteria in Lime.

Chair –

- *The next Region III meeting is in spring, 2020*
- *Reviewed handouts for SHAC members and community members to use during the meeting.*
- *Discussed the possibility of splitting 19A into 2 subunits*

Josh Peirce



- Had some handouts, including printed versions of his power point presentation.
- Josh gave a short history of the moose closure.

Nov. & Feb Moose counts moose surveys

As Josh went through his power point SHAC and community members asked questions and took part in the discussion.

Some of the points made, and discussion involved the following -

- He started with a map of 19A, explaining the different hunt areas and where predator control occurs
- Went over the Nov. 2016 and Feb. 2017 moose surveys
- Spoke of the \$150 bounty the McGrath Native Village Council offers for bear and wolves
- Explained that a harvestable surplus is generally considered to be 4% of extrapolated # of moose.
- ANS and harvestable surplus were explained and discussed
- Spoke of Tier II – explained conditions / younger folks can't get points for a permit
- Spoke of twinning rates and what they indicate –good feed = fat & healthy cows = more twins
- 20% calf survival is at the low end of maintaining a population, but don't want it any lower
- 40% of a wolf population can be killed every year, and wolf numbers will have bounced back by the next year
- 19A Intensive Management goals / 7600-9300 in 19A - presently at 6300
- Drawing hunts pros & cons were discussed

BOG Statewide Meeting / Nov. 10-17 / ACR 1 Discussion, proposals & comments

Discussion was led by the Chair-

Chair - Before addressing the proposals in the book, we'll discuss **ACR1** submitted by Henry Hill.

The BOG changed from a 2-year cycle to a 3-year cycle.

We are in Region 3 – the Interior – we were in cycle in 2017 – Region 3 meeting was last Feb.

The next Region 3 meeting is in 2020.

So this ACR is an attempt to get the BOG to consider an opening before 2020.

Oct. 4 - BOG will have a teleconference to decide whether or not they will accept this ACR.

Sept 29 is the comment deadline – The public, including SHAC has the opportunity to comment on this, urging BOG to accept or not accept the ACR.

SHAC voted to OPPOSE ACR1, urging BOG NOT to accept the ACR - or if accepted - to table it for an opening no earlier than fall, 2019.

It is clear that although people in our area would like to see a hunt, they are cautious about having an opening, when numbers are still so low in the closed area of 19A.

The Chair asked for and was given approval by SHAC members to write and send comments on the ACR by the deadline of Sept. 29 to BOG for the Oct 4 teleconference, and to address a possible registration hunt opening as needed at any future BOG meeting, including making SHAC's hunt recommendations available to BOG if ACR 1 is accepted OR when it is appropriate for a hunt opening that would occur not before fall, 2019.

Comments on ACR 1 were sent to BOG before the Sept. 29th Deadline.

BOG accepted ACR 1, and put it on the Feb. 2018 meeting schedule as Proposal 165

SHAC comments on Proposal 165 for that meeting are at the end of these minutes.

Discussion went on for 2-3 hours, and was both thorough and productive.



The committee allowed the public to take part all the way through, to make sure all were clear on several points – How registration permits work, ANS, harvestable surplus were all important topics for those unfamiliar with them.

Gail Vanderpool suggested that SHAC learn how McGrath and GASH control hunting in their areas – Hunters must register in villages, fly in & out with scheduled airlines to state maintained strips, and their meat must stay with them.

Sandra Derendy – We need to be conservative and not open too soon or allow too much hunting. Maybe hunters should be required to bring the meat out on the bones.

Doug Carney – Without law enforcement, with an opening even more abuse will occur in 19A, since with the new registration hunt there will be some legitimate hunting going on in 19A.

No one present wanted to see the herd lose the little ground it has gained, and would rather see the area remain closed, rather than risk a hunt that would destroy that.

From this discussion, SHAC used its list of hunt options, added others, and came up with conditions SHAC believes would contribute to a cautious, prudent, and limited registration hunt opening.

Using the list of options for a hunt, the latest survey information, and through discussion of this list and other issues, SHAC agreed on a list of conditions for a registration hunt. SHAC believes these conditions would offer a hunt in the area that would possibly allow the herd to continue to grow, as well as limit the ability of some forms of hunt abuse and possibly over-harvest of moose in the area. This list follows SHAC comments on Proposal 165 at the end of these minutes.

Half hour break for dinner at 6pm.

Resumption of meeting at 7 p.m.

- BOG proposals for the statewide meeting were considered and voted on– (1-17) 4, 5, 10,11, 12,13, 14, 15 / 41, 42, 52, 54
- If any members have other proposals for BOG or BOF meetings that you want to discuss, say so now and we'll add them. *Josh suggested a couple.*
- Proposal discussion & comments

Barb Carlson - Fisheries update

- Barb went over 5 ACRs for BOF – 3,4,5,6,7. SHAC voted unanimously to allow Barb to write comments and testify –reflecting the support or opposition that SHAC gave these ACRs- if they become proposals.
- **Following discussion, she asked for and got approval from SHAC to make comments on the ACRs as well as to submit a proposal for SHAC to allow dip netting in the Kuskokwim drainage.**
- A short discussion on how BOF proposal 276 /RC46 will go into effect the summer of 2018, if we are again in times of Chinook conservation. This will allow some limited harvest of Chinook with a permit, if fishing above Aniak.

BOF ACRs Discussed & voted on -

ACR 3 – Oppose – Will make the possibility of targeting Chinook in times of conservation even worse than what was seen with 4” mesh nets.

ACR 4 – No Action –only affects communities below the Kolmokoff River – the locals there need to decide this one.



ACR 5 – Oppose – This is already being done very well through Emergency Order with lots of lead time to let people know about the coming closure.

ACR 6 – Oppose – This is already being done well by Emergency order. Making it a regulation may limit managers' options in unforeseen ways.

ACR 7 – Oppose – This may be needed in the non-salmon spawning tributaries down in the tidally influenced part of the Kuskokwim Drainage, but serves no purpose above the tide area, except to limit ability to catch non-salmon species during Chinook closures.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm on Sept.19, and reconvened at 9am on Sept.20.

There were additions and changes made to SHAC's recommendation list for the registration hunt that the committee approved. The hunt opening was changed from 7 to 5 days, and the permit cap wording was changed to "Up to 75 permits." Also the trigger for a closure was added – "when bull: cow ratio drops to 35 bulls: 100 cows."

Other Business – none

SHAC comments on Proposal 165 (ACR 1) for Feb. 2018 BOG Meeting

SHAC OPPOSES Proposal 165 - (as it did ACR 1)

In ACR 1 the author claims to be a subsistence hunter and though he has lived in Sleetmute 31 years, ADF&G records show that between 1993 and 2017 this "subsistence hunter" had a hunting license only in 2004 and 2005, and got a permanent ID card in 2009. (ADF&G records only go back to 1993.) The above statements are the only ones in the ACR, which are not repeated in Proposal 165.

