

Bethel Advisory Committee
February 21, 2018 ADF&G Office, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03PM

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: All Present/ Quorum Established

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Doug Carney, SHAC Chairman

Ray Bourn, YK Delta NWR

Patrick Jones, ADFG Wildlife 18 Area Manager Biologist

Dave Runfola, ADFG Subsistence

Timothy Andrews, ONC Natural Resources Director

Josh Peirce, ADFG Wildlife 19 Area Manager Biologist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion- Henry Kohl 2nd- Jon Lavallve, Unanimous Approval

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *February 13, 2018 Motion-* Jon Lavallve 2nd- Henry Kohl, Unanimous Approval

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

• **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF PUBLIC:**

Doug Carney, PC50: Represent people of Sleetmute. People from Sleetmute want to hunt, but they also want to rebuild the herd and allow the animals to come back. They didn't have the latest count when the meeting took place. They only want to open a hunt, but they don't support a hunt if the numbers aren't adequate.

• **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF AC MEMBERS:** (NONE)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion to rescind the Bethel AC motion relating to Proposal 165, which was adopted at the February 13, 2018 Bethel AC meeting.

Motion to rescind proposal 165 decision made at the Feb. 13, 2018 meeting- Jon Lavallve, 2nd- Alissa Rogers
Discussion/Question:

Jon Lavallve-What was the most current survey ratio between bulls and cows?

Doug Carney- CKMMP Objectives: 36 bulls/ 100 cows & 34 calves/ 100 cows

Jon Lavallve- Tier II.300 permits in the western half. According to department comments: Feb. 2017. Estimated 1,932 moose in closed portion of 19A. Shows a slight improvement. 55 bulls: 100 cows and 58 bulls: 100 cows, respectively. General 150-160 moose harvested. By my math, 150 harvested in western half, and 75 surplus in the eastern half, equals the 225 which is the ANS, so they could actually qualify for general season by regulation.

Doug Carney- There is no big push in Sleetmute to open a moose hunt. 04-05 Moose hunt knocked out the upper 19A moose population.

Henry Kohl- Right now people have a right to hunt moose and to regulate a hunt than to have a general hunt that would be wide open. Once ANS is met, how do the department regulate a hunt? What kind of hunt would the department recommend?

Mike Riley- I agree with Mr. Kohl to have an opening after doing some research. RM 615, so many moose per hunt for the open season.

Patrick Jones- When we hit that Tier I zone. The only give is that it is a Alaska Resident hunt only. It turns into any hunt we want. It is just who can participate in the hunt by regulation. That harvest surplus is 242 moose for a general

hunt.

Josh Peirce- The department is not going to address a hunt that will come from the AC. When a hunt opens back up, we need to do so in participation and harvest. Registration permit allows us to track permits and who they were issued and to follow up with people. I will not be in favor to open to a general hunt, it would be registration permit is a Tier I, permit for Alaska Residents. There is not enough for all Alaskan residents, we only give out about 300 permits. We are not concerned of over harvest. Holitna will be issued limited permits. SHAC when a hunt opens they are not ready for a hunt yet. They favor a limited registration permit with limited part of the day.

John Lavallve- (Requoting last meeting minutes to open with 32 permits).

Josh Peirce- If everyone goes up the Holitna, there will be more harvest form the Holitna. In concern the limited amount of 32 moose being harvested for conservative hunt.

Mike Riley- It will become the amount of open a general hunt, if we do not regulate it now. It will go back to being a closed season with little abundance of moose to catch.

Question has been called.

Unanimously Passed, motion has been rescinded.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support, Support as Amend, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		<p>Motion to support with amendments: Allow a registration hunt and 50% of the permits to be allocated to the lower river. -Henry Kohl, 2nd- Robert Lekandar</p> <p>Jaimie Kassaman-I will not support it with the 50% on the motion. This is to support the residence of that area that is the whole point of this meeting.</p> <p>Robert Lekandar- Can they limit the harvest?</p> <p>Patrick- IF a registration hunt that gives Josh of tools to limit the harvest.</p> <p>Ray Bourn- (USFWS)- we do not have a concern for that hunt. We will continue to issue permits. The population looks good that is on Federal Lands. Boundary- Aniak towards South Aniak River. West from the river.</p> <p>Josh Pierce- Federal lands are not much of a factor. Were only issuing 32 permits. If you are doing 50% that would be 15 permits. You guys would need to decide which villages get those permits. I would have a lot of concern with allocation that would result in conflicts.</p> <p>Jon Lavallve- When will 18/19 be in cycle? I believe that we should let BOG allocate the permits. Then at the next cycle we could relook at the allocation for permits. I'm in support all given out in Sleetmute or to the villages up there. <i>(It is open for other residence to get permits in Sleetmute or Stony River.)</i></p> <p>Jen Peeks- 2020</p> <p>Mike Riley- We can allocate the moose permits, but there are not a lot of people that are going to go get a permit and actually go hunting.</p> <p>Jaimie Kassaman- I think that this motion is taking away from the residence. I don't mind the hunt. I just don't like the allocation to distribute 50% of the permits to the lower river when there are only 32 permits.</p> <p>Patrick Jones- We have a limited hunt and we don't have to get stuck on a</p>
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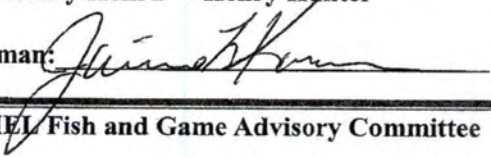
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			<p>registration hunt.</p> <p>Jon Lavallve- I would support that we open and let the BOG decide what to do with the permits. That way the department would get a feel for the demand.</p> <p>Dave Runfola (ADFG) Question: Some members support SHAC's idea for local residence to have access to the hunt.</p> <p>Jaimie Kassaman- We called this meeting together to discuss the motion that was made after new information.</p> <p>Thad Tikiun- If they get their 15% the 15% goes to whoever is there.</p> <p>Josh Pierce- 1100 permits were issued, registration permit, they were valid all over 19A.</p> <p><i>Question has been Called.</i></p> <p>Roll Call:</p> <p>Robert Lekandar- Yes</p> <p>Thad Tikiun- Yes</p> <p>Mike Riley- Yes</p> <p>Jaimie Kassaman-No, I wanted to keep the permits in the same area.</p> <p>Henry Hunter-Yes</p> <p>Jon Lavallve-No, I wanted all permits to be given to the hunt area.</p> <p>Henry Kohl- Yes</p> <p>Alissa Nadine Rogers-No, I wanted the hunt to continue to be closed to increase the moose population for the entire 19 area. That way no area will be heavily targeted for a moose hunt or endanger any area for an over harvest of the moose population. Then by 2020 BOG could revisit this proposal and then open a limited hunt with only permits being issued in the villages of Sleetmute, Stony River, and Red Devil.</p> <p><i>5- Support 3- Opposed, Proposal 165 Supported</i></p>

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 22, 2018

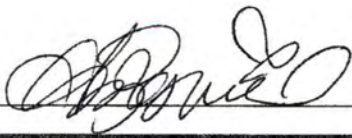
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8:05 – Henry Kohl 2nd - Henry Hunter

Chairman:



Secretary:



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