Issues to address in both the ACR and Proposal 165- (Proposal text excerpts are in quotes – ***comments are bold & in italics***)

- "Permits would be available at the store in Sleetmute." ***The author could have said "My store", where he sells gasoline, groceries, and has a B&B. It would be financially profitable for the permits to be available in his store.***
- "The fish and game survey of spring 2017 showed there is a harvestable population for the first time since the closure in 2006." ***'Harvestable surplus' is what he must be thinking of.***
- "This hunting season should have been available in the 2017 cycle of the Board of Game for Interior-Northeast Arctic Region, however weather conditions did not allow for aerial surveys to validate this opening until the board cycle was past." ***SHAC had its meeting Dec.8, 2016, after the Nov. 2016 composition count, and did not put in an ACR then. The Feb. 2017 GSPE survey shows a rather low density. A harvestable surplus does not mandate an opening, and neither does an aerial survey. A Tier II hunt has always been available. It was considered by the 4 communities in the area, and rejected in 2006.***
- "The advisory committee was not able to put an agenda change request together because of all the summer activities of its members." ***SHAC had no intention of making an Agenda Change Request, but summer activities do make meetings difficult, as does the hunting season. The area biologist had also decided that rather than hurrying a meeting before the Sept 11 ACR deadline with the purpose of putting in an ACR for an opening, he wanted to have***



a face-to-face AC meeting to explain in detail what a limited opening could be like, so folks in the area could get a good picture of it. To ensure people showed up for the meeting, the biologist and SHAC chair planned on a meeting in October, and then had to make it earlier due to Josh's schedule, and PFDs coming out.

- *Later, on September 19-20, 2017, the SHAC meeting in Sleetmute, went as planned. The biologist gave the latest moose survey information. The biologist and SHAC Chair explained how the registration hunts could have conditions to limit the take of animals.*

Feb. 2017 Survey power point

Some things to be aware of when studying page 2 of the Area Biologist's survey power point –

- Do not confuse the label "West" at the top of the table to mean all of what we have been calling the Tier II portion of 19A - TM680 containing 5735 sq. miles. The "West" of this table contains only a portion of what we call 19A West.
- The label "East" does mean all 4289 sq. miles of 19A East –the closure area we are discussing in Prop 165.
- Those composition surveys that have been done in 19A East -the closure area - have been done in the best habitat area, as the map shows. This applies to the Nov. 2016 survey as well. This survey area is within the Wolf Control Focus area,(WCFA), and also the Bear Control Focus Area (BCFA).
- **In the Nov, 2016 comp. survey - the high 58 bulls:100cows and 55 calves:100 cow ratios** were found within the Bear Control Focus Area, which contains 534 square miles. This area is about 12% of 19A East, and 15% of 19A East, (less the LVMA.) **Keep in mind, that this is where the composition counts have been done in recent years – yet the hunt opening would be in all of 19A East.** The 1.4 moose per square mile is comparatively high within 19A East, but is not unimpressive when considering what the habitat could and did support until the late 1990s.
- The other 84 or 88% of 19A East has extremely low moose concentrations of 0.5 per square mile.
- **The Nov, 2017 comp. survey - 36 bulls:100 cows, and 34 calves:100 cows** shows much lower ratios compared to last year.
- **The table below**, (included in the Nov. 2016 comp count memo), shows comp counts from previous years, with the Nov.2017 comp count added

Regulatory year	Moose	Cows	Calves	Calves: 100 cows	Bulls	Bulls:100 cows
2007–2008	200	111	50	45	39	35
2008–2009	124	77	21	27	26	34
2009–2010	129	69	25	36	35	51
2010–2011	212	127	24	19	61	48
2011–2012	164	97	30	31	37	38
2013–2014	244	119	59	50	66	55
2016–2017	273	128	71	55	74	58
2017-2018	300	176	60	34	64	36

The bull:cow ratio is almost exactly what SHAC has recommended, (35bulls:100 cows), for a trigger to close any hunt that BOG may choose to open.



There is now a harvestable surplus in 19A that is greater than the ANS for the GMU. By regulation, the Tier II hunt will have to be changed to another sort of hunt at the Region 3 BOG meeting cycle in 2020. *There is however, no regulation that forces a hunt opening in the closure area, and no particular need to open a season out of cycle.*

- The Feb. 2017 ADF&G survey shows 0.5 animals per square mile in the closure area, which is a very low concentration of moose.
- There are 2 separate, identified herds in 19A that have been managed separately since 2006.
- There are several legitimate reasons / differences for separating GMU 19A into 2 subunits, and this also bears serious consideration. As things stand now, with one ANS and one harvestable surplus for all of 19A, along with other issues, a separation would make sense.

Some background on the 19A hunt closure

The 2006 moose closure originated with the four village councils in the area, (Lime Village, Stony River, Sleetmute, and Red Devil), and some members of the “Old” Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee, (CKAC). This course was taken after watching the continuing moose population dive during the two, (2004-2005), registration hunt seasons. At the 2006 Region 3 BOG meeting, BOG voted to make eastern 19A a closure area, and western 19A was put into Tier II. There was no harvestable surplus in the closure area at that time.

CKAC members from Stony River and Sleetmute wanted a closure on moose hunting, with any future harvestable surplus to be used to build the herd rather than having a Tier II hunt. These 4 village traditional councils made resolutions in support of this.

Since the closure went into effect in Fall, 2006, the SHAC Chair and the last 2 biologists have been making a list of hunt condition options to include in any future hunt opening.

The Nov. 2016 & Feb, 2017 survey results have not led to any movement in these villages for an opening. The only proponent of an opening that SHAC is aware of is this proposal’s author, and one of his employees.

The timing, conditions, and decision of whether or not to open a moose hunt in this closure area is of great importance to the communities that SHAC represents, so members of the public were encouraged to take full part in the discussion with the committee much more than usual, while surveys were explained, and hunt conditions were considered.

At this meeting SHAC discussed possible hunt options if/ when a hunt is approved by BOG, and agreed on what should be included in the list of recommendations. These recommendations are made to help ensure the possibility of continued herd growth, while allowing a limited take of animals. SHAC believes each of these recommendations is vital for these considerations.

Three Primary issues of importance to SHAC and area residents concern hunt opening and closing–

- *There is no compelling reason to consider an opening out of cycle.*
- *When/if survey numbers show a lowering moose population, at a specified point, (such as a low bull-cow or calf-cow ratio), the area would return to a closure, rather than going into Tier II.*
- *That permits **NOT** be made available at the Hill Enterprises Store, but at the Sleetmute Traditional Council office.*



SHAC, STC, and community members oppose an opening earlier than fall, 2019.

The rationale for this is that 2019 would be 5 years after the Bear Control program ended in 2014, and this would give an extra generation of cows the opportunity to have calves.

This is similar to what was done in McGrath, where there was a 5-year moratorium on hunting moose after the Bear Removal Program was done in that area.

- In its comments, SHAC made clear its opposition to ACR1, and asked the Board not to accept it at the Oct.4 BOG teleconference.
- STC also sent BOG its comments of opposition to both ACR1 and Proposal 165.
- The Sleetmute Traditional Council comments made it clear that SHAC represents the people of Sleetmute and the area, and that the author of ACR1/ 165 does not.

Since BOG did vote to accept ACR 1, and also to address it at the Feb, 2018 BOG meeting as Proposal 165, SHAC urges the Board not open a hunt out of cycle.

Whenever an opening is approved, SHAC urges the implementation of its list of hunt opening recommendations printed below.

SHAC's Hunt Recommendations for an Experimental Tier I / Subsistence Registration Hunt in 19A/East

Considerations -

- Moose herd #s are very low in the Closea Area / 0.6 moose/sq. mile
- There is a lack of law enforcement in the area
- Most likely will not get a checkpoint installed.
- Boat hunters claiming they killed moose in 19B, but actually killed in 19A will continue & increase.

Conditions -

- On the Kuskokwim River, (GMUs 18 & 19), only one permit hunt can be applied for in a season. This presents enforcement difficulties, (There is no Wildlife Protection Trooper in Aniak). It may be difficult to verify that persons getting permits for this hunt don't already have permits elsewhere. **Make it a large and presumptive penalty for having more than one permit, or other violations of the hunt restrictions.**
- Hunters accessing the Holitna Watershed by boat, (at least within the Holitna Hoholitna CUA), can hunt moose in 19A and 19B only if they possess this 19A registration permit. (2008Region 3 BOG Meeting / SHAC Prop13)
- 5-day hunt opening /Sept. 1-5. Have the hunt coincide with other permit hunts in GMUs 18 & 19 / Have 19A east hunt opening occur at same time as 19A Tier II, GMU 18 reg hunt, 19D registration hunts.
- Permits will be issued in July, and issue dates will be determined by the area biologist.
- The area biologist should be authorized to issue as many as 75 permits, and adjust the number issued up or down, according to moose survey results
- The 1st hunting season should not occur before Fall, 2019. After the McGrath Bear Removal Program, there was a 5-year moratorium on moose hunting in that area, so that there would be another generation of cows mature enough to bare calves. SHAC would like to see the same delay for a hunt happen in 19A.
- In the 1st hunt season, 30 permits will be issued for 1 antlered bull.
- 10 permits will be issued in Stony River, and 20 in Sleetmute
- Permits will be issued in July at the Traditional council offices on 2 successive days - 1 day in Sleetmute, and 1 day in Stony River. (Dates in July are to be decided by the area biologist)Wording should be, "permits available within the hunt area- in person only"
- Only one permit will be issued to a household.



- **Proxy hunters for elders will be allowed for this hunt.**
 - **Hunt reporting must be done within 15 days of hunt closure.** Failure to turn in a report will result in no permit eligibility for the next season.
 - **It is understood that if or when moose #s in 19A East become low – the area will return to a closure, rather than going into Tier II.**
 - **The trigger for return to a closure is - *If/when the bull:cow ratio drops to 35 bulls : 100 cows, the area returns to a closure.***
 - Composition counts should be done each year to see how population is doing –(Bull:cow/ calf:cow)
 - Law enforcement is low in the area –have it increased during the reg. hunt and during the 19B season.
- Other conditions considered - but not agreed on or recommended -**
- No commercial services allowed – no guiding, outfitting, transporting services to be used
 - Access for hunt only by scheduled commercial aircraft to publicly maintained strips in one of the villages, (SLQ, Stony, RD)
 - A checkpoint @ mouth of Holitna.
 - Make this hunt a winter subsistence hunt – open in Nov. or Feb.
 - Cap on the number of moose taken (20), with 1 or 2 days to report success.

Adjournment: 10am, Sept.20

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher & Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 01/10/18



**Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 3, 2017
Togiak Traditional Council Office**

- I. Call to Order: [10:30am] by [Moses Kritz]
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Moses Kritz , Roger Wassillie, Peter Lockuk, Joe Alexie, Walter Kanulie, Mickey Sharp, Kenneth Nukwak, Tessa Nikerson-until 4:45, Frank Logusak-until 11:55, Norman Gloko-11:10-4:45, Bill Sanchez-Alternate, Thomas Dock-Alternate
Members Absent: Gust Bartman-Excused, Julius Henry, Darren Byayuk, Lester Moore
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7
Frank moves to seat the alternates, Peter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- III. Approval of Agenda: Frank Moves open Agenda, Tessa 2nds, Unanimous Approval
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/10/2017 meeting, Frank move to approve, Walter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Joe Witkopp (AWT), Taryn O'Conner-Brito (Boards), Neil Barten (Wildlife), Jason Dye (Sports Fish), Tim Sands (Com Fish), James Van Lannen (Subsistence)
- VI. Guests Present: Jimmy Coopchiak (Togiak Traditional Council), Theo Pauk (Togiak), Bob Dubey (Togi Fisheries), Susanna Henry (TNWR), Andy Aderman (TNWR), Pat Walsh (TNWR)
- VII. TEK Mulchatna Caribou Project Presentation: Jamie Vanlannen-
 - Participatory GIS (local people mapping traditional knowledge)
 - 13 communities involved
 - Draft report due by November 15th
 - Jamie got weathered out of meeting and would like to re schedule a time to meet face to face with members of the Togiak community. Hard to explain report over phone.
 - Maybe end of October or beginning of November. Gayla will coordinate with Jimmy Coopchiak.



VIII. Elections for Togiak Designated seats and Undesignated seats: Franks moves all members be nominated to sit another term, Thomas 2nds.

Moses K asks if there are further nominations, there are none.

All members are re-elected (unanimous support from AC and public)

IX. Staff Updates:

Taryn- Reminders about on time public comment deadlines for Board of Game Statewide Game and Central/Southwest Region meetings.

Frank L. has heard comments and concerns about sportsman stripping eggs from chinook. It needs to be investigated and needs to stop.

- Jason Dye agrees, it is 100% illegal and unacceptable.
- Trooper Wittcop- agrees, it is illegal, unacceptable, and unethical. Member of public has supplied him with pictures of 3-5 fish. Doesn't have much to go on. Has met with lodge owner, and is working with guides. Not sure how many fish were stripped. Would appreciate any information the public could provide. This is an ongoing investigation.
- Frank L. expresses his concern over the disrespect showed by the stripping of the fish.

Norman Gloko would like to remind the troopers that when they fly low with helicopters it scares off game that is being hunted.

Frank L. would like to remind everyone that ADF&G and AWT are working to grow hunting species and are not against us.

Moses Kritz would like to bring the meeting back to order, and reminds AC that it is currently time for Staff Updates.

Tim Sands-

- Pretty normal biological info for this fishing season
- Schedule was regular. One extended weekend.
- Some restrictions out west due to increased effort in Osviak- amount of effort believed unsustainable. ADF&G will keep an eye on the western sections.
- Escapement 190,000 and total harvest was average
- Lots of off year pinks
- Chinook harvest up a little, but still low.

Moses K. comments that in the mid-60s and early 70s there was good effort out west. This had dwindled down until 2-3 years ago when it increased again. Used to be mostly chums out west.



Fran L. adds that salmon had been coming from the east, but they seem to be coming from the west now. Also, blue jelly fish are coming in with them. He has never seen this before.

Bill S. is interested in what data ADF&G is using to determine how much effort is too much.

Tim S. allows that there are not great numbers to base on. Over 10,000 chums and over 5,000 sockeye were harvested. Says these systems are small streams, not lake systems. There may be some interception happening, but his gut feeling is the streams may be affected. Will re visit this with more info next meeting when the AC discusses fisheries issues.

Bill S. believes they are Togiak fish being intercepted

Moses K. says next meeting will be primarily a finfish meeting AC will re visit the issue then.

Roger W. wants to know why ADF&G doesn't count at mouth of river.

Tim says there are too many resident fish like dollies that interfere with the sonar counts, and the water is too murky for a counting tower, so they count up river a bit where the water is clear.

Moses Calls 10 min break 10:55

Frank L. signed off 10:55

Staff Updates Continued:

Neil Barten-

- Caribou- Calf mortality study in progress. Seeing predation by bears, wolves, and some eagles.
- Nutrition is good, conditions are good, but calf survival is not good.
- Mulchatna IM meeting in Palmer will discuss expanding area for managing wolves to help predation of caribou on calving grounds
- Moose- Nutritionally doing really well. When surveyed 34/35 cows were pregnant. Survey later saw 31 with calves. Only 4 calves are known to have survived. The study will likely be expanded to include calf mortality.
- AK Hares- Rick (small game biologist in palmer) is studying them. Would like info on Alaska hares.

Andy Aderman-

- Refuge counted moose last October. Population estimate was 1,700 moose
- There was no snow, so collared animals were used as a control group for the count.
- A population range of 800-1,200 is believed to be ideal for long term.



Moses- Wonders if the AC should propose to extend the fall and winter seasons by a week.
Thomas- Is concerned that wolf control could wipe out wolves needed to cull the sick and weak from the moose herd.
Neil says wolves targeted are primarily working the caribou calving grounds.
Kenneth would like to know if 17a survey included Tuklung mountains.
Andy says Tuklungs are mostly 17c
Kenneth says hunters often ask where 17a starts on the river
Andy says it is about drainage directions, and it can be difficult down on peninsula but the moose aren't really down there.

X. New Business:

1. Comments on proposals for Board of Game Statewide Game, and Central/Southwest BOG.
(see table below)



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal would change the definition of edible meat for large game birds</p> <p>Gayla- YKC Council to AMBCC made proposal. Trying to keep people from wasting edible portions. Was submitted once before but included Ptarmigan, and there was push back.</p> <p>Moses K.- real good proposal. Would support.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support Roger W. 2nds AC supports unanimously</p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal would require harvest tickets for brown bear</p> <p>Peter L. moves to oppose proposal 25 Roger W. 2nds Motion passes unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 25)</p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	9	0	<p>Gayla H- proposal would remove the necessity for someone to by the \$10 state duck stamp for the spring subsistence season. This would not apply to the fall season. You would still need to get a stamp for that.</p> <p>Moses K.- would support. Local people fall on hardship quite a bit.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support proposal 41 Kenneth 2nds AC unanimously supports proposal 41</p>
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	9	0	<p>Neil- would allow proxy hunting for Emperor geese.</p> <p>Thomas moves to support proposal 43 Walter 2nds AC unanimously supports proposal 43</p>



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49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- Department proposal, which seeks to require permit for sale of brown bear hides and skulls.</p> <p>Moses K.- what will the permit cost? Neil- it will be fee. Thomas- could I get a permit on the phone? Neil- the details haven't been sorted out yet. you probably could get a permit when you get the hide sealed. The department is just looking for data. You currently can sell hides and skulls with claws attached Bill S. doesn't think it is necessary.</p> <p>Walter K. moves to oppose proposal 49 Peter L. 2nds AC supports motion unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 49)</p>
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	<p>Neil- this proposal would open the door for the board to find findings that could open the door for more hunting later. Thomas D. moves to adopt Walter 2nds AC unanimously supports proposal 53</p>
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- relates to tier II hunt questions. Seeks to change some questions on the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could dilute rural preference and local preference. • If proposal passes someone from outside area would have a better chance at hunting. • Tier II is used when the department can't allow an open hunt because there are not enough animals to go around. You have to apply to hunt. • Unit 17 currently doesn't have any tier II hunts, but that may not be the case in the future. <p>Walter moves to oppose proposal 54</p>



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			<p>Peter 2nds</p> <p>Bill S.- wants more info</p> <p>Neil- it is complicated, but the proponent is pushing for change in criteria to be less dependent on local needs to get a permit.</p> <p>Gayla H. says it is the last paragraph that she doesn't like.</p> <p>AC unanimously supports motion (AC unanimously opposes proposal 54)</p>
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	3	6	<p>Neil- proposal would require hunter education for any hunter over the age of 12, and require anyone under 12 be accompanied by someone who had completed the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the road system there are some requirements. In western Alaska it would be hard to implement. <p>Moses K.- Would not be good for rural Alaska. Will not be supporting. It would be a hardship for families who hunt together. We hunt with our kids when they are 4-5 years old and we teach gun safety, and not to waste.</p> <p>Roger W. wants to know about an incident that happened in unit 17 this year.</p> <p>Joe W.- a man accidentally shot himself with his own gun.</p> <p>Moses K.- suggests as an alternative schools could help with gun safety.</p> <p>Kenneth N. Communities could do this on their own too.</p> <p>Susanna H.- the refuge offers opportunity for hunter safety.</p> <p>Roger W. moves to support</p> <p>Joe A. 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion:</p> <p>Bill S.- this will be difficult if it is mandatory. Doesn't see how it could be done.</p> <p>Walter K.- if this becomes a regulation all of us will need hunter ed.</p> <p>Peter L. won't support</p> <p>Bill S.- Voluntary education is great, but not mandatory education. What if they don't get out here. Doesn't think it could work for everyone.</p> <p>Walter K.- the resources are there, and we can organize this on our own.</p> <p>Cody L.- Hunter education course takes 2-4 days 2-3 evenings and a shooting</p>



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			<p>day.</p> <p>Neil B.- there are about 12 instructors in Dillingham. If a community wants to set up a class they can call Neil.</p> <p>Moses calls for roll call vote:</p> <p>Moses- no Roger- yes Peter- no Bill- no Joe- yes Walter- no Kenneth- yes Thomas- no Mickey- no (Proposal 60 Fails 3-6)</p> <p>Tessa and Norman are no longer on line.</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
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow a 7 day archery hunt following the regular season in 17b, and 17c. 50" antler restriction would remain. This wouldn't apply to 17a.</p> <p>Bill S. (jokingly) only has one question... if you wound it with an arrow can you shoot it?</p> <p>Joe W. says only if it is running at you... then it is a DLP, and would need to be turned over to the state.</p>



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			<p>Moses K.- wants to hear from Kenneth. Kenneth N. hasn't read it. Neil B. – 17c doesn't have any nonresident hunting. In 17b this would apply to nonresidents. He isn't sure how many local people would take advantage of the hunt. Kenneth N.- doesn't think he would use a bow to hunt moose.</p> <p>Kenneth N. moves to oppose proposal 72 Bill S. 2nds Motion carries unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 72)</p>
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal would re authorize brown bear tag fee exemption.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to adopt prop 76 Peter L. 2nds</p> <p>No further discussion AC supports unanimously</p>
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- proposal would reauthorize antlerless moose in Unit 17</p> <p>Walter moves to support Peter L. ? 2nds AC Supports Unanimously</p>
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
No Action			No Action due to action on prop 138
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Amend & Support			<p>Neil- proposal would lengthen fall moose hunt by 5 days on the end</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper into rut, bulls are more vulnerable • Neil doesn't see this as a conservation concern due to current population



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary discussion is that the department thinks this would be fine More surveys will take place in October. <p>Moses- suggests the AC amend the proposal to extend 7 days rather than 5 due to population estimate. He sees reason to be concerned about a crash.</p> <p>Peter L. moves to adopt proposal 138 Thomas 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jimmy C. would support the extension citing lots of moose recruitment. He doesn't want to see a crash due to overpopulation. <p>Joe A. moves the AC amend proposal 138 to extend the season 7 days Roger W. 2nds</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill wonders if 7 days closer to the rut will cause poor meat quality? Moses doesn't think one week will be too bad Jimmy is interested in past habitat work in 17a Andy A. says that past habitat surveys have suggested about 450 square miles of moose habitat. 2-3 moose per square mile is considered ok. This is how the population goal of 800-1200 moose was concluded. <p>Amendment carries unanimously Proposal 138 as amended carries unanimously</p>
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- Proposal seeks to lengthen nonresident hunting in 17a by 5 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would limit nonresidents to 20 permits Would set season as Sept 1-20 (start earlier and go later) Neil isn't worried about biological implications due to current population Could help meet management objectives for unit 17a Department will likely support <p>Jimmy C. is against it. It will compete with locals. Bill S. is against it. Likes hunting without the competition. Moses K. agrees; nobody else was around when Togiak started talking about</p>



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			<p>moose management. Now the resource is big, and the community feels protective of it. Has concern for current moose numbers, but still objects to proposal.</p> <p>Norman G. also is against seeing nonresident expansion.</p> <p>Norman moves that AC oppose proposal 139 No second at this time.</p> <p>Pat W. says that by regulation originally proposed by AC the nonresident hunters use a geographical area that doesn't conflict with local hunters. He urges an open minded approach to this proposal.</p> <p>Moses K. isn't sure. Maybe the AC shouldn't say no just to say no. Moose numbers are high. Has concerns about future sport hunting proposals. Doesn't know.</p> <p>Roger W. Thinks proposal could cause population drop due to sport hunters calling in big bulls close to the rut.</p> <p>Moses K. wants to know about antler restrictions for sport hunts. Neil B. says that that hunt requires a 50" antler. The 20 bull limit will remain as well.</p> <p>Thomas D. wants to know how many of the 20 are usually taken Neil B. says last year, 10. Year before that it was 4. Three years ago it was also 4. That was the year it opened. This year there have been 3 reported so far. Teo P. wouldn't support.</p> <p>Norman moves the AC oppose proposal 139 Thomas D. 2nds Motion passes unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 139)</p>
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals are allocative in nature between sport users Board of Game handles allocation issues, so department will be neutral. <p>Moses K. says that currently the village council isn't very involved in sport hunt</p>



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			<p>issues, but he wonders what Jimmy C. would think.</p> <p>Kenneth- wants to hear more about the proposal, and how it relates to registration.</p> <p>Neil- Right now 20 permits go to draw hunt. The proposal seeks to allocate up to 10 of these to a registration hunt in which the registered hunter would need a guide.</p> <p>Kenneth- possibly more hunter participation would result due to a guide marketing this hunt.</p> <p>Pat W. the Togiak refuge won't support the proposal. It is only in the interest of the Guide.</p> <p>Walter moves to oppose proposals 140 and 141</p> <p>Tessa 2nds</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p> <p>(AC unanimously opposes proposals 140-141)</p>
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals are allocative in nature between sport users Board of Game handles allocation issues, so department will be neutral. <p>Moses K. says that currently the village council isn't very involved in sport hunt issues, but he wonders what Jimmy C. would think.</p> <p>Kenneth- wants to hear more about the proposal, and how it relates to registration.</p> <p>Neil- Right now 20 permits go to draw hunt. The proposal seeks to allocate up to 10 of these to a registration hunt in which the registered hunter would need a guide.</p> <p>Kenneth- possibly more hunter participation would result due to a guide marketing this hunt.</p> <p>Pat W. the Togiak refuge won't support the proposal. It is only in the interest of the Guide.</p> <p>Walter moves to oppose proposals 140 and 141</p> <p>Tessa 2nds</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>



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			(AC unanimously opposes proposals 140-141)
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
Support	0	11	<p>Neil- Proposal would lengthen fall season by extending through September 20th for the portion of 17c west of the Weary river.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question the department has is will an extended season compromise management strategy in 17c? • Extending in 17a seems like a good idea, but there isn't the same amount of data in 17c, and the data available doesn't suggest the population is growing at all. • The department has concerns with calf recruitment and bull cow ratio. • Parts of 17c are seeing high rates of calf predation. Of the 34 cows that were pregnant when collared only 4 calves survived. • The department plans to collar calves out there to get better info. • ADF&G can't justify supporting this proposal at this time. <p>Tessa N. strongly supports. Not everyone is getting their moose. The moose move around after the season closes.</p> <p>Kenneth N. in the summer the moose are coming from the mountains, and valleys and creeks. They are not on the river banks. They are in the birch trees and on up from there. The traveling is tough. This could help. Predation control on bears could also help.</p> <p>Gayla H. another option considered was a boundary change, but the process would be long, so we decided that changing dates would be simpler. Also, there is a typo on the proposal book for this proposal. The proposal relates to 17c not 17a. She will need to check her proposal to see if the mistake was on their end or if it happened after the proposal was submitted.</p> <p>Neil B. – 17c and 17a have very different conditions. Neil is worried as a manager about the moose population in 17c. He doesn't want to take more than is sustainable. Next cycle things might be different, but now the department doesn't think the data suggests a healthy population in 17c.</p> <p>Surveys suggest that only calves up by Beverly lake survived. Calf survival is a worry. Even if the area of 17c west of the weary was part of 17a it would be an area of concern.</p> <p>Kenneth N. points out most of the animals collared were on the lower Nushagak and in the Muklung hills.</p>



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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
			<p>Walter K. moves to support 142 Thomas 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion-</p> <p>Bill S.- why doesn't ADF&G support shifting the dates back 5 days? Neil- In the 90s we moved the season back because the moose were more vulnerable later in the season. Also, there is concern that more hunters may put pressure on the area west of the weary after the remainder of 17c has closed.</p> <p>Question is called on 142 AC unanimously supports 142</p>
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
No Action			<p>Neil- this proposal seeks to move to a floating season for the winter moose hunt in the area of 17c west of the Weary River. This would be used to wait for the best snow conditions as done in 17a.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right now the seasons in 17b and 17c are fixed, so its variable on snow conditions • The department can't currently support because of concerns about over harvest. • We need to continue to work on more data. <p>Kenneth wants to know why there is a lack of info on the KMO side. Neil- The info for all of 17c was poor until this year. The department started a calf study this year, and planned to get over there. It didn't work out. Only so much money and opportunity. New capture crew, and new drug. Also, the department had to start with the IM area, but there are plans to extend the study. Still working on it. Kenneth N. notes that 5 years ago he saw over 100 moose in the area on Dec 31. They move around a lot. Pat W.- the refuge mostly sees the same as ADF&G. He is concerned that this proposal could basically double access because if DLG hunters don't get a moose in the regular 17c season they could hunt again in the portion west of the weary during the floating season. Gayla H.- suggests the AC could make an amendment to make it a registration</p>



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			<p>hunt, and restrict the hunter to one or the other.</p> <p>Neil B. – Notes that it is possible that it is possible more hunters would opt of the area with the floating season, but with amendments restrictions could be placed.</p> <p>Moses K- maybe KMO could wait until they meet with ADF&G and AWT, and until moose build up. If we want to conserve moose we should not do this, because it provides too much access.</p> <p>Gayla H- frustrated with population numbers. It is a good food source. We need to work on the issue. Maybe next cycle we should restrict this to watershed residents only.</p> <p>Tessa N.- it should be shut down to nonresidents too.</p> <p>Moses K.- When Togiak was in trouble ADF&G sat down with Togiak VC to come up with a plan. It is time to do this with KMO.</p> <p>Tessa would support prop 143</p> <p>Moses K.- would need hard justification to support this. No motion has been made on this proposal. Does the AC want to take action?</p> <p>No one wants to move proposal. No action.</p>
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- proposal would allow the use of motorized vehicles in upper Mulchatna controlled use area (17b) which has been closed since about 1990.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADF&G doesn't have a position yet • Neil hasn't dealt with changing controlled use areas before. • He spoke with others who had been involved in the process when the area was created. They said the reason it was put in place was to protect habitat. <p>Teo P.- 4 wheelers and ATVs destroy habitat. It is an issue in Togiak, and we are trying to provide trails and maps. It's something Togiak village council has been worried about locally. Could be a headache for corporation lands.</p> <p>Moses K.- This may get more support if the tribe proposed it.</p> <p>Teo P- wants to know if Neil has seen trails during aerial surveys.</p> <p>Neil B.- has seen a few, but the area is pretty pristine.</p> <p>Joe W.- isn't aware of any existing trails. There are trails near New Stuyahok, and Ekwok, but not further up river. He also notes it is easy to put an ATV in a skiff, and anyone could use this, not just locals.</p> <p>Moses K.- will not support proposal 144.</p> <p>Peter L. moves to <u>oppose</u> prop 144</p> <p>Walter K. seconds</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
			AC unanimously supports motion (AC unanimously opposes proposal 144)
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
No Action			<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow the use of a snow machine to position caribou, wolf, and wolverine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caribou are pretty group oriented, this could stress out the herd. The department hasn't really discussed implications for wolf or wolverine. <p>Moses K.- if there is a law against herding how can we do this?</p> <p>Gayla H.- it is allowed in unit 22, 23, and 26a. The FSB is considering a similar proposal.</p> <p>Teo P.- Positioning is not necessarily herding.</p> <p>Pat W.- The refuge opposes this. it is harmful to caribou. Caribou already lose 30-40% of their body weight in the winter. It is currently unlawful to do this on refuge land.</p> <p>Kenneth N.- Hunters are doing this already. Hunters could be cited if changes are not made.</p> <p>Moses K.- Maybe for wolves and wolverine, maybe not caribou. On the east side people have chased caribou, and they have learned. They will run from a mile away. In the past we stocked them, we didn't chase them. We caught them without a snogo, on foot.</p> <p>Pat W. has had success without chasing them.</p> <p>Bill S. Suggests the ac doesn't take action. There is no motion on the table.</p> <p>No one wants to make a motion. No Action</p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal seeks to liberalize the season for trapping beaver in unit 9 and 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would allow you to destroy a dam There would be no closed season There would be no sealing requirement, so ADF&G wouldn't know how many were taken. Last year at the Nushagak AC meeting there was concern raised by at least one person on the lower Nushagak about beaver populations on the Lower Nushagak. <p>Moses K.- there are blocked up streams. This is not good for salmon habitat. There is not much trapping now. Could be liberalized in the Togiak Area. There</p>



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			<p>are many more beaver in Togiak area then there used to be.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to adopt Peter L. 2nds</p> <p>No further discussion AC Supports Unanimously</p>

2. Discussion of possible muskox subcommittee. Neil- procedure would be for a group to get together and discuss the details.

Moses K.- Walter Kanulie and Peter Lockuk can represent the AC. They will work with the Traditional Council to set up a meeting with ADF&G.

3. Discussion of upcoming Board of Fisheries Call For Proposals Moses K- is hearing about 3 proposals the AC wants to discuss at the next meeting.

1. Proposal to keep Kulukuk section open until Friday.
2. Proposal to revert to past regulations on Setnet 1000 foot limit
3. Proposal to do away with the King Line

Moses will see that they get drafted for the next meeting; Cody Larson at BBNA has offered to help with this. Gary Cline at BBEDC is also willing to help with generating proposals.

AC representation for Statewide Game- Moses cannot attend, but plans to appoint someone to go. He will let Taryn know who will be going in his place.

AC Minute approval- by teleconference October 23rd. Moses will set up with Taryn

- XI. Set date and location of next meeting: Next Meeting fisheries issues, call of the chair after the holiday season.

Adjournment: 6:00pm



Minutes Recorded By: ____Walter Kanulie____

Minutes Approved By: _Togiak AC _____

Date: ____1/31/18_____



Tok Cutoff/ Nabesna Advisory Committee
October 24, 2017
Slana School

- I. Call to Order: 5:17 p.m. by Ernie Charley
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Ernie Charley, Wayne Shaffer, Eddie Green, Keith Webster, Amanda Abraham
Members Absent: Robert Harrington, Cole Ellis, Christy Ellis
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Ernie Charley seconded by Wayne Shaffer
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- VI. Guests Present: James Abraham, Lorrie Bertrand, Cecil Sanford- Shank, Jamie Emerson, Jessie Ellis , Teresa Alba Department of Fish and Game Board Rep for Tok area.
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
6 Support	5	0	Unlawful methods of taking furbearer: exceptions. agree with proposal
70			Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
55 Oppose	0	5	Taking Game for religious purposes Should not be able to hunt for religious purposes. Take all reference of religion out.
56 Oppose	0	5	Community Subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Take out Community Hunt and turn it into a General Hunt.
57 No Action			Community Subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions No action taken because of action taken on proposal 56
58 No action			Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions: Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	No action taken because of action on proposal 56		
60	Hunter education for hunters 12 years and older		
oppose	0	5	Do not agree all hunters should have to take mandatory Hunters Ed. Keep current regulation as is.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
support	5		Make it a general hunt
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	The current regulation is working.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
No action			No action because of action taken on proposal 99
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	Do not support a special hunt for any group. Keep season as is.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
support	5		Support this as long as the caribou population can support a non-resident hunt.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	Do not support hunting cows
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
support	5	0	Refer to action on Proposal 104



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
support	5		There is already a general hunt
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
oppose	0	5	Already have a general hunt and access to moose in the winter would be too easy.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	No reason to change current regulation
109	Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl ram” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
support	5	0	Make it consistent with the rest of the drawing hunts in that area
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
support	5	0	We agree with proposal
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
support	4	1	More opportunity to harvest bears
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Align seasons with other units
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
support			
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
support			
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
support	5	0	Agree with extending season
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
support	5	0	Reference action on proposal 6
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Protect grouse population
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Action per proposal 117
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
support	5	0	More opportunity to hunt and in align with sub-units
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
No action			Action taken on 119
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
support	5	0	More opportunity to hunt and in align with sub-units
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
support	5	0	Clarifying access
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
oppose	0	5	It adds more restrictions to access to trail usage
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
support	5	0	No other unit has it

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham

Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley

Date: 10/27/2017



Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes 10.26.2017

Chair called meeting to order at 1:15pm at the Tyonek Tribal Center. In attendance were Alex Pfoff (Chair), Gwen Chickalusion (Vice Chair/acting Secretary), Chad Chickalusion, Tim Chuit, Ernie Standifer, Benjamin Carswell, and John Standifer.

Chair floored discussion on all proposals members felt were relevant and warranted support/opposition/commenting.

The following Board of Game proposals were discussed and voted on:

Proposal #2

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #14

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

We feel any proposal of this nature should be addressed by region, not statewide. We do not feel that our bear population warrants this change.

Proposal #7

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #8

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Much of our community flies to and from our homes on a regular basis, not performing 'recon' for hunting or trapping purposes. The no fly/hunt on the same day can be burdensome for us.

Proposal #5

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

We feel that this proposal adds confusion to an already confusing set of rules defining legality of moose. A 'point' by its basic geometric definition, does not have these bizarre requirements.



Proposal #45

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

This would not be practical in our community, as there are no ADF&G representatives that are present on a consistent reliable basis. Even if there was, we feel that it would be a misuse of resources, as people with illegal moose, would simply not go through this process.

Proposal #41

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #54

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #69

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

This information is already made available, and along with many other things in safe and responsible hunting practices, we feel this burden of knowledge falls on the hunter.

Proposal #84

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #85 – Motion made to support if amended to keep the youth YM541 as is

Vote (support if amended): 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #86

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #87

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain



Proposal #88

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #89

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #90

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Discussion on need to fill seats of members that have since moved out, let's find people who are interested in joining and being active in committee, especially in youth generation. Next meeting to occur should hold elections.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:30pm, 2nd by Tim Chuit. All in favor, meeting adjourned.



**Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee
17 August 2017
Haines, Alaska**

Call to Order at 5:00 pm by Tim McDonough

Roll Call:

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) - Chair	P
Ryan Cook (RC) - Vice Chair	P
Derek Poinsette (DP) - Secretary	P
Darren Belisle (DB) - Skagway	A
Stuart DeWitt (SW) - Haines	P
Shannon Donahue (SD) - Haines	P
John Hagen (JH) - Haines	T
Daniel Hotch (DH) - Klukwan	A
Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway	A

Members Present: 8

Members Absent: 3

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

Quorum Present: Yes

Fish and Game Staff Present

Commercial Fish: Wyatt Fournier, Mark Sogge

Sport Fish: Rich Chapell

Wildlife:

Others Present

Emily Files - KHNS

Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

17 AUG minutes approved unanimously.

Officer Elections

KK nominates TM for Chair.

TM nominates RC for Vice-chair.

WP nominates DP for Secretary.

All approved unanimously.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting November 10 – 17, 2017 Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1			Modify the definition of bag limit
2			Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters
Support as Amended	8	0	Amendment: Hunter Education should still be required.
3			Modify the definition of regulatory year
4			Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds
5			Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
Support	6	2	Cons: Does not thoroughly define how the 2" from base measurement is taken.
6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
7			Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide
8			Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
9			Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes
10			Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
60			Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course
61			Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
62			Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild
Oppose	0	8	Feral cats are harmful to wildlife.
63			Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild
Support	8	0	Feral cats are harmful to wildlife.
64			Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
65			Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits
66			Update the Board of Game’s policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy
67			To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements
68			Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order
69			For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose
Support	8	0	Also should show pictures of local illegal antlers. Or the actual antlers.
150			Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts in Unit 1C
Support	5	3	PRO: Valuable wildlife management tool. Con: “We should never allow hunting of cows.”

Adjournment: 720pm

Minutes Recorded By: DPMinutes Approved By: TMDate: 10/26/17



01/09/2018 Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM at the Tok Fish and Game conference room. Committee members present were: Leif Wilson, Frank Entsminger, Jake Combs, Peter Talus, Matt Snyder and Thor Jorgensen. A quorum was present.

After the addition of Proposal 166 Board of Game for comment to the agenda, it stood approved.

Also attending were staff members: Jeff Gross and Bob Gingue. Doug, Barb and Gordy Pine were there as well.

Minutes from October 25th meeting had been previously emailed to the committee members. Frank moved to approve, Matt seconded. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Staff Updates There have been around 600 caribou taken in the Steese Highway area with a few along the Taylor Highway. The predator control program will run through April 2018.

Letter to Northway Village Council Jaime Marunde attended the RAC meeting representing Northway Village Council and made some inaccurate statements during her testimony. Leif felt the need to respond to the RAC due to some of her statements as well as copy to the village council. The committee members discussed her comments and the letter Leif had compiled. Frank moved to send the letter, Jake seconded. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Fortymile Herd Management Coalition Goals & Action Items: Frank gave an overview of the last meeting with an increased harvest quota but one that still allows the herd to grow. He said that most folks felt this way including the Canadians. Jeff stated that Fish and Game would be reviewing the latest data prior to the next meeting January 24 & 25. They have been seeing thinner adults and lower pregnancy rate in 3 year old cows. Density in the summer range is also a concern. With all the research being done and dollars being spent, to not do anything at all is wrong. Maybe increase the harvest x4 for a few years and check the numbers again. Hopefully the herd will expand their range to accommodate the growth of the herd. If the herd is stabilized, then it could be expected to have a larger harvest quota for years. Lower harvest numbers in Canada than Alaska is to be expected in the Yukon, probably only 5% of the number of hunters as Alaska and the majority of the time the herd is there, the animals are not as accessible in the fall. Leif went around the room and had all members state their views with Frank so he can represent the committee at the next coalition meeting.

BOG Proposal 166 Peter moved to support, Thor seconded. The proposal appears to be an opening for discussion on increasing harvest of Fortymile caribou. Some ideas were to possibly lengthen the season by opening July 20th or so. 1 Bull and 1 Cow in the fall and a third any caribou in the winter. Possible harvest quota of 3000 for the fall and total of 5000 for the year, keeping an eye on the bull/cow ratio, with the normal being 35 bulls/100 cows.

BOG Proposal 160 Frank moved to support, Peter seconded. Motion passed 6 – 0.

The committee reviewed the results of the statewide Board of Game proposals.



Next meeting, Tom Seaton wants to come down and maybe Darrin too for a discussion on wood bison being moved to our area.

February 27th was set for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.



Minutes of Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory meeting 11/13/17

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Roll call Present were Bob Fraker, Scott Chadwick, Larry Bemis, Jeff Fraker, Glenn Israelson (Vice Chair), Reggie Kirkovich, Sheri Nelson (Secretary), Casey Mapes (Chair)

Absent were Dave Stone, Herb Holcomb, Jerimiah Pavlik, Jonathan Pavlik, Jesse Pavlik. Also absent were alternates, Pat Robbins, and Sam Demmert. 8 of 13 committee members present, quorum established.

Available on teleconference were Nicole Zieser, Matt Catterson, and Stephanie Sell representing ADFG.

In the Audience were Susan Ohlers representing USFS, Lowell Peterson, Roy Shodda, Sam Johnson, Harold Robbins, Rusty Bogren, Tony and Verna Glacia.

Elections-

1) Nominations were opened for 3- one year seats, and two- one year alternate seats. Bob Fraker, Jeff Fraker, and Dave Stone were nominated to fill the 3 one year seats By Chadwick, 2nd - Israelson. All ayes, 0- neys.

Sam Demmert and Pat Robbins were nominated by Chadwick to be alternates, 2nd Bemis. All Ayes, 0- neys.

Old Business

2) Chadwick moves to ask for re-authorization of Antlerless moose hunt on Nunatak bench, Israelson 2nd. 7 ayes, 1 opposed (Bob Fraker) Was no discussion.

Communications and Audience participation.

3) Susan Ohlers explains that AC proposal submitted to the RAC committee was modified, and has moved on to be heard by the Federal subsistence board in April. If passed, this will move back the Federal subsistence moose hunt on the East side of the Dangerous River to Sept 16. Was discussed that we need to find out how to proceed with a follow up proposal to BOG to move back the non resident hunt as well, leaving intact the 2 week head start for subsistence. Harold Robbins expressed concern that it might inspire more non resident hunters to come to Yakutat, the rest of the comments were all positive, and in favor of the earlier hunt.

Cooments on Board of Fish proposals

4) Proposal 59 - Chadwick moves to oppose, Israelson 2nd - 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion carries.

Proposal 74 - J Fraker moves to Support, Chadwick 2nd- 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion Carries.

Proposal 92 - J Fraker moves to oppose, Chadwick 2nd, 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion Carries.

Proposal 129 - Chadwick moves to Support, Kirkovich 2nd, 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion carries.

Proposal 135 - Chadwick moves to support, Israelson 2nd, 7 ayes, 1 ney (J Fraker) Motion carries.

At this point of the meeting, Bob Fraker leaves the meeting.

Proposal 136 - Nelson moves to support, Israelson 2nd. 6 Ayes, 1 ney (Chadwick) Motion carries.



Proposal 162 - Israelson makes motion to support, Kirkovich 2nd, 4 support, 2 nay (J. Fraker, L Bemis) 1 abstain (Chadwick) Motion carries.

Was discussed that the intent of the motion was to formulate a plan to replace lost commercial fishing area for gillnetters if there is to be further closures within the Situk estuary. Was discussed that the area proposed has a low incident of king harvest, and is further from the Lost River terminus. Much discussion was had on what the net length in the proposed area should be. Was stated that 75 fathoms was decided upon because of existing net lengths being either 75, or 20 fathoms. Was decided that 20 fathoms was too short. Was favorably discussed that 25 fathom might be a reasonable option, based on it being the current status in the Yakataga district. Was decided to attempt to negotiate an agreeable solution in committee. Fraker stated his opposition based on concern that he felt we were asking the dept. to close an area, and open a new one. Mapes stated that was not the intent, it says IF further closures happen, and they are likely, given poor stock returns, then were asking for a replacement area.

Proposal 163 - Chadwick moves to support, J Fraker 2nd 6 ayes, 1 nay (Nelson) Discussion was had on the history of board generated proposal. So far, the use of it has been very limited. Was felt that it does give opportunity to those who want to fish harder, but not much effort is expected.

Proposal 164 - Chadwick moves to support, Bemis 2nd. 7 ayes, 0 neys

Proposal 179 - Israelson moves to oppose, J Fraker 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys. Decided it was ridiculously complex and confusing

Proposal 183 - Chadwick moves to support, Bemis 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys.

Proposal 196 - Chadwick moves to oppose, Fraker 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys.

5) Chadwick moves to adjourn, Israelson 2nd, 7 ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:45 Pm.

Casey Mapes- Chair